

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 December, 1915, at 3 p.m.

Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen. WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER, RICHARD DAVIES, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL
JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors. FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH JAMES
STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN JOSEPH HARRY
HANSON POWELL ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 9th November last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Election of Councillor—Resolved, That William George Earengy be elected a Councillor for the Central Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Councillor Robert Steel to be an Alderman.

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Earengy be appointed a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Davies.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 22nd November last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 29th November last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town. Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th November last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 25th November last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th November last, 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 23rd November last, be approved and

confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :— That Minute No. 5 (Motor Omnibus Licence) be referred back for further consideration.

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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 15th November 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 19th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th November 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—Central Spa—The Motion of which notice had been given by Councillor Merrett was not moved by him.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd January, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th December, 1915: Present—Aldermen Davies, Margrett, and Steel, Councillors Green, Hanson Powell, Stewart, and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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.:—1 and 3 Orchard Place, and 7 Weston Cottages, Russell 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 32 Brunswick 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 Brockworth Cottages, 1, 2 and 4 Exmouth Court, 1, 3 and 5 Orchard Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 30 Fairview Street, 16 and 17 Upper Bath Street, 2 Camden Terrace, and The Bungalow, Portland Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5--Insanitary Property-2 Brockworth Cottages, 1 and 4 Exmouth Court, 1, 3, 5 and 5a, Orchard 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows:—On the 23rd ultimo several pieces of unsound beef, and on the 9th instant the carcase and offal of a heifer and on the 10th instant the carcase and offal of a sheep. (Total weight destroyed: 7 cwts. 28 lbs.)

7—Notification of Measles and German Measles—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the large increase in the mortality from measles. The average number of deaths occurring annually from this disease in recent years in England and Wales was 11,000, of which the great majority were deaths of children under 5 years of age. During the first half of the present year the number of deaths reached a total of 12,414. Representations had been made to the Board by the Army Council that measles had caused a large amount of disablement among the troops in this country and that accurate information of the presence of the disease among the civil population would be of the utmost benefit to the military authorities. In view of this and other representations the Board had decided to issue an order requiring the notification of Measles and German Measles.

The Order, which would come into force on the 1st January, 1916, required every parent or guardian or other person as soon as he became aware of or had reasonable grounds for supposing that any person in his charge was suffering from Measles or German Measles to notify (unless the case had

been already notified by a Medical Practitioner) forthwith the case to the Medical Officer of Health, and every Medical Practitioner as soon as he became aware that a person upon whom he was in professional attendance was suffering from the disease was also required to notify the case. The order also empowered the Local Authority to provide or contract for the provision of medical assistance for the poorer inhabitants of the District when suffering from either of the diseases.

Forms of notification were to be provided by the Council, and a fee of 2s. 6d. paid to Medical Practitioners for each notification.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give public Notice of the Order and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to provide the necessary forms.

8—Site for Small Pox Hospital—Resolved, That the Delancey Hospital Trustees be informed that the Corporation are prepared to sell 2 acres of the field known as Further Long Hill adjoining the road leading from Tewkesbury Road to Stoke Orchard for a site for a Small Pox Hospital for £150.

9—Notification of Births Act, 1915 —Read, a Circular Letter and Report from the British Medical Association, who considered it essential that the sympathy and services of private practitioners should be enlisted in any scheme for maternity and child welfare, and asked that the local practitioners should be consulted in regard to any such scheme. Read also, a report from the Medical Officer of Health, in which he stated that he could not draw up a scheme unless one whole time Health Visitor be appointed, and that this should be determined upon as a preliminary. He was reminded that the question of a Health Visitor had already been considered, and that it was fully understood that the appointment of a Health Visitor would be necessary under any scheme to be submitted for the approval of the Council, and he was again asked to prepare a scheme. He also asked for authority to consult the local medical men and any bodies at present interested in the work. Resolved, That he be authorised to do so.

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10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant. Present: Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, 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 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 169 head of cattle (including 10 calves), 90 sheep (including 40 lambs), and 10 pigs, all doing very well. One Cow had been purchased for £19 and 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 10 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been sold for £180 7s. 10d., 15 sheep and 1 lamb for £41 19s. 0d., 18 pigs for £29 5s. 0d., and 2 sheep skins for 9s. (Total sales, £252 0s. 10d.)

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd December, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 26th November to the 22nd December, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows:—Roads Coated—Bayshill Road (820 super yds.), Royal Well Place (920 super yds.), St. Luke's Place (959 super yds.) Roads Patched—Collum End Road, County Court Road, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Spa Road, New Street, Prestbury Road, Roy-al Well Place, Suffolk Square, Montpellier Terrace (rear of). Tramway Margins backed up—Bath Road, Bath Street. Private Improvement Works—Russell Place (completed). Channel Repairs—All Saints' Road, Duke Street, Eldorado Crescent, North Place (back of). Paving Repairs—Fairview Street, Bath Road, County Court Road, Eldorado Crescent, Gloucester Road, High Street, Lansdown Parade, Parabola Road, St. George's Road, St. James' Square. Crossings Repaired and Relaid—Parabola Road (3), Queen's Circus (1). Sewers and Surface Water Drains Repaired—The Cemetery, Parabola Road, "The Oaks," St. Mark's (back of). Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Coronation Road, Gloucester Road, Millbrook Street. Waterworks Trenches Repaired—Gloucester Road. Manholes Raised—Hale's Road. Repairs to Footpaths—Montpellier Terrace (back of), Parabola Road, St. Luke's Place, Trinity Lane. Wall Repaired—Pittville Subway. Paved round Water Tap—Cemetery.

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New Gullies Fixed—Cemetery (1), Sydenham Villas Road (2). Private Trees Pruned—Sandford Alley. Tree Felled—Clarence Square (a lime tree). Trees Re-planted—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground (1), Montpellier Gardens (1). Trees Pruned—Battledown Approach, College Road, Eldorado Crescent, Gloucester Road, Leckhampton Road, Oriel Road, Pittville Circus Road, Promenade, St. George's Road, St. Luke's Road (Vittoria Walk and Wellington Square for G.P.O.) Trees Planted—Albert Road (2 silver birch), Bayshill Road (1 sycamore), Gloucester Road (so lime, to plane), Old Bath Road (1 Norway maple), Selkirk Street (1 lime), Tivoli Circus (1 acacia enermis), The Park (a plane), Wellington Road (2 copper beech), Gratton Road (1 silver birch). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended December 16th, 1915, 837 loads collected, 809 consumed, 28 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,078 tons 17½ cwts. Steam Generated—Hourly average, 6,283 lbs.

2—**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.

3—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Company for permission to erect a projecting lamp at No. 1 Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

4—Underground Telegraphic Line—Read, a letter from the Superintending Engineer Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place an underground telegraphic line from a point in the Promenade, shown on the plan accompanying the application, to Crescent Terrace. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the excavation and rein-statement of the road and footpath being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

5—Light Railway—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company asking for permission to pave as an experiment 50 or 100 feet of the tramway track in Clarence Street with macadam concrete blocks. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

6—Tree opposite "Pierreville"—Read, a letter from Mrs. Archer calling attention to the tree opposite "Pierreville," Montpellier. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd December 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1339	F. Vernall	Additions to Rodney House, Rodney Road

Resolved, That the same 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 Tuesday, the 21st December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, and Councillors Green, (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to increase the rent of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden from £10 to £15. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous resolution.

2—Traders' Association—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association, stating that it was proposed to form one Committee, to be called the "Bureau, Advertising and Hotels Committee," in place of the present three Committees, and asking the Council to appoint three representatives, or more if desired, to serve on the Committee. Resolved, That Aldermen Davies and Steel (the representatives appointed by the Council on the Bureau Committee) be appointed to represent the Council on the new Committee.

3—Band—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade on the 27th instant, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual charge of £3.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from Colonel Jeune, of the 3/5 Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, asking that the awning at Montpellier Gardens should be put up for the use of the recruits. Resolved, That the use of the awning be allowed, subject to the same being put up by the Battalion.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 7th December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Merrett and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Public Gas Lighting—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Gas Company forwarding a list of lamps which they suggested might be temporarily discontinued in the place of the 16 lamps which the Committee decided at their Meeting on the 28th October should be re-lighted. Resolved, That the lighting of the following lamps be temporarily suspended, viz.:

1 lamp in Butt's Passage, off Worcester Street.

1 “ in back road near Messrs. Bloodworth's premises, Albion Street.

1 “ in road at back of Albert Place.

1 “ in entrance off Leighton Road.

1 “ in Priory Place (first lamp from London Road).

1 “ back of Lypiatt Terrace.

1 “ in lane off Langdon Road.

1 “ in Eldorado Road.

2 lamps in Central Drive, Pittville.

2 “ in Evesham Road.

1 lamp in Devonshire Street.

1 “ in St. George's Street.

1 “ in Alstone Croft.

1 “ in Swindon Road.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

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—Town Clock—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been in communication with Messrs. F. W. Woolworth and Co., Ltd., with reference to continuing the lighting of the Town Clock. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 13th December, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,212,000 gallons	1,818,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,097,000 "	1,039,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	122,000 "	112,000 "
Total	2,431,000 "	2,969,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		13th December, 1915.		13th December, 1914.
Hewletts		22,727,000 gallons		15,984,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 9in.	58,023,000 "	19ft. 0in.	40,872,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "	6ft. 0in.	810,000 "
Total Storage		82,235,000 "		57,666,000 "

Pumping was discontinued at Tewkesbury on the 9th instant, and at Sandford on the 15th instant.

2—Fish for Reservoirs—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase 750 trout (5 inches) for Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs at a cost of £7 10s.

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 Tuesday, the 21st December, 1915: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the horse suffering with parasitic mange at Messrs. Pickford's stables, Swindon Street, the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 26th ultimo the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Carr's Hotel, Clarence Street. Damage about £70. Brigade expenses, £3 11s 0d.

3—Motor Omnibus Licences—The Committee further considered the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company for a licence for the Motor Omnibus, to carry 28 persons, which they were running between their High Street Office and Tewkesbury, to enable them to ply for hire over the route between High Street and the Borough boundary on the Tewkesbury Road, and also for a licence for another Motor Omnibus, to seat 17 persons, to be run over the same route and to be used as a spare or duplicate vehicle at such times as it may be necessary to have the other Omnibus over-hauled or at periods when the traffic requires an extra Omnibus. Read, a Memorial from Mr. M. H. Delaney and other residents in Tewkesbury Road and neighbourhood asking that a licence should be granted for a Motor Omnibus to ply for hire at regular intervals on this route. Resolved. That the licences be granted until the next Annual Licensing Day.

4--Part IV. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890—Messrs. H. Jones, C. Gill Smith and S. Norris (Representatives of the Amusement Caterers) with Mr. W. J. Forbes, solicitor, attended the Meeting and placed their views before the Committee.

Memorials were also received from the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council, Cheltenham Branch of the Women's Temperance Association, Cheltenham Women's Suffrage Society, and the Cheltenham and District Licensed Victuallers' Association.

5—Committee Fixtures for 1916—Resolved. That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1916 be fixed as follows (except that any meetings that may fall upon a public holiday shall be held upon such other days and consequent alterations be made in other meetings as may be convenient), viz. :—

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.

1st Week

Tuesday ..Public Library Water	4.15 pm
Thursday ..Water	3.0 pm
Friday .. Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds	4.0 pm

2nd Week.

Tuesday	General Purposes and Watch	3.30 p.m.
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Wednesday	Town Improvement	11.0 a.m.
Thursday	Electricity and Lighting	3.0 p.m.
Friday	Burial Board	11.30 a.m.
	Plans Sub-Committee	2.30 p.m.
	Street and Highway (View)	3.30 p.m.

3rd Week.

Monday	Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	2.30 p.m.
Tuesday	Finance	3.30 p.m.

WEEK FOLLOWING WEEK OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Monday.	Farms Sub-Committee	2.45 p.m.
	Public Health	3.15 p.m.
Tuesday	Plans Sub-Committee	2.30 p.m.
	Street and Highway	3.0 p.m.
Wednesday	Art Gallery and Museum	12.0 noon

6—Traders' Association—Read, a letter from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Traders' Association suggesting that representatives of the Association should confer with representatives of this Committee with reference to the joint control of the Spa, Town Hall and Advertising. Resolved, That representatives of the Association be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

7—Cheltenham Grammar School—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to re-appoint Aldermen Margrett and Waghorne, Councillor Mann and Dr. E. T. Wilson Governors of the Cheltenham Grammar School, their term of office having expired.

8—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Earengy be appointed a member of the Public Health and Town Improvement Committees, and that for the purpose of this Resolution the Council be recommended to suspend Standing Order No. 20.

9—Presentation of Statues—Read, a letter from Mr. T. E. Whitaker offering to present a Statue of King Edward VII. purchased by him at the Red Cross Sale, to be placed in the Town Hall. A letter was also received from Messrs. R. L. Boulton and Sons offering to present a companion figure of King George V. Resolved, That the donors be thanked for their gifts, which the Council are pleased to accept. Resolved, also, That the Committee meet at the Town Hall on the 25th proximo to decide the positions in which the Statues are to be placed.

10—Fencing—Resolved, That 50 yards of the iron fencing removed from the Market be sold to the Delancey Hospital Trustees at 2s per yard.

11—Re-numbering of Elm Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the re-numbering of six houses in Elm Street. Resolved, That the same be approved.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart, and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Green in the chair.)

3—Curator's Report--The Curator reported that there had been 677 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 13th ultimo. The Trustees of the National Gallery had lent to the Gallery 6 oil paintings and 30 water colours by Turner. The insurance of the pictures would be borne by the Treasury, but the expenses of packing and transit would be payable by the Committee.

The Representatives of the late Dr. Callaway had presented many rock specimens, together with several geological maps, to the Museum.

Mrs. M. W. Chester had presented several mineral specimens from Mexico. Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors and lenders.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th December, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman

Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett 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 November, 1915, were as follows:—

Receipts	£454 5 6	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£664 15 6
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£358 16 8</u>
			£1023 12 2

Boiler—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. were willing to sell a small Cornish Boiler not now required, which would be suitable for use at the Baths in the place of the boiler now worn out. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase the boiler at a cost not exceeding £15, subject to the same being found in good order when taken from its seating.

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

Receipts	£331 1 5	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£337 1 7
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£223 17 0</u>
			£560 18 7

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 1,229, as compared with 1,551 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 221 as compared with 203.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd December, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillor Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair)

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4795 to 4803 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following design be approved, viz.,—Kerbing to grave of Henry George Lindesay.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Merrett, and Mann, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

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

2 Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £2 12s. 5d. Presentations: The Publishers, Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Trades Directory (1 vol.), Mr. A. F. Jones (2 vols.), Mr. W. B. Coopey (2 vols.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 15th November to the 11th December last was 968 as compared with 1,371 for the corresponding period last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 5,995 as compared with 10,333 last year.

3—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Steel) be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee in place of Alderman Davies, who wished to retire from the Sub-Committee.

4 —**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present: Councillors Green and Merrett, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended—

(1) That the offer of Miss Garnham to present "The Commonwealth," a weekly journal of national reform edited by Annie Besant, be accepted.

(2) That the wages of A. E. Wright, a junior assistant, be advanced from 8s to 10s per week. Resolved. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, subject to a copy of "The Common-weal" being first submitted to and approved by the Committee.

5—Printing of Supplemental Catalogue--With reference to the complaint made by the Typographical Association that the "Looker-On" Printing Company were not complying with the conditions of the Fair Wages Clause in executing the contract for printing a supplemental Library Catalogue, a letter was received from the Company stating that the wages paid by them to the female operators of the Monotype were in excess of what would be paid under normal conditions. There had been for some time a dearth of hands in all departments of the printing trade, and they had had a difficulty in executing work owing to this shortage. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Typographical Association.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th December, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (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 £9,074 13s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £17,033 5s. 7d.

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 the 25th March next. Amount collected £5,312 14s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £7,938 0s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £114 and £200 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans. The Borough Accountant also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £8,904. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Fire Insurances—The Borough Accountant submitted the valuation of the Borough Surveyor of the furniture, fittings, stores, &c., at the Municipal Offices amounting to £4,498 6s. 0d. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to take out a policy of insurance for this amount. He also submitted the revised valuations of the Borough Surveyor of all the Corporation properties. Resolved, That these be referred to the respective Committees for consideration.

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 November last		£28,671 19 6
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £114)		<u>10,741 11 5</u>
		£39,413 10 11
Paid since that date (including Loans on Debenture repaid, £1,000)		<u>13,400 1 2</u>
	In hand	£26,013 9 9
being General Accounts	£109 8 11	
“ Sinking Fund Accounts	25785 14 1	
“ "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>118 6 9</u>	
	£26,013 9 9	

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd January, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT, ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY WILLIAM SAWYER EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWIN CHARLES SILK PERCY HADDOCK JAMES STEWART JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL PETER PHILIP TAYLOR ALFRED MANN 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 6th December last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee. at their Meeting of the 21st December 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 7th and 16th December last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th December 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 December last, be approved and confirmed, and that Standing Order No. 20 be suspended accordingly.

8-IV. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890—Resolved unanimously, That in pursuance of notice duly given of this Meeting and of the intention to propose this Resolution, this Council do adopt Part IV. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, containing provisions for the regulation of places ordinarily used for public dancing and music or other public entertainment of the like kind, and that such part of the said Act shall come into operation on the 14th day of February, 1916.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th December 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 Meeting of the 17th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th December last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly 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— Notice of Motion—The Mayor gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council : "That in view of the Spa development, the General Purposes Committee be instructed to consider and report as to the advisability of re-arranging the duties of the various Committees so as to place the Town Hall, Winter Garden, Montpellier Gardens, the Spa, the Baths and Mineral Waters under the control of one Committee."

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th February, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th January, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Hanson Powell, 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. and 2 Montpellier Cottages, 34 Jersey Street, Regent Cottage, Swindon Road, 17 and 45 Waterloo Street, 7 Pittville Terrace, 10 and 11 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—Cleansing and Whitewashing at Constable's Shop, St. George's Street, 32 Cleveland Street, 36 Fairview Road, 7 Orchard Place, 1 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, 5 Russell Place, 2 Albert Cottages, Russell Place, 1 and 4 Stoneville Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 34 Jersey Street, 32 and 34 Suffolk Parade, 402 and 403 High Street, 1 to 8 Brecon Terrace, 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.

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4--Insanitary Property--1 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, 1 and 9 Russell Place, 1 and 4 Stoneville Street, Regent Cottage, Swindon Road, 31a Jersey Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation--1 to 5 York Cottages and 7 and 9 York 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 houses 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.

6—House without proper Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Notice served on the Owner of Wellington House, Wellington Street, to provide a proper water supply had not been complied with. Resolved, That a supply of water be provided and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the Owner under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for the recovery of the expenses incurred.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. L. Trinder, of Queen's Buildings, Queen's Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 14th ultimo the carcase and offal of a sheep and on the 18th ultimo two loins and flanks of beef were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for human food.

9—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had appointed Mr. H. A. Harris, of 33, Marle Hill Parade, who was ineligible for the Army and held the Certificate of the Sanitary Institute, as a temporary substitute to fill the vacancy caused by the enlistment of Mr. Jackett.

10—Delancey Hospital—The Town Clerk submitted the Valuation of the Borough Surveyor of the buildings, &c., belonging to the Corporation at the Delancey Hospital to be taken over by the Trustees, amounting to £615 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the same be approved.

11—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors 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 10th instant was 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 157 head of cattle (including 9 calves), 90 sheep (including 40 lambs), and 16 pigs. 4 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been purchased for £37 4s. 0d. 12 pigs had been bred on the Farms since the last Meeting, 16 head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £249 0s. 5d., and 6 pigs for £8 14s. 0d. (Total sales, £257 14s. 5d.)

Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to obtain tenders for the elm trees blown down, and also to obtain a set of sewer rods and an oil barrel from the Depot. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd February, 1916: Present--The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

12—Maternity and Child Welfare—The Committee considered a report and scheme submitted by the Medical Officer of Health (a copy of which accompanies these Minutes). Part of the work included in this scheme is already being done by voluntary agencies in the Town, and particulars of the work carried on by the Cheltenham District Nursing Association and the Voluntary Health Society, were set out on the Minutes of this Committee in November last. The latter Institution has two Centres, one in Bath Street and one at St. Peter's Institute, and the Committee think it may be possible, without much expense, to arrange other centres for meetings in alternate weeks to serve more conveniently the East and South Wards. Both these Institutions have expressed their willingness to co-operate with any work under-taken by the Corporation, and it is understood that the Committee of the Cheltenham Crèche are also willing to do so. The Committee are unable to recommend the adoption at the present time of the scheme submitted by the Medical Officer of Health in its entirety. They think the most urgent need is the appointment of a Health Visitor to undertake home visitation. It was resolved to make the following recommendations to the Council:—

(1) That a Committee be appointed to be called " The Maternity and Child Welfare Committee " with the powers conferred by the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915, consisting of (a) Six members of the Council, (b) two members to be nominated by the Cheltenham District Nursing Association, (c) one member to be nominated by the Voluntary Health Society (d) one member to be nominated by the Committee of the Cheltenham Crèche (e) and Mrs. Lake, of All Saints' Terrace, as representative of working women, and that the members of the Committee hold office for the term of one year.

(2) That a Health Visitor be appointed at a salary of from £90 to £100 a year according to qualifications, and that subject to these proposals being approved by the Local Government Board, the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to advertise the appointment.

(3) That the Committee appointed be authorised to incur expenditure up to a limit of 450 for the forthcoming financial year, and that periodical reports be made by the Committee to the Council of their work.

(4) That the Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Waghorne, and Councillors Merrett and Wood be appointed members of the Committee,

13--Notification of Measles--The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on this subject (a copy of which accompanies these minutes). Resolved, That it be left in his hands to carry out with his present staff any disinfection which he considers should be done in special cases, and that he be authorised to obtain a supply of handbills for distribution as required. Resolved, That it be part of the duty of the Health Visitor to be appointed to assist in following-up visits in connection with outbreaks of measles.

T. REES JONES

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th January, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Destructor—Railway Siding—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Midland Railway Company were willing to grant permission for a plank to be placed over their property to facilitate the loading into wagons on the siding adjoining the Destructor, subject to a wheel scotch being provided at a cost of £1, and to a rent of 1s per annum being paid for the privilege, and he submitted an Agreement embodying these terms. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st January, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Merrett and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd December, 1915, to the 28th January, 1916 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows: —

Roads Coated—Christ Church Road (546 super yds.), Douro Road (288 super yds.), Imperial Lane (664 super yds.), Painswick Lawn (848 super yds.), Queen's Circus (430 super yds.), Suffolk Road (1,032 super yds.), Witcombe Place (567 super yds.), Gloucester Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Alstone Avenue, College Road, Crescent Street, Crescent Terrace, Eldorado Crescent, Fairview Road, Fauconberg Road, High Street, Imperial Lane, Leamington Place, London Road, Millbrook Street, Montpellier Walk, New Street, Oriel Road, Pittville Street, Prestbury Road, Promenade, Rose and Crown Passage, St. George's Road, St. James' Square, St. Luke's Road, St. Margaret's Road, Winchcomb Street.

Tramway Margins Repaired--High Street, London Road, Prestbury Road.

Channel Repairs—Bayshill Road, Millbrook Street, St. James' Square. Crossings Repaired—Crescent Terrace, Queen's Circus.

Paving Repairs—Bath Road, Bayshill Road, Carlton Street, High Street, King's Road, Lansdown Road, London Road, Millbrook Street, Montpellier Terrace, Norwood Road, Ormond Place, Parabola Road, Priory Street Promenade, Queen Street, Regent Street, Rose and Crown Passage, St. Anne's Road, St. George's Road, St. George's Street.

Sewers and Surface Water Drains Repaired—Church Lane, St. Mark's, Naunton Lane, Rose and Crown Passage.

Manholes Raised—College Road, Prospect Place, Shurdington Road.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Gloucester Road. New Gullies—Naunton Lane 1.

Trees Pruned—Albert Road, Hewlett Road, London Road, Montpellier Gardens, Montpellier Spa Road, Promenade, Upper High Street, Wellington Square.

Trees Damaged by Gale "Lopped" --Bayshill Road (1 elm), Gloucester Road (1 elm), Tewkesbury Road (1 plane), St. Anne's Road (1 oak), Wellington Square (2 silver birch).

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Trees Blown Down by Gale-3 acacia inermis Upper High Street, 1 acacia inermis London Road, 1 acacia inermis Montpellier Gardens, 1 lime London Road, 1 lime Moorend Park Road, 1 lime Glencairn Park Road, 1 silver birch The Park 2 silver birch Wellington Square, 1i silver birch Leckhampton Road, 1 wych elm Bayshill Road, 1 sycamore (part of Saxham Villas (rear of), 1 elm (part of) Pittville Annexe, 2 elm Gloucester Road, 1 poplar (part of) Pittville Annexe, beech Pittville Gardens, 1 plane Tewkesbury Road.

Trees Felled--3 lime Sydenham Villas Road, 1 lime Priory Street, 21 lime Christ Church Road, 2 chestnut Sydenham Road South, 1 sycamore Sydenham Road South, 1i alanthus glandulesee Priory Street, 1 silver birch (small) Priory Street, laburnum (small) Priory Street, 1 turkey oak St. Anne's Road, 1 elm Gloucester Road, 1 elm Queen's Road, 1 plane Eldorado Road.

Dead Tree-1 silver birch Leckhampton Road.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 6,500 lbs.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended January 20th, 1916, 1,023 loads collected, 988 consumed, 35 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,285 tons 3½ cwt.

3—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 31st instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

4—Russell Place (East Side)—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 £4 16s. 3d., and this sum he had apportioned 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 owner.

5—Plans of Electric Mains, &c.--The Borough Surveyor reported that, at the request of the Borough Electrical Engineer, he was preparing a new set of plans showing the positions of the electric cables and their electrical appliances in the lighting area. A plan was also being prepared for the use of the Lighting Committee showing the positions of the electric and gas lamps in the Borough. Plans had been completed in diagram form giving the positions of the wiring and connections for the electromatic telephone system at the Municipal Offices. The Building Inspector was engaged on the plans referred to.

6—Moorend Road—Read, a letter from Mr. E. C. Maynard calling attention to the condition of the road and footpaths in Moorend Road from Leckhampton Station to Moorend Grove. Resolved, That the road be inspected at the next View Meeting.

7—Fairfield Estate—The Town Clerk reported that Notices declaring Fairfield Walk, Fairhaven Road and Fairfield Parade to be Highways had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objections had been received to either of such declarations. Resolved, That the Notices be recorded on the Minutes.

8—Employees on Active Service—The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of the Officials and Employees on Active Service, and reported that Mr. H. T. Parker, who was engaged as Storekeeper at the Depot, had been killed. The number of Employees on Active Service (including the Elementary school teachers) was 127. Resolved, That a copy of the list be sent to each member of the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a Roll of Honour to be placed in the Offices.

9—Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907—The Street Inspector reported that the advertisement hoarding in Leckhampton Road had now been removed, and that the hoardings in Gloucester Road (opposite Calcutta Inn) and in Queen's Road had been reduced to 12 feet so as to comply with the byelaws, but that nothing had been done in regard to the hoarding in London Road near the Beaufort Arms. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under the byelaws in respect of this hoarding.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 31st January, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor 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
1340	F. J. Force	Additions to No. 38, Priory Street
1341	J. Royce	Additions to No. 1, Whitecross Square
1342	Drake & Co.	Alterations and additions to No. 84, Winchcomb Street.
1343	A. C. Billings	Alterations and additions to No. 3 & 4, Winchcomb Place

Resolved, That the plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th January, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Earengay, Green, Sawyer, Silk and Taylor (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Trees—The Committee met at Pittville. Resolved, (a) That the Ilex Oak in the Pittville Gardens damaged in the gale be removed.

(b) That the Elm Tree in the Marle Hill Annexe, which is in a dangerous condition, be removed.

(c) That 2 Elm Trees and 2 Ash Tree near the Bridge in the Annexe be removed.

(d) That the Elm Tree in Albert Road near Sandford Lawn be removed and a Silver Birch planted.

(e) That the Sycamore Tree near "Saxham" damaged in the gale, and also a small Elm Tree, be removed, and a Silver Birch planted. That the Elm Tree next to the Sycamore Tree to be removed be pruned.

(f) That the application from Miss Hands for the removal of the tree opposite 47, Clarence Square be not acceded to.

2—Wellesley Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. J. B. Winterbotham was willing to give up a strip of land for rounding the corner of Wellesley Road, subject to the wooden fence being re-erected and to the road being made up by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of the work for consideration at the next Meeting.

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3—Advertising—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he had arranged to publish with the " Car Illustrated " special supplements relating to 8 or 9 towns, and that he proposed to commence the series on the 9th February with a supplement containing an illustrated article on Cheltenham, and he suggested that an advertisement should be inserted in the supplement at a cost of 5. Resolved, That this be acceded to.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Summer Entertainments—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday next at 3-30 p.m. to consider proposals to be submitted by Mr. Newton.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th January, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Earengy and Silk (Alderman Steel in the chair).

5—Montpellier Gardens—Mr. A. W. Newton attended the Meeting and submitted the following proposals for continuing the Summer Entertainments at the Montpellier Gardens:— (1) that the Corporation should grant to him a Lease of the portion of the Montpellier Gardens used for the Entertainments for a term of 7 years at a rental of £50 for each season, with an option to continue for a further 7 years at a rent of £100 for each season, or as an alternative he was willing to pay £10 per cent of his gross takings. (2) That in place of the present Awning, which was worn out, he would provide a more permanent building consisting of a wooden roof covered with ruberoid, with glass shutter sides, at a cost of about £400, such building to become the property of the Corporation at the end of the Lease. (3) That the Subscriptions to the Concerts be discontinued and that an inclusive

charge should be made to the Gardens and Concerts. (4) That he would be willing for a condition to be inserted in the Lease that no Cinematograph Pictures should be shown without the consent of the Corporation. Resolved, That the proposals be further considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee on Wednesday next at 12 noon.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd February, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, Sawyer, Silk and Taylor (Alderman Steel in the chair).

6—Montpellier Gardens—Mr. Newton attended the Meeting and submitted the following amended proposals: —

(1) That the Corporation should grant him a Lease of the portion of the Gardens used for the Summer Entertainments for a term of 7 years at a rental of £10 per month during the Season, with a minimum of 5 months.

(2) That he would erect a building in accordance with the plan now submitted, to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, at an estimated cost of from £350 to £400, such building to become the property of the Corporation at the end of 7 years.

(3) That the Corporation should have the option of taking over the building at the end of any Season subject to a deduction of one-seventh of the cost of the building for each Season the building has remained the property of Mr. Newton.

(4) That in the event of the Corporation exercising such option, Mr. Newton to pay a rent of £20 per month, with a minimum of 5 months each Season, the Corporation to have the alternative of taking so per cent. of the gross takings for the ordinary Entertainments and 5 per cent. of the gross takings for Band Concerts, provided Notice is given of the intention of the Corporation not later than February in each year.

(5) That during the time the building remains his property, Mr. Newton to be responsible for keeping the same in proper repair, and afterwards the Corporation to be so responsible. Mr. Newton also to be responsible during his Lease for all other expenses except rates and taxes and also the cost of keeping down the grass and any repairs to the footpaths.

(6) That the Subscriptions to the Concerts be discontinued and that an inclusive charge should be made for admission to the Gardens and Concerts.

(7) That an Inventory and Valuation be made by the Borough Surveyor of all the chairs and other property of the Corporation, such property to be handed over to the Corporation at the termination of the Lease, and the amount of any depreciation to be paid by Mr. Newton.

(8) That at the end of the 7 years, Mr. Newton to have the option of continuing for a further term of 7 years at a rental each Season of £24 per month with a minimum of 5 months, the Corporation to have the alternative of taking to per cent. of the gross receipts for the ordinary Entertainments and 5 per cent of the gross receipts for Band Concerts, provided that Notice is given to Mr. Newton prior to the commencement of the second 7 years.

(9) That if the Corporation required the Montpellier Gardens for any purpose other than for Entertainments at the end of the first 7 years, the Corporation to have the right to determine the Lease, Mr. Newton giving up his option to continue for the further term of 7 years.

(10) That a condition should be inserted in the Lease that no Cinematograph Performance should be given without the consent of the Corporation. Resolved, That the proposals be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk embodying the same.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th January, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett 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- Damage to Arc Lamp—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the arc lamp at the corner of Market Street was knocked down by the roof of one of the sheds at the Fruit Market which was blown off during the gale on the 1st instant, and he recommended that the lamp should be replaced on the opposite side of Gloucester Road in the position shown on the plan submitted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to the new stables in Market Street now being erected for the Gloucester Co-operative Society. The cost of extending the main would be £50. He had also received an application for a supply to Messrs. Sumner's Shoeing Forge, Andover Road, and that the cost of the extension of main would be £21. Resolved, That the extensions be made subject to the usual guarantee for three years being given. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Great Western Railway Company for permission to place a cable on their property between High Street and the Co-operative Society's Stables.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th January, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 17th January, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,233,000 gallons	1,201,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,422,000	1,336,000
Leckhampton Springs	160,000	140,000
Total	2,815,000	2,677,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
	17th January, 1916.			17th January, 1915.	
Hewletts		29,378,000 gallons			31,652,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000		32ft. 0in.	100,000,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000		12ft. 0in.	1,621,000
Total Storage		130,863,000			133,273,000

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 January, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett 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 since the last Meeting the Brigade had been called out as follows: —On the 22nd December last to an outbreak of fire at premises in Parabola Road occupied by the Army Service Corps, Motor Transport. Damage, £120. Expenses, £3 2s. 6d.

On the 7th January instant to an outbreak at The Greenways, Shurdington, occupied by Archdeacon Sinclair. Damage, about £25. Brigade expenses, £7 15s. 6d.

On the 14th instant to an outbreak at premises at the rear of No. 170, High Street occupied by Mr. G. Holtam. Damage, about £55. Expenses, £3 5s. 6d.

In each case the property was insured.

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Frederick Peart, of 1, Westbourne Cottages, Short Street, for a licence to drive a Motor-Cab. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

4—Fruit Market—The Town Clerk submitted the draft Agreement embodying the terms arranged with Mr. C. C. Castle. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

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Read, a letter from Mr. Castle asking that the flooring of the Sheds at the Market should be repaired, and also that a hose-pipe and spray should be provided for watering the Market in the fruit season. Resolved, That the flooring be repaired and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the provision of a hose-pipe and spray at the next Meeting. The Borough Surveyor reported that during the gale on the 1st instant a portion of the roof of one of the sheds at the Market was blown off, and that the remaining portion was also damaged. The cost of repairing the damage would be about £25, and the work was being carried out. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

5—Municipal Offices—Electric Lift—The Town Clerk submitted the quotations received for insuring the Electric Lift. Resolved. That the offer of the National Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., to issue a policy for a premium of £5 15s., covering breakdown and third party risk, be accepted as follows: —

Breakdown.	£150
Third Party Risk—limited in respect of any one person.	£1500
“ “ “ “ accident, unlimited in any one year	£3000

Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to superintend the maintenance of the electrical equipment of the Lift, and that he be also asked to prepare regulations to be put up in the Lift for approval by this Committee at the next Meeting.

6—Presentation of Statues—The Committee attended at the Town Hall to decide the positions in which the Statues presented by Mr. T. E. Whittaker and Messrs. Boulton and Sons should be placed. Mr. Harris (representative of Messrs. Boulton and Sons) also attended, and recommended that the Statues should be placed in the alcove at each side of the platform upon a corbel above the dado. The cost of the work would not exceed £8. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of this, and that Messrs. Boultons and Sons be instructed to carry out the work.

7—Traders' Association—Messrs. J. Boulter, E. Marfell, H. Miller, W. Welstead and E. Whitbread (representatives of the Traders' Association) attended the Meeting and suggested that a Joint

Committee consisting of representatives of the Association and the Town Council should be formed to deal with the Spa, Town Hall Bureau and Advertising so as to co-ordinate the work and prevent overlapping. Resolved, That in view of the Notice of Motion given by the Mayor at the last Meeting of the Council, the suggestion of the Association be adjourned.

8—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. S. A. Sperry, for the transfer of his licence to store Petroleum, from 264 to 235, High Street. The Inspector reported that the new Store was satisfactory. Resolved, That the licence be endorsed accordingly.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th January, 1916: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart, and Mr. H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair.)

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,065 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 13th ultimo. Mr. R. P. Wild and Mr. Oswald Wild had given several specimens of Shells, Minerals, Corals, Stuffed Birds, etc., for the Museum.

Mrs. W. M. Cooper, of Kynance, Eldorado Crescent, had offered to the Museum four Chinese Bronze Mirrors. Mr. J. Fletcher had added several additional Pressed Plants to his herbarium. Mr. L. Richardson had given several specimens of Fossils. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st January, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman 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 31st December, 1915, were as follows: —

Receipts	<u>£484 12 11</u>
	£484 12 11
Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£786 14 2
Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>403 13 9</u>
	£1190 7 12

Boilers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the two disused boilers.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that 110 Medical Baths and Courses of Massage had been given during the past month. 212 Free Baths had been given to the soldiers.

Pamphlets—Resolved, That 3,000 pamphlets "Cheltenham Spa" be printed at a cost of £5 13s.

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

Receipts	<u>£343 11 4</u>	
	£343 11 4	
Expenses (including Rates, &c.)		£408 2 8
Loans—Interest and Redemption		<u>251 16 6</u>
		£659 19 2

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 1,641, as compared with 1,509 for the corresponding month in the previous year. The number of glasses of waters sold during the month at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 193 as compared with 184.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Major Protheroe, of the 3/6th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, thanking the Council for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for drilling purposes, and also acknowledging the services rendered by the Caretaker (Mr. Lodge), who had given first aid to eight soldiers who had met with accidents in bayonet practice.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th January, 1916: Present—The Mayor. Alderman Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair)

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4804 to 4813 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased. 2—Plans of Cemetery—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of providing a duplicate set of the plans of the Cemetery.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz., —Kerbing to graves of Agnes Emily Maule, Catherine Adelaide Dumarez, Allen F. Duke, and Thomas Joseph Biddle. Headstones to graves of May and E. L. Betteridge and Harry Cyril Elmore Iliffe. Memorial Cross to grave of William John Grogan.

J. STEWART, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th January, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, and Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £4 6s. 9d. Presentations: Executors of the late Mr. J. Sawyer (18 vols.), Trustees of British Museum (5 vols.), Mr. R. P. Wild (15 vols.), Cheltenham College (2 pamphlets), Dr. E. T. Wilson (pamphlets).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 13th December, 1915, to the 15th January, 1916 (27 days) was 1,216 as compared with 1,355 for 20 days last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,453 as compared with 8,981.

2-**Sub -Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant. Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillor Merrett and Mr. F. J. Caudle. They recommended—That the Librarian be requested to submit a list of such Magazines and Periodicals as can be spared for the use of soldiers and sailors, and also for the imbecile inmates of the Workhouse. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Late Education Committee Offices—The Sub-Committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Education Committee with reference to the continued use of the rooms formerly occupied by the Education Committee, reported that they met on the 23rd November last. Present—The Mayor and Councillor Green (representatives of the Library Committee) and Councillor Stewart and Mr. W. Welstead (representatives of the Education Committee). They recommended that the Education Committee should pay £30 per annum for the use of the rooms used for the storage of furniture during the war, and that the Art Gallery Committee should pay £20 per annum for the use of any rooms available during the same period. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Printing of Supplemental Catalogue—Read, a further letter from the Typographical Association with reference to their complaint that the "Looker-On" Printing Company were not complying with the conditions of the Fair Wages Clause. Resolved, That in view of the abnormal conditions now prevailing and to the fact that the printing of the Catalogue has been completed, no further action be taken in the matter.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st February, 1916: Present--The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (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 second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £19,319 5s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,788 13s. 10d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £9,466 3s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £4,460 10s. 1d.

3—Loans —The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £14,804 Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the debentures be endorsed accordingly. The Borough Accountant also reported that the terms for which the loans of £588 (Recreation Grounds), £2,117 (Water-works), £128 (Colonnade Wood Paving), and £2,000 (Leckhampton Footpaths), were sanctioned by the Local Government Board, had expired, and that he had arranged with the lenders of these amounts for the same to continue on account of other loans. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that new Debentures be issued accordingly.

4--Reciprocal Investment —The Borough Accountant reported that the Gloucester Corporation were willing to lend £2,774 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the period of loan, length of notice, and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £2,774 be advanced to the Gloucester Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that a debenture be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Gloucester Corporation.

5—Insurance--Aircraft--Resolved, That the Town Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to insure the properties belonging to the Corporation at present covered by fire insurance policies, against aircraft at a premium of about £300.

The Borough Accountant submitted the revised valuations of the Borough Surveyor of all the Corporation properties which had been submitted to, and approved by, the respective Committees. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to submit a report on the matter to the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime a cover-note be obtained for the amount of the revised valuations.

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 December last	“26,013 9 9
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £26,010)	<u>58,597 4 2</u>
	£84,210 13 11
Paid since that date (including Loans temporarily repaid, £35,990)	<u>77,531 3 1</u>
In hand	£6,679 10 10

being General Accounts	£1,154 5 8
„ Sinking Fund Accounts	5,395 0 7
“Leslie Young Benefaction” Accounts	<u>130 4 7</u>
	£6,679 50 10

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th February, 1916, at 3 p.m.

Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH 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 3rd January last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, he taken as read, and that the same he adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th January last and 2nd February instant, 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 January last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 26th and 28th January last and 2nd February instant, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —"That Minute No. 6 (Montpellier Gardens Summer Entertainments) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

5-Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th January last, be approved and confirmed.

6-Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th January 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 January 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 12th January 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 21st January last, be approved and confirmed.

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10--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st February 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.

13—Spa Development—The Mayor moved, in pursuance of the Notice given by him at the last Meeting, and it was Resolved, That in view of the Spa development, the General Purposes Committee be instructed to consider and report as to the advisability of re-arranging the duties of the various Committees so as to place the Town Hall, Winter Garden, Montpellier Gardens, the Spa, the Baths and Mineral Waters under the control of one Committee.

14—Suspension of Standing Orders-Councillor Merrett proposed, and it was Resolved, That the Standing Orders be suspended.

15-National Service Act, 1916-Read, a letter from the Local Government Board asking the Council to appoint a Local Tribunal for the Borough to deal with applications for exemption by men who on the 2nd March next were, under the National Service Act 1916, deemed to be enlisted in His Majesty's regular forces for general service with the colours or in the reserve for the period of the War, and to carry out the Regulations made by Order in Council. The number of the Tribunal was not to be less than five or more than twenty-five, and the Board suggested that unless there were very special reasons to the contrary, the existing Tribunal should be appointed as the Tribunal for dealing with cases under the Act, the membership to be modified or increased, in so far as might be found necessary. Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Merrett and Wilkins, and Messrs. J. W. Betteridge, G. Dimmer and C. Williams be appointed the Local Tribunal.

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6—Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That the following letters be referred to the under-mentioned Committees for consideration: —Letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council re Naval and Military War Pensions Act 1915—To the General Purposes Committee. Letter from Mr. W. Jones resigning his appointment as Librarian and Curator of the Art Gallery—Letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council re Printing of Supplemental Catalogue—To the Public Library Committee.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Minutes of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th March. 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel. Councillors Green, 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 marts or ash receptacles, viz.: ---8 Granley Cottages, Mabel Cottage off Commercial Street, 4 Portland Parade, 5 and 9 Weston Cottages. Russell Place, and 25 Glenfall Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham 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 3 Upper Park Street, 1 and 2 Brockworth Cottages, 31 Marle Hill Road, 46 Worcester Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above 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 9 Granley Cottages, 1 Leckhampton Place, Camborne, Leckhampton Road, 16 Naunton Crescent, 1 and .3 Springfield 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, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street, and 1, Suffolk Road—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--3 Upper Park Street, 7 and 9 Granley Cottages, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Weston Cottages, Russell Place' 13 Worcester Street, 37 and 39 Fairview 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 —Houses unfit for Human Habitation—1 to 5 York Cottages and 7 and 9 York Street. With reference to the representation of the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. E. A. C. Fisher, Solicitor, on behalf of the Owner, attended the Meeting and asked that the question of making a Closing Order should be adjourned to give her an opportunity of considering what should be done to the property. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for two months. 1 and 2 York Place—Demolition Order—Read, a letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis stating that plans and specification of the proposed alterations and repairs to 1 and 2 York Place, Swindon Road, had been prepared, and that he would decide what should be done to the property at an early date.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: —On the 19th ultimo, seven boxes of tripe; on the 20th ultimo, the carcase and offal of two sheep; on the 21st ultimo, the carcase and offal of a sheep, and on the 2nd instant, the carcase and offal of a heifer (Total Weight destroyed, 8 cwts., 3 qrs., 6 lbs).

7—Notification of Measles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had visited 2, Trye's Cottages, occupied by James Neale, and found that a boy, 9 years of age; was suffering from Measles. The boy was in a very neglected state and no notification of the disease had been given. Resolved, That the attention of the Inspector of the R.S.P.C.O be called to the case.

8--Dilapidated Building--Complaints having been received of the nuisance caused by the dilapidated condition of No. 9, St. Paul's Street South, and also the unfenced land adjoining No. 58, Worcester Street, Resolved, That the Committee view the premises and land.

9—Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that the furnace pan at the Abattoir used for boiling the water had cracked, and he recommended that a wrought-iron pan g-inch thick should be provided at a cost of £12 10s. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**--The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). Forums Manager's Report--Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th instant was 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 574 head of cattle (including 10 calves), 74 sheep (including 24 lambs), and 40 pigs. Since the last Meeting 7 head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £126 3s. rd., and 16 sheep for £42 11s. 3d. (Total sales, £168 14s. 4d.) 22 head of cattle had been purchased for £24- Resolved,

That the Manager be authorised to purchase a set of 3—horse whippetrees, and also to obtain tenders from Gloucester for the elm trees blown down, as no tenders from Cheltenham had been received. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Scrap Metal—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was now no market for the scrap metal at the Destructor and that the cost of removing this was 1s. 3d. per load. He had enquired of the local dealers and had received an offer from Mr. J. Kesterton to remove the material free of charge and to keep the ground clear. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the arrangement to be determinable at any time on notice from the Borough Surveyor.

2—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That a Meeting of the Stores Sub Committee be held at the Central Depot on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, to consider the annual tenders.

3—Hired Team Labour —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to write to the Contractors for team labour to ascertain whether they are complying with the arrangement made last year that they should pay the men employed by them on Corporation work the same rate of wages as is paid to the Corporation employees.

4—Advertisements Regulation Act—Read, a letter from Mrs. Shakespeare Shenton stating that the hoarding opposite the Beaufort Arms, London Road, belonged to her son, who was on active service, and asking the Corporation to defer taking proceedings for the removal of the hoarding to give him an opportunity of attending to the matter on his expected return in March. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th February, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 28th January to the 24th February, 1916 (both dates inclusive), was as follows: —

Roads Coated—Gloucester Road (proceeding), Shurdington Road (7,500 super yards).

Roads Patched—Bath Street, Bayshill Road, Cambray, Hanover Street, St. Paul's Road, St. Paul's Street North, Tewkesbury Road, Thirlestaine Road, Worcester Street.

Crossings Repaired—Dagmar Terrace, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Place, St. George's Road.

Paving Repairs—Bayshill Road, High Street, Lansdown Place (back of), Orrisdale Terrace, St. George's Place, St. George's Road, St. Paul's Street North.

Sewers and Surface Water Drains Repaired—Lypiatt Street, St. Mark's (overflow).

New Manhole—Destructor incline (St. Mark's overflow sewer).

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Destructor Road, 3.

Verges and Paths Re-gravelled—Grafton Road, Gratton Road, Promenade (trees).

Trees Pruned—Eldorado Crescent, London Road, Pittville Lawn, Promenade, St. Anne's Road, Sydenham Villas Road, The Park.

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Trees Planted—1 silver birch, Clarence Square; 1 lime, Gloucester Road; 1 acacia enermis, London Road; 1 lime, London Road; 1 ailanthus glandulosa, Promenade; 3 white chestnut, Promenade; 2 silver birch, Wellington Square. Trees Felled—1 elm, Albert Road; 1 lime, Dagmar Road; 1 lime, Langdon Road ;1 plane, Orrisdale Terrace; 1 elm, Pittville Lawn; 3 wych elm, Promenade. Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,734 lbs. Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended February 17th, 1916, 820 loads collected, 793 consumed, 27 tipped away. Weight consumed 998 tons 7i cwts.

6--Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 28th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7—Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd instant— (Present: The Deputy Mayor in the chair, Alderman Baker, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins)—and considered the tenders (91) for the supply of Materials, etc., for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1917. They recommended the acceptance of the Schedule of Prices from the following for the supply of Goods required by the Corporation: —

Castings	J. M. Butt & Co.
Cement	Kaye & Co.
Disinfectants	Adcocks Limited; Birt, Boulton & Haywood.
Forage	Oldacre, Son & Co.; J. L. Brookes.
Household Goods and Sundries	Cheltenham Blind Institute; W. H. Mack; John Jackson; E. Joyner & Son; Boardman Bros.; Bird & Co.; W. & F. Archer; Glaro Polish Co.; Fisher & Sons.
Indiarubber Hose, etc.	Bird & Co.
Ironmongery	John Fisher & Sons, Ltd.
Lime and Bricks	Geo. Bence & Sons, Ltd.; Stonehouse Brick and Tile Co., Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes	Geo. Bence & Sons, Ltd.
Tools	D. Davies; Bird & Co.
Uniforms and Overalls	Salisbury & Sons; A. N. Cole; C. Watts.
White Lead, Oils and Colours	Middleton Bros.; Holm Light Oil Co.; Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.
Wrought Iron, Steel and Files	Stringer Bros.; John Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

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

8—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor suggested that in view of the shortage of paper throughout the country it might be desirable to inaugurate some scheme for the collection of waste paper in order to avoid waste. A collection of paper was already being made from some of the business houses in the town which was taken by Messrs. Russell and Co. under their contract. The Contractors had recently increased their price from 14s to 16s per ton owing to the extra expense entailed in collection. If the present waste of paper was to be avoided it would be necessary to make a house-to-house collection, and he had received an offer from another firm of 25s per ton for any paper baled and loaded into trucks. He was in communication with the present Contractors as to their contract, and he also suggested that any profit made should be handed over to the Red Cross Society. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Scheme for the collection of waste paper for consideration at the next Meeting, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to adopt a Scheme.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th February, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Building—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.:

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1344	A. Webb	Temporary Motor House, Eldon Lodge, Hewlett Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved, subject to a proper crossing being provided.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th February, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor 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.
1345	Committee of Dean Close School	New Junior Classroom, Dean Close School.
1346	F. Treasure	Alterations to No. 1, Wolseley Terrace, Oriel Road.
1347	H. Unwin	Additions to Elm Farm, Fiddlers Green.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1345 be approved, and that Plans No 1346 and 5347 be approved subject to the drainage 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 23rd February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Green, Sawyer, Silk and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Summer Entertainments--Messrs. R. F. Beard, J. P. Pates, W. Welstead, and E. Whitbread (representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association) attended the meeting and submitted the following proposals:— (1) Central Spa—The Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association offered to provide an orchestra to give free concerts at the Town Hall each week-day, from 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., for thirty weeks, commencing on the 27th March, and to continue to provide newspapers, writing materials, extra furnishing, and the services of the Bureau organization, at an estimated cost of £350. They asked that, in addition to the large and small drawing rooms, the card room should also be appropriated for the Spa for use as a smoke-room (if this room could be taken without disturbing the work of the Mayoress' Linen Committee), and that the Corporation should contribute one half the receipts from the sale of mineral waters at the Spa, or, in the alternative, a sum of £50. They also asked for permission to erect small tents on the lawn adjoining the Spa as was done last season.

(2) Montpellier Gardens—The Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association offered to provide afternoon and evening concerts and entertainments at the Montpellier Gardens, consisting of a series of bands, concert parties, and other attractions for 12 to 16 weeks, commencing on the 29th May, and to pay to the Corporation 4s for the use of the Gardens, proscenium, awning, chairs, advertising boards, and other effects used in connection with the Garden Concerts. All expenses in connection with the concerts, including the cost of lighting the Gardens, to be borne by the Association, except the cost of erecting and repairing the awning. The concerts would be free, but a charge of 2d., 4d., and 6d. would be made for the use of the chairs. The Association to have the use of the Town Hall for the concerts (when not otherwise engaged) in wet weather, the Association to pay for the cost of any light used. The Association to have the right to charge a small entrance fee to the Gardens on a limited number of occasions when military bands, etc., or other special entertainments, were arranged. The concerts would be under the management of Mr. E. Baring, and

all profits derived therefrom would be devoted to the advertising and development of the town, but any loss would be borne by the Chamber and Association.

If the offer was accepted, the Corporation would be asked to nominate two representatives to serve on the Committee appointed to manage the concerts. Mr. Newton attended the meeting and stated that he was willing to provide entertainments at the Montpellier Gardens for this season on the following terms: — (a) The season to commence not later than the 12th June, and to be for not less than 12 weeks. (b) The Corporation to receive so per cent. of the gross takings for ordinary entertainments and 5 per cent. of the gross takings for Band Concerts, such percentage being payable monthly, Mr. Newton to pay all expenses in connection with the concerts, except the cost of erecting the awning and enclosing the portion of the Gardens usually used for the entertainments. A charge of 3d., 6d., 9d., and 1s to be made for admission to the concerts, such charge to include admission to the Gardens.

Mr. C. Gill Smith attended the meeting and suggested that the Committee should prepare conditions upon which the Council would be prepared to lease or let the Montpellier Gardens for entertainments, that tenders should be invited, and that the highest tender should be accepted. Read, a letter from Mr. C. James, stating that he would be able to provide a Military Band on reasonable terms to play in the Montpellier Gardens if the Committee decided to engage a band.

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Read, a letter from Mr. S. C. Field, stating that the orchestra at the Winter Garden would be augmented during the summer months and offering to supply a band to play on the lawn in front of the Winter Garden (or in the transept of the Winter Garden in wet weather) for four months, commencing June next, the band to play in the mornings and also in the afternoons if this was considered necessary. He would accept a fixed sum per week for the band, or as an alternative the Corporation to pay two-thirds of the salaries of the musicians engaged. The seats and bandstand to be provided by the Corporation, and he would be responsible for the proper conduct of the performances, the Corporation to take two-thirds of the profits from such band concerts. He was also prepared to provide high-class and attractive entertainments at the Montpellier Gardens, and to pay to the Corporation one-third of the profits derived from such entertainments. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to accept the offer of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, to provide an orchestra at the Central Spa, to continue the services of the Bureau and the provision of extra furnishing, newspapers, etc., and that one-half of the receipts from the sale of mineral waters dispensed at the Spa during the period for which the orchestra is provided by the Association be contributed towards the expenses of the Association provided that such contribution shall not exceed 450, and that the suggested appropriation of the card room as a smoke room be referred to the new Committee to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council. Resolved also, That the offers received with reference to the Summer Entertainments at Montpellier, etc., be referred to the new Committee to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council.

2—Archery Ground—Read, an application from Miss Legh, the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Archery Club, for the use of the ground at Montpellier during the coming season and asking whether in the event of the bow days not being held this season the Committee would make a reduction in

the rent. Resolved, That the application be referred to the new Committee to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council.

3—Pittville Estate—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received three tenders for the nine trees to be removed at Pittville, and had accepted the tender of Mr. J. Warren of 4.6 (the highest). Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted. Trees near Edenholme—Read, a letter from Major Ferguson asking that the tree at the junction of Evesham Road and the branch road near Edenholme should be removed and that the elm trees at the back of the premises should be lopped. Resolved, That the tree at the junction of Evesham Road and branch road be topped and that the other trees be pruned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 9th January, 1916: Present —The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann and Merrett (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Hostile Aircraft—Tramways—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had seen Mr. McCormick, the Manager of the Tramway Company, who had given the following instructions to his employees: —(a) On hearing the hooter all cars to be stopped. (b) All passengers to be removed and lights put out. (c) The driver and conductor to stand by the car.

2—Public Lighting —Mr. Paterson attended the meeting, and the Committee gave instructions as to the public gas and electric lamps pending the issue of the Order by the Home Office.

3.—Siren—Resolved, That a siren be provided at the Cheltenham Original Brewery at a cost of about £9.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

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

5—Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in accordance with the Lighting Order, the whole of the Public Gas and Electric Lighting of the town had been discontinued from the 16th instant, with the exception of a few lamps at dangerous corners and in special positions selected by the Police, and also a few lamps near the Borough Boundary. These latter lamps would be provided with transparent signs for the purposes of the Lights (Vehicles) Order as soon as these could be obtained.

6—Plans of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a series of maps of the public and private mains had been made by the Building Inspector (Mr. Holbourn).

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Monday, the 14th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, Stewart, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair.)

1--Hostile Aircraft—Lighting Regulations—Read, a letter from the Acting Chief Constable (Mr. M. W. Colchester Wemyss) forwarding a copy of the Lighting Order, dated the 8th instant, issued by the Home Office.

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer and the Manager of the Gas Company (Mr. Paterson) be requested to confer with Supt. Hopkins as to the lamps which should be retained for the safety of the public traffic.

Fire Brigade—The Chairman of the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** reported that the Sub-Committee met on the 10th instant (Present: Alderman Baker, in the chair, Councillors Green, Merrett and Stewart)—and gave instructions to the Captain of the Brigade in case of a warning of an air raid being received.

Hooter—After consultation with Supt. Hopkins, it was Resolved, That the Hooter and Siren be not sounded unless aircraft are reported within the radius shown on the map submitted, approximately as suggested by the Acting Chief Constable.

2—Lights (Vehicles) Order—Read, a letter from the Acting Chief Constable (Mr. M. W. Colchester Wemyss) forwarding a copy of an Order made by the Home Office extending Part II. of the Lights (Vehicles) Order, 1915, to include Bristol, Gloucester and Cheltenham. The Secretary of State stated that it would greatly facilitate the enforcement of the Order if arrangements were made to indicate to drivers of approaching vehicles the points where they enter the Borough, and that coloured transparent signs for affixing to the street lamps would be provided. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the signs affixed to the lamps nearest to the Borough Boundary.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th February, 1916: Present — Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 14th February, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,545,000 gallons	1,214,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,678,000 “	1,343,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>173,000</u> “	<u>120,000</u>
Total	3,396,000	2,677,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		14th February, 1916.		16th February, 1915.
Hewletts		29,396,000 gallons		31,420,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 “	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 “
Leckhampton	13ft 0in.	<u>1,756,000</u> “	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> “
Total Storage		131,152,000 “		133,041,000 “

2—Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted the tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes for the year ending the 31st March, 1917. He recommended that in view of the abnormally high prices no tender should be accepted, but that any pipes required be obtained at prevailing market prices. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Fire Hydrants at Prestbury —Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council enquiring upon what terms the Corporation would provide some fire hydrants in their parish. Resolved, That the Parish Council should pay the initial cost of providing and fixing the hydrants and an annual charge of £1 1s per hydrant.

4—Tredington Water Supply—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council stating that the Council had received a request from the inhabitants of Tredington for a water supply, and enquiring upon what terms the Corporation would grant a supply in bulk. Resolved, That the Tewkesbury Rural District Council be informed that the Corporation will grant a supply of water in bulk upon the same terms and conditions as the supply to Aston Pamington and Fiddington is given.

5—Water Rate Arrears—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts out-standing and that the supply be discontinued.

6—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 Monday, the 14th February, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Naval and Military War Pensions Act, 1915—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915, which contained provisions as to the pensions, grants and allowances to be made in respect of the present War to officers and men in the Naval and Military Services and their dependants and the care of officers and men disabled in consequence of the War. Section 2 of the Act provided that for the purposes of assisting the Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation in the execution of their duties, a local Committee should be established for every County and County Borough and for every Borough or Urban District having a population of not less than 50,000 the Council of which so desired, and for any other Borough or Urban District for which the Statutory Committee, on the application of the Council thereof, considered it desirable that, having regard to the special circumstances of the case, a special local Committee should be established. Read, a letter from Miss Ker, the Hon. Sec. of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, stating that the Committee of the Association had unanimously decided to recommend that application should be made for a local Committee to be appointed for the Borough. A letter was also received from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council stating that the Council considered it desirable that a local Committee should be appointed and asking that they should be represented thereon. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for a local Committee to be appointed for the Borough.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

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

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had been called out as follows: —

On the 25th ultimo to an outbreak of fire at a house at Seven Springs occupied by Mr. E. F. Delamere Bouth. Damage about £200. Brigade expenses, £8 0s. 6d.

On the 12th instant to an outbreak of fire at No. 11, Promenade Villas, occupied by Mr. G. Kunz. Damage about £100. Brigade expenses, £3 4s. 6d.

On the 18th instant to an outbreak of fire at "Panure," occupied by Captain Blythe. Damage about £30. Brigade expenses, £3 16s. 0d.

On the 20th instant to an outbreak of fire at 372, High Street, occupied by Messrs. Wilks and Co. Damage about £35. Brigade expenses, £2 15s. 0d. In each case the property was insured.

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4 -War Economy—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the National Organising Committee for War Savings, stating that a Meeting would be held at the Guildhall, London, on the 1st proximo, to inaugurate a national movement for a reduction in all expenditure which does not contribute to the winning of the War, and to explain the new machinery which it was proposed to establish to enable the small investor to assist in financing the War, and inviting the Mayor and Town Clerk to attend the Meeting. The Mayor stated that he would be in London on the date of the Meeting. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to attend the Meeting.

5—Re-arrangement of Committees-- The Committee considered the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council as to the advisability of re-arranging the duties of the various Committees so as to place the Town Hall, Winter Garden, Montpellier Gardens, the Spa, the Baths and Mineral Waters under the control of one Committee. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of the following proposals:-- (1) That a Committee, to be called the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, be appointed, consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Earengy, Green, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Montpellier Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and to enforce the provisions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage any matters in connection with the Mineral Waters under the control of the Corporation. To manage and control Entertainments undertaken 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. To consider and report upon any matters in connection with the Spa Development. (2) That a Committee, to be called the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee, be appointed, consisting of the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Jamieson, Sawyer and Taylor, and that their powers and duties be as follows: —To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade Long Garden and the Recreation Grounds, and to enforce the provisions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees) and the Buildings thereon. To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts, 1908. (3) That the Resolution of the Council at its Meeting on the 9th November last appointing the Committees be varied accordingly.

6—Traders' Association—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the various Towns mentioned by the Traders' Association in which it was stated that funds for advertising, &c., were contributed by the Council and the Traders' Association and administered by a Joint Committee of representatives of the two bodies, and he had ascertained that in none of these towns did the

Council provide any funds for advertising, but in two cases representatives of the Council were appointed on the Traders' Association.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th February, 1916: Present—Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

7—Hostile Aircraft—Read, a letter from the Acting Chief Constable (Mr. M. W. Colchester Wemyss), reporting the arrangements made for giving warning to localities in the event of an air raid taking place. It was also reported that the Home Office were of opinion, from experience gained in other localities, that it was undesirable that a hooter should be sounded, as this would in most cases give unnecessary alarm. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to cancel the previous instructions for sounding the hooter and siren.

8—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 undermentioned Institutions in lieu of the General District Rate: --

General Hospital.	£34 4 3
Female Refuge. £34 3 4	3 14 5
Female Orphan Asylum.	4 9 3
Blind Asylum.	4 9 3
Nazareth House.	30 9 11
Coburg Society (Bath Street).	4 3 2
Victoria Home for Nurses	12 12 11
Provident Dispensary.	4 9 3
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.	11 18 0
Boys' Orphan Asylum.	2 19 6
Home for Sick Children.	8 18 6
Association for Care of Friendless Girls	6 4 3
Home for Aged Pensioners, 1, Monson Terrace	<u>2 16 0</u>
	£131 8 8

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Councillor Green in the chair.)

1—Curator's Report-----The Curator reported that there had been 1,171 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th ultimo.

Annual Cleaning—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed for two weeks next month for the annual cleaning. Roof—Resolved, That the Public Library Committee be asked to give instructions for the portion of the roof of the Museum through which the rain penetrates, to be repaired.

Hostile Aircraft- -The Curator asked for instructions as to darkening the glass roof of the Art Gallery, and it was Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed each day one hour and a half after sunset.

2-Rooms over Library—The Curator reported that the Sub-Committee of the Public Library Committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Education Committee with reference to the occupation of the rooms formerly occupied by the Education Committee, met on the 23rd November last, and that it was decided to recommend that the Education Committee should pay £30 per annum for the use of the rooms used for the storage of furniture during the War, and that the Art Gallery Committee should pay £20 per annum for the use of any rooms available during the same period. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that a rent of £20 be paid by this Committee.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM AND PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 15th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, F. J. Candle, G. Dimmer, A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1-Resignation of Public Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery, &c.—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Jones resigning his appointment as Public Librarian and Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum, such resignation to take effect at the end of three months from the 4th instant. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in "The Athenaeum," "The Times," and "The Gloucestershire Echo" inviting applications for the appointment at a salary of £200 per annum.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th February, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Haddock, Merrett 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 31st January, 1916, were as follows: —

Receipts	£ 521 3 5
	£521 3 5
Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£937 6 4
Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>448 10 10</u>
	£1385 17 2

Medical Baths--The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Baths (including courses of massage) given from the 26th January to the 16th February instant was 142. 160 Free Baths, &c., had been given to wounded soldiers.

2--Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st January, 1916, were as follows: —

Receipts	£349 16 10
Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£456 13 8
Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>279 16 0</u>
	£736 9 8

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 1,532, as compared with 1,441 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 160 as compared with 149.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th February, 1916 Present—The Mayor. Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair). Superintendent's Report—Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase Flower Seeds to the value of £1, and also to obtain 6 loads of manure from the Farms.

2 --Plans of Cemetery—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the Plans at the Cemetery and that he had given instructions for a duplicate set to be made. This would involve a good deal of clerical work, but could be carried out when the ordinary work of the Office allowed.

The cost of mounting, &c., the plans would be about £2. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4814 to 4857 (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.: Memorial Cross to grave of Charles Arthur Berkeley Beatty, and Monument to grave of J. P. Taylor.

J. STEWART, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th February, 1916: Present-- Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (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 £23,436 12s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £2,671 6s. 10d.

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 the 25th March next. Amount collected £11,332 19s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £2,993 12s. 9d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £7,035 Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the debentures be endorsed accordingly. He had also received since the last Meeting £680 and £50 on loan. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

4-----Town Hall and Municipal Offices Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £1,145 13s. 10d. Consols at 58¹/₄ per cent. for the investment of the Sinking Funds for these loans.

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 February, 1916	£ 6,679 10 10
Received since that date (including Loans £680)	<u>25,555 11 8</u>
	32,235 2 6
Paid since that date	<u>19,726 13 6</u>
	In hand £12,508 9 0
being General Accounts	£7,687 14 9
“Sinking Fund Accounts	4,690 9 8
““Leslie Young Benefaction” Accounts	<u>130 4 7</u>
	£52,508 9 0

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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 March, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present:

Tim MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER, RICHARD DAVIES

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th 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—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th February 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 15th and 28th February last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —That the words " a sum equal to " be inserted before the word " one-half " in the Resolution to Minute No. 1 (Central Spa).

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 24th February last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting and General Purposes and Watch Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting and General Purposes and Watch Committees, at their Joint Meeting of the 14th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

8—Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees, at their Joint. Meeting of the 15th February last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th, 22nd and 29th February last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. T. Lyon be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee.

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 February last, be approved and confirmed.

13--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th February last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th 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—Memorials, Applications, etc.— Resolved, That the following letters be referred to the under-mentioned Committees, viz.: —Letter from Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association re Fire Brigade—Letter from Dr. Wilson resigning his membership of Grammar School Governors—To the General Purposes and Watch Committee. Letter from Cheltenham Drapers', Hosiers', etc., Association re Annual Tenders—To the Street and Highway Committee. Letter from Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association with list of queries—To the Finance Committee.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday, the 23rd March, 1916.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Earengy, Green, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Haddock be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2-Summer Entertainments—The Committee considered the proposals set out on the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Improvement Committee with reference to Summer Entertainments at Montpellier Gardens.

The Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association had offered to provide afternoon and evening concerts and entertainments consisting of a series of bands, concert parties, and other attractions, for 12 to 16 weeks, commencing on the 29th May, and to pay to the Corporation £50 for the use of the Gardens, proscenium, awning, chairs, advertising boards, and other effects used in connection with the Garden Concerts. All expenses in connection with the concerts, including the cost of lighting the Gardens, to be borne by the Association, except the cost of erecting and repairing the awning. The concerts would be free, but a charge of 2d., 4d. and 6d. would be made for the use of the chairs. The Association to have the use of the Town Hall for the concerts (when not otherwise engaged) in wet weather, the Association to pay for the cost of any light used. The Association to have the right to charge a small entrance fee to the Gardens on a limited number of occasions when military bands, etc., or other special entertainments, were arranged. The concerts would be under the management of Mr. E. Baring, and all profits derived therefrom would be devoted to the advertising and development of the town, but any loss would be borne by the Chamber and Association. If the offer was accepted, the Corporation would be asked to nominate two representatives to serve on the Committee appointed to manage the concerts.

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Mr. A. W. Newton had offered to provide entertainments at the Gardens for this season on the following terms (a) The season to commence not later than the 12th June, and to be for not less than 12 weeks. (b) The Corporation to receive 10 per cent. of the gross takings for ordinary entertainments and 5 per cent. of the gross takings for Band Concerts, such percentage being payable monthly. Mr. Newton to pay all expenses in connection with the concerts, except the cost of erecting the awning and enclosing the portion of the Gardens used for the entertainments. (c) A charge of 3d, 6d, 9d., and 1s to be made for admission to the concerts, such charge to include admission to the Gardens.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. A. W. Newton subject to the cost of enclosing the portion of the Gardens to be used for the entertainments not exceeding £10'

3—Archery Ground—Read, an application from Miss Legh, the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Archery Club, for the use of the ground at Montpellier during the coming season, and asking whether in the event of the bow days not being held this season, the Committee would make a reduction in the rent. Resolved, That the use of the ground be granted to the Club from the 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.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 23rd March, 1916, at 3 p.m.

Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES (in the chair). THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES ROBERT STEEL.

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JORN MERRETT WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Appointment of Overseers— 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.

2---Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th March last, be approved and confirmed.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd April, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, 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.: —Mabel Cottage of Commercial Street. 26 and 43 Brunswick Street, 46 Worcester Street, 14 Montpellier Villas, Birdlip House, Bath Road, and 2 Orchard 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--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1 Limerick Cottages, 56 and 61 Waterloo Street, 3 Stoneville Street, 21 Commercial Street, 16 and 51 Brunswick Street, 2 Orchard Place, and 9 Keynsham 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 31, 32 and 33 Elm Street, 17 Stoneville Street, Walkworth Villa, Gloucester Road, and 5 Segrave 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—Regent House and 2 Orchard Place, Swindon Road, 9 Keynsham Street, 41 and 45 Brunswick Street, 8, 11 and 12 Sherborne 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: —On the 15th ultimo, the carcasses and offal of two sheep; on the 17th ultimo, the carcase and offal of a sheep; on the 18th ultimo, the carcase and offal of a bacon pig; and on the 1st instant, two pieces of beef. (Total Weight destroyed, 7 cwts., 1 qrs., 21 lbs.).

6—**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 150 copies of the Report.

7—Maternity and Child Welfare--Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Board approved generally of the proposals adopted by the Council as a commencement of maternity and child welfare work in the Borough. The Board was prepared to pay a grant in each financial year equivalent to one-half the approved expenditure on the salary of a Health Visitor and other work within the scope of the Board's regulations as to Maternity Centres during the preceding year.

Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to advertise for a Health Visitor on the terms approved by this Committee at its meeting on the 2nd ultimo.

8—Hayden Knoll Farm—Resolved, That the field known as Great Stockings adjoining Fiddlers' Green Farm House be let to Mr. W. J. Cock on a yearly tenancy as from the 25th March at a yearly rent of 10s. per acre, the Corporation to pay rates and taxes and to have the right of irrigating the land as may be required, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement for the tenancy.

9—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant. Present: — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, 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 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 177 head of cattle (including 13 calves), 105 sheep (including 31 lambs), and 40 pigs, all doing fairly well. 4 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been purchased for £61. 31 lambs and 6 calves had been bred on the farms, 7 head of cattle (including 4 calves) had been sold for £84 14s. 7d.) Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet at the Farms on the 31st instant at to a in. for the annual stocktaking and valuation. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. to—Sewage Disposal—Resolved, That the Common Seal be fixed to an Agreement for the continuation of the tenancy of the land belonging to Messrs. Wood Bros. for the purpose of treating sewage thereon by broad irrigation, the tenancy to be a yearly one as from the 25th March, 1916, determinable by either party by 6 months' notice, a payment of £25 per annum to be made by Messrs. Wood Bros. for the manorial value of the sewage, and all labour required for distributing the sewage to be provided by them.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Corporation Workmen—Read a letter from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, of Corporation Street, Birmingham, asking that a war wage of 4s per week should be granted to all the Corporation Workmen. Resolved, That the Society be informed that the rates of wages have already been revised in view of existing conditions and that the Committee do not see their way to recommend the Council to make the increase suggested.

2—Annual Tenders—Read a letter from the Cheltenham Drapers', Hosiers', Outfitters' and Furnishers' Association asking that Tenders should be accepted for a shorter period than one year, and also that the orders for the goods specified in the Schedules should be given on the acceptance of the tenders. Resolved, That as the tenders for the ensuing year have now been accepted the Committee are unable to make any alteration this year.

3—Hired Team Labour—The Borough Surveyor submitted the letters received from the Contractors for team labour in reply to his enquiry whether they were complying with the condition that they should pay men employed by them on Corporation work at the same rate of wages as is paid to the Corporation employees. Resolved, That the employment of the Contractors who are not complying with this condition be discontinued.

4—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Read a letter from the National Housing and Town Planning Council stating that a National Congress would be held in London, from the 9th to the 14th April, for the purpose of considering " Home Problems after the War," and more especially those problems relating to Housing and Agriculture, and the possibilities of averting unemployment in the Building Trade, and inviting the Council to send delegates to the Congress. Resolved, That no delegates be appointed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5- Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th February to the 23rd March, 1916 (both dates inclusive), was as follows: —

Roads Coated —Gloucester Road (proceeding), Malvern Road (proceeding), Moorend Crescent (2,219 super yards).

Roads Patched--Andover Road, Fiddler's Green Lane, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Walk, Rodney Road, Thirlestaine Road, Town Hall roadway, Wellington Street, Winter Garden roadway.

Crossings Repaired—Hawarden Parade, Lansdown Crescent. Footpaths

Repaired—Ashford Road, Grafton Road, Pittville Chalet Road, Marle Hill Annexe.

Paving Repairs—Andover Road, Bath Road, Bayshill Road, Clarence Street, Dunalley Parade, High Street, King Street, Lansdown Place, Lower High Street, Market Street, Montpellier Villas, Moorend Crescent, Ormond Place, Promenade, Regent Street, St. George's Road, Swindon Road, Suffolk Square, Tewkesbury Road, Town Hall.

Channel Repairs —Dunalley Parade, Leighton Road, Moorend Crescent.

New Gullies Fixed— Grafton Road.

Sewers and Surface Water Drains Repaired—Granley Road, Montpellier Terrace (back of), Oxford Parade, Shurdington Road.

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Gas Trenches Repaired—Ashford Road, Charlton Lane, Grosvenor Place South, Grosvenor Terrace, Hale's Road, Lansdown Crescent, Northfield Terrace, Park Place, Queen's Road, Rose and Crown Passage, Russell Place, St. Paul's Road, Trinity Lane.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Hale's Road, Painswick Road.

Trees Felled—1 silver birch, Albert Road; 2 wych elm, Pittville Annexe; 2 ash, Pittville Annexe; 1 elm, Pittville Annexe; oak, Pittville Annexe; 1 wych elm, near Saxham Villas; 1 sycamore, near Saxham Villas. Trees Planted-2 silver birch, Albert Road; 1 silver birch, Langton Road; 1 silver birch, Leckhampton Road; 1 plane, Malvern Road; 1 lime, Moorend Park Road.

Trees Pruned—College Road, Depot, Evesham Road, London Road, Montpellier Parade, Pittville Annexe, Pittville Crescent, Pittville Gardens, Promenade, Saxham Villas (side of), Tewkesbury Road.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,695 lbs.

Ashes Collection and Disposal -- During four weeks ended March 16th, 1916, 828 loads collected, 812 consumed, 16 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,076 tons 19½ cwts.

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 27th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7--Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. G. P. Woodward, of 27, Winchcomb Street, for permission to place a Show Case, projecting about 2 inches, in the entrance in North Street to the Union of London and Smith's Bank. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8 --Dangerous Building-8, Lansdown Terrace--The Borough Surveyor reported that this building was in a dangerous condition. Three chimney pots had fallen from the chimney stack on to the roof and a portion of the lead guttering and some slates had been moved out of position by the wind, etc. Resolved, That notice be given to the Owner of the premises under Section 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, and that proceedings be taken under that Section, if necessary, to have the premises repaired and made secure.

9---Annual Tenders—Stationery—Read, letters from Messrs. J. J. Gillham, Harvey & Healing, and G. F. Poole, asking that in view of the large increase in the cost of stationery, etc., that their contract prices, which were accepted prior to the out-break of the war, should be increased. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant an increase of 15 per cent. on the contract prices.

10—Destructor—Read, a memorial from Mr. F. Hopkins and other occupiers in Tewkesbury Road, complaining of the noise from the waste steam at the Destructor. The Borough Surveyor reported that this could be remedied at a cost of about £10. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

11—Tenders for Manure—Resolved, That the tender of Mrs. E. H. Hands of 7s per ton for the manure for the ensuing year be accepted.

12 — Clinker— The Borough Surveyor reported that 4,300 tons of clinker had been sold to the Road Board. After payment of the cost of delivery into the railway trucks there was a surplus of £270, which had been placed to the credit of the Stores Account. He also reported that he had received an order from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for 1,000 tons of clinker

13—Gloucester Road—Resolved, That notice be given to Sir. C. H. Ballinger requiring him to clean out the ditches on his land adjoining Gloucester Road, and that in default the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings.

14—**Trees Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That a meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday, the 11th proximo, at 3 p.m.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor 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
1348	T. Curtis	New Dining Room, Curtis's Hotel, Bayshill.
1349	J. Simmons	Additions to 15, Pittville Villas.

Resolved, That the Plans 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 Monday, the 27th March, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1350	J. N. Hobbs	Additions to St. Germain's, Leckhampton Road

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th March, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Visitors--Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors of the Baths, viz.: Montpellier Baths--Councillors Haddock and Merrett. Alstone Baths—Alderman Davies and Councillor Stewart.

2-Advertising-Mr. Ed. J. Burrow submitted the following proposals for advertising during the ensuing year:

Advertisement in the " Daily Telegraph " (one line, 7s 6d weekly).	£19 10 0
Royal Automobile Club Year Book	5 5 0
" The Times" (2 inch with illustration, at 28s per insertion)	<u>18 4 0</u>
	£42 19 0

He recommended that the sum of £70 should be allotted for further advertisements to be arranged during the year as follows

Advertisements in North Country Papers.	£25 0 0
For Special Advertisements to be arranged from time to time.	35 0 0
Illustrated Articles in Ladies' Papers.	<u>10 0 0</u>
	£70 0 0

This was the same amount as spent last year, viz: £113. Resolved, That the proposals be approved and adopted.

3—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 29th February, 1916, were as follows: —

Receipts £561 2 3

Expenses (including Rates, &c)	£ 997 0 0
Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>493 8 0</u>
	£1490 8 0

Swimming Bath—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 80 tickets for each occasion. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Medical Baths—The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with Miss Yonge, the Assistant County Director of the Gloucestershire Branch of the Red Cross Society, with reference to the use of the Medical Baths by wounded soldiers, and a letter was read from Miss Yonge thanking the Council for allowing the free use of the Baths up to the present, and stating that in future the Society was willing to pay 2s 6d for each medical bath and 1s 6d for local applications of radiant heat. Resolved, That this be agreed to. The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths (including courses of massage) given from the Baths from 22nd February to the 14th March, 1916, was 79. 91 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these 1st April, 1915, to 29th February, 1916, were as follows: —

Receipts	£387 16 7
Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£540 0 0
Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>307 15 0</u>
	£847 15 6

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The Borough Surveyor suggested, in view of the necessity for economy at the present time, that the Alstone Baths should be closed during the period of the War. The number of battlers during the coming season would probably be considerably decreased, and he thought that without greatly increasing the working expenses the whole of the bathers could be accommodated at the Montpellier Baths. Practically the whole of the working expenses in connection with the Alstone Baths would be saved, and he estimated that, after allowing for reduction in receipts, there would be a saving of between £200 and £300, in addition to which there would be a saving of about 5,000,000 gallons of water. Resolved, That the suggestion be adjourned for further consideration, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to close the Baths if, on further consideration, they are of opinion that this can be done without serious inconvenience.

5—Spa Concerts—The Mayor, as Chairman of the Spa Concerts Committee, submitted the following Statement of Account in connection with the Town Hall Concerts: —

25TH OCTOBER, 1915, TO 25TH MARCH, 1916.

EXPENDITURE.

Orchestra.	£415 16 0
Vocalists and Artistes.	65 4 0
Attendants' Wages.	29 19 8
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	42 14 4
Piano Hire, etc.	17 0 6
Hire of Plants.	3 0 0
Electric Energy	30 10 6

Use of Copyright Music.	£ 8 8 0
Insurance of Band (proportion)	3 15 2
Decorations, Fittings, etc.	14 4 5
Hire of Carpets; Stationery, News-papers, etc.—Traders' Association	10 0 0
Miscellaneous.	<u>1 12 6</u>
	£642 5 1
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Balance brought down	<u>205 3 5</u>
	£205 3 5

INCOME.

Subscriptions: 197 at 10s 6d	£103 8 6
13 at 5s 6d (Half-Season).	<u>3 11 6</u>
	£107 0 0

Takings at Doors:

W'kly T'k'ngs	Admissions	
Morning £36 4 0	£23 5 2 ..	£59 9 2
Afternoon £34 17 0	<u>£194 8 6</u> ..	£229 5 6
	£217 13 8	

Weekly Tickets:

Traders'	£10 0 0	
Offices	<u>£1 7 0</u>	
	£82 8 0	
	£1 7 0	
		£300 1 8
Refreshment Rights		15 0 0
Programme Rights		15 0 0
Balance carried down		<u>*205 3 5</u>
		£642 5 1

Traders' Association: Moiety of Loss above £100, but not to exceed.	£50 0 0
Net Loss (Borne by Corporation)..	<u>155 3 5</u>
	£205 3 5

Note. —The Loss on the previous Season was £268 2S. 2d.

6—Central Spa—The application of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association for the use of the Card Room as a Smoke Room in connection with the Spa, was considered. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the room is required for other purposes, and that the Committee do not consider that it is desirable that the room should be used as a smoke room.

Read, an application from Messrs. L. V. Rogers and Co., of 358, Strand, London, for permission to place an automatic Postage Stamp Supply and Letter Box at the Town Hall. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the exact position of the box being approved by this

Committee. Mineral Water Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 1,138, as compared with 1,629 for the corresponding month last year.

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The number of glasses of waters sold during the month at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 514 as compared with 533.

7—Winter Garden--Read, a letter from Mr. S. C. Field, stating that the orchestra at the Winter Garden would be augmented during the summer months and offering to supply a band to play on the lawn in front of the Winter Garden (or in the transept of the Winter Garden in wet weather) for four months, commencing June next, the band to play in the mornings and also in the afternoons if this was considered necessary. He would accept a fixed sum per week for the band, or as an alternative the Corporation to pay two-thirds of the salaries of the musicians engaged. The seats and bandstand to be provided by the Corporation, and he would be responsible for the proper conduct of the performances; the Corporation to take two-thirds of the profits from such band concerts. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the roof of the Winter Garden was damaged in the gale on the 27th instant. Twelve large panes of glass had been broken by the fall of snow from the dome and the building could not be used for the cinematograph performances on the 28th and 29th instant. Iron sheets were being put in, and he estimated the cost of making good the damage at about £30. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary work done.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the following terms of subscription for the Montpellier Gardens be approved, viz.:

Adult Tickets.	4s
Nurses' and Children's Tickets	2s 6d

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, 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 or Supply-The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Great Western Railway Company, granting permission for a cable to be placed over their property to give a supply

of energy to the Gloucester Co-operative Society's premises in Market Street. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th March, 1916: Present — Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 16th March, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,602,000 gallons	1,302,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,943,000 "	1,764,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>180,000</u> "	<u>131,000</u>
Total	3,725,000	3,197,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	16th March, 1916.		16th March, 1915.	
Hewletts		31,421,000 gallons		31,284,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	13ft 0in.	<u>1,756,000</u> "	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> "
Total Storage		133,177,000 "		132,905,000 "

2-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 March, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Margrett, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals-- Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 29th ultimo on premises at Rippledale, Hatherley Road, in the occupation of Mr. W. Ride. 2 pigs had died,

and 1 pig had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. With this exception, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 25th ultimo at Emmanuel Church. The building was destroyed. Brigade expenses, £7 13s. 3d. Also, on the 5th instant, to an outbreak at 163, High Street. Damage about £15. Brigade expenses, £3 5s. 6d. Read, a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association suggesting that, as some of the members of the Brigade were away on active service, the assistance of the Volunteer Training Corps might be obtained. They also asked that the efficiency of the appliances used by the Brigade and the adequacy of the water pressure might be considered.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, Ltd., with reference to the provision of a Motor Fire Engine. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration.

3—Pawnbroker's Certificate--Read, an application from Messrs. H. Higgins, Ltd., for the renewal of their Pawnbroker's Certificate, which expired on the 9th November last. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Contracts with Foreign Manufacturers—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk, Manchester, forwarding copies of resolutions adopted by the Manchester City Council with reference to Contracts with Foreign Manufacturers, and suggesting that similar resolutions should be adopted by other Councils. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve the following resolutions in regard to future contracts, viz.: — (1) That no contract be entered into with any person of German or Austrian nationality. (2) That no contract be entered into with any firm or company whose subscribed capital (whether by way of shares or otherwise) is held or controlled to the extent of one-third or upwards by persons of German or Austrian nationality.

5—Fruit Market —The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of temporarily repairing the floor of the central shed at the Fruit Market would be about £10, and that a stand-pipe and hose could be provided for £5. Resolved, That the work be carried out and that a stand-pipe and hose be provided.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th March, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Councillor Green in the chair.)

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 731 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since February 14th.

Mrs. A. Bullock-Webster had presented a Japanese carved ivory basket for the Museum.

As the walls of the large gallery were occupied by the Turner pictures, the Sheepshanks Collection had been hung in the corridor of the Museum.

Dr. Colyer (London) had reported that the cast of the Keith Piltdown Skull which he promised to the Museum was now finished.

With the assistance of Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell, he (the Curator) was preparing a Brochure of the Pictures and Objects in the Art Gallery and Museum.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors, and that the Curator be authorised to go to London to receive the cast of the Keith Piltdown Skull.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM AND PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1916 Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, G. Dimmer, E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Appointment of Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery and Museum—Eighty-seven applications were received for the appointment of Librarian and Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum.

Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green and Mann, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and G. Dimmer be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and to select six candidates for the consideration of these Committees.

T REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Thursday, the 16th March, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer and Stewart, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, G. Dimmer, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Appointment of Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery and Museum—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported that they met on Tuesday, the 14th instant—Present: Alderman Margrett (in the chair), Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Mann, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and G. Dimmer—and went through the applications and selected the following candidates for further consideration: —

H. E. Branch, 5, Naunton Park Road, Cheltenham, Journalist (age 55).

J. Cockcroft, Public Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery and Museum, Hereford (age 49).

S. E. Harrison, Librarian, Bingham Library, Cirencester (age 34).
F. Helliwell, Sub-Librarian and Curator, Rochdale Library, Art Gallery and Museum (age 29).
W. Law, Deputy Director, Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum, Brighton (age 41).
J. A. Wroe, Librarian and Curator, Brighthouse Library, Museum and Art Gallery (age 43).

Resolved, That Messrs. H. E. Branch, J. Cockcroft and S. E. Harrison be invited to attend on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at 4 p.m., for interview.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, 22nd March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart, and Wilkins, Messrs. J. T. Agg Gardner, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, G. Dimmer, E. Gridley, W. J. Moore, A. Miles, E. C. Rogers, and H. Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

3—Appointment of Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery and Museum—The following applicants attended the Committee, viz.: Mr. H. E. Branch, Journalist (55 years), Mr. J. Cockcroft, Librarian and Curator of Hereford Library, Art Gallery and Museum (49 years), and Mr. S. E. Harrison, Librarian, Bingham Library, Cirencester (34 years). Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. S. E. Harrison on the terms set out in the advertisement, the appointment to be determinable by three months' Notice on either side.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2—Visitors—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors of the Recreation Grounds and Allotments: — Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Alderman Baker and Councillor Dodwell. Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Deputy Mayor and Alderman Steel. Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Sawyer and Taylor. Grove Street Recreation Ground—Alderman Baker. Folly Lane Allotments—Alderman Baker and Councillor Taylor. Whaddon Lane Allotments—Alderman Steel and Councillor Dodwell.

3—Wellesley Road Improvement—With reference to the offer of Mrs. Winterbotham to give up a piece of land for rounding off the corner of Wellesley Road at its junction with the road leading to Marle Hill Annexe, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of re-erecting the fence and making up the roadway (including the grubbing-up of the tree recently fallen) would be £10. Resolved, That

Mrs. Winterbotham's offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

4—Pittville Gardens—Greenhouse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the circulating boiler under the Pump Room used in connection with the large Greenhouse at Pittville had collapsed, and that he had replaced this with a new boiler at a cost of £g. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4818 to 4824 (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.: Headstone to grave of Alexander Gillespie, Memorial Crosses to graves of Ena Dennis, Frances Dynham, Harold Collett Fisher, Augusta Eliza Ward, Edward Warwick Jelinger Symons, and Atwell Penegrine MacLeod Lake, Monuments to graves of Elizabeth and Mary Bovey, and Mary Elizabeth Deacon, Kerbing to grave of Mary Page Wilkins.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, A. Miles, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £2 12s. 4d. Presentations: Major-General Babbage (1 vol.), Trustees of Mrs. Mary Baker Eady (12 vols.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 14th February to the 11th March, '96 (22 days) was 977 as compared with 1,638 for 271 days last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 6,747 as compared with 12,430.

2--**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillor Green, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge. They recommended—That the annual subscription of £1 1s- to the Library Association be discontinued for this year. The Sub-Committee regret that there are no funds available for the purchase of books

except the Leslie Young Bequest. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be not approved.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1916: Present-- Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk and Wood (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 second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £23,857 9s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £2,250 9s. 10d.

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 25th instant. Amount collected £12,106 11s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £2,887 10s. 11d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £4,344 Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the debentures be endorsed accordingly. He also reported that he had received £200, £150, £100, £53, and £500 on loan. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

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

In hand on the 29th February, 1916		£12,508 9 0
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £3,327)		<u>10,375 14 2</u>
		£22,884 3 2
	Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £288)	£14,817 12 6
	In hand	£8,066 10 8
being General Accounts	£3,478 11 6	
"Sinking Fund Accounts	4,457 14 7	
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>130 4 7</u>	
	£8,066 10 8	

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd April, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 6th and 23rd 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 Meeting of the 13th 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 14th and 27th March last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —That the portion of Minute No. 4 relating to the Closing of Alstone Baths be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

5—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their 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 Meeting of the 23rd March 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 March 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 March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: — That all the words in the Resolution after the word "donor" be omitted.

9—Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees, at their Joint Meetings of the 14th, 16th, and

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10—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

13 Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th March last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly 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.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st May, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 4th April, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Maternity and Child Welfare —Health Visitor—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee the applications (27) received for the post of Health Visitor. Resolved, That Miss M. H. Barker, of Derby (aged 36 years) and Miss T. Montagnon, of 6, Wellington Square, Cheltenham (34), be invited to attend on the 10th instant at 3.30 p.m. for interview.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th April, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -7 Waterloo Street. 16 and 25 Brunswick Street, 4 Hewlett Road, 3 Brandon Place, 52 and 52a St. George's Retreat, 26 St. James' Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Overcrowding at 14 Fairhaven 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.

4—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 15 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 22 Bath Street, 7 Waterloo Street, 16, 47 and 51 Brunswick Street, 28 St. James' Street, 3 Brandon Place, 3 and 4 Wakefield Cottages, 23 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.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1, 2 and 3 Lacey's Cottages, 24 Exmouth Street, Bayardo, Cemetery Road, and The Retreat, Clarence Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

6--Insanitary Property-15 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 22 Bath Street, 7 Waterloo Street, 16 and 47 Brunswick Street, 3 and 4 Wakefield Cottages, Upper Bath Street, 23 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. The Medical Officer of Health reported that a nuisance existed at 35, 53 and 80 Stanhope Street, 71 Queen Street, 41 Russell Street, and 8 Fairhaven Cottages, Fairhaven Street, which seas caused by the drains being stopped up. Resolved, That Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to abate the nuisance, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if necessary.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 17th ultimo the carcase and offal of a bullock, and on the 4th instant the two forequarters of a heifer, were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for human food.

8--Maternity and Child Welfare—Health Visitor—The Committee interviewed Miss Barker, of 697, London Road, Derby, (36 years), and Miss Montagnon, of 6, Wellington Square, Cheltenham (34 years), for the post of Health Visitor. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Miss Montagnon at a salary of £90, rising by £5 per annum to a maximum of £100, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

9---Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend a Conference on Sanitary Administration under War Conditions to be held in London on the 9th and 10th June next. Resolved, That no delegates be appointed

10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farms for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation on the 31st March last. Present: —The Mayor,

Councillors Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). They submitted the following Summary: —

Live Stock	£3,932 12 0
Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Manure, etc.	540 18 6
Acts of Husbandry ..	64 16 6
Implements, Harness, etc.	410 15 7
Shedding, etc.	<u>127 14 6</u>
	£5,076 17 1

The Sub-Committee also met on the 10th instant. Present—The Mayor (in the chair), Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart.

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 10th instant was 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 172 head of cattle (including 19 calves), 143 sheep (including 68 lambs), and 30 pigs, all doing very well. 6 calves and 37 lambs had been bred on the farms. Since the last Meeting 11 head of cattle had been sold for £220 0s. 3d., and so store pigs for £17 12s. 0d. (Total sales, £237 12s. 3d.)

Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 1 ton of sulphate of ammonia for use in connection with the crop of mangolds.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th March to the 20th April, 1916 (both dates inclusive), was as follows: --

Roads Coated—Bennington Street (780 super yds.), Gloucester Road (7,555 super yds.), Malvern Road (4,127 super yds.), Lansdown Crescent (proceeding).

Roads Patched—Clarence Square, Cemetery, Christ Church Road, Evesham Road, Gloucester Road, High Street, Knapp Road, Millbrook Street, Montpellier Parade, Moorend Road, Naunton Park Road, North Place, Portland Street, Prestbury Road, Swindon Road, St. George's Street, Winchcomb Street.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Bath Road 1, King Street 1, Leckhampton Road 1, Promenade 1.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Elm Street 1, Glencairn Park Road 1, Northfield Terrace 1, Park Place 1, Queen's Road, St. Philip's Street 1.

Waterworks Trenches Repaired—Dunalley Street, Gloucester Road, High Street, Priory Terrace, Swindon Road.

Sewer Trenches Repaired--Albert Place, Montpellier Terrace (back of).

Crossings Repaired—Malvern Road. Footpaths Repaired—Pittville. Channels Repaired—Malvern Road.

Sewers and Surface Water Drains Repaired—Sewer by Arle Tank.

Paving Repairs—Gloucester Road, High Street, Lansdown Crescent, Leckhampton Road, Malvern Road, Parabola Road, Regent Street, Winchcomb Street, Windsor Street.

Trees Pruned—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Imperial Square, Promenade, Saxham Villas (back of).

Trees Planted-4 plane, Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground.

Trees Blown Down by Gale—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, 1 hornbeam ; All Saints' Road, 1 lime ; Albert Road, mountain ash, 1 silver birch ; Bayshill Road, 1 elm ; Cross Road by Chalet, 1 elm ; Evesham Road, 1 lime ; Hewlett Road, 1 lime ; Monson Avenue, 1 lime ; Montpellier Gardens, 1 lime ; Montpellier Terrace, 1 elm; Parabola Road, 1 elm Pittville Gardens, 1 elm ; Pittville Lawn, 1 elm ; Prestbury Road, 1 acacia ; The Park, 1 ash ; Tudor Lodge Road, 1 spruce ; Upper High Street, 1 acacia ; Wellington Road, 1 elm ; Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, 4 elms.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,782 lbs.

Ashes Collection and Disposal -- During four weeks ended April 13th, 1916, 823 loads collected, 811 consumed, 12 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,034 tons 12 CMS.

2-street Projections- Read, an application from Mrs. R. Hayward, of 5, Henrietta Street, for permission to place a sign outside her premises projecting three feet and being fifteen feet above the footpath. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Account for the half-year ended the 30th March, 1916: --

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Surplus brought forward from 30th September, 1915	£17 4 5
Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended March 30th, 1916:	
Private Customers ..	£45 19 10
Corporation Departments.	<u>48 0 11</u>
	£94 0 9
Slabs in stock 30th March,	£832 4 1
1916 Kerbs and Channels do.	464 13 0

Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 30th March, 1916.	£ 33 9 9
Deficit ..	<u>129 1 9</u>
	£1,570 13 9

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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.	£37 15 11
Wages and Materials for half-year ended 30th March, 1916. ..	£46 7 10
Rates, Taxes and Insurance for half-year (estimated)	£ 17 0 0
Interest and Sinking Fund for half-year (estimated)	<u>120 0 0</u>
	£1,570 13 9

NOTE. - value of Slabs, etc., for Street Improvements, etc.,
supplied free of charge up to date: - £1,418 13s. 8d.

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4—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers inviting the Council to send delegates to the Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at Blackpool on the 29th and 30th June and 1st July. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

5—**Report of Trees Sub-Committee**—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on Tuesday, the 11th instant. Present—Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

After inspecting the trees in regard to which complaint had been received, they recommended as follows: —

Monson Avenue—That the lime tree damaged in the gale be removed and another tree planted.

Selkirk Parade—That 1 acacia and 1 silver birch opposite Selkirk Parade be removed and another silver birch and lime planted.

Priory Street—That the ailanthus glandulosa opposite No. 5, Priory Street be removed and also 1 silver birch.

Hewlett Road—That the chestnut opposite " Langwith " be removed and also the alternate trees (5) as far as St. Anne's Road.

Upper High Street—That the 2 elms (damaged) in High Street near Keynsham Priors be removed and 2 silver birch planted.

Keynsham Road—That the tree opposite "Aberfoyle" be not removed.

Montpellier Terrace—That the elm tree opposite "Alfriston" be removed and a chestnut planted.

Montpellier--That the tree opposite "Pierreville" be not removed.

Leckhampton Road—That the elm and sycamore trees near "South Court" be removed and 1 lime and 1 plane planted.

Moorend Park Road—That the acacia tree near "Glenthorne" be removed and 1 lime planted.

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

Gloucester Road—That 1 lime and 1 plane trees near the Midland Hotel be removed and 2 similar trees planted. That the elm tree near the Wesleyan Chapel be not removed. That the elm tree opposite Gloucester Crescent Post Office be removed and 1 plane planted. That the elm tree near Millbrook Street be removed and 1 plane planted. Resolved. That the proceedings of the Trees Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6- -Tenders for Trees-The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (2) received for the trees to be removed. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. John Warren of (the highest) be accepted.

7—Telegraph Pole, Grosvenor Place —Read, an application from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to fix a stay in Grosvenor Place temporarily for one month, to support a telegraph pole damaged in the gale. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the position of the stay being approved by the Borough Engineer.

8--Corporation Workmen--Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge. the local organising secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, asking the Committee to receive a deputation of the workmen with reference to the application made by the Society for a war wage of 4s per week. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous resolution, and that the Secretary be informed that the Committee do not think that it is necessary to receive a deputation on the matter.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th April, 1916: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Earengy, Green, 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 31st March, 1916, were as follows

Receipts	£587 9 2	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£1093 11 5
		Loans—Interest and Redemption.	<u>535 9 1</u>
			£1629 0 6

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 67 Medical Baths had been given, and 69 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

2--Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st March, 1916, were as follows: —

Receipts	£390 2 3
Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£607 5 0
Loans—Interest and Redemption.	<u>335 9 11</u>
	£942 14 11

The Committee further considered the question of closing the Alstone Baths during the period of the War. Resolved. That the Baths be not closed.

3—Easter Monday---Band—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Bandstand on Easter Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual charge of £3.

4 —Central Spa—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 1,841, as compared with 1,797 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 127 as compared with 291:

Pillar Stamp Box— The Town Clerk submitted form of Agreement forwarded by the British Stamp and Ticket Automatic Delivery Company, Ltd., for the placing of an Automatic Pillar Stamp Machine at the Town Hall. The Agreement provided that the machine should be maintained in proper working order by the Corporation, who would also be required to purchase from the Company at face value the stamps for the machine, etc. Resolved. That the Company be informed that the Corporation cannot undertake any responsibility in connection with the machine and are not prepared to enter into the Agreement.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th April, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, 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--Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase 200 tons of slack coal, and that the question of providing additional storage be considered at the next Meeting.

3--- Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Electrical Association inviting the Committee to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Business Meetings of the Association to be held in London on the 22nd and 23rd June next.

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend, but that a representative of the Committee be not appointed this year.

4—Railway Wagons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the agreement with the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company for the hire-purchase of the six railway wagons, and also the maintenance agreement, would expire on the 30th instant. The Company were willing to undertake the maintenance of the wagons, which now belonged to the Corporation, for a further term of 7 years at an annual charge of £2 4s. 6d. per wagon, subject to the payment during the continuance of the War and for a period of twelve calendar months thereafter of an additional sum of 55s per wagon per annum. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th April, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Merrett, Taylor 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 10th April, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,590,000 gallons	1,247,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,826,000	1,532,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>165,000</u>	<u>134,000</u>
Total	3,581,000	2,913,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th April, 1916.		10th April, 1915.	
Hewletts		31,274,000 gallons		29,382,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000	31ft. 6in.	97,390,000
Leckhampton	12ft 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u>	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u>
Total Storage		132,962,000		128,393,000

2-Appeals--The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the Rates settled and adjusted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th April, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals— Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 8th instant at Sandfield Garden Allotments in the occupation of Mr. William Perry. 7 pigs had died, and 2 had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. With this exception, and also the premises at Rippledale, Hatherley Road, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from disease amongst animals. Supt. Hopkins also reported that proceedings had been taken against W. Perry for failing to notify the existence of the disease, and that he had been fined

2--Maintenance of Live Stock Order, 1916—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding a copy of the Maintenance of Live Stock Order, 1916. This Order amended the existing Order as follows: — (1) The exemption provided by Article 2 (2) for calves bred from cows of prescribed dairy breeds had been deleted owing to the fact that to a considerable extent the exemption had led to evasion of the Order; (2) The price list of 30s prescribed by Article 2 (3) had been raised to 40s; and (3) Provision had been made for the slaughter of calves in districts where markets were closed owing to foot and mouth restrictions. The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained copies of the leaflet prepared by the Board with reference to the Order, and that these had been distributed amongst the persons concerned.

3—Fire Brigade —Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 10th instant at Thirlestaine Hall, in the occupation of Mr. J. Player. Damage about £4,000. Brigade expenses, £16 2s. 6d. Also on the 12th instant to an outbreak of fire at St. Albans, Manchester Street. Damage, £15. Brigade expenses, £2 2s. 6d.

Report of Sub-Committee--The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 34th instant. Present—Alderman Baker (in the chair), Councillors Green, Merrett and Stewart.

Fire at Thirlestaine Hall—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Player expressing his appreciation of the efficient services rendered by the Brigade in connection with the fire at his house on the 10th instant.

Traders' Association—Read, a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association suggesting that members of the Volunteer Training Corps might be trained to take the place of members of the Brigade who had joined the Army, and also enquiring as to the efficiency of the appliances used by the Brigade and the adequacy of the water pressure. Resolved, That the Association be informed (1) That the Brigade has been kept up to its full strength, and that the Sub-Committee consider that the services of the Volunteer Training Corps can be best utilised in assisting the police when any fire occurs ; (2) That the appliances of the Brigade are efficient and in good working order ; and (3) That the Committee are fully alive to the necessity of an adequate pressure of water being obtained, and that during the last few years a considerable sum has been spent in improving the supply of water in various parts of the town.

Motor Lorry --Resolved, That quotations be obtained from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons and others for providing a small Motor Lorry for conveying the men and equipment to fires.

Resolved, That instructions be given to the Borough Surveyor that the horses generally used for the fire engine are to be only used in the vicinity of the fire station, so that they may be available in the event of a fire, and that the Captain of the Brigade be authorised to obtain a motor conveyance when required. With reference to the Sub-Committee's report, a letter from the Borough Surveyor was read pointing out that there was no work in the immediate vicinity of the Fire Station on which the horses could be employed, but that he had been in communication with Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., who had informed him that they could arrange to provide a motor conveyance for taking the men and appliances to fires. Resolved, That the resolution giving instructions to the Borough Surveyor as to the horses be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration, and that with this exception the report be approved and adopted.

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4 -Cinematograph Act, 1909--Read, applications from Messrs. C. Gillsmith, Poole and Shenton, and Mr. S. C. Field, for permission to give Cinematograph performances at the Hippodrome, Picture Palace, Winter Garden and North Street Picture House respectively, on Good Friday next. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to same conditions as last year.

5- Licences to Store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium--Read, applications from the Halford Cycle Co., of 5, North Street, for permission to increase the quantity of Carbide stored by them from 112 lbs. to 228 lbs., and also from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. for a licence to store 30 gallons of petroleum at their garage at the rear of the Lamb Hotel. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted.

6--Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. H. N. Winterbotham, of 9, Wellington Square, a representative Governor of the Grammar School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. E. T. Wilson.

7—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc., be held at the Central Depot on Friday, the 2nd June, at 9-30 a.m., and that the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council be held at the Central Depot on Friday, the 9th June, at 10-30 a.m.

8—Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act—The Town Clerk submitted draft model scheme for the constitution of a Local Committee for the Borough under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915. The draft scheme, as settled by the Committee, provides that the number of the Committee shall be 29, of whom four shall be women and four representatives of Labour (two to be nominated by the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council); four representatives are to be nominated by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association and two representatives by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society. Resolved, That the scheme be approved and submitted to the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for their approval.

9—National Registration Act, 1915—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that a regulation had been made under the Defence of Realm Acts which provided "that it shall be lawful for any person duly authorised by the Local Registration Authority under the National Registration Act 1915 for any area, or by the Chief Officer of Police for any district, or any Police Constable, to visit any house and require the production of certificates of registration of all male persons living in the house who are, or who ought to have been registered under the National Registration Act, 1915, and to inspect and take copies of the certificates produced to him, and if any such person fails, without reasonable excuse, to produce such a certificate, he shall be guilty of an offence against the regulations.- The Board pointed out that the main object of the regulation was to secure that the National Register should—in regard particularly to men—be kept up to date by the due notification of changes of address and otherwise. They suggested that the Local Registration Authority should employ their own officers on the work as far as it might be possible and that they should invite the assistance of the Police authority.

Resolved, That arrangements be made for complying with the request of the Board.

The Town Clerk reported that since the 15th August, notifications of change of address had been received as follows:

Changes of address from outside to inside the Borough	980
Changes of address front inside to outside the Borough	840
Changes of address within the Borough	800

10—Enemy Aircraft-Superintendent Hopkins reported the arrangements which had been made in the event of an Air Raid. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Town Clerk's Department - Read, an application from Mr. W. T. Long, Chief Assistant in the Town Clerk's Department, for an increase in salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased to £150 per annum.

12-Cheltenham Market—Messrs. F. C. Burroughs, J. Brookes and A. Mitchell (representatives of the Farmers' Union), Messrs. C. C. Castle and J. G. Villar (Representatives of the Auctioneers), Messrs. L. James and W. Jester (Representatives of the Cheltenham Butchers' Association) and Messrs. W. Welstead and E. Whitbread (Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association), attended the Meeting and asked with a view to reviving the use of the Market as a Cattle Market that the Bye-Laws made by the Council prohibiting the driving of Cattle through the principal streets mentioned in the Bye-Laws, except during certain hours, should not be enforced on Market Day (Thursday) except in the case of the Colonnade and Promenade. Resolved, That the matter be further considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th April, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart and Mr. H. Stroud (The Mayor in the chair.)

1---Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 597 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since March 13th. Considerable progress had been made with the compilation of the "Guide to the Museum and Art Gallery." During the recent gale one large sheet of glass of the outer roof and two frosted panes of the inner ceiling had been broken, and he had given instructions to Messrs. Billings and Sons, Ltd., to repair the damage. The thirty Turner water-colours had been removed from the walls, according to the agreement with the National Gallery that they would not be exhibited between the months of April and September.

2---Resignation of Curator—Resolved, That this Committee convey to Mr. Jones their high appreciation of the enthusiastic interest he has taken in the work of the Art Gallery since it was opened in 1899, and also in the establishment and development of the Museum, the work in connection with which Mr. Jones has undertaken without additional remuneration and has rendered devoted service in extending the collection and in the arrangement and classification of the exhibits.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th April, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Dodwell and Taylor (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Trees—Read, letters from Mr. J. H. Boulter with reference to two trees in Albert Road opposite his house and from Colonel Noake with reference to an elm tree near his premises in Wellington Road. Resolved, That the Committee view the trees at their next View Meeting.

2- Allotments—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Small Holders and Allotment Holders' Society, asking the Committee to receive a deputation of allotment holders when they inspect the allotments. Resolved, That the Committee visit the allotments on Wednesday, the 3rd proximo, at 4 P.M.

3--Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, an application from Miss Duncan, of 28, Park Place, for permission for the members of her Bible Class to play cricket at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the ensuing season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 2[.]th April, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the gardener at the Cemetery (C. Cross) had been called up for military service and that he had engaged G. Taylor to temporarily fill his place.

2--Burial Fees—Read, a letter from the Rev. Canon Jennings, forwarding a copy of the following amended resolutions passed at a meeting of the Incumbents, held on the 7th instant, with reference to the Burial Fees: —

1. That each Incumbent be responsible for the funerals from his own Parish, provided that the Clergy be at liberty to officiate if requested by the friends of the deceased at the funerals of those non-resident within their parishes.

2. That the fees be paid to the Incumbent who by the request of the friends is responsible for the funeral.

3. That the Rural Dean be authorised to convey the above resolutions to the Town Clerk, and to ask that they may remain in force till the end of 1916.

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3 - Grass at Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. T. Denley. jun., of Cleeve Hill, was willing to continue the tenancy of the land adjoining the Cemetery for another year and also to take the grass cut at the Cemetery for the same period on the same terms and conditions as in previous years. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

4—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4825 to 4828 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Headstone to grave of Charles Thomas Pyett, Jane Titcombe, Elizabeth Theadortha Berry, Elizabeth and William Thomas Legg, and Henrietta Ann Allen. Kerbing to graves of Stanley Roberts, Thomas and Sarah Brewer.

J. STEWART, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th April, 1916: Present — Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Merrett, and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report---Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £2 15s. 10d. Presentations: Publishers of the University Correspondent (t vol.), Publishers of the British Dominions Year Book (1 vol.), and Mr. L. C. Sewell (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 13th March to the 8th April, 1916, was 784 as compared with 1,129 for the corresponding period last year. The issues from the Lending Library numbered 7,045 as compared with 9,427.

2--Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant. Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillor Green and Merrett, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge. They recommended— (1) That the under-mentioned newspapers, which had for some years been presented by the Publishers free of charge but had now been discontinued, be purchased at a cost of 1d. each per week, viz.: — "Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard." "Evesham Journal." "Malvern News." "Gloucester Journal. (2) That the Library be closed on Bank Holiday, April 22. (3) That a new pair of uniform trousers be provided for the Janitor. gyred. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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3 --Resignation of Librarian—Resolved, That this Committee desire to express their regret at the resignation of Mr.W. Jones as Librarian (a post which he has held since the Library was opened over 32 years ago), and their appreciation of the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties, and wish him every success and happiness in his future career.

4 New Librarian—Read, a letter from Mr. S. E. Harrison stating that he would commence his duties on the 1st June next. Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to apply to the Local Tribunal for a temporary exemption for three weeks for Mr. J. W. Lucas (chief assistant), who has been called up for military service.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1916, at 3.30 p.m.: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of the General District Rate, made on the 11th May, 1915. Amount collected £23,879 5s. 2d. Voids, allowances, etc., £1,994 14s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £254 8s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 25th March, 1915. Amount collected £12,131 17s. 4d. Abatements, voids, etc., £256 7s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £2,598 9s. 8d.

3—Reciprocal Investment—The Borough Accountant reported that the Ilkeston Corporation were willing to lend 46,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the period of loan, length of notice, and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security

offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £6,000 be advanced to the Ilkeston Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that a debenture be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Ilkeston Corporation.

4 —Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That a meeting of this Committee be held this evening at 7 p.m. to consider the estimates for the rates.

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

In hand on the 28th March last	£8066 10 8
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £500)	<u>4960 6 2</u>
	£13,026 16 10
Paid since that date	<u>11,550 0 2</u>
	In hand £1,476 16 8

being Sinking Fund Accounts —In hand	£4,838 18 3
“ "Leslie Young Benefaction" do. do.	<u>141 5 2</u>
	£4,980 3 5
Less General Accounts--Overdrawn	<u>3,503 6 9</u>
	£1,476 16 8

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1916, at 7 p.m.: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

6—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 1st proximo, and if the same are then approved that a meeting of the Council be held on the 10th proximo to make the General District Rate and Order for the Borough Rate accordingly.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st May, 1916, at 3 p.m.
Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH 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 3rd 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—Death of Earl St. Aldwyn and Viscount Quenington, M.P.—Resolved, That this Council desire to record their deep regret at the death of the Right Honorable Earl St. Aldwyn, who was always ready to give his valuable services in aid of any movement for the advancement and benefit of Cheltenham, and whose distinguished career in the service of his country has reflected credit and honour on his native county. The Council also record their deep regret at the death of his son, Viscount Quenington, M.P., killed while gallantly fighting in the service of his country, and desire to offer to Countess St. Aldwyn and other members of the family their warmest sympathy in their bereavement.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 4th and 10th April last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th April last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendments, viz.: —

That Minutes No. 4 (Institution of Municipal and County Engineers) and No. 8 (Corporation Workmen) be referred back for further consideration.

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

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th April last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th 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 18th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

10—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th 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., 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 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.

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 10th May, 1916, at 3 p.m.

Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES (in the chair). THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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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-one Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty 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-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty 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 Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds forthwith, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of June next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Four Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds on or before the first day of November next, Four Thousand 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 Seven Hundred 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.

3—General District Rate-Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of Three Shillings and Twopence in the pound on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following, that is to say, one moiety or half part thereof forthwith, and the other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the Second 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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4—General Purposes and Watch Committee—As there were less than two-thirds of the Council present, it was Resolved that the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meeting on the 28th April last, with reference to the Cattle Market, be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

5—Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915—Resolved, that the following be appointed the Local Committee for the Borough under the Naval and Military War Pensions etc. Act, 1915, viz. :— The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Wilkins and Taylor, the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Chandler (as a representative of Working Women), Miss M. E. Roberts, Mr. E. Bourne (as a representative of Labour), Miss Isaac, Mrs. Sybil Ker, Miss B. Roberts, and Mr. G. Dimmer (the four representatives nominated by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association), Miss Flora C. Ker and Col. J. C. Griffith (the two representatives nominated by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society), and Mr. J. W. Betteridge and Mr. J. A. Pearse (the two representatives nominated by the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council).

Mayor.

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 June, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Steel and Margrett, Councillors Earengy, Green, 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.: -----Burton Brewery Inn, Knapp Road, 2 and 7 Knapp Place, 119 and 121 Tewkesbury Road, 26 Victoria Street, St. Paul's, 33 Hanover Street, 44 Worcester Street, 30 Cleveland 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, 3 and 4 Knapp Place, 46 Worcester Street, 7 Mapledene Cottages—The Medical Officer at 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 Bramhope, Eldorado Crescent, 39 Upper Norwood Street, 401, 402 and 403 High Street, Roseleigh, Marle Hill Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to Open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4--Insanitary Property-1 Grove Street, 11 York Street, 53 Sun Street, Warwick Stables, Warwick Place, 5 and 6 Little's Court, New Street, 26 Victoria Street, St. Paul's, 46 Waterloo Street, 33 Hanover 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- - Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 12th and 26th ultimo of the carcase and offal of 2 pork pigs as unfit for food. (Total weight destroyed, 178 lbs.)

6—Slaughtering on Unlicensed Premises—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th ultimo Mr. J. T. Burrows, who was the owner and occupier of a Registered Slaughterhouse in Upper Bath Street, had infringed the provisions of Section 126 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, by slaughtering sheep on unlicensed premises at Brighton Villa, Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Burrows calling his attention to the offence, and informing him that proceedings will be taken against him for the penalties incurred if the offence is again committed.

7--**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant. Present: — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green. Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). Farms Manager's Report--Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. Since the last Meeting 3 head of cattle had been purchased for £46. 1 cart colt foal and 2 calves had been bred on the farms. 37 head of cattle (including 13 calves), had been sold for £661 11s. 6d., 22 store pigs for, £38 10s. 0d., and 1 black cart mare for £55 2s 0d. (Total sales, £755 3s. 6d.) The number of cattle on the Farms on the 8th instant was 16 horses (not including 3 at Depot), 128 head of cattle (including 7 calves), 143 sheep (including 68 lambs), and 8 pigs, all doing very well. The Farms Manager suggested that a hay loader for haymaking should be purchased at an estimated cost of 425. Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chairman be authorised to purchase a hay loader if, after a trial, they consider that it is suitable for use on the farms.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th May, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Pavement Lights—Read, an application from Messrs. Chatters and Smithson for permission to bring forward about 6 inches the existing pavement light opposite Messrs. Drake's premises in Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into. Read, an application from the Capital and Counties Bank for permission to place a coal plate in the footpath in High Street opposite their premises, and also a coal plate and pavement light in Rodney Road. Resolved, That a coal plate and pavement light be allowed to be placed in Rodney Road subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into, but that permission be not granted to place a coal plate in High Street.

2-Corporation Workmen—A deputation from the Workmen, with Mr. J. W. Betteridge (local Organising Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers), attended before the Committee in support of their application for a War Wage of 4s per week. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

3—Advertisements Regulation Act—Mr. S. Shenton attended the Meeting with reference to the hoarding in London Road near the Beaufort Arms, and asked to be allowed to re-erect the hoarding in the position shown on the plan submitted. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the hoarding not exceeding 12 feet in height and not projecting beyond the main wall of the adjoining house.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th May, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Merrett (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways — The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from April list to May 25th, 1916. Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ending May 18th, 976 loads collected, 955 consumed, 21 tipped. Weight consumed, 1,061 tons 11 cwt.

5—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 29th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

6—Street Projections Read, an application from Messrs. Sharpe and Fisher for permission to place a sign outside No. 9, Pittville Street projecting 3 feet and being 15 feet above the footpath. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted the Tenders (5) received for the supply of Coal for the year ending the 30th June, 1917. Resolved, That the following Tenders be accepted subject to formal contracts being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk: —

C. Cooke for Cannop Rough Slack Coal—Alstone Baths (21s 3d), Montpellier Baths (22s), Sandford Pumping Station (22s)

Critchley and Keen for Birch Coppice Slack Coal—Pittville Greenhouses (12s 6d)

A. G. Stockwell for Kingsbury House Coal at 29s 9d per ton—Alstone Baths, central Depot, Destructor, Fire Station, Municipal Offices, Montpellier Baths, Pittville Pump Rooms, Sandford Pumping Station, Library, Sewage Farms; Cemetery (30s 9d), Dowdeswell Reservoir (32s 9d), Abattoir, Whateley Nuts (29s).

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8- Steam from Destructor -The Chairman submitted the Report of the Sub-Committee with reference to the Steam from the Destructor. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee for consideration.

9—Telegraph Poles--Grosvenor Place—Read, a letter from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs. asking for per. mission for the temporary stay placed in Grosvenor Place to support a telegraph pole damaged in the recent gale to remain for another month. Resolved, That the

application be acceded to. Rosehill Street—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to place an overhead line in Rosehill Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging six feet high being placed round the pole.

10—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—The application from the Secretary of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers inviting the Council to send delegates to the Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at Blackpool on the 30th and 31st June and 1st July, was further considered, together with a report from the Borough Engineer. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous resolution that the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

11—Corporation Workmen-- Resolved. That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday (to-morrow) at 2-30 p.m. to consider the application of the Workmen for a war wage of 4s per week.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Merrett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

12-Corporation Workmen—The Committee further considered the application of the Workmen for a War Wage. Resolved. That the Council be recommended that a War Bonus of 1s a week be granted to the stokers of the Destructor, and of 2s a week to the following employees—Ashmen, Horse Drivers, Horse Keepers, Labourers, Steam Roller Brushmen, Sweepers, Foremen, Wheelwright, Labourers and Horse Drivers at Destructor, Constable, Lodge Keeper and Gardeners at Pittville, Gardeners at Montpellier Gardens, Promenade Garden and Naunton Park, Superintendent of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Water Works men and Inspectors, Foreman and Men at Dowdeswell Reservoir, Foreman at Hewletts Reservoir, Clerks in Stores Department and at Destructor, and that the hour for commencement of work be altered to 6.30 a.m. (instead of 7 a.m.), but that an interval of half an hour be allowed for breakfast. (The total number of men to be increased by 2s is about 187 and 7 at 1s).

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th May, 1916: Present The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1 -New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
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1351 Mrs. Gooding Additions to 22, Winchcomb Street.

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 Monday, the 9th May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillor Merrett (the Deputy Mayor 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
1352	Major-General Willoughby	Temporary Motor House, Gabari, Parabola Road.
1353	The Hon. Mrs. Portman	New Bay Window, Heath Lodge, Pittville Circus.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1352 be disapproved and that Plan No. 1353 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th May, 1916: Present—The Moyer, Councillors Green, Haddock, 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 during April were as follows:—

Receipts <u>£40 18 11</u>	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£60 15 11
£40 18 11	Loans—Interest and Redemption	£44 18 4
		£105 14 3

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 127 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, and also 44 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

Resolved. That a special entry giving the telephone number and address of the Baths be inserted in the official Telephone Directory at a charge of £1 1s

Swimming Bath—Read, a letter from Miss Barnard, on behalf of the Girls' Swimming Club, asking for the use of the Swimming Bath on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the reduced charge of 4d. as last year. Resolved. That the application be acceded to.

The Superintendent reported that the number of bathers, &c., at the Baths during last Season was 18,035 as compared with 18,901 during the previous Season.

Towels- Borough Surveyor submitted the Tenders (4) received for supplying 250 Towels. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Lance and Co., at 1s 8¹/₂d each, be accepted.

2-Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths during April were as follows: —

Receipts £29 7 10	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.) £43 15 11
	Loans—Interest and Redemption <u>28 5 0</u>
	£72 0 11

Swimming, &'c., Baths—The Superintendent reported that the number of bathers, &c., at the Alstone Baths during the year ended the 31st March last was 46,537 (including 10,001 Elementary school children) as compared with 50,064 during the previous Season.

3—Superintendents of Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Superintendents of the Montpellier and Alstone Baths had been called up for military service. Resolved, That he be instructed to apply to the Tribunal for a temporary exemption to give time to obtain substitutes.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens be closed each day at sunset instead of one hour after sunset as at present. Tennis Courts—Resolved, That invalided soldiers be allowed to use one of the Tennis Courts at Montpellier free of charge. Keys--Read, applications from Mrs. Dower and Miss Hall for keys for the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to.

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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 3,329, as compared with, 2,970 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 187 as compared with 379.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th May, 1916—Present: Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock is the chair).

6-Winter Garden—Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Field and Mr. A. E. Scott, of The Hawthorns, St. Mark's, attended the meeting. Mr. A. S. F. Pruen, Solicitor for Mr. Field and Mr. Scott, and Mr. H. Jessop, Solicitor for Mrs. Field, also attended.

Mr. Pruen stated that Mr. Field had joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, and asked the Corporation to accept a surrender of the lease of the Winter Garden, and to release him from the hire purchase agreement for the furniture and fittings, and to grant a new lease to Mr. A. E. Scott and Mrs. Field.

Resolved. That the Council be recommended to accept a surrender of the lease and to release Mr. Field from the hire purchase agreement.

Resolved, also, That (subject to Mrs. Field entering into a covenant to pay by monthly instalments within five years the arrears due from Mr. Field for rent, etc.) a lease of the building, including the furniture and fittings, for a term of five years be granted to Mr. Scott and Mrs. Field at a rent of £550 (reducible to £450 on punctual payment), the rent to be payable by weekly instalments The lease to contain similar covenants and conditions as in the present lease and also a provision enabling the lessees to terminate the lease on any of the usual quarter days on three months' notice, and also by a week's notice in the event of a License for Music being refused.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th May, 1916: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Coal—The Committee considered the question of the coal supply for the Electricity Works for the ensuing year. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the further enquiries suggested by him. Read, a letter from the Board of Trade, stating that in view of the difficulties which had been experienced for some time in securing adequate supplies of coal for manufacturers of munitions and other consumers of national importance owing to the decline in the output of coal from the mines and the increase in the demand for war purposes, it had become necessary that special steps should be taken to maintain, and if possible to increase, the exportable surplus of coal, and that for this purpose everything possible should be done to encourage economy in the use of fuel. The question had been further considered by the Central Coal and Coke Supplies Committees, who recommended that a general policy of economy in lighting should be adopted, and that Gas and Electric Lighting undertakings should be asked to reduce their consumption by a definite amount, and the Board requested that the owners of such undertakings should notify to their consumers that the Government desired to see the consumption of coal for lighting purposes reduced by so per cent.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

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—Coal—Resolved, That a contract be entered into with the Park Colliery Co., Ltd., for the supply of 50 tons of Norchard Rough Slack Steam Coal per week for twelve months from the 1st July next at 18s 3d per ton, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for the delivery of a further quantity of 20 to 30 tons weekly.

4—Meters—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the offer of the Electrical Apparatus Co., Ltd., to continue the present contract for meters for another year at an increased price, varying according to the size from 1s 6d to 2s 6d per meter, be accepted.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th May, 1916: Present—Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 May, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	1,210,000 gallons	1,007,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,624,000	1,418,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>145,000</u>	<u>116,000</u>
Total	2,974,000	2,561,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th May, 1916.		15th May, 1915.	
Hewletts		29,252,000 gallons		23,200,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000	31ft. 6in.	89,612,000
Leckhampton	12ft 6in.	<u>1,621,000</u>	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u>
Total Storage		130,873,000		114,298,000

2—Dowdeswell Reservoir. —The Borough Engineer reported there had been a landslip at Dowdeswell Reservoir, and he feared that a further movement of the ground might take place. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the same at their next Meeting, to be held at Dowdeswell on the 15th proximo.

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 23rd May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 22nd instant at Sandfield Road Allotments in the occupation of Mr. Ernest White. With this exception, and also the premises of Mr. Ride in Hatherley Road, the Borough was free from contagious disease.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, a letter from the Executor of the late Mr. Jesse Arter applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences No. 108 and 113 to Mr. William Arter, son of the deceased. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 1st instant at a Motor House at the Light Railway Depot, St. Mark's. Damage about £400. Brigade expenses, £4 19s. 6d. He also reported that several members of the Brigade had been called up for military service, and that he had made arrangements for filling the vacancies.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday, the 22nd instant. Present—Alderman Baker (in the chair), Councillors Green and Stewart.

Fire at Thirlestaine Hall—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Player had, in recognition of the services rendered by the Brigade in connection with the fire at his house, sent a cheque for £11 15s to be divided amongst the members of the Brigade.

Old Manual—The Captain of the Brigade reported that about 18 lbs. of gun metal had been removed from the Old Manual at the Central Depot, and that the matter had been placed in the hands of the police.

Motor Lorry—The question of providing a Motor Lorry for taking the appliances and men to fires was considered by the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for further enquiries to be made by the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton for renewal of their Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Victoria Rooms, High Street. Resolved, That the licence be renewed for one year as from 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 Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year as from the 7th proximo.

6—Postal Deliveries—Read, a letter from the Postmaster stating that as from the 22nd instant there would be only two deliveries of letters in the town, at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., and that no Post Offices would be open to the public before 9 a.m. or remain open after 7 p.m. The Montpellier Post Office would also be closed from 1-30 to 3 p.m. Telegrams would be accepted at the back door of the Head Office between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., and also at sender's risk between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

7—Shops Act, 1902-- Ironmongers' Shops—Read, a memorial from the proprietors of 12 out of 14 ironmongers' shops arcing that an Order should be made requiring all ironmongers' shops to be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m., on Saturdays at 9 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., provided that the fourteen days preceding the 25th December and the day preceding any national holiday should be exempted from the provisions of the Order. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to see the proprietors of the two shops who refuse to close at the hours proposed to try and induce them to arrange to agree to close voluntarily at the hours suggested, and so save the cost of making a compulsory Order.

Resolved, also, That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for making an Order, failing a voluntary agreement, a register of shops be prepared and that Notices be given of intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed by the Home Office.

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8—Entertainments Tax—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a letter from the Board of Customs and Excise, together with a print of the Finance (New Duties) Act, 1916, which provided for the payment of an Excise duty on payments for admission to any entertainments as defined by the Act, and asking for the co-operation of the Council in making a list of the places of entertainments and the distribution of leaflets. The Town Clerk reported that a list had been prepared and forwarded to the Board and that the leaflets had been distributed.

9—Natal and Military War Pensions, &c., Act—Resolved, That Miss Foster, of St. Hilda, Western Road, be appointed a member of the Local Committee for the Borough.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Merrett (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

10—Cattle Market—The Committee further considered the request made by the Farmers' Union, Butchers' Association, Cheltenham Auctioneers, and the Traders' Association, that the Bye-Law prohibiting the driving of cattle through the streets specified in the Bye-Laws made by the Council in 1888 should be modified, and letters were read from Mr. C. C. Castle and the Cheltenham Butchers' Association. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the undermentioned Bye-Laws and that application be made to the Secretary of State for allowance of the same: -

1. No person shall drive any cattle, sheep, lambs or swine through the following streets in the Borough, namely : The Colonnade and Promenade (from the High Street to the Montpellier Rotunda) and Winchcomb Street (from Albion Street to the High Street), and the High Street (from Hewlett Street to St. George's Street) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., during the months from March to September, both inclusive, and between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the months from October to February, both inclusive.

2. From and after the date of confirmation of these Bye-Laws, number 10 of the Bye-Laws made by the Council under Section 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, on the 7th day of May, 1888, shall be repealed.

Resolved, also, That, pending the new Bye-Laws coming into force, the operation of Bye-Law 10 so far as regards the portion of High Street from St. George's Street to Townsend Street be suspended, and that the Police be instructed to act accordingly.

11—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, an application from Mr. T. H. Poynton for the transfer of the Cinematograph Licence granted in respect of the North Street Picture House from Mr. S. C. Field to himself Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th May, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillor Green, Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The report showed that there had been 790 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since April 20th last. M

r. Harrison attended and stated that he had attended with the Chairman at the Art Gallery and Museum on April 20th and checked the pictures and objects with the accessions and loans book, and had given a receipt to Mr. Jones to that effect.

The model of the Piltdown Skull found near Lewes, presented by Dr. Colyer, had been received and had been placed on exhibition in a temporary case in the Museum.

Resolved, That a copy of the Museum Catalogue, when completed, be kept in the strong room at the Municipal Offices.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 3rd May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen

Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Trees—After inspection, the Committee decided as follows: —

Albert Road—Resolved, That the two elm trees in Albert Road near Brockworth Lodge be removed in the autumn. That the silver birch and a tree near No. 2, Albert Road, both damaged by the gale, be removed. Wellington Road--Resolved, That the five elm trees in Wellington Road, near Cleveland House, be again inspected by the Committee in the autumn.

2—Whaddon Lane Allotments—The Committee inspected the Whaddon Lane Allotments.

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3—Folly Lane Allotments—Messrs. J. Davis, M. H. Delaney, E. Morris and T. Taylor (representatives of the Cheltenham Small Holders' and Allotment Holders' Society) attended the Meeting and asked (1) That the Corporation water supply should be laid on to the Allotments, (2) That the roads should be repaired, (3) That the ditch should be cleaned out, (4) That boundary stones should be provided so as to avoid encroachment on the roads, (5) That the entrance gates from Folly Lane should be repaired and keys provided for allotment holders, and (6) That the approach to Wyman's Brook should be improved. Resolved, That the requests be considered at the next Meeting of the Committee.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground— Read, an application from Mr. R. J. Winterbotham, platoon commander, of the Cheltenham Volunteer Training Corps, for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on two nights each week and on Sunday afternoons for drilling purposes. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th May, 1916: Present—Alderman Baker and Councillor Sawyer. As there was no quorum no business could be transacted.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th May, 1916: Present — Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Plants—Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to obtain the usual quantity of plants from Pittville for the Cemetery.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4829 to 4840 (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, vii.: Monumental Crosses to graves of Christina Hennah, William Henry Pitt and George Lawrence; Monuments to graves of Jane Sarah

Maltby, Ethel Joan Lloyd and Catherine Noake; Kerbing to graves of William Thick and Winifred Musgrove.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th May, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Mann and Merrett, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Mr. S. E. Harrison attended and submitted the following Report: —The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 10th April to the 13th May, 1916, was 950 as compared with 1,208 for the corresponding period last year.

The issues from the Lending Library numbered 7,456 as compared with 11,318.

Presentations: Lady Lee (1 vol.), the Publishers of Stubbs' Directory of Manufacturers (1 vol.), Medical Officer of Health (Annual Report).

Receipts: £3 7s. 3d.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th instant. Present—Alderman Steel in the chair), Councillor Green and Messrs. J. R. Claridge and F. J. Caudle. The Librarian reported that a Memorial Tablet had been presented by the Executors of the late Councillor R. Ede Marshall recording the valuable gift of books bequeathed in 1908. The Tablet was of engraved brass with a centre panel of his bookplate in silver surrounded by an excellent portrait in enamels and with an inscription. Resolved, That the donors be thanked for the gift, and that the Chairman and Librarian be authorised, after consultation with the relatives, to decide the position for the Tablet.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th May, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Haddock and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £2,953 7s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £20,761. 15s 7d.

2--Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £2,205 15s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £10,467 16s. 11d

3--Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £20,720 Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Local Government Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, Which contained (inter alia), provisions authorising payments to Officers of Local Authorities in Naval or Military Service; (2) Provisions as to the Notification of Infectious) Diseases, including a reduction of the fee payable to Medical Practitioners from 2s 6d to 1s for each case notified; (3) Provisions as to the Audit of Accounts ; (4) an amendment of the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, as to men Casual Vacancies ; and (5) power to enable Local Authorities to make arrangements for the Storage of Furniture of men on Active Service.

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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 25th April last	£1476 16 8
Received since that date	<u>8689 17 3</u>
	£10,166 13 11
Paid since that date	<u>8,262 1 8</u>
In hand	£1,904 12 3
being Sinking Fund Accounts	£4,838 18 3
"Leslie Young Benefaction" do.	<u>141 5 2</u>
In hand	£4,980 3 5
less General Accounts—Overdrawn	<u>3,075 11 2</u>
	£1,904 12 3

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th June, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES

Councillors FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN
PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK
THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH PETER PHILIP TAYLOR WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apology—An Apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Stewart.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 1st and 10th 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—Sir James Tynte Agg-Gardner, M.P. —Resolved unanimously, That this Council desire to record their satisfaction at the honour conferred on the Borough Member by H.M. The King of a Knighthood and tender to Sir James Tynte Agg-Gardner, who has represented the Borough in Parliament for 22 years, their hearty congratulations with the expression of a sincere hope that he may be endowed with good health to continue for many years to come his valuable services for the welfare of the Town.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 8th May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th, 29th and 30th May last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 26th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —That Minute No. 6 (Winter Garden) be referred back for further consideration.

6—Band in Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the application from Mr. A. W. Newton for permission to give a Band Concert in the Montpellier Gardens, on Whit-Sunday Evening at 8 o'clock, be acceded to, and that the Gardens be closed to the Public at 6 p.m.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 25th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 23rd and 31st last, 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 10th May last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 3rd May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th May last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

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 9th June, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES (in the chair). THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN

Councillors: RICHARD DAVIES ROBERT STEEL PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM SAWYER PETER PHILIP TAYLOR

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1—Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages and Drivers—The Council granted the renewal of

29 One-Horse Fly Licences at	5s	£7 5 0
16-Taxi Cab, “ “	5s	4 0 0
7-Pony Carriage “ “	3s 6d	1 4 6
15-Wheelchair “ “	3s 6d	2 12 6
3-Omnibus Conductors “	1s	3 0
2-Motor Omnibus, “	5s	10 0
55 Drivers “	1s	<u>2 15 0</u>
		£19 10 0

2—Motor Cab Licences—Read an application from the Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co. for a Motor Cab Licence, and stating that they were willing to give up existing Horse Carriage Licences No. 89 and

109 on the understanding that when another Licence was given up, an additional Motor Cab Licence would be granted, making two Motor Cab Licences to be issued for three Horse Carriage Licences given up. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd July, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green 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.: -13 Cleveland Street, 1 Nailsworth Terrace, 22 Park Place, 41 Russell Street, 18 Grosvenor Street, Home Cottage, Cemetery Road, 73 Tewkesbury Road, Horse and Groom Inn, St. James Street, Bakers' Arms, High Street, London Ale and Porter Stores, High Street. Tivoli Stores, Tivoli Street, Suffolk Arms, Suffolk Road, Turk's Head, Fairview Road, Upnor, Pittville Lawn, 425 and 425a 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--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1, 8, 10 & 20 Chapel Street, and 5, 6, 10 & 13 Nailsworth Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3---Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Saltford House, Hewlett Street, Mitre Inn, Sandford Street, Railway Inn, Norwood Road, Queen's Head, Tewkesbury Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4---Insanitary Property-4 Casino Place, 226 High Street, North Street Picture House, 8 and 9 Chapel Street, Steam Brewery Vaults, Sherborne Place, Bayshill Inn, St. George's Place, Turk's Head, Fairview Road, and The Arcade, 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.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—1 to 5 York Cottages, and 7 and 9 York Street—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. E. A. C. Fisher, Solicitor, attended on behalf of the owner. 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 be 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.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: — On the 9th ultimo, the carcase and offal of a pork pig; on the 12th ultimo, the carcase and offal of a pork pig and 13 boxes of unsound tripe; on the 18th ultimo, the carcase and offal of a sheep and the carcase and offal of a bacon pig. (Total weight destroyed, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.)

7—Staff in Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Messrs. C. Clifford (Assistant Inspector of Nuisances) and H. Davey (Temporary Clerk) had been called up for Military Service. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to engage a temporary female clerk at 20s a week.

8— Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations. 1916—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, forwarding a copy of an Order made by the Board amending the Regulations so as to require Medical Officers of Health to furnish to the Army Council particulars of all males between the ages of 18 and 45 who had been notified since the 1st February, 1913, as suffering from tuberculosis, The object of the Order was to assist the Army Council in securing that men suffering from tuberculosis were not enlisted into the Army, and the operation of the Order was limited to the duration of the war. Resolved, That the Order be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

9—Sewage Disposal—Fiddlers' Green Farm—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the Trustees of the late C. Winstone to provide a free supply of water (not exceeding 24,000 gallons per annum) to the cattle sheds at Fiddlers' Green Farm, so long as sewage sludge is disposed of on the land adjoining, which naturally drains towards the farm.

10-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday, the 19th instant. Present: ---The Mayor (in the chair), Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Wood. Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 19th instant was 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 182 head of cattle (including 10 calves), 155 sheep (including 81 lambs), and 8 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting, 53 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been purchased for £1,082 2s. 2d. 16 calves and 12 lambs had been bred on the farms. 21 head of cattle (including calves) had been sold for £300 15s. 4d., 1 ewe and 1 lamb for £6 9s 6d., and 1 sow for £15 9s. 11d. (Total sales £322 14s. 9d.) Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to purchase a second-hand set of trap harness for Barn

Farm for £4, and that a War Bonus of per week be granted to the employees at the Farms. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That a Meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee be held on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 3 p.m., to check the Stock, &c., at the Central Depot.

2— Corporation Workmen--The Borough Surveyor submitted a copy of the notice, as to the alteration of the workmen's hours, to be put up at the Central Depot, &c. Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th June, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

3 -- Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways — The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from May 26th to June 22nd, 1916. Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ending June 15th, 763 loads collected, 743 consumed, 20 tipped. Weight consumed, 733 tons 11½ cwt.

4—**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.

5 Pavement Lights—Read, a letter from Messrs. Chatters and Smithson, Architects, stating that Messrs. Drake & Co. had decided not to have the pavement light, for which permission had been given. placed outside No. 84, Winchcomb Street.

6-**Report of Stores Sub-Committee**—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they had held two Meetings at the Depot on the 15th and 19th instant: Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Alderman Baker and Councillor Wilkins—and examined the Stock and Stores and checked the same with the Summary in the Stores Book. They recommended that a quantity of Iron, Steel, Bolts and Nails which were not likely to be required and which had been in stock for many years should be sold and that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to obtain tenders for the same, and also for any other material which in his opinion was not likely to be needed. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1532	Major-General Willoughby	Temporary Motor House, Gabari, Parabola Road (Amended Plan),

Resolved, That the same be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking to remove the building on three months' notice being given.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th June, 1916—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Merrett and Silk (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Messrs. Earengy and Pruen withdrawing Mr. Scott's offer to take a lease jointly with Mrs. Field in view of the offer made to form a Company to take a lease of the premises for a Picture House, and apply the profits therefrom for the benefit of the town. Read, a letter signed by Messrs. F. Norman, E. Baring, W. H. Hall, H. Miller, W. S. F. Harris and J. P. Pates, offering to form a Company to take a lease at a rental of £550 (reducible to £450 on punctual payment) and containing similar covenants and conditions to the present lease and providing that all profits accruing should be applied for the welfare of the town. Messrs. E. Baring, H. Miller and F. Norman attended in support of this proposal. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to an agreement with Messrs. Baring, Miller and F. Norman undertaking to form a Company with a capital of £1,000 (of which £500 shall be issued and paid up in cash) to take a lease of the Winter Garden, including the furniture and fittings therein and the lawn lying between the North Transept and the Promenade, at a rent of £550 per annum (reducible to £450 on punctual payment) for a term of 12 years, subject to the covenants and conditions contained in the draft lease annexed to the agreement.

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The draft lease provides for payment of the rent by quarterly instalments in advance, and contains similar covenants and conditions to those contained in the existing lease ; also a covenant to keep the lawn in good order as an ornamental grass lawn provided that the Lessees may use the same for

a tea garden with an orchestra playing in connection there-with, but the same is not to be fenced in or any erection placed thereon without the consent of the Corporation, and no orchestra or band is to play except between 3-45 p.m. and 6 p.m. without the like consent ; also a covenant to apply all profits, after payment of a dividend at the rate of £7¹/₂ per cent. on the paid up capital, for the improvement of the premises and the development of the business carried on therein, or for the development of the Cheltenham Spa or otherwise for the benefit of the town, and for the purpose of ascertaining the net profits no deduction is to be made for Directors' fees. The draft lease also contains power for the Lessees to determine the tenancy on any quarter day by 3 months' notice and also by a week's notice in the event of a License for Music being refused, and contains an option to the Lessees to renew the lease for a further term of so years if the Lessees had spent a capital sum of not less than £3,000 on the permanent improvement of the premises or were willing to undertake to spend such sum during the further term.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for obtaining possession of the premises and furniture from the present Lessee.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

2 — Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths during April and May were as follows: —

Receipts	<u>£127 1 8</u>	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£148 16 7
	£127 1 8	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>89 16 8</u>
			£238 13 3

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 111 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, and also 11 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

Boiler—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a satisfactory report from the Insurance Co. of the boiler agreed to be purchased from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., and that this was now being installed at the Baths.

Coal—The Borough Surveyor reported the arrangements proposed to be made at both the Montpellier and Alstone Baths with a view to reducing the consumption of coal. Resolved, That the same be approved.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths during April and May were as follows: —

Receipts £101 0 6	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£84 11 4
	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£56 10 0</u>
		£141 1 4

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4—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 2,791, as compared with 2,940 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 275 as compared with 453.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Read, Memorials from the Rector and other clergy, and also from the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council, making a protest against the Montpellier Gardens being allowed to be used for an orchestral concert on a Sunday evening.

6—Winter Garden Grounds—Read, a letter from the Traders' Association suggesting that an entrance should be made to the Winter Garden Grounds near the Queen's Hotel. Resolved, That, having regard to the expense which would be entailed in making such an entrance, the proposal be not entertained.

P. HADDOCK, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th June, 1916 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, 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—Steam Flow Recorder—On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of increasing the supply of steam from the Destructor. Resolved, That a steam flow recorder be purchased at a cost of £40.

3—Employees—Resolved, That a War Bonus be granted to the employees of the Electricity Department as follows: —Engine Drivers (4), Stokers (4), Fitters (2), Switch-Board Attendants (2), Meter Inspector (r), Sub-Station Attendant (1), Clerk (l), 1s per week. Stokers (2), Labourer (1), Storekeeper (1), Lamp Trimmers (3), 2s per week.

4—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Limited, were extending their Works, and that he had been in communication with them with reference to a supply of electric energy. The cost of the extension of main would be from £400 to £500. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to the necessary wayleaves being obtained and subject to Messrs. Martyn & Co., Ltd., entering into an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk to take a supply of energy for a period of three years, and that the quantity of current taken during that period shall be sufficient to cover the cost of making the extension.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy-Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Dowdeswell Reservoir. --The Committee met at the Dowdeswell Reservoir, and inspected the land-slide. Resolved, that consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that in the meantime the attention of the Owners of the Dowdeswell Estate be called to the movement of the ground on their property.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 19th June, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	262,000 gallons	224,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	471,000	491,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>91,000</u>	<u>84,000</u>
Total	824,000	799,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	19th June, 1916.		19th June, 1915.	
Hewletts		26,309,000 gallons		14,763,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 6in.	87,099,000	27ft. 0in.	74,901,000
Leckhampton	<u>empty</u>		11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u>
Total Storage		113,408,000		91,150,000

3 —Red Cross Hospitals—The Borough Engineer reported that the value of the water supplied free of charge to the Gloucester Road Schools, Naunton Park Schools, Race-course, Suffolk Hall, New Court, The Abbots, St. Martin's Hospital, and Linden Lawn (Red Cross Hospitals), to the end of June was about £234. Resolved, That the supply be continued.

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 at the Central Depot, on Friday, the 2nd June, 1916:

Present— The Mayor, Aldermen: Baker and Steel, Councillors Green and Merrett (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, an application from Mr. H. Morgan of Princes Mews, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence, No. 77, from a Landau to an open Carriage. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Read, a letter from the Supt. Remount Depot, Gloucester, stating that George Hawkins, who was the holder of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 52, was engaged at the Remount Depot for the duration of the War and asking that his Licence should be renewed. Resolved, That the Licence be renewed subject to the carriage being submitted for the inspection of Supt. Hopkins before it is again used.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises in Hatherley Road, in the occupation of Mr. W. Ride, which was still under quarantine, 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 3rd instant, at No. 186, High Street, in the occupation of Mr. Jelfs. Damage about £50. Brigade expenses £3 5s. 6d.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant: Present—Councillors Green and Merrett (Councillor Green in the chair)

Motor Lorry—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotations received for providing a Motor Lorry for conveying the firemen and appliances to fires. Resolved, That the Captain of the Brigade be authorised to arrange for the motor offered by Messrs. T. V. West & Co. for £75, to be submitted for the inspection of the Sub-Committee, and subject to the same Proving satisfactory, the Sub-Committee recommend the purchase of the same. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4--Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, application from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., for Licences to drive Motor Cabs for the following, viz.: —William B. Aston, 9, Malvern Street (age 18); Jack Birt, Tenby Cottages, Moorend Crescent (34); Jesse Birt, 22, Upper Norwood Street (38) ; Noel John Evans, 12, Christ Church Terrace (28) ; Jr; E. Greenslade, 7a, High Street (39) ; Charles Hitchman, 5, Cotswold View, Marsh Lane (43) ; Frank Jakeway, 1 Devonshire Street (47) ; A. S. G. King, Railway Bank, Granley Road (38) ; Chas. Palmer, Coney Gree Lodge (32); Ralph H. Tartaglia, 28 and 29, Stanhope Street (20) ; H. Voice, 1, Linden Terrace, Cleaveland Street (25); Wheatcroft, 24, Upper Norwood Street (31) ; W. Waldron, 14, Hatherley Street (43) ; Geo. Palmer,

Brixton Place, Charlton Kings (33) ; John Stanley Swancutt, Clun House, Carlton Street (24) ; Thos. Rees, 23, York Street, Pittville 6(24) ; Albert William George Brooker, 17, Hermitage Street (19) ; Archie O'Brien, Croft Street (23) Frederick H. Green 3, Hill View villas (26) ; and John Collett, 34, Fairview Road (58). Resolved, That Licences be granted.

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5—Game Licences—Read, application from Messrs. Olive & Olive, C. Barnett & Sons, W. Wilks, W. Hall & Sons, Ltd., H. F. Barnett, J. Maxwell, E. Powell, and Miss M. F. Woodard for the renewal of their Game Licences for one year from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

6—National Registration Act, 1915—Supr. Hopkins reported that a large number of houses in the town had been visited and the Registration Certificates of all male persons who ought to have been registered examined. With the exception of two men who had been discharged from the Army and who had since been registered, the Certificates were produced and found to be in order.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th June, 1916: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillor Green (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 744 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 8th ultimo.

The Art Gallery and Museum were closed on the 13th instant for the Annual Cleaning and would be re-opened on the 26th instant.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday-, the 21st June, 1916: Present The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell and Taylor (Alderman linker in the chair),

1-Pittville Gardens—Read, a letter from Mr. R. E. Steel asking that the delegates attending the Ancient Order of Foresters meeting in August next., should he granted free admission to the Pittville Gardens, and also applying for the use of the Gardens and Pump Room for a Garden Party on the 9th of August next. Resolved, That the delegates be granted free admission to the Gardens on Production of their Membership Badge or Ticket and that the use of the Gardens be granted for the Garden Party.

Read, a letter from the Education Committee forwarding a letter from the Correspondent of St. Luke's School asking that Scholars on the double shift system in charge of a teacher should be granted free admission to the Pittville Gardens for instruction in Botany. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, on the understanding that the scholars will on all occasions be in charge of a teacher, subject to the right of withdrawing this permission if any damage is done.

2—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Motor for driving the Pumps at the Promenade Fountain had been damaged owing to the fuse failing to act and that this had now been repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the periodical inspection of the Motor by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

3—Folly Lane Allotments—The Committee considered the requests made by the deputation of the Allotment holders at the last meeting. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the following works:—(a) To repair where necessary the roads with clinker, (b) to have the ditch near the Folly Lane entrance gates cleaned out, (c) to have boundary stones placed where necessary to define the roads, (d) to have the entrance gates repaired and a bolt fitted, (e) to improve the approach to the Wyman's Brook, and (f) to lay about 200 yards of pipes to prevent the flooding of the allotments occupied by Messrs. Milieu, Dance and Warren. Resolved also, That having regard to the large expenditure which would be entailed in laying on a supply of Corporation water to the allotments, the Committee cannot recommend the Council to undertake this. Resolved also, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to pay a rent of 17s 6d per annum for the allotment used as a tip.

4--Gifts to Naunton Park—The Superintendent of the Naunton Park reported that the following had given flowers and plants for Naunton Park, viz.: --Mrs. Percy Shewell, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Clissold, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Silk, Smith, and Jamieson, and Messrs. T. E. Rickerby, J. Player, J. Mayo, J. Cypher and Sons, and Worman and Amos. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Cemetery Employees —Resolved, That a War Bonus of 2s per week be granted to the employees at the Cemetery.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4842 to 4851 (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 Thomas and William George Cole, James and Louisa Turner. Memorial Crosses to graves of John and

Agnes Hawker and Lucy Agnes Morris. Kerbing to graves of Edith Nellie Smith, Hannah Burrows, Eliza Bizley, William Jones, John Thomas, Sarah Benfield, James, Harry Start and Edward Chidley, and Lillie Emmeline Morton.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1916: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett and Sawyer, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, F. J. Caudle, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian: —

Receipts: £3 0s. 4d.

Presentations: New York University (1 vol.), Exposition Universelle de San Francisco (2 vols.), Anti-Vivisection League (1 vol.), Mrs. J. Fisher (1 vol.), Wireless Press, Ltd. (1 vol.), Miss Barton (1 vol.), Mrs. McCall (3 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 15th May to the 10th June, 1916, was 828, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,589.

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2-Sub-Committees Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant, Councillor Green and Merrett and Mr. F. J. Caudle. nt. Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair)

They recommended:

(1) That the estimate of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall for cleaning and repairing the heating apparatus at not exceeding £5 10s. 0d. be accepted

(2) That the " Stroud News " previously presented gratis by the Publishers, be purchased at 1d. per week.

(3) That the offer of Miss Checkley to present " Spiritual Life" for use in the Newsroom be accepted.

(4) That the Clerical Directory and the Birmingham, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Directory be purchased for 1916-7 at a cost of 20s and 36s respectively.

Resolved, That the Clerical Directory and the Birmingham, &c., Directory be not purchased, and that with this exception the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk and Wilkins (Aldermen Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £6,586 14s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £7,128 8s. 4d.

2-Water Rate--Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £4,557 8s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £8,116 3s. 3d.

3-Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £300 and £550. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant's Department— Read, an application from Mr. G. H. Davis, a clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved. That his salary be increased from £85 to £92 10s per annum.

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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 May last		£1,904 12 3
Received since that date		7,693 9 10
		<u>9,598 2 1</u>
Paid since that date		£ 7,094 18 8
	In hand	£2,503 3 5
being Sinking Fund Accounts	£6,142 14 11	
"Leslie Young Benefaction" do.	£ 141 5 2	
	In hand..	£6,284 0 1
less General Accounts	<u>£3,780 16 8</u>	
	£2,503 3 5	

J WAGHORNE,
Chairman,

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd July, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present: THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL

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

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 5th and 9th June last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th June 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 13th and 26th June last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 23rd June last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 2nd and 20th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly.

8—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th June last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th June 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.

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 4th August, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th June, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, 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.: —Winterbourne, Painswick Road, Granleigh, Montpellier Drive, Stadacona, Moorend Park Road, 426 and 427, High Street, 1, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 18 Corpus Street, and 25, Imperial Square. 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, 12, 16, 18, 20, and 22, Corpus Street, 18, Sherborne Street, 40, Stanhope Street, 1, 3, and 5, King Street Gardens. --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 16, Corpus Street, 4 Montpellier Retreat, Hope Cottage, Short Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—5 Montpellier Retreat, 5, 9, 10, 20 and 22, Corpus Street, 5 Limekiln Row, 9, Gloucester Place and 40 Stanhope 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- --Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Annie Reilly, of 33, Upper Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 1st instant of a box of cod fish, and on the 6th instant of 25 lbs. of unsound meat. (Total weight destroyed, 2 cwt. 1 qr. 1lb.)

7—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday, the 10th instant. Present: —Councillor Wood (in the chair), The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart.

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 1 foal, 7 colts, 8 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 9 calves, 171 head of cattle, 81 lambs, 71 sheep, and 8 pigs, all doing fairly well. One calf had been bred on the Farms. One cow and calf had been sold for £34 17s. 2d., a calf for £4 10s. 0d., and 3 fat ewes for £8 10s. 0d. (Total sales £47 17s. 11d.)

Resolved, That Messrs. Castle and Bloss be instructed to offer the Fruit at the Farms for sale by public auction as previous years.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Workmen--Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal, and General Workers, with reference to the alteration of the working hours. Resolved, That a deputation of the men be received at the next Meeting to discuss the matter.

2- Folly Lane Allotments—Resolved, That a rent of 17s 6d per annum be paid for the use of the piece of Allotment used as a tip.

3—Telegraph Pole—Read, an application from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission for the temporary stay placed in Grosvenor Place to remain for another month. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Trees—Read a letter from Mr. H. Prust asking that the trees at the back of 5 and 6, Park Place, should be topped, and also from Mrs. Phillips asking that the trees in Sydenham Villas Road, should be topped and thinned out. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th July, 1916: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways — The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd June to the 20th July, 1916.

Ashes Collection and Disposal — During five weeks ended the 20th July, 1916, 908 loads collected, 906 consumed, 2 tipped. Weight consumed, 876 tons 10 cwt.

Waste Paper--The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the collection of waste paper up to the 30th ultimo, which the Committee considered satisfactory.

6---Sale of Iron, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders received from Messrs. Stringer Bros., of West Bromwich, and Messrs. T. W. Harvey and Sons, for the iron, steel, etc., at the Depot which had been in stock for many years and was not likely to be required. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

7---Sydenham Villas Road—Encroachment—The Street Inspector reported that a fence recently erected at the rear of Farringford, London Road, encroached on the footpath in Sydenham Villas Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owner requiring the fence to be set back.

8— Pittville Street--Resolved, That this street be repaired with tar macadam.

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9- Workmen-Messrs. Lee, Ludlow and Teale (representing the General Workmen), with Mr. J. W. Betteridge, attended the meeting and asked that the summer working hours should remain until after the War as before, viz., 7 a. m. to 5 p.m., instead of as altered, from 7 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. with an interval of half an hour for breakfast, or, as an alternative, that the hours should be 6-30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with half an hour for breakfast. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

10—Motor Lorry—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Stewart and Wilkins be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with representatives of the Electricity Committee as to the purchase of a Motor Lorry for hauling purposes.

11-Prisoners of War Day—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Prisoners of War Day Committee asking for permission to place stalls in the Promenade (garden side), and also in the carriage way in front of the Municipal Offices, for the sale of flowers, etc., on the 10th August. Resolved, That the Committee raise no objection to this.

12—Resignation of Assistant Surveyor—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. J. White, who had received an appointment under the Gloucestershire County Council, had resigned, and had asked to be released on the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

13—Trees—Read, a letter from Mrs. Cassidy asking that some of the trees at the back of Lansdown Crescent should be removed. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th July, 1916: Present—Councillors Green, 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

Receipts	£193 1 1	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£249 6 4
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>134 15 0</u>
			£384 1 4

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 71 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, and also 21 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

2 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths during April, May and June were as follows: —

Receipts	£143 18 3	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£131 0 8
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>84 15 0</u>
			£215 15 8

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 2,731, as compared with 3,356 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 404 as compared with 538.

4—Music Licences— Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Justices under Part IV. (Sec. 51) of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, for a Licence for Music, Singing or other public entertainments of the like kind, in respect of the Town Hall, the Pittville

Gardens, the Montpellier Baths, and the Montpellier Gardens. Winter Garden—Resolved, also, That he be instructed to oppose any application for a Music or Dancing Licence made by Mr. or Mrs. Field.

5—Musical Afternoons —Resolved, That the question of continuing the Musical Afternoons during the ensuing Season be considered at the next Meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime the Traders' Association be asked whether they have any suggestions to make in regard to the same.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann and Merrett, (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 Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Misses Butt granting a way-leave, for the cable required to give a supply to Messrs. Martyn & Co.'s premises, to be taken across allotment land belonging to them. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

3--Employees—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an application from the employees of the Electricity Department asking that an all-round war bonus of 2s should be granted. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting granting 15 employees 1s per week and seven 2s per week be varied accordingly.

4— Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report of the Annual Conference of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association on the 22nd and 23rd June last, when Papers were read and discussed on the application of electricity to agricultural purposes, on boilers and bulk supply, from which he had obtained much useful information. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to report further on the possibility of giving a supply to farmers locally.

5—Electric Vehicle—Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillor Green be appointed a Sub-committee to confer with representatives of the Street and Highway Committee as to the advisability of purchasing an Electric Vehicle for hauling purposes.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 10th July, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	208,000 gallons	186,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	275,000 “	356,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>69,000</u>	<u>82,000</u>
Total	552,000	624,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th July, 1916.		10th July, 1915	
Hewletts		23,585,000 gallons		12,028,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	26ft. 9in.	73,735,000	24ft. 0in	61,264,000
Leckhampton	5ft. 0in.	<u>675,000</u>	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u>
Total Storage		97,995,000		74,778,000

2—Red Cross Hospitals—Read, a letter from Miss Yonge, the Assistant County Director, thanking the Council for granting a free supply of water to the Red Cross Hospitals.

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 Tuesday, the 18th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises in Hatherley Road, in the occupation of Mr. W. Ride, which were still in quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

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

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence--Read, an application from the Queen's Hotel Co. for a licence for Percy Kerman, of 9, St. Paul's Street South, to drive a Motor Cab. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart, Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 363 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since June 26th (12 days). The Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, during their Whitsuntide tour to the Cotswolds, had visited the Museum on the 16th instant and had warmly expressed their appreciation concerning the contents and arrangement of the Museum.

Mr. Charles Bendall had presented for exhibition in the Museum: A Buddhist religious poem in Sinhalese. A 16th or 17th century palm leaf. Some modern leaves (on religion, etc.) in Sinhalese. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Bendall,

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2---Old Watches —Read, a letter from Mr. Cecil Smith, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, stating that Mr. Evan Roberts had presented a collection of 18th and 19th century Watches and Movements, and that he had been authorised to distribute amongst selected institutions such examples as were not required for the Kensington Collection, and asking authors if the Committee wished to accept any of the watches or movements, and if so, further particulars would be forwarded, Resolved, That the Museum authorities be informed that the Committee will be pleased to accept a collection,

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman,

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1- Folly Lane Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Street and Highway Committee had agreed to pay 17s 6d per annum for the piece of allotment land now used as a tip.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st July, 1916: Present Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

1--Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the amount advanced to the Superintendent of Ministers' Fees be increased from £45 to £50, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 for the payment of this Committee's wages and of the 28th March, 1913, be varied accordingly.

2-Plans The Borough Surveyor submitted the duplicate Set of Plans of the Graves to be kept at the Municipal Offices, and reported that the set of plans to be deposited at the Cemetery Lodge were in progress.

3--Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4852 to 4859 (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.: Memorial Cross to grave of Thelma Lane. Headstones to graves of Emily Jane Annetta Wilcox, Samuel Elliott and Mary Ann Wilcox, and William Frederick Smith. Monuments to graves of Marguerite Lewin Mitchell and Frederick Thomas Whinyates. Kerbing to grave of Emila Bunston.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett and Sawyer, Messrs. E. Gridley and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

Librarian's Report-, Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian: ---Receipts: £2 2s. 3d. Presentations: Mr. E. C. Sewell (2 volumes and 14 Pamphlets), Secretary, Gloucestershire Society (Annual Report).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 12th June to the 8th July, 1916, was 1012, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 5,920.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th instant. Present Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillors Green and Green and Merrett and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

They recommended, That the Range in the Custodian's Apartments be repaired by Messrs. Marshall the chair), Councillor & Co. at a cost not exceeding 18s 6d.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 10th instant. Present Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillors Green and Merrett and Mr. F. J. Caudle.

The Librarian submitted a report with reference to the Staff, Books, &c., at the Library.

The Sub-Committee recommended, That the sum of £25 be expended for the purchase of books.

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

Resolved also, That a copy of the Librarian's Report be sent to each Member of the Council and that the same be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held at the Library on the 10th proximo at 3 p.m.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th July, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, and Councillor Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £14,812 10s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £8,902 12s. 6d.

2- Water Rate Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £8,248 3s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £4,869 6s. 9d.

3—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Indentures of Mortgage No. 568 and 569 for securing the sums of £5,450 and £550 to be advanced to this Corporation by the Ilkeston Corporation, and also to an Order authorising the payment of these sums to the Borough Treasurer.

4— Borough Accountant's Department. - Read, an application from Mr. G. B. Pearce, second assistant clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved. That his salary He increased from £110 to £115 per annum.

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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 27th June last	£2,503 3 5
Received since that date (including Loans on Debentures, £6,000)	<u>29,428 7 6</u>
	£31,931 10 11

Paid since that date (including £6,000 Investment of Sinking Funds) and £200 Loans on Debenture repaid

	<u>25,064 12 6</u>
In hand	£6,866 18 5

being General Accounts	£2,288 2 11
Sinking Fund Accounts	4,426 18 6
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>151 17 0</u>
	£6,886 18 5

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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 4th August, 1916, at 3p.m.

Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair.

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL
JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN
ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM SAWYER JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR
THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apology----An apology for non-attendance was received from the Deputy Mayor

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1-Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the of the Council on the 3rd July last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2 Prisoners of War Day—Read, a letter from Miss Unwin asking for the use of the lawn at the back of the Winter Garden on the 10th instant for giving a tea to 120 wounded soldiers. An application was also received from the Prisoners of War Day Committee for the use of the lawn in front of the Winter Garden during the week commencing the 7th instant. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

3 Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th July last, be approved and confirmed.

4-Street and Highway Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 24th July last, be approved and confirmed.

5-Town Improvement and Spa Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That in view of the order made by the High Court in the proceedings against Mr. Field, the second Resolution to Minute No. 4 (Winter Garden Music, etc., Licence) be not approved.

6--Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th July last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting re War Bonus be varied accordingly.

7-Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th July 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 18th July last, be approved and confirmed.

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

10-Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee Resolved That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th July last, be approved and confirmed.

11 -Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st July last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings at its Meeting on the 28th March, 1913, re Advance to Superintendent be varied accordingly.

12- Public Library Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th July last, be approved and confirmed.

13 Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th July 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.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th September, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Earengy 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. 12, Fairfield Road, 27 and 29, Dunalley Parade,

5 and 6, Stanhope Street, 15 Princes Street, 17, Waterloo Street, 4, Hewlett Road, 2 and 7 Knapp Place, 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.

2-- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1 and 2 Grafton Street, 2 and 4 Exmouth Court, and 4, Naunton Crescent. —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 2, Gloucester Place, 17, Stoneville Street, 1, 2, and 3, Lacey's Cottages, 24, Exmouth Street, and 29, Upper Bath Road. —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4-Insanitary Property-4 Exmouth Court, 13, Fairfield Road, 15 and 16, White Hart Street, 4 Naunton Crescent, and 8 and 9, Rutland Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the abovementioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing 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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Albert V. Bunston of 1, Rosslyn Villas, Shurdington Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6-Houses unfit for Human Habitation —1 and 2, York Place, Swindon Road-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 on the 7th instant of the carcasses of two Pork Pigs. (Weight 1cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.)

8-Slaughterhouses— Mr. Leigh James attended on behalf of the Butchers' Association and stated that the Members of the Butchers' Association were arranging to co-operate with a view to releasing as many slaughtermen as possible for military service and that it would facilitate this if animals belonging to one butcher might be killed at a slaughterhouse belonging to another butcher. He also stated that the scheme under consideration might involve the temporary disuse of some registered slaughterhouses. Resolved. That no objection be made to the proposed arrangement and that if any registered slaughterhouse is temporarily disused, during the War, under the arrangement made for

the, release of slaughtermen for military service. it shall be without prejudice to the rights in respect of such registered slaughterhouse under the Act.

9-Report of Farms Sub-Committee- The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present the Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillor Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farm Manager's Report- Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 14th instant was 15 horse and 1 foal (not including 3 at the Depot), 168 head of cattle and 9 calves, 102 sheep and 80 lambs, and 30 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 3 head of cattle had been purchased for £70 10s 0d., and 31 sheep for £85 5s 0d. (Total purchases £155 15 0d) 2 calves and 24 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 8 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been sold for £163 10s 2d, 1 fat lamb for £4 4s 0d and 1 sow for £9 13s. 6d. (Total sales £177 7s. 8d.)

Shooting—Resolved, That the shooting over the Hayden Farms be let to Mr. G. McIlquham for the coming season on the same terms as last season.

Inspection-Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the Farms on Wednesday, the 16th instant to inspect the stock, &c

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

T. REES JONES, Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th August, 1916 Present: The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

10-Houses unfit for Human Habitation-218, 219 and 220 High Street and two Cottages at rear--

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. Mr. J. R. Claridge, the owner of the premises, attended the Meeting. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned dwelling houses are 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 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 Owner.

T. REES JONES, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Sydenham Villas Road—Encroachment—Read, a letter from Mrs. Skarratt, asking that the posts of the fence erected at the rear of Farringford, London Road, which encroached on the footpath in Sydenham Villas Road, should be allowed to remain subject to the payment of an annual acknowledgment. Resolved. That the application be not exceeded to and that Mrs. Skarratt be required to remove the posts.

2 —Sky-Sign --The Inspector (Mr. Holbourn) reported that the sign on the roof of the King's Hall, North Street, was in a dilapidated condition. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner to remove the sign.

3— Purchase of Horse—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange with Mr. Harvey to send some horses suitable for use in connection with the fire engine for inspection by the Committee at their next meeting.

4—Trees—Sydenham Villas Road Read, a memorial from Miss Furness and other residents in Sydenham Villas Road, and also a letter from Mrs. Cuningham, asking that the trees in this road be not removed, but that they be lopped and trimmed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees lopped and trimmed at the proper season.

Eldorado Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. W. Chatters, asking that some trees in Eldorado Road should be removed. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

London Road—Read, a letter from Mr E. J. Burrow, asking that some trees should be planted on the South-West side of London Road to the Holy Apostles' Church. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

5=Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways — The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st July to the 24th August, 1916 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal--During four weeks ended the 17th August, 1916, 723 loads collected, 722 consumed, 1 tipped. Weight consumed, 662 tons 15 ½ cwt.

6 —Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. T. Owen and Co., Ltd., of Cardiff, had given notice to terminate their contract for waste paper, and he submitted an offer from Messrs. The Meadow Mills, Ltd., of Eastington, Stone-house. Resolved, That this offer be accepted subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

7—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 28th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

8—Purchase of Hone—The Committee met at the Depot and inspected three horses submitted by Mr. Harvey. Resolved, That the brown horse (6 years) be purchased for £74 subject to the Veterinary Surgeon's certificate being satisfactory.

T. BEES JONES,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th August, 1916: Present Alderman Steel, and Councillor Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor 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.
1353	Holliday & Page, Ltd.	Addition to 12, Pittville Street
1354	Mrs. Taylor	Motor House, Church Road
1355	J. Lock	Temporary Store Room at rear of Gledholt, Charlton Lane

Resolved, That Plans 1353 and 1355 be disapproved, and that Plan 1354 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th August, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Merrett Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

2-New Building - The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Buildings, viz.:

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1355	J. Lock	Store House at rear of Gledholt, Charlton Lane (amended plan).

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

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, Alderman Davies, and Councillors Haddock (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths during April, May, June and July were as follows: -

Receipts	<u>£260 14 2</u>	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£410 7 3
	£260 14 2	Loans--Interest and Redemption	<u>134 15 0</u>
			£545 2 3

Medical Baths-The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 63 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, and also 62 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths during April, May, June and July were as follows: —

Receipts	£201 16 3	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£208 11 0
	£201 16 3	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>219 15 0 3</u>
			£428 6 16

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 4,798, as compared with 4,463 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 286 as compared with 578.

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4-Winter Concerts— Messrs. E. Baring, W. Welstead and E. Whitbread attended on behalf of the Traders' Association and submitted the following proposals for the Concerts for the Winter Season: That the Traders' Association should manage the morning and afternoon Concerts, and that a Joint Committee consisting of 4 members of the Association and 3 members of the Corporation, with Mr. J. K. Cummings (Manager of the Bureau), as Business Manager, be appointed. That the Corporation should pay to the Association a subsidy of £200. That the morning Concerts be free as at present, and that the terms of subscription to the afternoon Concerts be the same as last year, viz.:

Subscription Ticket	10s 6d
Weekly Ticket	1s
Single Admission	6d.

(It was proposed that the afternoon Concerts should be carried on on similar lines to last Season, except that a number of special Concerts, with leading artistes, would be given, to which the subscribers would be admitted at half-charge.)

That one-half of the profits (if any) be handed to the Corporation at the end of the Season. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, the 24th instant, at 5 p.m., to consider an alternative proposal to be submitted by the Association.

P. HADDOCK, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, Councillors Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

3—Winter Concerts—Messrs. E. Baring, W. Welstead, and E. Whitbread attended on behalf of the Traders' Association and submitted the following alternative proposals: The Town Council to take over the financial responsibility of the Winter Concerts, except that the Traders' Association will contribute one half of any loss incurred above the sum of £150, with a maximum contribution of £50. The Traders' Association will carry on as at present the Information Bureau and provide stationery, magazines, and daily papers, and also the carpets and furniture at the Spa, on the distinct understanding that the morning Concerts are free.

The Association to have the Programme rights.

The Concerts to be under the control of a Joint Committee consisting of 3 members of the Association and 3 members of the Council.

The Band to consist of an equal number of performers to last year.

The prices of admission to be: Season Tickets 10s 6d, carrying the right of admission to special Concerts at half-price. Weekly Tickets These not to be available for special Concerts. Ordinary Admission (except on special occasions) 6d.

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Resolved, That the offers of the Traders' Association be not accepted, and that unless the Association is prepared to join the Corporation in carrying on the Concerts on the same terms as last year, the Council be recommended to make the following arrangements for the afternoon Concerts, and that the free morning Concerts be left in the hands of the Traders' Association: —

(a) That the Season commence on the 9th October next and be for 24 weeks, instead of 22 weeks as last year.

(b) That Mr. Teague's offer to provide an Orchestra of 10 performers (including himself as Conductor) at £13 13s a week be accepted.

(c) That Mr. Teague have the entire management of the Concerts under the direction of a Sub-Committee to be appointed by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

(d) That Mr. Teague be allowed the use of the Town Hall free of charge on one day during the Season for a Benefit Concert.

(e) That the Corporation pay for the printing, piano, advertising and other expenses in connection with the Concerts hitherto paid by them, and take all receipts, including Programme and Refreshment rights.

(f) That the terms of subscription be as follows: —Season Tickets 10s 6d, carrying the right of admission to all Concerts during the season, except to Special Concerts, to which subscribers will be admitted at half-price. The number of Special Concerts to be not more than 12, and not more than one Special Concert to be given in any one week.

Weekly Tickets 1s, to admit to all Concerts during the week of issue except to Special Concerts, to which ticket-holders will be admitted at half-price,

Ordinary Admission (except to Special Concerts) 6d.

(g) That tenders be invited for the right to supply refreshments and programmes at the Concerts and also for the printing and billposting required during the season, and that this Committee be empowered to accept satisfactory tenders.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th. August, 1916 Present- The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Merrett, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1-Gas (Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company forwarding a Notice of the intention of the Company to apply to the Board of Trade under the Gas (Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916, for an Order substituting for the prescribed Standard of Illuminating Power a Standard of Calorific Power equivalent to 500 British Thermal Units Total Heat Value. The Clerk (Mr. Wyatt) stated that the Order was required so as to enable the Company to manufacture explosives. Resolved, That the Board of Trade be informed that the Corporation strongly object to an Order being made which will permanently lower the standard quality of the gas below the minimum prescribed by the Cheltenham Gas Act, 1916, but if, owing to the exigencies of the War, the Board are of opinion that an Order should be made, the Corporation ask that a reasonable Standard shall be fixed and also that the Order shall only have effect for the period of the War, and that clauses shall be inserted in the Order in regard to the price to be charged for the gas and otherwise for the protection of the Corporation and other consumers.

2-Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Military Authorities had recently applied for the removal of the star in the Military Register against the names of C. Honour and H. Higgins, two of the Charge Engineers, and that the Local Tribunal had granted the application in respect of Honour, and adjourned the case of Higgins for two months.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, Alderman Baker and Margrett, and Councillor Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 14th August, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	166,000 gallons	156,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	204,000 "	395,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>50,000</u>	<u>56,000</u>
	Total 420,000	Total 607,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th August, 1916.		14th August, 1915	
Hewletts		19,430,000 gallons		11,699,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	26ft. 9in.	44,703,000	24ft. 0in	50,715,000
Leckhampton	5ft. 0in.	<u>1,080,000</u>	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u>
Total Storage		65,213,000		74,778,000

Pumping was commenced at Sandford on the 11th July last and had been continued daily.

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 22nd August, 1916: Present The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett and Waghorne (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises at Rippledale, Hatherley Road, in the occupation of Mr. W. Ride, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—Motor Lorry—The Committee inspected the Motor Car offered by Messrs. T. V. West and Co. for £75, which included the provision of a new body in accordance with the design submitted, and the Captain of the Brigade reported that the trial of the car, which had taken place on Saturday last, had proved satisfactory. Resolved, That a new steel-studded tyre, complete, and also a mechanical horn, be purchased at a cost of £8 6s and £1 5s respectively.

Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 20th ultimo the Brigade was called to a tar spraying machine which had caught fire at the rear of Lansdown Place. Damage, about 30s Brigade expenses, £2 18s. 6d. The Brigade was also called on the 24th ultimo to a rick fire at Walton Hill Farm. Damage about £80. Expenses, £15 17s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences Read, a letter from the Queen's Hotel Company applying for a licence to drive a motor cab for Cecil Robertson, of 9, Providence Square. An application for a licence was also received from Albert Edward Tilley, of the Wellington Garage. Resolved. That a licence be granted to Albert Edward Tilley, and that the application of the Queen's Hotel Company be not granted.

4—Motor Cab Licences No. 15 and 23 Read, an application from Mr. Albert Edward Tilley, of the Wellington Mews, for the transfer of Motor Cab Licences No. 15 and 23, previously held by his brother, the late H. J. Tilley. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5-Fruit Market—The Borough Accountant reported that, in accordance with the Agreement with Mr. C. C. Castle, he had examined the accounts kept by him of the Sales at the Fruit Market for the year ended the 30th June last. Under the arrangement made between the Corporation and the Cheltenham Market Gardeners' Association, 2 ½ per cent. of the gross sales during the year, over and above an annual turnover of £7,000, was to be paid by Mr. Castle out of his commission to the Corporation, one half of which percentage was to be retained by the Corporation for the development and improvement of the Market, and the other half was to be distributed by way of bonus among the members of the Association in proportion to the amount realised by the produce respectively sold by them in the Market. The sales for the year amounted to £11,392 15s. 11d., so that there was a sum of £54 18s. 2d. to be retained by the Corporation and a like sum to be distributed among the members of the Association concerned.

6—North street Picture House—The Inspector (Mr. Holbourn) submitted a plan showing an alteration of the Exits at the North Street Picture House. Resolved, That the same be approved.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th August, 1916: Present The Mayor, Alderman Bakers Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the choir).

1- Grants of Grave Spaces---Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4860 to ST; (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.: Memorial Crosses to graves of Frances Eliza Atilden, Constance Helen Pruen, Eliza Hawkins, Emma Mary de Guzman Youl, and Emma Croker. Headstone to grave of Elizabeth Godwin. Kerbing to Graves of Harry Wood, Thomas and Esther Haines, Harry Robert and Nellie Baines and George Short.

J STEWART.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th August, 1916: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Mann and Merrett, Messrs. F. J. Candle, A. Miles and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian—Receipts: £2 9s. 0d. Presentations: Mr. F. Bexley Thornton (13 vols.), Mr. E. C. Sewell (1 pamphlet), the Author of "Echoes from East and West" (1 vol.), Lady Lee (2 vols.), the Publishers, "Handbook of Jamaica" (1 vol.).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 13th July to the 5th August, 1916, was 1,678, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 5,905.

Exhibition of Art Books—The Librarian reported that a small Exhibition of Art Books was held in the Art Gallery from the 20th to the 29th July last.

Presentation of Portraits—The Librarian reported that Mr. A. A. Hunter had presented 26 framed portraits of Bishops of Gloucester as a permanent loan, and that these had been hung in the News Room. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Hunter.

2—Special Report of Librarian—The Committee considered the Report of the Librarian with reference to the staff, books, etc., at the Library, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Council. Resolved, That the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted, subject to a list of the books to be purchased from time to time being submitted to and approved by this Committee.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th August, 1916: Present -- The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (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 £20,548 12s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £3,166 10s. 10d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £11,260 11s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £2,005 13s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £4,900. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Materials, etc.—Resolved, That, with a view to economy, this Committee suggest that the heads of the Departments should submit each month for the approval of their respective Committees a list of the materials etc., required, and also particulars of all work to be carried out, and that no purchases should be made or work carried out without the definite instructions of the Committee.

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 25th July last	£ 6,866 18 5
Received since that date	<u>21,165 6 2</u>
	£28,032 4 7
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £2,220)	<u>10,438 0 11</u>
	£17,594 3 8
being General Accounts	£12,949 15 8
„ Sinking Fund Accounts	4,492 11 2
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>151 17 0</u>
	£17,959 4 3 8

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th September, 1916, at 3 p.m.

Present

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair.

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies-Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Earengy.

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1-Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 4th August last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2-Public Health Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 28th August 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 15th and 28th August last. be approved and confirmed.

4-Town Improvement and Spa Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 24th August last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th August last, be approved and confirmed.

6-Water Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th August 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 22nd August last, be approved and confirmed.

8 -Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th August last, be approved and confirmed.

9 -Public Library Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th August last, be approved and confirmed.

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10-Finance Committee-Resolved That, the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th August last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, that an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly 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

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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 [..] October, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th September, 1916: Present Alderman Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, 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.: -15, Upper Bath Road, 128, Fairview Road, 11, Elm Street, Birdlip Cottage, Commercial Street, Mona, Wellington 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 10 Elm Street, 12 Exmouth Street, 11 Hungerford Street, 1 and 2 Gratton Street, 2 and 4 Exmouth Street, 5 and 6 Whitecross Square.—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 33 Marle Hill Road, 226 High Street, The Boar's Head, Henrietta Street, The Mitre hint Sandford Street, 16 Beaufort Buildings, and Northolme, Swindon Road. —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4--Insanitary Property 10 and 11 Elm Street, 11 Hungerford Street, 128 Fairview Road, 5 and 6 Whitecross Square, 13 Fairfield 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 30th August last, of the carcasses and organs of four Pork Pigs. (Weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.)

6—Statement of Requirements-Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health and Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit each month a list of the materials, etc., required and particulars of the work to be carried out, as far as practicable, for the approval of this Committee.

7—Sewer in Imperial Square-The Borough Surveyor reported that a length of six yards of sewer in Imperial Square which was found to be defective, had been relaid and a new manhole built and that the sewer up to its junction with the Promenade had been cleaned out. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

8—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**-The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant. Present: ----Alderman Steel, and Councillors Green, 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 instant was 14 horses and 1 foal, (not including 3 horses at the Depot), 175 head of cattle (including 8 calves), 175 sheep (including 73 lambs), and 30 pigs, all doing very well.

Since the last Meeting 2 cows in calf had been purchased for £50, and 6 head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £108 1s. 11d., and 7 lambs for £19 2s. 9d. (Total sales £127 4s. 8d.) 4 calves had been bred on the Farms.

Fruit—The Fruit at the Farms had been sold by Public Auction for £16 10s. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. STEWART,

Chairman

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th September, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Street Projections Read, an application from Messrs. Haines and Strange for permission to place a sign outside their premises, No. 19, Albion Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions, and to the sign being a "fixed sign." Read, an application from the Swift Beef Co. for permission to erect a sky sign at their premises in Henrietta Street, in accordance with the sketch submitted. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

2-Albion Street—A complaint was received of the condition of the Tramway Paving in Albion Street. Resolved, That the attention of the Light Railway Company be called to the complaint.

3 Trees Read, letters from Mrs. Shewell of Ash Priors and Mrs. Fisher of 3, Oriel Terrace, with reference to the trees opposite their premises. Resolved, That a Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on Friday, the 22nd instant.

4—Dangerous Building Grosvenor Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that a building in Grosvenor Terrace belonging to Mr. M. Dovey was in a dangerous condition. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the premises under Section 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847 and that proceedings be taken under that Act if necessary to have the premises repaired and made secured.

5 Workmen's Holidays Resolved, That having regard to the postponement of the two Bank Holidays, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for one half of the workmen to have three days holiday on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next week, and the remainder the following week, the Saturday being in lieu of the usual Annual Outing.

6—Execution of Works after the War Read a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Government had under consideration certain questions which were likely to arise in connection with the demand for capital and the distribution of labour and employment at the close of the War, and that there might be distinct advantage in beginning the collection of some data which would be necessary for the elementary consideration of the problems and more particularly of such data as would be likely to vary least with the progress of time. The Board had therefore in contemplation the establishment of a register of work available and likely to be undertaken, and the Board asked for particulars of any work which might be undertaken at the conclusion of the war by each Local Authority, and also as to any works contemplated in their area by bodies or persons other than the Local Authority. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report as to any works likely to be undertaken at the conclusion of the war for consideration at the next meeting. Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with local Architects and Builders with a view to ascertaining particulars of any works in contemplation by private enterprise.

7—Materials, &c.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit each month a list of the goods, &c., to be purchased for stores and also particulars of the works to be carried out as far as this was practicable for the approval of this Committee.

8—Telephone—Read, a letter from the District Telephone Manager, giving notice that the rental for the Borough Engineer's telephone will be increased as from the 30th March next from £7 5s. to £10 9s.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th September, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th August to the 21st September, 1916 (both inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 14th September, 1916, 719 loads collected, 718 consumed. 1 tipped. Weight consumed, 627 tons $3\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

10 —Horse "Punch"— On the recommendation of the Veterinary Surgeon (Mr. F. W. Taylor), Resolved, That the horse "Punch," now unfit for work, be destroyed.

Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain whether the Farms Sub-Committee can supply a suitable horse to take his place.

11-Trees The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received two tenders for the trees recently removed from the streets, and that he had accepted the tender of Messrs. A. S. Barradell & Co. of '34 (the highest). Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

12—**Report of Trees Sub-Committee**—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on Friday, the 22nd instant. Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart, and Wilkins (the Deputy

Mayor in the chair). After inspecting the trees in respect of which complaints had been received, they recommended as follows: —

Promenade—That the tree in front of No. 4, Cambridge Villas be pruned when necessary.

Rear of Park Place—That the owners of No. 5 and 6 Park Place be required to cut back the trees on their premises which overhang the roadway.

Back of Lansdown Crescent—That no action be taken in regard to these trees which are on private property.

Eldorado Crescent That the tree opposite "Haddon" be removed. Eldorado Road That the alternate trees from Queen's Road to Eldorado Crescent be removed.

Oriel Terrace That the tree opposite No. 3, Oriel Terrace be not removed.

Orrisdale Terrace—That the tree opposite No. 8 be removed and a silver birch planted.

London Road—That the suggestion that some trees should be planted on the South-West side of London Road to the Holy Apostles' Church be not entertained.

Sydenham Villas Road—That the alternate trees be removed.

Hewlett Road—That the lime tree between Beaconsfield and Eddystone be removed. That the large lime tree opposite Heathercroft be removed and a small lime planted.

Pittville Circus—That the trees opposite Ash Priors be pruned. Lansdown Place—That the trees at Netherleigh be pruned at the same time as the other trees in the Lansdown district.

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

13 Removal of Trees—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to instruct the Treeman to submit for the consideration of the Committee a list of the large forest trees he considers should be removed.

14—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 25th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th September, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--New Buildings -The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of an intended New Building,

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1357	H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd.	Extension of Sunningend Works, St. Marks.

Resolved, That the Plans be approved as a temporary building for the period of the War only, subject to the condition that at the end of that time the building shall either be made to comply with the Acts and Bye-Laws or be removed on three months' notice from the Corporation.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 25th September, 1916: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-New Building---The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of an intended New Buildings, viz.:

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1358	Rev. D. B. Ryan	Alterations and Additions to the Priory, Manchester Street.

Resolved, That the same 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 AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th September, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Earengy) Haddock, Merrett, Stewart and Silk (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths-The Borough Accountant reported that from 1st April to 31st August were as follows: ---

Receipts <u>£330 11 4</u>	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£518 7 7
	Loans— Interest and Redemption	<u>224 1 8</u>
£330 11 4		£742 9 3

Medical Baths-The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 85 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, and also 34 Baths had been given to wounded soldiers.

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

Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths

Receipts £254 18 5	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£246 5 4
	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>141 5 0</u>
		£387 10 4

3—Winter Concerts Read, a letter from the Traders' Association with reference to the Winter Concerts. Resolved, That a Special Meeting be held on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 3 p.m., to further consider the matter.

4—Winter Garden Lawn Read, a letter from Mrs. Field asking for the use of the lawn in front of the Winter Garden, on the 22nd instant, for the purpose of providing teas for about 400 wounded soldiers. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to any damage to the turf being made good.

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 2,751, as compared with 3,630 for the corresponding month last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 434 as compared with 387.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th September, 1916: Present The Mayor, Councillors Haddock Merrett and Silk (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

6—Winter Concerts—The Committee further considered the arrangements for the Winter Concerts. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to a Special Meeting.

7—Materials, etc.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit each month a list of materials, etc., required, and also particulars of work to be carried out, as far as practicable, for the approval of this Committee.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th September, 1916: Present Councillors Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

8—Winter Concerts—The Committee considered the arrangements for the Winter Season, and a letter was read from the Traders' Association stating that they were willing to join the Corporation in carrying on the Concerts on the same terms as last year, but suggesting that the charge to the Morning Concerts (2d.) should include the Entertainment Tax. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve the following arrangements, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 24th August last be rescinded:

Season-That the season commence on the 9th October and be for 24 weeks.

Band-That the offer of Mr. Teague to provide an Orchestra of five performers to play at the Town Hall each weekday from 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. for £5 5s. a week, and also to provide an Orchestra of ten performers (including himself as Conductor), to play five afternoons a week during the season at £13 13s. a week be accepted.

Subscriptions-That the terms of subscription be as follows: Season Tickets (available morning and afternoon) 10s 6d, carrying the right of admission to all Concerts during the season, except to Special Concerts, to which subscribers will be admitted at half-price (the number of Special Concerts to be not more than 12 and not more than one Special Concert to be given in any one week).

Weekly Tickets-1- each, to admit to all Concerts during the week of issue except to Special Concerts, to which ticket-holders will be admitted at half-price.

Ordinary admission to Afternoon Concerts (except to Special Concerts) 6d. each.

The above charges not to include the Entertainment Tax.

Admission to Morning Concerts 2d. (including Tax). This charge to cover the provision of a glass of Mineral Water.

Traders' Association-The Council to pay the sum of 4s towards the expenses to be incurred by the Traders' Association in providing stationery, newspapers, hire of carpets, and other incidental expenses at the Spa during the season.

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.

Management-That the Concerts be under the direction of a Committee consisting of three members of the Council, viz.: The Mayor, the Chairman (Councillor Haddock), and Councillor Merrett, and two members of the Traders' Association to be nominated by them, with Mr. Teague as Musical Director and Manager.

Tenders-Programme Rights-That the offer of the Traders' Association of £6 for the right to supply and sell programmes at the Concerts be accepted.

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Printing. - That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole for the printing required during the season for £8 8s. be accepted.

Billposting----That the tender of the Cheltenham and District Billposting Company for posting the Notices for £5 15s. be accepted.

Piano—That the offer of Messrs. Crichton, Limited, to supply a Steinway Grand Piano during the season for £1 11s. 6d. per month, including all tunings required, be accepted.

Refreshments--Read, a letter from Messrs. Georges, Limited, stating that they were prepared to provide teas on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week, during the season, but that they were unable to pay any premium for the privilege. They also reserved the right to discontinue supplying the teas on giving seven days' notice, if in consequence of further calls upon their staff for the Army and their inability to replace them. they found it impossible to continue the provision of the teas. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

Copyright Music-Resolved, That a fee of £8 8s. be paid to the Performing Right Society, Limited, for the right to use their Copyright Music.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th September, 1916: Present—Councillors Dodwell Green, Merrett, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1-Gas (Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the information he had obtained. Read a letter from the Board of Trade proposing that a Conference should be held at their offices in London, on the 26th instant, to consider the objections made by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Chairman with the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Conference.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st September, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

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 of energy to Wycombville, St. Anne's Road. The cost of the extension of main would be about £35. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to a guarantee being given to pay £8 per annum for three years.

4-Gas,"Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade postponing the Conference to consider the objections made by the Corporation, from the 26th instant to the 3rd October.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th September, 1916: Present The Deputy-Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 September, 1916.	Average for corresponding during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	141,000 gallons	145,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	226,000 "	315,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>37,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>
Total	404,000	Total 506,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th September, 1916.		11th September, 1915	
Hewletts		18,344,000 gallons		15,395,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 0in.	27,162,000	19ft. 0in	40,872,000
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	<u>946,000</u>	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u>
Total Storage		46,452,000		57,753,000

Pumping at Sandford had been continued daily and had commenced at Tewkesbury on the 6th instant.

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2—Water Arrears Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that the supply be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

3---Tewkesbury Works—Telephone—Read, a letter from the District Telephone Manager, giving notice that as from the 30th March next the rental of the telephone at the Tewkesbury Works for an unlimited service would be increased from £6 16s. to £11 16s

Resolved, That an agreement be entered into to take 500 calls at £6 per annum.

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 19th September, 1916: Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (The Mayor 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 21st ultimo the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Gay Lane, Bishops Cleeve. Damage about £150. Brigade expenses £6 10s. 6d. He also reported that Assistant Engineer F. James was engaged on Munition Work at Woking and that he had temporarily filled his place.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, an application from the Queen's Hotel, Limited, for a Licence to drive a Motor Cab for Harry Prue, of 26, Burton Street. An application was also received from W. Miles of 4, Warwick Place for a Licence to drive a Horse Carriage. Resolved, That Licences be granted.

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Licences to Store Petroleum, &c.---On the Inspector reporting that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That following applications for renewal of Licences to store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium be granted for one year,

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petroleum.	Carbide.
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	250 gallons	112 tbs.
Powell Gwinnell & Co.	34, Promenade	200	5 cwt.
A. Hughes & Co.	21, Pittville Street	50	--
The Halford Cycle Co.	North Street	--	228 lbs
H E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400	200 "
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	Plough Yard	1,000	60 "
H. G. Norton & Co,	416, High Street	200	280"
H. G. Norton & Co.	Wellington Street	300	--
H. G. Norton & Co.	Regent Street	300	--
The Shell Marketing Co.,	Regent Street	1,500	--
Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104a, High Street	50	--
D. Davies & Co.	149, High Street	50	--
T. W. Harvey, Ltd.	180, High Street	100	--
Mr. L. Lusty.	196, High Street	50	--
Mr. S. A. Sperry	235 High Street	40	--
Messrs. T. V. West & Co.	88, High Street	1,000	3 cwt.
Mr. J. Brown	Nag's Head, Malthouse Lane	130	--
Messrs. 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.	75-76, Winchcomb Street	200	--
“ A. Miles & Co. ..	117, High Street	500	--

		[Petroleum	Carbide]
" R. E. & C. Marshall	5, Clarence Street	450	
Mr. E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100	--
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road	500	--
Mr. J. Gapper	St. Bernard's Villa, Cleaveland St	80	-
Messrs. T. Smith	Suffolk Mews	100	--
Mr. W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	20	--
The Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd.	Spa Road	2,250	112 lbs
The Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd.	Lamb Yard	30	--
Mr. W. G. Tibbles	27, St. George's Place	100	--
Messrs. A. Williams & Co	10, Portland Street	400	--
The Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co. St. Mark's Depot		250	--
The Gas Lighting Improvement Co., Ltd.	G. W. R. Yard, St. James' Square	2,500	--
Mr. C. J. Lord	29, Upper Bath Road	50	72 lbs
The Anglo American Oil Co.	G. W. R. Yard, St. James' Square	3,500	--
Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	150	--
The Queen's Hotel Co.	Promenade	200	--
Mr. F. Martin	5, High Street	50	--

5-National Registration Act, 1915—Superintendent Hopkins reported that Cyril Robert Gordon Toovey, aged 22 years, residing at 7, Kilchberg Villas, St. Luke's, was summoned on the 24th ultimo, for failing to register under the above Act, and that he was fined £1.

6-Cattle Market--Mr. C. C. Castle attended the Meeting and stated that it was proposed to re-start the Cattle Market on the 2nd November, and asked that the sheep pens should be cleaned up and put in order, and that a fence for a cattle ring submit an estimate at the next meeting for providing the fence. and to should be provided. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the sheep pens put in order,

7—War Charities Act, 1916—Read, a letter from the Charity Commission forwarding a copy of the War Charities' Act, 1916, and also a copy of the Regulations made thereunder. The Act provided that it shall not be lawful to make any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind to any War Charity (which included any fund, institution or association having for its object or amongst its objects the relief of suffering or distress, the supply of needs or comforts, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present War, but did not include any fund, institution or association established before the commencement of the War where any such object is subsidiary only to the principal purposes of the charity, nor the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation or any Committee appointed under the Naval and Military War Pensions', etc., Act, 1915), unless such charity is registered under the Act by the Local Authority for the District, and the approval in writing of the Charity on whose behalf the appeal is made has been obtained. Read, applications from the Mayoress Linen Committee, The Belgian Refugees Committee, the Southwood Belgian Refugees Committee, and the Soldiers' Welcome, Montpellier Rotunda, to be registered. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, and that Certificates of Registration be granted to these Charities.

8—Cinematograph Act, 1909 Read, an application from Messrs. Gillsmith, Ltd., for the renewal of their Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Hippodrome. An application was also received from the Picture House Cheltenham Ltd. for a Licence for the North Street, Picture House. Mr. W. G. Gurney, Solicitor, attended. Resolved, That Licences be granted for one year, subject to the same conditions as contained in the previous Licences, and subject also to the following condition: — " No film shall be shown that is objectionable or indecent or anything likely or tending to educate the young in the wrong direction, or likely to produce riot, tumult, or breach of the peace, and no offensive representations of living persons shall be shown. Provided, also, that no film shall be exhibited if notice, signed by the Town Clerk, is given that the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the Corporation object to such film on one of the grounds mentioned in the foregoing condition."

9—Materials, etc.-- Resolved, That the heads of the Departments under the control of this Committee be instructed to submit each month a list of the materials, etc., required, and also particulars of any work to be carried out, as far as practicable, for the approval of this Committee.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th September, 1916: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillor Green, and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Green in the chair).

1-Curator's Report-The Curator reported that there had been 2,301 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum between July 10th and Sept. 9th.

Permission had been given to Miss Spedding, of Antwerp, to copy one of the pictures in the Baron de Ferrieres Gallery,

Mr. L. Richardson, F.R.G.E., had presented a further selection of Specimens from the Well Boring at Shipton Moyne.

Major Lloyd, of "Broughton," St. George's Road, had loaned for exhibition the following: —

Long Ved Gun, formerly belonging to Kabyan Singh, a Dacoit Leader of Lalitpur District, also a shorter Gun. Dacoit Sword, taken from the Dacoit Leader Mahip Singh, of Lalitpur, 1890, and other Indian weapons and toys. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor and lender.

Portrait of Sir Edward Thomason—Read, a letter from the Rev. C. E. Covey, of 28, Lansdown Crescent, asking that the Portrait of Sir Edward Thomason, Medallist (his great uncle), presented by him in June, 1915, might be returned to him. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th September, 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Baker (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1--Pittville Estate-Trees-Read, letters from Mrs. Griffith Jones, of Goldington, Marle Hill, and Mr. J. Milne Smith, of Pittendynie, Albert Road, asking for the removal of trees near their premises. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the trees at the next View Meeting.

Keys---An application was received from Lady Godson, of The Grange, Marle Hill, for a key to the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That subject to Lady Godson taking a Subscriber's Ticket to the Gardens, she be allowed the use of key on payment of £1 1s. per annum for the privilege. Resolved also, That the same privilege be granted to other subscribers to the Gardens on the same terms.

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2—Football at Recreation Grounds Read, a letter from Miss Duncan, of 28, Park Place, asking for permission for the members of her Bible Class to play football 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 All Saints' Association Football Club and Martyn's Muniton Works Football Club to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and from St. Mary's Own Football Club to play at the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

3—Materials, etc.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit each month a list of the materials, etc., required, and also particulars of work to be carried out, as far as practicable, for the approval of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd September, 1916: Present Aldermen Baker and Steel, and Councillor Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Materials, &c.—Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to submit each month a list of the materials, &c., required and particulars of any work to be carried out at the Cemetery, for the approval of this Committee.

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4874 to 4878 (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 Annie Chadwick, Clara Elizabeth Harding. Flat Stones to graves of Katharine H. Armitage and E. Murray. Memorial Cross to grave of Hannah Elizabeth Lyon. Kerbing to grave of Jessie Nixon and —. Grist.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th September, 1916: Present Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Mann and Merrett, Messrs. E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian: —Receipts: £6 4s. 10d. Presentations: Lady Lee (1 vol.), Mr. Charles Sawyer (2 vols.), Executors of Thomas Kay (2 vols.), Mr. G. W. Fenning (1 vol.), Executive Committee of Ancient Order of Foresters (1 vol.), Mr. W. J. Peel (2 vols.), Board of Agriculture (Journal and Leaflets).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of August last was 1,500, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 5,905.

2-Sub-Committee's Report-The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th ultimo. Present Alderman Steel (chairman).

The list of books proposed to be purchased, submitted by the Librarian, was approved.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 7th instant. Present Councillor Green (in the chair), Councillor Merrett, and Mr. J. R. Claridge.

They recommended (1) That the wages of A. E. Wright and H. Guppy, Junior Assistants, be increased to 12s and 10s respectively. (2) That a War Bonus of 2s per week be granted to Mr. J. C. O'Brien (Porter).

The Sub-Committee also met on the 12th instant. Present—Alderman Steel (Chairman) and Councillor Green.

The Librarian reported that the Chief Assistant (J. W. Lucas) had been called up for Military service. The Sub-Committee recommended that Miss C. A. Homeyer, of Stainford Vicarage, Doncaster, who had had 12 months' training in librarianship at the Cheltenham Ladies' College, be temporarily engaged as Chief Assistant, at a salary of £65 per annum, 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.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th September, 1916: Present Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (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 £21,674 17s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £2,040 5s. 6d.

2-Water Rate Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th instant. Amount collected £21,674 17s 6d. Leaving outstanding £1,104 5s. 4d.

3-Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to, £5,650. 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 Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement: --

In hand on the 29th August last	£17,594 3 8
Received since that date	<u>9,247 19 3</u>
	£26,842 2 11
Paid since that date	<u>8,101 18 6</u>
	£18,740 4 5

being General Accounts	£14,006 11 11
Sinking Fund Accounts	4,581 15 6
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>151 17 0</u>
	£18,740 4 5

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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 2nd October, 1916, at 3 p.m. Present.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen: RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN
PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER
PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apology-An Apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Merrett.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th September last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2-Public Health Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th September 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 12th and 25th September last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That the portion of the Resolution to Minute No. 12 relating to the trees in Sydenham Villas Road be referred back for further consideration.

4-Town Improvement and Spa Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th, 20th and 26th September last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings on the 24th August last re Winter Concerts be rescinded.

5-Electricity and Lighting Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st September last, be approved and confirmed. Water Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th September last, be approved and confirmed.

6-General Purposes and Watch Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th September last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Borough Surveyor's estimate of £15 (now submitted) for repairing the pens, etc., at the Cattle Market be approved, and the work carried out.

8-War Charities' Act, 1916 Resolved, That the powers of the Council under the War Charities' Act, 1916, be delegated to the General Purposes and Watch Committee. Read, applications from Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., Employees War Fund and the Cheltenham District Red Cross Society to be registered under the Act. Resolved, That these Charities be registered.

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

10-Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee Resolved; That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th September last, be approved and confirmed,

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

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

13-Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th September last, be approved and 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—Cheltenham Volunteer Training Corps-Read, an application from Mr. G. Lindsay Cox, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Volunteer Training Corps, for the use of either the Montpellier or the Alstone Baths for drilling purposes. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to payment of the out-of-pocket expenses for lighting, heating, etc., and also, if the Alstone Baths are used, to the cost of putting down and taking up the floor being paid.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday, the 9th November, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th October, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, 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. :-10 Bloomsbury Street, 7 Northfield Terrace, 44 Worcester Street, 119 and 121 Tewkesbury Road, 2 and 7 Knapp Place, 13 and 30 Cleaveland 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 4 Exmouth Court, 1, 5 and 15 Stoneville Street, 3 Brandon Place, 46 Worcester Street, 7 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.

3--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 46 Waterloo Street, 46 Worcester Street, ,5 King Street Gardens, 17 Naunton Crescent, and Terry Lawn, Portland Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property-61 Waterloo Street, 4 Stoneville Street, 15 and 16 White Hart Street, 2 Queen Street, 5 and 6 Little's Court, New Street, 5 and 12 King Street Gardens—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order Read, an application from Mrs. Jakeway, of 33, Upper Bath Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: On the 12th ultimo the carcass and offal of a heifer, on the 14th ultimo the carcass and offal of a cow, and on the 7th instant five pieces of unsound beef. (Weight destroyed 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 4lbs.)

7—Health Department Read, an application from Mr. V. Harris, temporary Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, for an increase of wages. Resolved, That his wages be increased from 25s to 33s per week. Resolved, That a temporary assistant be appointed to assist in the inspection of the houses occupied by the troops at a salary of not exceeding 30s a week, and that the Chairman with the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to select a suitable applicant.

8—Domiciliary Treatment of Tuberculosis Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of an Order made by the Board, which would come into force on the 1st January, 1917, prescribing the manner of domiciliary treatment of insured persons suffering from tuberculosis approved by the Board for the purpose of Section 16 (l) (b) of the National Insurance Act, 1911. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

9—Sewage Disposal —The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. F. Nunney wished to have a supply of sewage for Fiddler's Green Field, and was willing to lay the necessary pipes at his own cost, if the Corporation would make the connection at the manhole. Resolved, That a supply be given on the usual terms.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Green, 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 9th instant was 7 horses, 7 colts and 1 foal, 145 head of cattle and to calves, 86 sheep and 73 lambs, and 29 pigs. all doing very well.

Since the last Meeting 5 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been purchased for £67 5s. 0d. 13 calves had been bred on the Farms. 38 head of cattle (including 13 calves) had been sold for £703 11s. 8d., and 16 sheep for £51 17s. 0d. (Total sales £755 8s. 8d.)

Resolved, That the Cottage at Barn Farm be let at 3s 6d per week on a monthly tenancy, and also that the Farms Manager be instructed to have the root pulpers repaired.

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

T. REES JONES.

Chairman

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1- Street Projections—Read, an application from the Salem Soldiers' Club for permission to attach a notice board to the electric standard in the Promenade near Barnby Bendall & Co.'s premises.

Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Tipping Wagons—The Borough Surveyor submitted the replies received to his advertisement for two tractor wagons. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase the second-hand wagon offered at £42, if on inspection this is found to be satisfactory. Resolved also, That if the second-hand wagon is not suitable, the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to purchase two 4-ton "Ruston" spring-mounted side-tipping wagons from Ruston, Proctor & Co., of Lincoln, at £97 10. each.

3—Horses—Read, a letter from the Farms Manager, stating that he had no horses, at present, suitable for the Highways Department. Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to consider a scheme for providing the horses required from time to time by this Committee for use in the Highways Department.

4-Sydenham Villas Road—Trees—The Committee further considered the question of the removal of the alternate trees in Sydenham Villas Road, and a memorial from Mr. R. W. Maiben and other residents in the road was received, asking that the trees be not removed. Resolved, That the trees be heavily pruned.

Read, a letter from Mr. F. Harvey, asking that the trees opposite Dunkeld, Gloucester Road, should be pruned. Resolved, That this be done.

Resolved, That a letter from Mr. W. H. Parker, asking for the removal of a tree near Tresco, Hewlett Road, be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

5—Whitening of Lamp Posts, etc.—Read, a letter from the Traders' Association, suggesting that the kerbing at the corners of the principal streets should be whitened, and also that a white band should be placed on the lamp posts. Resolved, That the suggestion as to the lamp posts be adjourned, and that the Traders' Association be informed that instructions have already been given to have the kerbs whitened.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd October, 1916: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

6—Street Projections--Read, an application from the Rodney Hall Soldiers' Club for permission to place finger boards on the lamp standards opposite Rodney Road in High Street and Oriel Road, and from the Bethesda Soldiers' Club to place a sign on the lamp standard at the junction of Suffolk Road with Great Norwood Street, and also a sign at the end of Union Street at its junction with Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

7-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways-The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd September to the 19th October, 1916 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 12th October, 1916, 718 loads collected, 717 consumed, 1 tipped. Total weight consumed, 712 tons 11 cwt.

8—Slab Factory The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Statement of Account in respect of the Slab Factory for the half-year ended the 28th September, 1916: —

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Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended
28th September, 1916: —

Private Customers.	£25 13 4	
Corporation Departments	£ 110 3 2	
		£135 16 6
Slabs in stock 28th September, 1916		734 13 4
Kerbs and Channels do.		452 3 4
Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 28th September, 1916		£20 1 1
Value of Cement, etc., transferred to other		

Departments	£ 22 10 6
Deficiency transferred to Highways Departments (see below)	<u>240 10 9</u>
	£1605 15 6

NOTE.

Slabs supplied free of charge up to date to Highways Departments
Less deficiency as above

Resolved, That the deficiency of £240 10s. 9d. be paid out of the Highways Account.

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Deficiency forward from 30th March, 1916	£129 1 9
Slabs in stock 30th March, 1916.	832 4 1
Kerbs and Channels do.	464 13 0
Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 30th March, 1916.	33 9 9
Wages and Materials for half-year ending 28th September, 1916	6 6 11
Rates, Taxes and Insurance for half-year (estimated)	20 0 0
Interest and Sinking Fund for half-year (estimated)	<u>120 0 0</u>
	£1605 15 6

9- Repairs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a list of the highways recommended by him for repair, and also a list of the pavements in the Main and Contribution Roads requiring repair, for consideration at the next meeting.

10—Whitening of Lamp Posts, etc.—Resolved, That this Committee suggest to the Electricity and Lighting Committee that the electric standards and also the gas lamp posts should be whitened.

11-Horses--Resolved, That two of the older horses at the Depot be disposed of and two fresh ones purchased. Resolved also. That Mr. Harvey be asked to submit some horses for inspection.

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12—Trees—Oriell Terrace Road, a letter from Mrs. Fisher renewing her application for the removal of a tree opposite No. 3, Oriell Terrace, and offering to pay the cost of removal and also the planting of another tree. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision that the tree be not removed. 1, Glenfall Terrace—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. H. Bradford, asking for the removal of a tree opposite No. 1, Glenfall Terrace. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

13-Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 10th and 23rd instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1359	Gloucester Co-operative Society	New Warehouse, 19, Upper Bath Road

Resolved, That the same be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 23rd October, 1916: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1359	Gloucester Co-operative Society	New Warehouse, 19, Upper Bath Road (Amended Plan).

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

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 7th October, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Earengy, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from Major Fortescue for the use of the Alstone Baths, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, for the troops quartered in the town. The Military Authorities were willing to pay the cost of the alterations required to adapt the Bath for their use, viz., £70, and also to pay at the rate of £16 per week for 5,000 men, a deduction of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per man to be made if the number is less but the minimum weekly payment to be £10. Resolved, That the application be granted on these terms, subject to the cost of the lighting (if

any) being also paid by the Military Authorities, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Earengy, Green, Merrett and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

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

Receipts	£ <u>375 5 9</u>	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£657 0 10
	£375 5 9	Loans Interest and Redemption	<u>269 0 0</u>
			£926 0 10

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 85 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, including 27 Baths given to wounded soldiers.

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

Receipts	£286 7 11	Total Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£289 2 6
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>169 10 0</u>
	£286 7 11		£458 12 6

Swimming Bath, &c.—Read an application from Major Fortescue asking, in view of the additional troops quartered in the town, that the Baths should be placed entirely at the disposal of the Military Authorities for washing purposes, instead of on four days only per week as previously arranged. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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4—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 2,446, as compared with 2,704 for the corresponding month last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 294 as compared with 375.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1-Public Lighting-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a conference had been held with the Acting Chief Constable with reference to increasing the public lighting, and he submitted a list of 244 lamps which he recommended should be lighted. Resolved, That the list be approved and the lamps lighted until 10 p.m. Resolved also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase the shades (a sample of which was submitted) to be fixed to the lamps.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

2-Manchester Street Sub-Station—Read, an application from Mr. J. Davis for the use of the ground floor of the Manchester Street Sub-Station by the Gloucester Road Schools Boy Scouts. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the room being kept clean by the Scouts.

3—Electric Vehicle Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit for the consideration of the Committee, at a special meeting, a report and estimate for providing an Electric Vehicle for use by the Highways Department.

4—Telephone—Mains Superintendent—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Post Office had given notice terminating the present agreement for the telephone at the Mains Superintendent's residence. Resolved, That an agreement be entered into for 300 calls at an annual rental of £5.

5—Electricity Accounts, 1915-16—The Borough Accountant submitted the Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st March last, together with a memorandum dealing with the financial charges. Resolved, That this Committee place on record their appreciation of the efficient services rendered by the Borough Accountant in connection with the accounts of the undertaking and particularly in connection with the financial charges. The accounts as audited showed that the result of the year's trading was a net profit of £546 17s. 7d., out of which the final instalment amounting to £512 14s. 7d. of the Deficit Loan had to be paid, leaving a balance of £34 3s. 2d., which, together with the balance of £1,043 5s. 1d. brought forward from last year, gave an available surplus of £1,077 8s. 3d. Resolved, That this amount be carried forward to next year.

W. J. F. WOOD, Chairman

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th October 1916: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Wood (Alderman Margrett 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 12th October, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	113,000 gallons	147,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	253,000 „	259,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>33,000</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Total	399,000	440,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th October, 1916.		12th October, 1915	
Hewletts		12,439,000 gallons		15,978,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 4in.	22,210,000	14ft. 6in	25,646,000
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	<u>945,000</u>	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,485,000</u>
Total Storage		35,594,000		43,109,000

Pumping at Tewkesbury and Sandford had been continued daily.

2—Land at Tewkesbury Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the field adjoining the Tewkesbury Works re-fenced.

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 Tuesday, the 17th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, and Merrett (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 reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 1st instant, at No. 1, St. Paul's Street South. Cause not apparent. Damage £45. Brigade expenses £3 16s. 6d.

3—War Charities' Act, 1916—Read, application from the Women's Volunteer Reserve (Cheltenham), Rodney Hall Soldiers' Club, Salem Chapel Soldiers' Club, and Jack and Tommy Wounded and

Prisoners' Fund, to be registered under the War Charities' Act, 1916. Resolved, That these Charities be registered.

An application was received from St. Peter's Parish Horticultural Society to be exempted from the provisions of the Act. Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, acting as the Registration Authority, the amount of subscriptions expected to be received and the benefit is so limited, it is unnecessary in the interest of the public that the Charity should be registered under the Act, and that a Certificate of Exemption be granted.

4—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Winter Garden—An application was made by Messrs. Earengy and Pruen, on behalf of Mrs. Field, for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to be granted in respect of the Winter Garden. Resolved, That a licence be granted for a period of six months from the 7th September, 1916, on the understanding that the licence is granted by the Corporation as Licensing Authority for the Borough under the Act; without prejudice to the matter in dispute between the Corporation and Mr. and Mrs. Field, the licence to be subject to the same conditions as contained in the previous licence and subject also to the following condition: —

"No film shall be shown that is objectionable or indecent or anything likely or tending to educate the young in the wrong direction, or likely to produce riot, tumult, or breach of the peace, and no offensive representations of living persons shall be shown. Provided, also, that no film shall be exhibited if notice, signed by the Town Clerk, is given that the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the Corporation object to such film on one of the grounds mentioned in the foregoing condition."

North Street Picture House—Read, an application from the Phoenix Theatres, Ltd., for permission to give Sunday Cinematograph Exhibitions at the North Street Picture House, and offering to hand over to the Corporation the proceeds, less expenses, to be devoted to charitable objects. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

5—Cattle Market—The Town Clerk submitted a list of suggested tolls for the Cattle Market. Mr. J. G. Villar attended the Meeting. Resolved, That the list as now settled be approved and adopted and that notice of the same be put up at the Market.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th October, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart, and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,039 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since Sept. 11th. (Corresponding period last year 658). Permission to copy pictures in the Gallery had been granted to Mr. Leslie Pugh (Cheltenham) and Mr. R. T. Baker (Gloucester). Mr. A. J.

de Havilland Bushnell had presented a fine specimen of Green Plasma with spots of Red Jasper (Bloodstone) to add to the Mineral Collection.

The 30 Water-Colours by Turner from the National Gallery had been re-hung in the large Gallery.

2—Attendant—Read, an application from Mr. W. Addis, the attendant at the Art Gallery, for an increase in his wages. Resolved, That he be granted a War Bonus of 2s per week.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 18th October, 1916: Present--The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—Applications were received from the Military Authorities for the use of the Recreation Grounds for drilling. Resolved, That the use of the Grounds be granted for drilling and also for games, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to withdraw the permission granted to the Football Clubs if this is found necessary owing to the Military requirements.

2—Pittville Park—Read, an application from the 4th Reserve Battalion Berkshire Regiment for the use of the grounds adjoining the swings in Pittville Park for bayonet and trench work. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Waterfowl—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to sell 24 of the wild ducks and 3 cygnets at Pittville. Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Pump Room had been taken over by the Military Authorities.

3 —View Meeting—Resolved, That the next meeting be held at Pittville, and that the Committee inspect the trees on the Pittville Estate in respect of which complaints have been received.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, Aldermen Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4879 to 4884 (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 Emily Eliza Jell and Albert Reginald and Archibald William Cook. Memorial Crosses to graves of Kate Roberts and Henry Cowley Harvey. Kerbing to graves of Emma Huggins, Stephen Henry Michell, and Annie Mair.

J. STEWART,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1916: Present--The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett and Wilkins, and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian: Receipts: £3 3s. 5d. Presentations: Mrs. Nicholls (7 volumes), R. Owen Seacome (4 volumes 4 pamphlets), Miss Plan (18 volumes), A. A. Hunter (2 pamphlets), Lady Lee (1 volume), the Decimal Association (chart). The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of September last was 1,589, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 6,891.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th instant. Present Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Councillor Green. They recommended: (a) That the tender of Messrs. B. Riley & Co., (the lowest), for binding books for the year ending the 31st July, 1917, be accepted. (b) That the list of New Books submitted be purchased at a cost of £30 out of the income from the Leslie Young Bequest.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Chairman with the Librarian be authorised to have the Book Plate made for use in connection with the books purchased out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 31st October, 1916: Present The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-General District Rate--Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st instant, on the collection first instalment of the General District Rate made on the 10th May last. Amount collected £21,708 1s. 1d. Voids, Allowances, &c., £1,787 6s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £239 11s. 3d.

Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 31st ultimo, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £1,803 13s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £21,870 6s. 1d.

2—Rates (Proceedings for 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 now submitted and dated the 23rd October, 1916, who by reason of circumstances attributable directly or indirectly to the present war are temporarily unable to pay the General District Rate.

3—Water Rate Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st ultimo, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 30th September. Amount collected £12,257 4s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £1,483 19s. 11d.

4 -Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £200 and £1,400. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

5—Fire Brigade Motor Lorry-The Borough Accountant submitted the quotations received for insuring the Fire Brigade Motor Lorry. Resolved, that the offer of the County Fire Office to issue a Policy to cover third party risk and fire at a premium of £10 2s. 6d. be accepted.

6--Junior Clerk, Rates Department-Mr Harris (Rate Collector) reported that Mr. E. C. Cornock, Junior Clerk in the Rate Department, had been called up for Military Service. Resolved, That Mr. H. E. Wilkins, of 1a Cambray, be appointed temporary Junior Clerk at 15s a week.

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 September last	£18,740 4 5
Received since that date	<u>9,682 16 5</u>
	£28,423 0 10
Paid since that date	<u>20,853 3 5</u>
	£7,569 3 5
being General Accounts	£2,273 9 11
Sinking Fund Accounts	5,133 15 11
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>161 17 7</u>
	£7,569 3 5

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 9th November, 1916, at 12 noon. Present:

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL) in the Chair.

Aldermen: RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK STANLEY WYNDHAM JAMIESON ALFRED MANN WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies- Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Baker and Councillor Merrett

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1 Election of Mayor It was Resolved unanimously, That Councillor Thomas Rees Jones be and he is hereby re-elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year.

The 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-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

4—Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd October last having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

5—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, Earengy, Green, Hanson Powell, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Public Health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders: Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and 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 Mann, Merrett, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters) and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the council with reference thereto.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., 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, etc., Act, 1909.

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 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 Corporation 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 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, Stewart and Wilkins, with Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, Messrs. G. Dimmer, and H. Stroud, and Drs. E. C. Carter and 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.

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee.

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee for the ensuing year : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Jamieson, Sawyer and Taylor, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade Long Garden and the Recreation Grounds, and to enforce the pro-visions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees) and the Buildings thereon. To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Act, 1908.

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, Stewart, Taylor 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 Miss Fegan, Messrs. W. R. Charles, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, 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, viz.: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Blakeney, Earengy, Dodwell, Jamieson, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Stewart, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood.

Resolved also, That Mr. John William Betteridge, of Melville Swindon Road, be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee, his term of office to expire on the 9th November, 1919.

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Local Pension Committee—

Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, that their term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1917, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

6—Public Health Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th October last, be approved and confirmed.

7--Street and Highway Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 23rd October last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That the portion of the resolution to Minute No. 12 relating to a tree opposite No. 3, Oriel Terrace be referred back for further consideration.

8—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th and 13th October last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 19th October last, be approved and confirmed.

10-Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th October last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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15-Public Library Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th October last, be approved and confirmed.

16-Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st October 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.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th December, 1916.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th November, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—**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.

3—**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.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. Bloomsbury Street, 1 Stoneville Street, 51 Worcester Street, 2 and 7 Knapp Place, Tivoli Stores, Tivoli Street, Suffolk Arms, Suffolk Road, 13, 16 and 18 Corpus 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.

5—Overcrowding at 58 Union Street, Fairview—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.

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6--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 15 Bloomsbury Street, 4, 5 and 15 Stoneville Street, 1 Swindon Road North, 13, 50a and 31 Worcester Street, 58 Union Street, and 14 Naunton Crescent—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.

7-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 13 Bloomsbury Street, 15 Stoneville Street, 2 Swindon Road North, and 14 Naunton Crescent — 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.

8-- -Insanitary Property —1 and 2 Swindon Road North, 1, 4, 5, 15 and 17 Stoneville Street, 13, 50a, and 51 Worcester Street, 58 Union Street, and 14 Naunton Crescent--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.

9-Houses unfit for Human Habitation —8 and 9 Rutland Street and 9 St. Paul's Street South--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 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 Closing Orders.

10 —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.

11- Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 7th instant, of the carcase and offal of a sheep. (Weight 112 lbs.)

12-Health Department--Read, an application from Mr. W. Townsend, Assistant Inspector and Disinfecter, for an increase of his wages. Resolved, That his wages be increased from 28s to 31s per week and that he be also granted a War Bonus of 2s per week.

13-Execution of Works after the War—With reference to the Letter from the Local Government Board asking to be informed of any works which might be undertaken at the conclusion of the War, the Borough Surveyor submitted a list of the following Works:

Completion of South Eastern District Sewers.
New Effluent Outfall Culvert and Carrier, Hayden Sewage Farm.
New Humus Tanks, Hayden Works
New Outfall Sewer to Barn Sewage Farm.

Resolved, That the list be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th November, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Earengy, Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

14—Houses unfit for. Human Habitation-8 and 9 Rutland Street, and 9 St. Paul's Street South with reference to the Representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given Notice to the Owners of these premises. 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, Orders be 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 Orders, and that Notice of such Orders be given to the Owner.

15-Temporary Assistant Inspector-The Medical Officer of Health submitted the applications (n) received for the post of Temporary Assistant Inspector. Resolved, That Mr. R. A. Hunt, of The Mythe, Grosvenor Street, be appointed at a salary of 30s a week, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

16—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 20th instant. Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). 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. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 7 horses, 7 colts and 1 foal, and 3 at the Depot, 116 head of cattle and 5 calves, 51 sheep and 50 lambs, and 8 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 22 head of cattle had been purchased for £384 10s. 0d.

57 head of cattle (including 6 calves) had been sold for £1,329 14s. 7d., 56 sheep (including 21 lambs) for £167 0s. 6d., 21 store pigs for £37 16s. 0d., and 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. of Wool for £32 5s. 5d. (Total sales £1,566 16s. 6d.)

Resolved, That the War Bonus granted to the Employees at the Farms be increased to 2s.

Horses for Highways Department The Sub-Committee considered the question of the horses required for the Highways Department. Resolved, That the services of the Farms Manager be placed at the disposal of the Street and Highway Committee in connection with the purchase of horses required for the Highways Department.

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

T. REES JONES

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1916: Present The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, 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, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Horses—Read, a letter from Mr. Newman asking that the weekly charge of 5s each for the horses hired to the Corporation should be increased to 6s Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Coal Contract Read, a letter from Mr. C. Cooke stating that in pursuance of an Order made by the Board of Trade under the Price of Coal (Limitation) Act, 1915, the Colliery Proprietors had increased the price of Slack Coal by 1s 6d per ton and asking that the contract price of the Coal supplied to the Montpellier Baths should be increased by a like amount. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Eldorado Road- Read, letters from Mr. Forsyth and Mrs. Applegarth calling attention to the footpaths in Eldorado Road. Resolved, That the Committee view the footpath at their next View Meeting.

8—Trees--Opposite No. 3, Oriel Terrace—The Committee further considered the application from Mrs. Fisher for the removal of the tree opposite No. 3, Oriel Terrace. Resolved, That the tree be removed. Resolved, That a Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on Friday, the 24th instant.

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Execution of Works after the War. With reference to the request of the Local Government Board to be informed of any works which might be undertaken at the conclusion of the war, the Borough Surveyor suggested that the provision of a Wood Block Paving in Upper High Street should be included in the list of works to be sent to the Board. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th November, 1916: Present —The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways -- The Borough Surveyor reported the work done by the Highways Department from the 20th October to the 23rd November, 1916 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended the 16th November, 1916, 922 loads collected, 916 consumed, 6 tipped. Total weight consumed, 1,083 tons 11½ cwt.

11—Annual Tenders Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for Tenders for the Materials, &c., required for the year ending the 31st March, 1918.

12-Hired Team Labour—Read, a Memorial from the Contractors employed by the Corporation asking for an increase in the price paid for hired team labour. Resolved, That the present price of 7s 6d per day for general hauling and ashes collection be increased to 8s 6d per day, and for "spotting" from 7s- to 8s, subject to the Contractor providing a satisfactory horse and to the driver being paid at the same rate as the Corporation Employees.

13-Eldorado Road—The Committee inspected the footpaths in Eldorado Road. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Abutting Owners

14 Hatherley Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel the footpath from the Entrance to Hatherley Court to Hatherley Court Road,

15—Granley Road Culvert—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this Culvert repaired. Resolved also, That Notice be served upon the Abutting Owner under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, requiring him to protect or enclose the stream so as to prevent any danger therefrom.

16 Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 24th instant: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair). After inspecting the trees in respect of which complaints had been received, they recommended as follows: — Promenade—That the Elm Tree opposite No. 19, Promenade Villas, rendered unsafe by the gales, be removed. St. George's Road That the Acacia Tree opposite the College, which is leaning over the road be removed and another tree planted. Bayshill Terrace That the Tree opposite No. 9 be pruned. Eldorado Road—That One Lime, One Elm, and One Silver Birch be removed. Fairfield Road--That Four Trees be removed. College Road—That Five Trees be removed. Sydenham Road That the trees in Sydenham Road be slightly pruned and that the attention of, Mr. Horsley be called to the tree in his garden. Hewlett Road—That the attention of Mr. Parker be called to the tree in the garden of "Tresco." Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted,

17—Horses—Resolved, That the offer of the Farms Sub-Committee of the services of the Farms Manager in connection with the purchase of horses for the Highway Department be accepted and that he be instructed to purchase two horses subject to the same being passed as sound by the veterinary surgeon.

18-Electric Vehicle— The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report with reference to the hiring by this Committee from the Electricity and Lighting Committee of an electric vehicle. Resolved, That the same be considered at the next meeting.

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19-Plans Sub-Committee-Resolved, That Councillor Mann be appointed a member of the Plans Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Merrett. The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 24th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

20—View Meeting The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 24th November, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Stuart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2--New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1360	J. E. Killick	Temporary Building at rear of 10, Princes Road, Tivoli.
1361	J. Colson	Alterations to Shop Front, 294a, High Street.

Resolved, That plans No. 1361 be approved, and that plans No. 1360 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking to remove same on three months' notice being given.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th November, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Eareney, Green, Haddock, 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—Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors of the Baths, viz.: Montpellier Baths—Councillors Haddock and Silk. Alstone Baths Alderman Davies and Councillor Stewart.

3—Montpellier Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1916 to 31st October, 1916 were as follows:

Receipts	£425 9 11	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£763 15 7
		Loans Interest and Redemption	<u>314 8 4</u>
			£1,078 3 11

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 120 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, including 40 Baths given to wounded soldiers.

Washing Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that these baths were open until 9 p.m. each day, and that the number of baths taken had been appreciably increased owing to the use of them by the troops. Resolved, That an extra payment of 5s per week be made to Mrs. Stretton while the troops are in Cheltenham.

Covered Swimming Bath—Read, an application from Miss Yonge for the use of the large room at the baths on Monday Evenings for giving instruction in Ambulance Work on the same terms as last year, viz.: 2s 6d per night to cover out-of-pocket expenses. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Shop, &c., adjoining Baths—Resolved, That the Committee inspect these premises on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at. 10.30 a.m.

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1916 to 31st October, 1916 were as follows:

Receipts £292 0 3	Expenses (including Rates, &c)	£328 12 10
	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>197 15 0</u>
		£526 7 10

5—Town Hall —The Borough Surveyor reported that the front section of the boiler at the Town Hall had broken and that this was being made good at a cost of about £5. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

6—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read an application from Mr. E. D. Ricketts, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden next season, and asking that the rent should be reduced from £15 to £10 during the period of the War. Resolved. That the use of the ground be granted on the same terms as last year, viz.:—The Club to pay a rent of £15 (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.

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7 —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 2,579, as compared with 2,142 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 234 as compared with 274.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st November, 1916: Present The Mayor, Councillors Haddock and Silk (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

8- Montpellier Baths—Shop—The Committee inspected the shop and premises adjoining the Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimates of the cost of the repairs required to make the house fit for occupation and of altering the shop premises so that these can be used as a lock-up shop. Baths—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be also instructed to bring up an estimate for painting the outside of the baths and premises adjoining.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th October, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Chairman- Resolved, That Councillor Green be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

T. REES JONES, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd November, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

2-Old Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an offer of £45 for a small alternator at the Works which had been superseded by a larger machine. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—Whitening of Lamp Pillars—The Committee considered a suggestion by the Street and Highway Committee that in view of the darkened condition of the streets, the electric standards and gas lamp pillars should be whitened. The Borough Electrical Engineer pointed out that if it was considered necessary to paint the lamp pillars it was equally necessary to paint the tramway pillars and also the trees. The cost of painting and maintaining the pillars would be about £150. Resolved, That the suggestion be not adopted.

4—Public Lighting—Read, letters from Mrs. St. Clair Ford, of Zeelugt, and the Hatherley Laundry Company, asking that gas lamps near their premises should be lighted. A letter was also read from the Rev. Peel, asking that a lamp near Emmanuel Institute be lighted. Resolved, That the applications be not granted.

5—Gas (Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916 — Read, a letter from the Board of Trade, forwarding a copy of the Draft Order proposed to be made substituting a standard of 500 British Thermal Units Calorific Power for the prescribed standard of illuminating power. The Order increased the pressure from ten tenths to fifteen tenths of an inch and contained clauses as to the provision of testing apparatus, penalties, and also provided that if within one month after the expiration of five years, or after the expiration of any subsequent five years, the Company or the Corporation apply to the Board to reduce or increase the standard of calorific power, the Board, after hearing the parties, may make such reduction or increase as they think fit. The Town Clerk reported the reply sent by him. Resolved, That the same be approved.

6—Coal Contract Read, a letter from the Park Colliery Company, Limited, stating that pursuant to an Order made by the Board of Trade under the Price of Coal (Limitation) Act, 1915. the price of the coal supplied to the Electricity Works under the present contract would be increased by 1s 6d per ton. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been in communication with the Colliery and recommended that a fresh contract should be entered into for all the coal required at the Works for the year ending the 30th Nov., 1917, at the following rates, viz.: For the first 50 tons of slack coal, 19s 9d per ton, and for the remainder 21s 9d per ton. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a contract accordingly. Resolved also, That Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings on the 25th May last be rescinded.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th October, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Sawyer and Wood. 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 14th November, 1916.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	236,000 gallons	159,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,346,000 "	707,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>48,000</u> "	<u>42,000</u> "
Total	1,630,000 "	908,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th November, 1916.		14th November, 1915	
Hewletts		13,908,000 gallons		16,727,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	25ft. 0in.	65,693,000 "	17ft. 0in	33,700,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	<u>1,216,000</u> "	10ft. 0in.	<u>1,351,000</u> "
Total Storage		80,817,000 "		51,778,000 "

Pumping was Provisional at Sanford on the 4th ultimo and at Tewkesbury on the 15th instant.

3--Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer recommended that two cottages should be erected at the Works, as this would lessen the difficulty in obtaining the labour required. If this proposal was approved, plans might be now prepared so that these might be ready for carrying out at a favourable opportunity after the War. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans accordingly. Resident Engineer—Read, an application from Mr. Walker, Resident Engineer at the Tewkesbury Works, for an increase of wages. Resolved, That his wages be increased from £2 5s. to £2 10s. per week.

4—Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Royal Warwick's Regiment had undertaken the work of cleaning out No. 4 Reservoir at Hewletts.

5—Execution of Works after the War—With reference to the request of the Local Government Board to be informed of any works which might be undertaken at the conclusion of the War, the Borough Surveyor submitted the following list: —Concreting floor of Reservoir, Hewletts Removing landslide, Dowdeswell Resolved. That the list be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st November, 1916: Present--The Mayor, Aldermen Baker. Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, 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 that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, an application from the Queen's Hotel Co., Ltd., for a Licence to drive a Motor Cab for Leslie Lund, of 27, Naunton Crescent, and from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd, for a Licence for Neighbour George Arthur Higgins, of Southam. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

4—Fire Brigade—**Report of Captain**—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting. Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Baker and Steel and Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—War Charities' Act, 1916--Read, applications from St Gregory's Work Guild, S.S. Philip and James' Church Men's Institute Club, Wesley Soldier's Club and the War Hospital Supply Depot, to be registered under the War Charities' Act, 1916. Resolved, That these Charities be registered. An application was received from the Gas Green Chapel to be exempted from the provisions of the Act. Resolved. That in the opinion of this Committee, acting as the Registration Authority, the amount of the subscriptions expected to be received and the benefit is so limited, it is unnecessary in the interest of the public that the Charity should be registered under the Act and that a Certificate of Exemption be granted.

6—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton for permission to give Sunday Performances at the Palace Picture Playhouse during the time the troops are quartered in the Town. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

7—Pawnbroker's Certificate--Read an application from Messrs. H. Higgins, Ltd., for the renewal of their Pawnbroker's Certificate, in respect of No. 313, High Street. Resolved, That the Certificate be renewed for one year from the 9th November instant.

8—Early Closing of Shops—Read, a letter from the Home Office forwarding a copy of the Order made restricting the hours during which shops may be kept open during the Winter months, and asking for the views of the Council as to the desirability or otherwise of fixing later closing hours during the Christmas Season, either generally or for particular trades, and if it was considered desirable, what the hours should be, and for what period, the relaxation should be allowed. Read, a letter from the Traders' Association suggesting that for the week prior to Christmas day traders should have the option of keeping open their shops up to 9 p.m. Resolved, That the Council suggest that during the week preceding Christmas Day, the hour of Closing should, be extended to 9 p.m. on each week-day except Saturday, when the closing hour should be extended to 10 p.m.

9 -Summer Time— Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations stating that a Departmental Committee had been appointed "to enquire into the social and economical results of the Summer Time Act, 1916, and to consider (1) whether it is advisable that Summer Time should be re-introduced in 1917 and in subsequent years, and, if so, (2) whether any modifications in the arrangements are required, and (3) between what dates Summer Time should be made operative," and asking that replies to the questions-, enclosed with the letter should be forwarded to the Home Office. The Town Clerk submitted draft replies in favour of the Summer Time Act. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and forwarded to the Home Office.

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10 Fruit Market—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Market Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' Association suggesting that the bonus of £54 18s. 2d. should be expended in providing additional shedding at the Market. He also stated that the Association had received complaints as to the manner in which goods unfairly packed, &c., had been rejected and asking that the suggested rules set out in his letter should be substituted for the existing regulation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report and estimate for extending the shedding. Resolved also, That the Committee see no reason to alter the existing regulation which they consider is fair as between Vendor and Purchaser.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart, and Mr. G. Dimmer (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 1,228 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since October tab. (Corresponding period last year 796)

The following presentations had been received for the Museum: —

Deputy Master of the Mint—Coronation Medal of William IV.

W. Boyd, Esq., Benton House, The Park—Sections of Mulberry Tree showing 78 annual rings.

Mrs. M. Griffiths, Oakfield, Charlton Kings—Specimens of Dried Flowers for the use of botanical students.

The following early weapons belonging to Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell had been placed on loan in the Museum as being of topical interest to the soldiers stationed in the town:

3 Quarrels, or Bolts of Crossbow, in use prior to 1630.

Spanner Key and Graduated Primer of a Wheel-lock Pistol, dated 1650.

Morning Star or "Holy Water Sprinkle" which was attached to a short staff by a chain and used as a war flail.

Nipple Wrench, as carried in the Crimean War and Indian Mutiny, by every soldier who used the Minie or Enfield Rifle with Nipple and Percussion Cap.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th November, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillor Dodwell.

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 22nd November, 1916: Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

2—Visitors— Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors of the Recreation Grounds and Allotments: —

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground-Alderman Baker and Councillor Dodwell.

Naunton Park Recreation Ground -The Deputy Mayor and Alderman Steel.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground-Councillors Sawyer and Taylor.

Grove Street Recreation Ground - Alderman Baker.

Folly Lane Allotments—Alderman Baker, Councillors Sawyer and Taylor.

Whaddon Lane Allotments -Alderman Steel and Councillor Dodwell.

3—Pittville Park Constable—The Borough Surveyor suggested that the Park Constable should attend in the mornings at the Fruit Market to assist in keeping order. Resolved, That this Committee have no objection to his services being so employed.

Estate-Trees-After inspecting the trees on the Pittville Estate, in respect of which complaints had been received, it was Resolved, (Anlaby, Eyeshot): Road---That the trees in the Pittville Gardens opposite Anlaby be not removed.

Wellington Road, near Cleaveland House That the two elm trees nearest Evesham Road be removed and three prunus passardii planted.

Amberley, Clarence Square-That the tree near Amberley be removed and two silver birch planted.

Wellington Square—That the tree near Avondale House be not removed but that three branches be taken off.

Mark Hill Annexe-That the wych elm rendered unsafe by the gale be removed.

That three elm trees be removed and one trimmed.

That two Lombardy poplars between the boat-house and bridge be removed.

That two large English elms showing signs of decay be trimmed.

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Evesham Road That the two English elms in Pittville Park near Goldington be removed and the oak tree lopped.

Pittville Lawn-That the silver birch near No. 15 be removed and another planted.

Road near Chalet-That the three trees in the cross road by the Pittville Chalet be removed and three silver birch planted.

Albert Road-That the large branches of the tree opposite Pittendynie be removed

That the silver birch next to this tree be removed and a small tree planted.

That the large branches of tree overhanging garden of Rothesay House be removed.

That the trees at the rear of Southend House, Pittville Villas, be not removed.

5—Pittville Gardens Annexe Resolved, That Mr. Maby be asked to repair the culvert. Sub-Way--- Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for strengthening the sub-way arch. Fencing-Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fencing at the back of the Pump Room repaired. Pittville Gates Resolved, That one of the gates be repaired and re-hung.

6 Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the alternate poplar trees in this Ground be removed.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th November, 1916: Present The Mayor, Aldermen Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart.

Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th November, 1916: Present— Alderman Councillors Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2—Plans—The Borough Surveyor reported that the two sets of plans of the Graves Spaces in the Cemetery had been completed, one set of which would be deposited in the Town Clerk's strong room and the other at the Cemetery. He recommended that three sets of Rollers should be provided for the plans at the Cemetery at a cost of 30s- Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Dogs' Trough—Read, a letter from Mrs. Daubeny, Hon. Secretary Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire Branch, R.S.P.C.A., asking for permission to place a Dogs' Trough near the Entrance Gates to the Cemetery. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4885 to 4892 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Monuments to graves of Alice Mary Taylor, John Hardwicke, and Marie Louise Davis. Memorial Crosses to graves of Anna Esther Somerville, John Haddon, Marianne A. H. Fletcher, Georgiana Emily Tottenham, and James and James Russell Landale, Headstone to grave of Jane Edwards. Kerbing to graves of Robert Charles Collins, Annie Eliza Forty and Joseph Warder.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1916: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins, Miss Fegan, Messrs. W. R. Caries, J. R. Claridge, A. Miles, and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

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

2-Appointment of Sub-Committee-Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Green and Merrett, and Messrs. W. R. Caries, F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian: Receipts: 6s. 8d. Presentations: Miss Hardcastle (2 volumes), Mr. A. C. Dunn (1 volume), Publishers Cheltenham, Gloucester and District Trade Directory (1 volume), Board of Agriculture (Leaflets).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of October last was 1,277, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 6,923.

Two small writing tables had been placed in the Reference Library for the use of Soldiers and the stationery was being supplied by the Y.M.C.A. The Librarian suggested that for the present the Reference Library should be open to the public on Friday afternoons and evenings and that this could be done by slightly rearranging the staff. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th November, 1916: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Haddock and Wood.

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, November 28th, 1916: Present: —Aldermen Steel and Waghorne. Councillors 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 second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £4,860 12s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £18,813 7s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 25th March next. Amount collected £3,285 11s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £9,082 16s. 9d.

3 -Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the term for which the loan of £7,794 was sanctioned for the Public Library would expire on the 3rd of January, 1917 and that he had arranged with the lenders for the same to continue on account of other Loans. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that new Debentures be issued accordingly. He also reported that the loan of £1,302 (Electric Light) would expire on 1st of April and the loan of £5,000 (Alstone Baths) on the 3rd January next.

4—Investment of Sinking Funds—Resolved, That notice be given to the Rhondda Urban District Council requiring repayment of loans outstanding after the 31st December, 1916, amounting to £11,196 12s. 8d., advanced by the Cheltenham Corporation.

5—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That the attention of the Public Health Committee be called to the loss to the Corporation of fees for the treatment of patients in the Delancey Hospital owing to neglect to obtain the usual undertaking signed before persons suffering with contagious diseases are admitted to the Hospital.

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

In hand on the 31st October last		£ 7,569 3 5
Received since that date		<u>12,118 4 6</u>
		£19,687 7 11
Paid since that date (including Loans temporarily repaid, £8,227)		<u>14,557 16 8</u>
	In Hand	£ 5,129 11 3
being Sinking Fund Accounts (in hand)		£5,248 2 5
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts (ditto)		<u>161 17 7</u>
	In Hand	£5,410 0 0
less General Accounts (overdrawn)		<u>280 8 9</u>
		£5,129 11 3

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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