

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 December, 1921, at 3 p.m.

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly 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—Postal Collections and Deliveries—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Post-master, Cheltenham, stating that it was proposed to suspend the 2-30 p.m. Town Collection and 4 p.m. Town Delivery on Saturday afternoons, and asking if the Council had any objection to the proposals. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ... Meetings held November 10 and 14

Housing ... Meeting held “ 21

Street and Highway ... Meetings held “ 15 and 28*

* Subject to the following addendum, vis.: That Councillor Mann be added to the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee at their Meeting on November 28th.

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Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held November 11, 15, 25

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 18 and 24

Water ... Meeting held November 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 22

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 16

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held November 14*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.: That Minute No 4 of the proceedings of this Committee be referred back for further consideration.

Burial Board ... Meetings held November 18 and 25

Public Library ... Meeting held November 15

Finance ... Meetings held November 18 and 29*

*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.

4—Salaries and Bonus—Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to call together the General Purposes and Watch, and Finance Committees to consider the Salaries and Bonus of the Officials and Employees.

5—Honorary Freedom of the Borough—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Council be convened to make the necessary arrangements for conferring the Honorary Freedom of the Borough on W. F. Hicks Beach, Esq., J.P. (Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and formerly M.P. for the Tewkesbury Division).

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Mayor.

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MINUTES or the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd January, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th December, 1921: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Rogers and Welstead (Councillor Rogers 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 and 14, St. Paul's Street, South ; Cumberland House and Rose Cottage, Grove Street; 22, Albert Street, St. Paul's ; 10 and 18, Burton Street ; 9, Churchill Road ; 3, Magenta Place ; 8, St. Luke's Place ; 44, Brunswick Street ; 10, Brunswick Terrace ; 32, Courtenay Street ; and 40, Montpellier Villas. 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 12, Croft Street ; 5, Albert Street, St. Paul's ; 1, 2, 3, and 4, Hanover Parade ; 43, Queen Street ; 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, and 31, Stoneville Street ; 44 and 65, Brunswick Street ; 8, St. Luke's Place ; and 3, Magenta Place. The Medical Officer of Health having

certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed,

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc.,-at (a) 6 and 7, North field Passage ; and 97, 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.

(b) 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage Street-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective, and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work 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 Owner of the premises requiring him to do the specified works within 28 days.

(c) 1, 2, and 3, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 10th October (Minute No. 3 (b)) the works specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the expenses incurred, amounting to £59 5s. 0d., between the Owners. Resolved, That an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses, and that Notices of the apportionment be served on the Owners and demand for repayment of the sums apportioned against them.

(d) 10, Gloucester Place-Read, letter from Mrs. J. Horton, acting for Mrs. Prudence Taylor, Owner of these premises, on whom Notice had been served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring her to do certain drainage works, stating that Mrs. Taylor had no funds to carry out the work. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances obtain estimates to carry out the work.

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4-Insanitary Property-12, Croft Street ; 1, 2, 3, and 4, Hanover Parade ; 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14,15, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, Stoneville Street ; 34 and 65, Brunswick Street ; and 45, Queen 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-(a) 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Little's Court, New Street -Read, letter of the 25th ult., from Mr. R. E. Stuart, Solicitor to the Mortgagees, asking that the Demolition Order made in respect of these premises be deferred. Resolved, That the demolition of the premises be proceeded with in pursuance of the Order.

(b) 141 and 142, Tewkesbury Road-With reference to the Representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last meeting (Minute No. 9 (a)) the Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given to the Owners of these premises of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned premises are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, Orders be now made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation, until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Orders and that Notice of such Orders be given to the Owners.

(c) 16, 25, 26, and 27, Exmouth Street-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Owners of these premises had not complied with Notices under Section 28, of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, requiring the same to be made reasonably fit for human habitation, and submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done thereat

	£ s. d.
W. F. Seward ..	76 15 0
D. L. Turner ..	69 15 0
C. T. Clark ..	53 13 6

Resolved. That the tender of Mr. C. T. Clark be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(d) 17, 18, 48, 53-58, 60, 62-61, and 82, Stanhope Street ; 1, St. Peter's Place, Waterloo Street; 5, 7, and 9, Worcester Street ; and 1, Limbrick Cottages, Waterloo Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which Closing Orders were made by the Council on the 2nd August, 1918, had not been rendered fit for human habitation, and he recommended that Orders be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That Notice be given to the respective Owners of the premises of the intention of the Council to consider on the 13th February next, the question of making Orders for the demolition of the premises.

6-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 14 lbs. beef ; 4 cwt. pork ; cwt. 1 qr. 54 lbs fish ; and 8 tins corned beef.

7-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

8--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order-Read, application from Mr. Percy Chas. Vizard, 230, High Street, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9---Disused Slaughter Houses-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the under-mentioned registered slaughter houses had ceased to be slaughter houses, and recommended that they be removed from the Register :-

(1) Adelaide Buildings, Bath Road ; (2) Upper Bath Street ; (3) Commercial Street ; (4) Bath Street ; (5) Mount Pleasant, Berkeley Avenue; and (6) Beckinsale's Passage, High Street.

Resolved, That that the recommendation be adopted, and the respective Owners informed that the premises have ceased to be recognised as registered slaughter houses.

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10— Royal Sanitary Institute—Annual Congress—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from the Secretary, inviting delegates to attend the 33rd Congress and Exhibition to be held at Bournemouth from 24th-29th July, 1922. Resolved, That the Chairman and Inspector of Nuisances be appointed delegates to attend the Congress.

11—Royal Institute of Public Health— Congress—Read, letter from the Mayor of Plymouth, inviting delegates to attend the 1922 Congress of the Institute to be held at Plymouth from the 31st May-5th June. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

12—Abattoir--Humane Killing—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Council of Justice to Animals, enclosing copy of Clause 9 (b) of the Model Bye-Laws, and asking the Council to adopt the Clause. Resolved, That no action be taken.

13—Haydon Sewage Farm—Humus Tanks—The Borough Surveyor submitted Drawings and Estimate for construction of Humus Tanks at the Sewage Purification Works at an estimated cost of £7,000. Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for sanction to a loan of £7,000 to provide work for the unemployed. Resolved, also, That application be made for a Grant towards the payment of interest and sinking fund charges on the loan for a term of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered by the Cabinet Committee on Unemployment.

14—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 12th inst. was 8 horses (4 at Depot), 5 colts, 118 head of cattle, 12 calves, 45 sheep, 31 lambs, and 22 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 3 calves and to pigs had been bred on the Farms. 6 cows, 2 calves, 9 ewes, 1 sow, and 20 pigs had been sold for £339 2s. 5d. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1921: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Dicks, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Land Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 10th inst.: Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

Spare Land—(a) That the land opposite the Dorman Long houses be let as allotments at rent of 20s- per chain per annum ; tenancies not to be limited to one chain,

(b) That the orchard adjoining Smiths Systems, Ltd., be let to Mr. A. R. Doxsey at rent of £8 per annum, and rates and taxes, for poultry keeping, etc., on condition that no fruit trees are removed, and that the Corporation are not put to any expense in connection with fences.

c) That about 4 acres of garden land adjoining Field No. 441 be let to Mr. S. J. Wasley at rent of £16 per annum, and rates and taxes, subject to the terms of an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and that a fence be fixed along the Brooklyn Road boundary of the land by the Corporation.

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(d) Lay-Out—That the whole of the street works be completed in Byron, Milton and Tennyson Roads, including paving, kerbing, channelling, macadamising and tree planting.

(e) Unemployed Labour—Hours and Wages—That the present hours of labour for unemployed men, viz. : 40 hours at 1s 3d per hour for 8 hours per day, excluding Saturdays, be altered to 42 ½ hours at 1s 3d per hour, including 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

(f) Oak Tree—That a copper label be provided to commemorate the planting of the oak tree by the ex-Mayor.

(g) Dorman Long Houses—Colouring--That the exterior colouring of the Dorman Long houses be left until the Spring.

(h) Gardens—Prize Scheme—That a scheme of prizes for presentation to cultivators of the best front gardens be considered at a later meeting.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received applications from 22 persons for a total of 28 chains of the land recommended to be let for allotments.

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

2-Lay-Out- Unemployment—Roads—The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Ministry of Health with a view to additional roads on the Housing Estate being constructed, and submitted letter of the 29th ult., from the Ministry and copy of his reply thereto. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the receipt of a further communication from the Ministry.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th December, 1921: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th November to the 15th inst., (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the three weeks ended 8th December, 1921, 560 loads collected, 512 consumed and 48 tipped away. Weight consumed 714 tons.

2—Street Projection—Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. Swaffield, of the 10th inst., for permission to fix a sign at 148a, High Street, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

3—Eldorado Road —Footpath—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the footpath in Eldorado Road. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

4—Public Lighting—Island Lamps—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Borough Electrical Engineer, asking that posts and kerbing be fixed round each of the lamps, referred to in Minute No. 18 of the Committee on the 28th ult., which would be kept alight all night. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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5—Highbury Lane—Read, letters of the 2nd inst., from two residents in Highbury Lane, complaining of the condition thereof, together with letter from Messrs. Smith Bros. with reference thereto. Resolved, That the same be viewed,

6—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the widening of Gloucester Road, between Granley Road and the Borough Boundary, at an estimated cost of £6,400. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of the work.

7—Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the carriageway in Whaddon Lane required repair. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

8—Slab Factory—Resolved, That an additional mould for slab making be obtained at an estimated cost of £150.

9—Promenade—Read, Memorial from the occupiers of Nos. 1 to 13, Promenade, suggesting that the carriage-way in the Promenade be widened by taking in the existing footpath up to the second line of trees. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

10—Telegraph Lines—Hatherley Lane and Reddings Road—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, asking that the stipulation that 6ft. of painted lagging be fixed to the poles to be placed in Hatherley Lane and Reddings Road be withdrawn. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Lane off St. James' Square---Read, application of the 13th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of underground and overhead telegraph lines in lane off St. James' Square, opposite the Fire Station. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

11—Trees—(a) Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. E. Taylor, asking for the removal of tree opposite 79 and 80, Tewkesbury Road.

(b) Bayshill—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Major F. J. Foster, asking for the removal of two trees in front of "Allt Dina's," Bayshill. Resolved, That the trees be viewed.

12—Light Railway—High Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the Light Railway Co. to the condition of the track in High Street.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th December, 1921. : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Dicks, Mann and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1571	C. D. Wilson	New Bakehouse, 25, Winchcombe Street.
1574	F. Sims	Amended Plans for Cinema, Suffolk Parade.
1575	Messrs. Boots	New Lavatory on first floor, 189, High Street.
1576	National Union of Railwaymen	Temporary Building, Millbrook Street.
1577	H. Towell	New Bungalow, Bamfurlong Road, Off Gloucester Road.
1578	Cheltenham Billposting Company	Temporary Cover, Wellington Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1575 be approved, subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plan No. 1577 be approved subject to the cesspool being made watertight and properly ventilated; that Plans Nos. 1571, 1576 and 1578 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal, and that Plan No. 1574 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th December, 1921 : Present—Councillors Dicks, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Montpellier Gardens—Concert Pavilion—Season, 1922—The Committee considered 4 tenders for the hire of the Concert Pavilion for the Summer Season, 1922. Resolved, That consideration of the tenders be adjourned pending the receipt of references as to the financial stability, etc., of the respective tenderers.

2-Pittville Pump Room—Badminton—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Albert Gibson for the use of the Pump Room for Badminton for three hours on January 3rd be granted on payment of 30s to include heating and lighting.

3—Municipal Orchestra, etc.—Complimentary Tickets for Advertisement Displayers—Resolved, That Complimentary Tickets be issued to the displayers of Corporation advertisements as per list submitted.

4— Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Painting—Wages—Resolved, That 1s. 4 ½ d. per hour be paid for the painting work at Montpellier and Winter Gardens.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd December, 1921 ; Present--Councillors Dicks, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5—House next Montpellier Baths—An application of the 10th inst. was received from Mr. P. Smith for the tenancy of the house next Montpellier Baths at a rent of 4s 6d per week. Resolved. That the application be not entertained.

6—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 29th ult., 6th and 13th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Town Hall—(a) Children's The Dansant—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a Children's The Dansant to be held on Thursday, the 5th prox., and that the charge for admission thereto (including dancing and tea) be 2s 6d for children and adults, subject to the usual condition that no two adults be allowed to dance together, and that 8d. be charged for admission of spectators to balcony.

(b) Long Night Municipal Balls—Complimentary Tickets--Resolved, That Complimentary Tickets for the Long Night Municipal Balls be issued to the Press and M.C.'s.

7—Montpellier Baths - Resolved, That the charge for the use of the Baths by Mr. R. Arent for dances be reduced from 12s 6d to 10s - per hour if payment is made in advance, otherwise the charge to remain as at present.

8—Advertisement Boards—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be authorised to remove advertisement boards at any time placed on the properties of the Corporation without the consent of this Committee.

9—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—
Central Spa 650; Montpellier Baths 10 ; Pittville Chalet 32 ; Pittville Pump Room 41.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st December, 1921: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Island Lamps— Resolved, That the following lamps be connected to the Private supply at an estimated cost of £75, and lighted all night :—(a) Top of Montpellier Street at junction with Parabola Road ; (b) Top of Bayshill Road at junction with Parabola Road ; (c) Ashford Road at junction with Great Norwood Street, and (d) Lansdown Lamp.

(b) (i.) Oxford Passage ; (ii.) Coltham Terrace, Hale's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans shewing the lighting of these localities. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend additional lamps.

(c) Green's Place—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plan shewing the lighting of Green's Place. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

(d) Cleeve View Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plan for lighting Cleeve View Road (Extension) and providing three lamps at an estimated cost of £116. Resolved, That the necessary extension of the cable be made and two lamps fixed for the time being.

2--Fuel Oil—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the contract with Shell-Mex, Ltd., would shortly expire. Resolved, That he be authorised to obtain further supplies of oil from time to time as required.

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3—Electric Light Standard —Corner of Park Place and The Park —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp standard at the junction of Park Place and The Park, was knocked down by a motor car belonging to Mr. Daniel Walkley of Cinderford, on the 30th ult. Resolved, That a claim be made for damage done.

4—Housing Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there was an excessive consumption of energy for lighting by some of the tenants on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That the tenants be given notice that in cases where the consumption is more than can reasonably be required for ordinary hours of lighting, the present method of payment at a fixed rate per week will be terminated, and that they will be required to pay for the supply by meter at the ordinary rates.

5—Painting of Lamp Standards—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the painting of new lamp standards, brackets and switch pillars. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted.

	£ s. d.
No. 1 District—T. E. Davis ..	52 16 0
No. 2 District—J. S. Causon	39 11 6
No. 3 District -R. H. Middleton (Bitumastic paint) ..	33 13 4
No. 4 District— do. do. do. ..	33 17 3

Subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into in each case.

6—Accounts 1920-1921—The Statement of Accounts shewed a net deficiency of £3851 3s. 10d., against which there was a reserve fund in hand amounting to £4371 5s. 1d.

7—Gas Tests—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the Gas Examiner, stating that he had not been able to make any test of gas during the month as the thermometers for the calorimeter were being verified, but he hoped to be able to commence the weekly test in the following week.

JAMES MOORE,

WATER COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th December, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 15th December, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	51,000 gallons	91,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	182,000	392,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	18,000	34,000
Total	251,000	517,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 15th December, 1921	Depth	Contents 15th December, 1920.
Hewletts		12,525,000 gallons		7,011,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	7ft. 0in.	7,497,000	14ft. 0in.	24,129,000
Leckhampton	1ft. 0in.	135,000	7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		20,157,000		32,085,000

Pumping had been continued during the month at Tewkesbury and Sandford.

2-Inspections-The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of November had been as follows

	During November.	Total for past 8 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	718	5,666
“ “ taps found leaking ..	139	1,203
“ “ defective flushing boxes .	59	428
“ “ defective stop taps	13	100
“ “ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	128	
(special repairs during drought)	<u>109</u>	
	237	1,670
“ “ notices served re fittings	109	1,077
“ “ meters changed	6	146
“ “ houses connected .	51	358

3--Leakage at 10, Keynsham Street—Supply Discontinued—The Borough Surveyor reported that the supply to No. 20, Keynsham Street, was cut off on the 13th inst. owing to non-compliance with Notices served requiring a leakage in the road to be remedied.

4— Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Excavation Work —The Borough Surveyor reported that the amount allocated for excavation work in the Reservoir would become exhausted by the end of the year, when the work would cease.

(b) Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement for connecting the Lodge at Dowdeswell with the Telephone Exchange at a tariff rate of £5 5s. 0d. per annum, plus charges for trunk calls. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—Coal Supply—The Borough Engineer recommended that tenders be obtained for 500 tons of coal for Tewkesbury. Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement, and that the Chairman and Councillor Sawyer be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and determine upon tenders received.

6—Water Charges—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health under the Water Undertakings (Modification of Charges) Act, 1921, for an Order modifying the provisions of the Award dated 21st August, 1894, determining the price to be paid for bulk supply to the Borough of Tewkesbury, also the provisions of the Agreements dated 16th June, 1914, with the Tewkesbury Rural District Council for bulk supplies for the hamlets of Aston, Pamington and Fiddington and the parish of Walton Cardiff, and the Agreement for supply of water to the Tewkesbury Joint Hospital and other special Agreements for supply of water

7—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, 20th December, 1921: Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Unemployment—Messrs. O. J. Williams, C. E. Cooke, A. J. Thompson, R. M. Smith, E. Parker, J. Avens and E. A. South and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring attended as a Deputation from the Local Employment Committee, Board of Guardians and Amalgamated Unemployed Committee, and urged the necessity of further work being provided for the unemployed, and suggested various works which might be undertaken. The Deputation were informed that the works suggested by them had already been considered by the Corporation, and were assured that the question of unemployment was receiving their earnest consideration. It was pointed out that during the present year the Corporation had put in hand works to relieve unemployment at a cost of about £30,206. The Corporation were awaiting Sanction to a loan for £2,000 for Under-drainage Works at Hayden, and had also applied for a Grant towards the cost of painting the railings, etc., at Montpellier and Winter Gardens. Tenders had been obtained for painting the electric light standards, and this work would be put in hand at once. Schemes had also been prepared for Humus Tanks at Hayden Farm at an estimated cost of £7,000, and for widening and improving the Gloucester Road at an estimated cost of £6,400, and these Schemes were to be submitted to the Town Council for approval at their next meeting.

2--Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the two cases reported at the last meeting, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

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

4—Wart Disease of Potatoes (Amendment) Order, 1921—Read, circular letter of the 26th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding copy of this Order modifying the provisions of the Wart Disease of Potatoes Order, 1919, and Notice setting out the effect of the modifications. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Notice.

5—Onion Smut Order, 1921—Read, circular letter of the 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding copy of this Order.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab—Resolved, That the application of H. S. N. Courtney, for Hackney Carriage licence in respect of Motor Cab No. A.D. 8279, be granted.

Omnibus—Read, application of the 12th inst., from The National Omnibus and Transport Co. Ltd., for licences in respect of two Saloon Omnibuses, in place of the Double-deckers now in use on the Stroud—Cheltenham Service. Resolved. That licences be granted subject to the vehicles being approved by the Inspector.

7—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—(a) An application was received from Mr. Dale Marshall (on behalf of the New Sultan Engineering Co.) for a licence to store 75 lbs. Carbide of Calcium at 30 and 30a Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

(b) Read, applications of the 8th inst., from B. and W. L. Chinn for licences to store 100 gallons of Petroleum and 50 lbs. Carbide of Calcium, at 16, 57 and 18 Bath Parade. Resolved, That the applications be granted, subject to the places of storage be constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

8---Pawnbroker's Licence—Read, application of the 20th inst, from Messrs. H. Higgins & Co., for a renewal of their pawn-brokers' licence which expired on the 9th ult. Resolved, That a Certificate of renewal as for one year from the 9th November, 1921, be granted.

9—Shops Act—Inspector's Reports—Read, Reports of the 22nd and 23rd ult., from the Shops Acts Inspector, as to (a) an offence against the Shops Early Closing Act, 1920, by the sale of cigarettes after 8 p.m. at the Coliseum, and (b) an infringement of the Cheltenham Fruiterers' and Greengrocers' Order, 1912, by Mrs. Cox, of 1, Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, in keeping her shop open on the weekly half-holiday. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the persons concerned to the offences and to inform them that proceedings will be taken if any further infringements are reported.

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10—Market—Carts, etc., and Office Accommodation—Resolved, That a Meeting of the **Market Sub-Committee** be held at the Market on Thursday, the 5th prox., at 11 a.m., to consider arrangements to relieve congestion by carts and wagons in the Market, and the provision of further Office accommodation.

11—Postal Collections and Deliveries—The Committee considered letter of the 1st inst., from the Postmaster, referred to them by the Council at their last meeting, stating that it was proposed to suspend the 2.30 p.m. Town Collection and 4 p.m. Town Delivery on Saturday afternoons, and asking if the Corporation had any objection to the proposals. Resolved, That as the postal facilities have already been very much curtailed, this Committee is of opinion that it is not in the public interest that there should be any further reduction of postal services, and object to the proposals.

12-**Local Pension Committee**—North, Central and East Wards Sub-Committee—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from Mr. A. Butler, withdrawing his resignation as a member of this Sub-Committee.

13—Post Mortem Examinations—The Town Clerk reported that the Coroner recommended that all cases required to be sent to a Mortuary should be sent to the Hospital Mortuary whether post mortem examinations were necessary or not, and submitted letter of the 13th inst., from the Chairman, Cheltenham General Hospital, agreeing to the proposal, subject to the payment of 25s per case, inclusive of light and water. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

14—County Council—Representation—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 8th inst., from the Home Office, with copy draft Order proposed to be made by the Secretary of State, increasing the number of County Electoral Divisions within the Borough from 6 to 9, with a corresponding increase

in the number of County Councillors, and reported that to save expense he was arranging for the current Register of Electors to be altered in manuscript. Resolved, That this be approved.

15—Carol Singing—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from Councillor Captain Trye, enclosing letter from Miss Du Pre, complaining of nuisance caused by carol singing. Resolved, That no action be taken.

16—Empty Houses—Payment of Rates—Read, circular letter of the 2nd inst., from the Clerk, Chiswick U.D.C., stating that representations were being made to the Government in favour of a Bill requiring the payment of rates in respect of empty houses held for sale, and asking the Corporation to support the same.

17—3rd Quarterly Meeting—Resolved, That the 3rd Quarterly Meeting in 1922 be held on Monday, 31st July, instead of on Friday, 4th August as required by Standing Order No 1.

18—Salaries and Bonus—Resolved, That a Joint Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch and Finance Committees be held on Thursday, the 5th prox., at 3 p.m., to consider the Salaries and Bonus of the Officials and Employees

19—Motor Traffic Control—A Memorandum was received from the Chief Constable giving particulars of gardens at corners of roads in which the reduction of the height of shrubs and fencing would materially increase the safety of motor traffic, and also suggested positions for the erection of mirrors and illuminated warning signs to drive slowly. The Chief Constable also recommended that heavy motor goods traffic from Gloucester and South Wales to Cirencester, Oxford, etc., and vice versa should, to avoid congested thoroughfares, be diverted via Andover, Suffolk, Thirlestaine and Old Bath Roads, and that the following routes should be taken by Motor Omnibuses:—

From Tewkesbury via Ambrose, Manchester and Clarence Streets to Clarence Lamp.

From Gloucester via Lansdown Crossing, Montpellier Street, Royal Well Lane, Clarence Parade to Clarence Lamp.

From Stroud, etc. via Bath and Oriel Roads and stop near the Town Hall.

From Cirencester, Northleach, etc. to Berkeley Street, and that if a suitable place cannot be found for " Parking" Char-a-bancs, the above routes should also be prescribed for these vehicles.

Resolved, That the suggestion as to reduction of shrubs and fencing in gardens, erection of mirrors and illuminated signs be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration. Resolved, also, That consideration of the suggested diversion of Omnibus routes, be adjourned.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th December, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Stewart, and Captain Trye ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Reported 2,429 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since November 16th. (Corresponding period last year 1,387).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised 6s. 2d.,

The following loan had been received:— Councillor Captain Trye : Old signal book, 1746.

The following gift had been received:— Lady Dixon Hartland : "Military Honours," exhibited in the Royal Academy, 1889; painted by Eyre Crowe, A.R.A. (1824-1910).

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th December, 1921: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Tennis Courts —Re-turfing—It was reported that the Visitors of Montpellier Gardens had inspected the section of turf from the Housing Estate laid in the Gardens, and were of opinion that the same was quite unsuitable for re-turfing tennis courts. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the courts with turf removed from other parts of Pittville Estate as far as possible, and that he be authorised to purchase new turf as may be necessary, up to 600 yards, at 8d per yard, delivered, from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co.

2—War Memorial—The Committee further considered the proposed alteration in the balustrading and for planting shrubs, referred back by the Council at their last meeting. Resolved, That two openings be made in the balustrading behind the Memorial, to correspond with the openings in front thereof, instead of the existing opening; that shrubs be planted in the circular recesses only, and that the paths be gravelled.

3—Recreation Grounds—Agg-Gardner—Visitor's Report—Councillor Yarnold, Visitor, submitted report of an inspection made by him, with recommendations as to repairs and requisitions. Resolved, That consideration of the report be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd December, 1921: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel ; Councillors Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6491 to 6504 (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 Cross and Kerbing to the grave of E. Ernest Boorne ; Kerbing to the graves of Clara J. Daft, Geo. H. Davis, and Joe and Frank Riley.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1921: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann and Captain Trye ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £10 18s. 2d. Presentations: Librarian, Library of Congress (1 vol.): Dr. Van de Viele (11 vols).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of November last was 4,192, the number issued from the Lending Library 11,288, and the Children's Library 2,411.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 8th December: Present—Alderman Green; Councillor Regan; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. E. C. Rogers and J. R. Claridge (Alderman Green in the chair).

They recommended :— That the Post Office London Directory (including the London County Suburbs) 1922, be purchased at the cost of 45s.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd December, 1921: Present—Aldermen Horsley and Steel ; Councillors Dicks Pruen, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 23rd inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £12,803 17s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £26,085 0s. 5d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount. collected £5,447 7s. 1d. Leaving outstanding, £11,125 18s.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received, £1,835 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of a Debenture amounting to £350 be approved, and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

(b) Boston and District Savings Bank-- Loan £10,000—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged to borrow £10,000 from the Boston and District Savings Bank for 10 years, with a mutual option to recall or repay at the end of 5 or 7 years. Resolved, That this be approved and that Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Auditor's Report—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the District Auditor on his audit of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March last, and stated that arrangements had already been made to give effect to the several suggestions made by the Auditor.

5—Receipts for Rates—Mr. F. H. Harris (Assistant Overseer) attended and explained a proposal made by the District Auditor to alter the system of Receipts for Rates. Resolved, That the proposed system be approved, and put into operation at the beginning of the next Financial Year.

6—National Savings Certificates—(a) Loans—The Town Clerk submitted Circulars 254 and 263 from the Ministry of Health with reference to loans to Local Authorities from the proceeds of sales of National Savings Certificates.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for National Savings Certificates to be issued at the Borough Accountant's Department. Resolved, That this be approved.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 2nd January, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Regan and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th 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—War Pensions Act, 1921—Area Scheme—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Pensions (Local Administration Branch) enclosing proposed Scheme for the South-Western Region for Re-organising Committee Areas, and asking for the observations of the Council thereon. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ...	Meeting held December 14
Housing	Meeting held December 13
Street and Highway	Meeting held December 19*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz. : That Plan No. 1574 be approved and that Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee be varied accordingly.

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Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held December 16 and 22
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held December 21
Water	Meeting held December 15*

*Water Charges—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health under the Water Undertakings (Modification of Charges) Act, 1921, for an Order modifying the provisions of the Award dated 21st August, 1894, determining the price to be paid for bulk supply to the Borough of Tewkesbury by increasing the price to is. 3d. per 1,000 gallons, also the provisions of the two Agreements dated 16th June, 1914, with the Tewkesbury Rural District Council for bulk supply for the hamlets of Aston, Pamington and Fiddington and the parish of Walton Cardiff by increasing the price to 1s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons, and the provisions of Agreements dated respectively the 4th January, 1897, and 9th October, 1914, for supply of water to the Isolation Hospital at Elmstone Hardwick and Hesters Way Farm by increasing the charge in each case to 1s. 9d. per 1,000 gallons.

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held December 20

* Subject to the following Amendment, viz. : That Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee be referred back for further consideration.

Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held December 14
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments	Meeting held December 12*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz.: That Minute No 2 of the proceedings of this Committee be referred back for further consideration.

Burial Board ...	Meeting held December 23
Public Library ...	Meeting held December 13
Finance ...	Meeting held December 23*

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.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th February, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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, :-44, Brunswick Street ; 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Cleeve View Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 51, St. James' Street ; 2, Asquith Road ; 56, Brunswick Terrace, Brunswick Street ; 42, Brunswick Street ; 4, Fairlight Place, Tivoli ; Edward Villa, King's Road ; and 8, Sidney Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Insanitary Property-51, St. James' Street ; 2, Asquith Road ; 42 and 56, Brunswick Street ; 4, Fairlight Place, Tivoli ; and 36, Courtenay 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 8, Sidney Street ; Waverley Lodge, and Waverley Cottage, Rosehill Street ; Leamington Villa ; 112, Fairview Road ; 5 and 6, Portland Square ; and Portland Stores (Yard at the side), Beaufort 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.

(b) 10, Gloucester Place—In accordance with the instructions of the Public Health Committee at their meeting on the 14th December last, the Inspector of Nuisances submitted the following tenders for works specified to be done to these premises:—

	£	s.	d.
E. Eager ..	57	5	0
Eggleton & Co. ..	57	13	4
Mark Williams & Co.	66	7	6

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. Eager be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 ½ cwt. beef ; 2 qrs. 221bs. mutton: 4 cwt. 19 lbs. pork, 16 lbs. bacon ; 19 lbs. tripe ; 2 qrs. 8 lbs fish ; 9 tins meat ; and 280 oranges.

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6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Read, application from Mr. Wm. L. Haines, of 427, High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

8 —Amendment of Housing Act—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Bermondsey, calling attention to the decisions of cases taken under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, and the necessity of amending this section. Resolved, That the Ministry of Health be urged to amend Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, by inserting another sub-section similar to sub-section 15 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

9—Nos. 8 and 9, Rutland Street—Miss Goulding, the Owner of these premises, attended and raised no objection to a Demolition Order being made. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that these dwelling houses have not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with all due diligence to make them so fit, and that an Order be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-Section 2, Section 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, requiring the demolition of the premises, and that notice thereof be given to the Owner.

10—Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health—Read, circular letter (269) from the Ministry of Health as to contents and arrangements of Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11-2-6, Little's Court—Resolved, That the offer of R. G. Berryman of £60 for materials of these houses, less £36 10s 0d for cost of pulling down, etc., being the best offer, be accepted.

12—Public Urinals—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of installing electric lighting in the urinals outside Montpellier Gardens, Grosvenor Street, Sherborne Street and Gloucester Road was

estimated at £43 8s. 9d. It was now costing £18 a year for lighting and extinguishing the gas lighting. Resolved, That electric lighting be installed.

13—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 9th inst.: Present--Aldermen Green and Steel Councillors Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 9th inst. was 8 horses (4 at Depot), 5 colts, 111 head of cattle, 9 calves, 45 sheep, 31 lambs, and 32 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £35. 4 calves and 11 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 2 cows, 7 calves, 1 cow in calf, 5 heifers and 1 sow had been sold for £303 13s. 3d. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Regan and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-69, Tennyson Road—Resolved, That permission be given to the tenant of 69, Tennyson Road to fix a music teacher's notice plate outside this house.

2--Subsidy House, Gloucester Road The Borough Surveyor reported that the bungalow erected in Gloucester Road had been completed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate "B" on completion, accordingly.

3—Housing Estate- Spare Land—Resolved, That one acre of land at the rear of Mr. Wasley's garden, be let to Mr. E. E. Turner, for poultry keeping, at a rent of £6 per annum, subject to his entering into an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

Allotments—Resolved, That the tenants of No. 6, Tennyson Road, and No. 1, Byron Road, which are houses with very little ground attached, be granted half chain of land on the allotment area, free of charge.

4—Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor recommended that about seven acres of land adjoining Brooklyn Road, not at present required, be used temporarily as a Recreation Ground for the children in the neighbourhood. Resolved. That this recommendation be adopted and that some of the trees in stock be planted in suitable positions on this land.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Regan, Stewart and Capt. Trye ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Willoughby and Miss Foster (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society-- (a) Quarterly Report--Read, the Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1921. The attendances had been as follows:—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (12 meetings)	30	38.2
At Clare Street (12 meetings)	14	20
At Baker Street (12 meetings)	33.6	26.3

The Society regretted the resignations of Miss Barnard who had been Superintendent of Clare Street for many years, and was also a valuable member of the Committee, and nominated Mrs. E. C. Gurney to fill her place.

A new system had been introduced for the selling of dried milk food and had so far proved satisfactory Any mother desiring to buy the same had first to obtain a permit from the doctor, which must be renewed every two months. By this means the doctor was able to keep closer watch on the diet of the child, and no mother could buy it for a neighbour.

In the absence of one of the Health Visitors owing to illness, Sister Lucy had kindly lent a nurse from the Victoria Home to assist at the Centres.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mrs. E. C. Gurney a member of this Committee in place of Miss Barnard resigned.

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2-Health Visitors—(a) Annual Report—Read, the Annual Report from 1st January to 31st December, 1921. The following is		
a summary of the work for the year :—		
No. of Children visited (a) one year and under	3,255	
(b) over one year	1,592	
	Total 4,847	
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors .. 8,059		
Health Visitors attendances at Centres.		
Highbury .. - 84		
Clare Street 82		
Baker Street 86		
Total 252		
No. of Children remaining on Visiting Register .. 2,420		
„ un-notified births discovered .. 68		
„ Children remitted to Hospital . 43		
Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified and visited.. 2		
Ante-natal cases visited .. 92		

46 cases of Whooping Cough, 10 cases of Measles, 32 cases of Chicken Pox, and 5 cases of Mumps were visited.			
During the summer quarter (June to September) many extra visits were paid to infants and children suffering from infantile			
summer diarrhoea, and over 1,000 leaflets dealing with the subject were distributed.			
Grants of Milk :			
To Nursing and Expectant Mothers 75			
To Infants and Children (under 3 years) 77			
Total 152			
Total quantity of milk ordered .. 6,690 quarts.			
Cost of milk—paid for during 1921			£226 12s. 10d.
(b) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 31st December last :—			
No. of Children on Register		2,420	
No. of Children visited (a) one year and under		684	
(b) over one year		481	
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors		2,171	
Un-notified Births discovered ..		16	
Children remitted to Hospital .		12	
Ante-natal Cases visited ..		27	
Whooping Cough Cases visited ..		10	
Chicken Pox “ “		24	
“ Mumps “ “		5	
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres		72	
Grants of Milk :			
Carried over from previous quarter		40	
New Orders ..		14	
Stopped ..		15	
Continuing ..		39	
Nursing and Expectant Mothers..		26	
Infants and Children (under 3 years)		28	

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3—District Nursing Association—Grant—Read, copy letter of the 13th ult., from the Ministry of Health to the District Nursing Association, stating that the Ministry had decided to make a grant of £235 in aid of the District Midwifery and Nursing provided by the Association.

4-Milk Supply to Mothers and Infants—Read, circular letter, 267, from the Ministry of Health.

5—Estimates for 1922-23—Read, circular letter, No. 272, from the Ministry of Health, as to arrangements for next financial year. The Town Clerk reported that the estimate asked for had been forwarded to the Ministry. Resolved, That this be approved.

6 —Creche—The Town Clerk reported that he had heard from Mrs. McArthur that her Committee were unable to carry on a Creche even if suitable premises were obtained. He also reported that he had been in communication with the House Agents, but they were unable to offer any suitable premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Boys' Orphanage, to ascertain if these premises could be used for a Creche.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd January, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways -- The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 16th December to the 19th January, 1922 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 12th January, 1922, 880 loads collected, 767 consumed and 113 tipped away. Weight consumed 1074 tons 11 ½ cwts.

2- Street Projections—Resolved, That the applications of Mr. L. A. Allaway for permission to fix a sign at Nos. 2 and 3 Albion Street, and also from Messrs. Dunn & Co., on behalf of M. Burton and Shoes, Ltd., to fix three lamps at 375 High Street, and two lamps at 28 Clarence Street, be granted, subject to the usual conditions. Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Co., for permission to place a swing sign at No. 3 Promenade, be not granted,

3—Purchase of Horses—Resolved, That offers of horses be invited by advertisement, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for any horses offered to be sent to the Depot for inspection by the Sub-Committee on Tuesday, 7th prox., at 3 p.m. The Borough Surveyor submitted offer received from Messrs. Hughes & Co., for a second-hand motor car. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be also asked to inspect this and report to the Committee.

4 —Land in Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence to the field let as a football ground to the Christ Church Club, was being damaged by the boys climbing over it, contrary to the conditions of the letting. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write with regard to this.

5—Widening of Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an interview with the Ministry of Transport on the 16th inst., and that he understood a grant would be made. Resolved, That he be instructed to proceed with the work as soon as the application is granted.

6—Land at Destructor—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Dicks and Pates be appointed representatives of this Committee to confer with representatives to be appointed by the Electricity and Lighting Committee as to the allocation of the land at the Destructor, between the Highways Department and the Electricity Department, and also as to Extension of Railway Siding, and the construction of the road to the additional land purchased.

7— Slab Factory— The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Hinkins and Frewin of Oxford had lent a power driven concrete block machine invented by them for testing at the Slab Factory, and this was now being tested.

8--View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 11th January, 1922 :-The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Pates.

They recommended as follows :---

Trees—(a) Cambridge Villas—That the tree near No. 4 be not removed.

(b) Tewkesbury Road—That a large plane tree by No. 79 be removed and a young tree planted.

(c) Overton Road—That the two trees by Allt Dinas be not removed.

(d) Leckhampton Road—That the tree near "Lowmandale" be not removed.

Promenade—That the roadway adjoining Nos. 1-13 be not widened at present.

King Edward Statue and lamp adjoining—That the ornamental lamp near the King Edward Statue be removed and re-erected at Westal Green, Tivoli Place, and that a new lamp be fixed on the footpath at the corner near Montpellier Gardens.

Dangerous Corner, Battledown Approach and Hale's Road—That the offer of Mr. G. A. Hawkins to give up land at the corner of Battledown Approach and Hale's Road, be accepted, and that his frontage be set back about 10 feet at the widest point, and a new fence erected.

Priory Terrace—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath repaired, kerbed and channelled.

High Street and Colonnade—That the corner of the footpath adjoining the London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd. be set back about 2 feet at the widest point.

Highbury Lane and Whaddon Lane—Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification of the work required to be done to the above roads by the abutting owners.

Hewlett Road—Encroachment on Footpath—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the occupier of premises adjoining the New Inn requiring the discontinuance of the obstruction to the footpath by placing furniture thereon.

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

9—Normal Terrace— Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. E. A. Broad, asking that this road be taken over. Resolved, That notice be given declaring it to be a highway as soon as the amounts outstanding for private improvement works are paid.

10—Montpellier Walk—The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice declaring this road to be a public highway, but that within a month of the date of the notice, he had received a memorial from the majority of the owners objecting to this. Resolved, That the proposal to take over this road as a Highway repairable by the inhabitants at large, be withdrawn.

11—Motor Traffic Control— The Memorandum from the Chief Constable giving particulars of dangerous corners, and also as to the suggested position for the erection of mirrors and illuminated warning signs, referred by the General Purposes and Watch Committee to this Committee, was submitted. Resolved, That consideration of this be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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12-Dangerous Corner, Naunton Lane —Read, letter of the 11th inst., from Mr. C. H. Paish, suggesting an improvement to the corner adjoining Naunton Villas, Naunton Lane. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners to see if any improvement can be arranged.

13—St. George's Place— Read, Memorial of the 19th inst., from the owners and occupiers, asking for the surface of St. George's Place to be relaid with wood blocks or tar macadam. Resolved, That consideration of this be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL.

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd January, 1922: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair),

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1566	J. F. Hoare	Temporary Stables at rear of 16, Naunton Crescent.
1567	C. J. Purser	“ “ at rear of 22, Naunton Crescent.
1579	G. Godwin	Detached House, Hester's Way.
1580	E. G. Cox	New Bath Room, Alvanley, Hatherley.
1581	Webb Bros.	New Offices, Battledown Brick Works.
1582	A. J. Thompson	New Workshop, Milsom Street,
1583	F. E. Pearce	Detached House, Badgeworth Road.
1584	F. J. Vanderplank	New Show Window on first floor at 381, High Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1584 be approved ; that Plans No. 1566, 1567, 1581 and 1582 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such

removal, and subject, in the case of the two former, to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and subject, in the case of No. 1581, to cesspool being made water tight ; that Plan No. 1580 be approved, subject to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans No. 1579 and 1583 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th January, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1- Montpellier Gardens--Archery Ground--Read, application of the 14th inst., from Miss B. M. Legh, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Archery Club, asking for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens for the 1922 season. Miss Legh and other members of the Club attended in support of the application. Resolved, That the use of the ground be granted to the Archery Club up to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and up to 6 p.m. on other days, from the 1st April to the 31st October next, at a charge of £14 14s. for the season, including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

Concerts Pavilion Summer Season, 1922—The Committee further considered the tenders received for the hire of the Concert Pavilion. Resolved, That none of the offers be accepted, as the Pavilion will be required for the use of the Municipal Orchestra.

2—Summer Orchestra—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the provision of a Summer Orchestra, and that the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to consider tenders received and report thereon to this Committee. Resolved, That arrangements be made for the Orchestra to play in the Winter Garden Band Stand each morning and on Thursday afternoons and on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and at Montpellier Gardens on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

3 —Town Hall —Repairs—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate of £178 15s., for repairs to the Supper Room and the West Corridor. Resolved, That the estimate be approved and that he be instructed to carry out the work. Cheltenham and District Unemployed Fund—Resolved, That the Drawing Room be let to Councillor Welstead, Chairman of the Cheltenham and District Unemployed Fund Committee, on the evening of the 23rd inst, for a Committee Meeting, free of charge, subject to payment of cost of cleaning, heating and lighting.

4—Music and Dancing Licence—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for the renewal of the licences for the Montpellier Gardens, Montpellier Baths, Town Hall, and Winter Garden Bandstand, including provision for Sunday Concerts in the case of the two latter.

5—Health and Pleasure Resorts Conference—The Town Clerk submitted report from the Hon. Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Conference with reference to the provision of a Holiday Information Bureau in a central position in London, and stating that if Cheltenham joined in the

enterprise their contribution towards the cost would be about £25 per annum. Resolved, That no action be taken in the matter.

6-Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Painting--Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee. stating that they were unable to make a grant in connection with this scheme in view of the limitation of the funds at their disposal.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th January, 1922; Present—Councillors Dicks, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Pates and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—Montpellier Gardens—Harriers' Annual Athletic Festival—Read, application of the 19th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham and County Harriers A.A. and C.C. Club, for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for the Annual Athletic Festival on August Bank Holiday. Resolved, That the Gardens be let at a charge of £20 subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

8—Advertising—Read, letter from the Great Western Railway Company, asking for renewal of advertisement in "Holiday Haunts" Guide, 1922. Resolved, That a half-page advertisement be taken at a cost of £8.

Scheme—Resolved, That Mr. Burrow be asked to submit a scheme of advertising for the ensuing year for consideration at the Meeting of the Committee on the 17th March.

9—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Town Hall—Resolved. (a) That dances be held during the month of February, on Wednesday evenings. Summer Orchestra— Resolved, (b) That the Band Attendant be provided with a uniform, at a cost not exceeding £3 10s.

10—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 881; Montpellier Baths 12 ; Pittville Chalet 29 ; Pittville Pump Room 40.

J. STEWART,

Chairman. .

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (JOINT MEETING).

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th January, 1922: Present---The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Horsley, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Dicks, Mann, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Whitaker and Yarnold (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Salaries—The Committee considered the question of salaries referred to them by the Council, and it was decided to remind the Council that a minimum and maximum scale of salaries was fixed by the Council as recently as September, 1920. The scale adopted was considerably below the Civil Service scale recommended by the Ministry of Health and adopted by many other towns. It was not based on the then cost of living, but on what was thought to be the fair value of the various appointments, and the object of fixing a minimum and maximum salary was in order that a person entering the employment of the Corporation might know the maximum salary to be expected for the appointment. It was Resolved. to recommend that no action be taken in the matter at present.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Moore, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Island Lamp, Ambrose Street and High Street—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have this lamp connected to the private supply and kept alight all night.

2—Electric Light Standard —Corner of Henrietta Street and Swindon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that this lamp standard was knocked down by a motor car belonging to Mr. H. H. Griffiths of Prestbury. The cost of making good the damage would be £7. Resolved, That a claim be made in respect of the damage.

3—Extension of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for supply to ten new bungalows to be erected by them on Harp Hill. They were willing to contribute £75 to the cost of cable extension, and undertook to wire each house for lighting and heating. He estimated the cost of extending the cables would be £484 Resolved, That the extension be made.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported, that in view of the increasing load it was necessary to supplement the existing high pressure feeders in various parts of the town, and he recommended that a new feeder be laid from Manchester Street Sub-Station to the Belle Vue Sub-Station, linking through Portland Street by way of Albion Street, at an estimated cost of £1,308. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to carry out the extension recommended.

4—Electric Light Standard—Corner of Park Place and the Park—The Town Clerk reported that he had received £8 in settlement of the claim for damage to this lamp.

5—Gas Tests—Read, letter from Mr. Geo. Embrey, stating that the gas testing apparatus was still incomplete and testing had been delayed for three months for the want of a thermometer. The Town Clerk stated that he had reported the matter to the Gas Referees, and he read a letter from them in reply, that the Referees were communicating with the Company in regard to the matter.

6—Electricity Works—Land—(a) Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Trye and Whitaker be appointed representatives of this Committee to meet representatives of the Street and Highway Committee as to the allocation of the land between the Electric Light and Highways Department, and other points arising in connection with the land.

(b) New Fencing—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros, Ltd., amounting to £71 5s. for erecting unclimbable oak fence, including gate, along the boundary of the land purchased from Mr. J. T. Smith, be accepted.

7—Light Railway--Supply of Energy—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported his correspondence and interview with the Company as to price of energy for traction, and that he had been unable to come to terms. Resolved, That the Company be asked to appoint a Consulting Engineer to confer with a Consulting Engineer representing the Corporation, with a view to settling the points in difference, and that Mr. Spencer Hawes, M.I.E.E., be appointed to represent the Corporation.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th January, 1922: Present—Alderman Green ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Whitaker (Councillor Sawyer 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 January, 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	56,000 gallons	169,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	182,000	1,164,000
Leckhampton Springs	10,000	33,000
Total	248,000	1,366,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	Depth	Contents 16th January, 1922	Depth	Contents 16th January, 1921.
Hewletts		13,016,000 gallons		16,677,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	7ft. 7in.	8,570,000 "	24ft. 5in.	63,109,000 "
Leckhampton	2ft. 0in.	270,000	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		21,856,000		81,001,000

Pumping had been continued during the month at Tewkesbury and Sandford,

2-Inspections-The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of December had been as follows :—

	During December.	Total for past 9 months,
No. of house-to-house inspections	534	6,200
“ taps found leaking ..	76	1,279
“ defective flushing boxes	36	464
“ defective stop taps ..	5	105
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	72	
(special repairs during drought)_____	105	
	177	1,847
“ notices served re fittings	65	1,142
“ meters changed .	24	170
“ houses connected ..	50	408

3—Coal Supply—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the 40 tenders received and had accepted the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son, for the supply of 500 tons of Princess Royal coal at 27s per ton, delivered at Tewkesbury Railway Station, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. Resolved, That the action of the Sub-Committee be approved.

Sandford Pumping Station--Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son to supply 100 tons of Princess Royal coal, delivered to the Corporation Central Depot, at 24s 8d per ton, be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

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

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported the existence of three cases of contagious diseases amongst animals, viz.: One case of Swine Fever at North Ward Allotments, and two cases of Parasitic Mange at stables in Sun Street and at the Horse Repository, Winchcomb Street; in the latter case the horse had been destroyed and the premises disinfected.

2-(b) Exportation and Transit of Horses. Asses and Mules Order, 1921 — The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 29th ult from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copy of this Order. Resolved, That notice be given calling attention to the main requirements of the Order, as requested by the Ministry.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz.: On the 25th ult., at H. H. Martyn & Co's. Works, St. Mark's. Damage about £200. Brigade expenses £4 3s.; on the 12th inst., at a Lock-up shop in Norwood Road. Damage about £75. Brigade expenses £5 1s. 6d.

Challenge Cup—On the 7th inst., the competition for the Podmore Challenge Cup was won by Section 2 (Lieutenant W. Cowley) in record time.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Read, applications of the 17th and 5th inst., from Messrs. H. S. Bishop and J. E. Dunn for licences in respect of Motors Nos. AD7598 and AD8395 (the latter being a Ford carrier van). Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles.

Driver's Licence—Resolved, That the application of J. E. Dunn for a driver's licence, be granted.

5 —Licence to Store Carbide of Calcium—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Messrs. Mousell Bros, Ltd., of 2, Ambrose Street, to store 112 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

6---Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, applications from Messrs. H. G. Beard, S. Shenton, and the Cheltenham Winter Garden Company, Ltd., for renewal of licences in respect of the Coliseum Theatre; Picture House, North Street; The Palace; and the Winter Garden. Resolved, That licences be renewed for one year from the 7th February, 1922, subject to the same conditions as contained in previous licences.

7—County Council--Representation—The Town Clerk reported that an order had been made increasing the number of County Councillors and the number of Electoral Divisions in the Borough to nine.

8--War Pensions Act, 1921—Area Scheme—A letter from the Ministry of, Pensions with Area Scheme for the South-Western Region, was read, and Mr. G. Dimmer attended the Committee. Resolved, That no objection be made to the proposed scheme.

9-Railways (North Western and Midland Group) Bill - - Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Town Clerk. Chesterfield, acting as Hon. Secretary, of a Committee appointed by various local Authorities, held on the 18th inst., and it was Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to a petition in opposition to this Bill, either alone or in conjunction with other Local Authorities similarly affected by the Bill.

10—Market—**The Market Sub-Committee** reported that they met at the Market on Thursday 5th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Aldermen Bendall and Green, and Councillor Stewart.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) That the sheep pens near the Dutch barn be removed to provide space for stalls, at an estimated cost of £25.

(2) That no carts or other vehicles be allowed to remain in the market after delivering goods, but that no objection be made to the use of the adjoining paddock for waiting carts and vehicles.

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

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11—Postal Collections and Deliveries--The letter of the 1st ult., from the Postmaster. with regard to the suspension of the 2-30 p.m. town collection and 4 p.m. town delivery on Saturday afternoons, referred back by the Council to this Committee, was further considered. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that a representative of the Post Office be invited to attend.

12—Use of Borough Arms on Badge—Read, application of the 18th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Rugby Football Supporters Club for permission to use the Borough Arms as a centre piece for a button badge adopted by the Club. Resolved, That permission be granted.

13—Employment of Discharged and Disabled Officers and Men--Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Chairman, Local Employment Committee, asking the Corporation to renew their undertaking to employ disabled men up to at least five per cent. of their total staff. The Town Clerk reported that the total number of employees was 460, including 37 disabled men. Resolved, That the undertaking be renewed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Stewart, Captain Trye and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Reported 2,263 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since December 14th, 1921. (Corresponding period last year 1,448).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised 8s. 10d.

The Exhibition of the works of the Cheltenham Group of Artists closed on December 31st, 1921.

The following gifts had been received: - R. A. Rolfe, Esq., Painswick Road—Crocidolite ; Jasper stones from Siberia. Colonel Duke, Gwynfa—Rock Specimens from Cyprus. Mrs. Anderson, Kingston Villa, St. George's Road—Tiger from India, in case. Miss Holliday, Leckhampton-- Rock Specimens. Miss Clare, Louinville, Gloucester Road—Stone Axe from Queensland ; Rushlight Holder.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1902: present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1--Recreation Grounds—Grazing—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the grazing rights in the several Recreation Grounds as from 1st April next.

Superintendents' Uniform—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Superintendents had again renewed their application for a second pair of trousers and also for an overcoat. Resolved, That a pair of trousers be supplied to each Superintendent.

Naunton Park—Swings—Read, Memorial from residents in Asquith Road asking for the swings to be removed to another position owing to the nuisance and annoyance caused by the disorderly behaviour of those using the swings in the evenings. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that the custodian be asked to report thereon.

2 —Allotments—Hale's Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had given to the tenants of these Allotments notice to quit on the 1st January, 1923, on which date the Ministry of Agriculture had decided to withdraw from possession. He had asked the tenants to inform him whether they would like another allotment in the place of their present allotment so that the Corporation might know how much land would be required, but had only received replies from 9 out of the 45 allotment holders, intimating their wish to have another allotment.

Head Gardener's Report —Read, the Head Gardener's Quarterly Report on the various allotments. He reported that all the plots were clean and under cultivation with the exception of two allotments at Sandford Mead and two allotments in Whaddon Lane which were in a bad state of cultivation. Resolved, That notice be given to these tenants to give up the land.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a View Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th January, 1922 : Present—Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

3--War Memorial—The Assistant Surveyor reported that the cost of altering the stone balustrading so as to make two side entrances instead of a central entrance would be £23. The cost of paving the whole site with stone would be £87, and the cost of gravelling the whole site, with provision of proper foundation, would be £35. Resolved, That the balustrading be altered so as to provide two entrances. and that a stone-paved path be constructed on each side, and the remainder of the area surfaced with gravel, at an estimated cost of £60.

4--Allotments—Baglin's Piece, Folly Lane—Resolved, That the first length of the main roadway of the Allotments be clinkered.

Whaddon Lane--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to furnish an estimate for clinkering the main road in the new portion of the Allotments, and repairing the road through the old portion leading to the same.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Entrance Gates—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the entrance gates repaired and painted.

Giant Stride—Resolved, That the defective giant-stride be cut down and not replaced at present.

Ground—Resolved, That hollows in ground be filled in as opportunity presents, that the long path on the east side be levelled up and sown with grass seed, but that the other paths be not repaired at present.

Lodge—That the outside repairs and painting at the Lodge be included in next year's estimates.

6—Tree opposite Pittville Lawn—Resolved, That the large birch tree opposite Wyddrington House be removed, and that two silver birches be planted.

7—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That the estimated cost of £5 for repairs to the plaster figure be not expended but that the figure be disposed of.

W. SAWYER, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th January, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces --Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6505 to 6520 (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 Cross and Kerbing to the graves of Eliza Mayall, Jessie E. Whatteler, Samuel Adams, and John Graham Forrest ; Headstone to grave of Margaret Skelton ; and Kerbing to the grave of George Henry Bayley.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th January, 1922: Present—Aldermen Green ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Regan and Captain Trye ; and Messrs. E. C. Rogers and W. R. Caries (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £11 1s. 7d. Presentations: Trustees of British Museum (2 vols. and 1 pamph.); Mrs. A. H. Hore (1 vol.) Miss Minett (1 Vol.) Macdonald's Directory, Ltd. (2 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of December last was 4,440, the number issued from the Lending Library 10,987, and the Children's Library 2,097.

2-Sub-Committee's Report —The Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 5th January: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillor Mann; Dr. R. Davies, and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:—

That 76 books, as per list submitted, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £30.

That the best thanks of the Committee be given to Mrs. Griffiths, Oakfield, Charlton Kings, for her donation of to purchase books for the Children's Library.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st January, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Horsley and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1---General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £31,747 18s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £7,140 19s. 10d.

2-Water Rate —Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £12,371 19s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £4,966 13s. 10d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £10,150 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Housing Bonds—Resolved, That the issue of these Bonds be discontinued for the present.

P. P. TAYLOR

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 6th February, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Green, Horsley and Taylor

Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall and Councillor Edith Geddes.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 2nd January last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Presentation of Meritorious Service Medal—The Mayor presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Joseph Hooper, R.A.O.C.

3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ... Meeting held January 9th*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz :—That Minute No. 9 of the Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 9th January last, be referred back for further consideration.

Housing ...	Meeting held January 10
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held January 30
Street and Highway	Meeting held January 23

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Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held January 20 and 27
General Purposes and Watch and Finance(Joint Meeting) ...	Meeting held January 5
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held January 26
Water	Meeting held January 19
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held January 24
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held January 11
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	Meetings held January 9 & 16*

* Subject to the following addendum to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 16th January last, viz :—That the Committee be authorised to spend not exceeding [to in providing four electric lamps.

Burial Board ...	Meeting held January 27
Public Library	Meeting held January 10
Finance...	Meeting held January 31*

*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.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,
Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th March, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February 1922: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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, Elm View Terrace ; 8, Bloomsbury Street ; 36, Hanover Street; 5, Barnes Yard, Grove Street ; Back of 1, Grove Street ; 13. Grove Street ; Coronation Villa, Naunton Parade ; 13 and 14, Rosehill Street; 43, Montpellier Villas ; 65, Queen Street ; and Chosen View, Arle Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 3, Queen's Retreat ; 3, Elm View Terrace ; 7 and 9, Bloomsbury Street ; Chosen View, Arle Road ; 5, Barnes Yard, Grove Street ; 5 and 6, Grove Street ; 18, 65, and 66, Queen Street ; 18 and 19, Waterloo Street ; The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Insanitary Property-3, Queen's Retreat ; 18 and 65 Queen Street ; 7 and 9, Bloomsbury Street ; Chosen View, Arle Road ; 5 Barnes Yard, Grove Street ; 6, Grove Street ; and 18 and 19, Waterloo Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, 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.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 18 and 19, Waterloo Street ; Coronation Villa, Oakville and Glenavon, Naunton Parade ; 29, Columbia Street ; Fern Cottage, Upper Norwood Street ; 1, 2, 3 and 4, Suffolk Parade ; and 7, 8, and 9, Montpellier Retreat 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.

(b) 255, High Street-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that, as a matter of urgency, he had opened the ground and examined the drains and W.Cs. at these premises and found the same to be in a very defective condition and submitted specification of work required to be done. A letter was received from the Owner asking the Council to have the work executed, and offering to pay by instalments with interest over a period of two to three years. Resolved, That formal Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner, requiring him to do the specified

works within 28 days. Resolved, also, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to obtain estimates for the work.

(c) Fountain Cottage and Fountain Inn, Upper Bath Road ; 9, 10, 10a, and 11, Commercial Street : 1 to 11, Victoria Place, Bath Road ; and 30, Upper Bath Road-The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment between the Owners of the expenses incurred, amounting to 4158 12S, in executing the drainage and sanitary work executed at these premises. Resolved, That the same be approved and that an Order be made declaring the same to be Private Improvement Expenses, and that Notice of the apportionment be served on the Owners and demand for repayment of the sum apportioned against them

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5—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 40 lbs. beef ; 147 lbs. pork; 12 lbs. tripe; and two 6-lb tins corned beef.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order —Read, application from E. F. Winters, Hill View, Grafton Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Notices not complied with The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

8—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 4 to 9, Barnard's Row, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling-houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that notice be given to the respective Owners of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders.

(b) 9, Worcester Street, and 1, St. Peter's Place, Waterloo Street—It was reported that these houses had been demolished by the Owners.

(c) 17, 18, 48, 53-58, 60, 62-64, and 82, Stanhope Street—Read letter of the 9th inst. from Mr. H. Stroud, asking for an adjournment of the question of the demolition of these houses and to be furnished with particulars of the requirements of the Local Authority so that he might have an opportunity of putting the houses in proper repair. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to furnish Mr. Stroud with specifications of the work considered necessary to put the houses in a fit state for human habitation, and that the matter be adjourned for two months.

(d) 1, Limbrick Cottages—Read. letter of the 10th inst. from Mr. F. asking consideration of the demolition of this house might be adjourned for a month, as the Owner was considering a scheme to improve the adjoining house by incorporating this house with it. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned accordingly.

(e) 5 and 7, Worcester Street—Mr. J. L. Bendall attended and stated that he had purchased these houses and was willing to reconstruct the same in accordance with a specification prepared by the

Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That consideration of the demolition be adjourned for two months.

(f) 8 and 9 Rutland Street—Mr. J. Beamish attended on behalf of the Owner and stated that she was prepared to reconstruct these houses in accordance with the plan and specification prepared by the Inspector of Nuisances, and requested that the question of the demolition might be adjourned for two months. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(g) The Medical Officer of Health reported that basement rooms at 5, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 16, St. Paul's Street, South, which did not comply with the regulations made under Section 57 (7) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act., 1909, Were habitually used as sleeping places. He also reported that the rooms at 12 and 16, St. Paul's Street, South, were being let as furnished rooms at the following weekly rents:—

Number 12.

Front room, Second Floor ..	7s
Back “ “ “	6s
Back “ First Floor	}
Front “ Ground Floor }	10s
Front “ First Floor ..	8s 6d
Back “ Ground Floor • •	7s 6d
Basement, two Rooms ..	<u>10s</u>
	£2 9 0

Number 16.

Two Basement Rooms ..	14s
Back room, Ground Floor	7s 6d
Front room “	7s 6d
Front “ First Floor	8s 6d
Back “ “ “	7s 6d
Front “ Second Floor..	7s 6d
Back “ (vacant) .	_____
	£2 12 6

The rateable value of these houses was only £9 15s. and £10 10. respectively, and he recommended that proceedings should be taken against the Owners under Section to of the Increase of Rent (Restrictions) Act, 1920, which rendered liable to a penalty of not exceeding £100 a Lessor who lets any dwelling house or any part thereof at a rent which includes payment in respect of the use of furniture and the rent charged yields to the Lessor a rent which is extortionate having regard to all the circumstances of the case and in particular to the margin of 25 per cent. profit allowed by Section 9 in excess of the profit which might reasonably have been expected from a similar letting in the year ending 3rd of August 1914.

Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners that the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms will be considered at the next Meeting.

9—Hayden Sewage Farms—Humus Tanks—Read, letter of the 13th inst, from the Unemployment Grants Committee, approving of this work for a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan of £7,000 for a period of 15 years, viz.: half the term of the loan.

Read, also, letter of the 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that as the works were outside the Borough, notices under Section 32 of the Public Health Act, 1875, were necessary, but the Ministry raised no objection to the works being proceeded with, provided the Town Council accept the responsibility for proceeding and obtain the sanction of the Local Authority concerned. The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained the sanction of the Tewkesbury Rural District Council.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the work was begun on the 30th ult., and that it was necessary to obtain a concrete mixer at an estimated cost of £200, including engine. Upon completion of the work it was proposed to transfer the mixer to the Slab Factory, where it could be permanently used with advantage. Resolved. That he be authorised to obtain a concrete mixer.

Under-drainage of Great Stockings Field—Read, letter of the 2nd inst. from the Unemployment Grants Committee, approving of this work for a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on a loan of £1500 for a period of seven and a half years, being half the term of the loan.

10-Sewer---Harp Hill--The Borough Surveyor submitted an application dated the 4th inst., with plan and section made by the Surveyor to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, for permission to extend the Harp Hill sewer for the drainage of houses being built by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Resolved, That permission to extend the sewer be granted.

Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr C. Daft was now willing to relay the drain at the Woodlands, so as to connect with the new sewer when extended. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the extension carried out.

11—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst.: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 13th inst. was 7 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 89 head of cattle, 11 calves, 41 sheep, 26 tegs, and 38 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £32. 2 calves and 19 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 20 bullocks, 13 pigs, 1 cow, 3 heifers, 3 calves, 4 ewes and 5 tegs had been sold for £762 18s. 0d.

Valuation of Stock—Resolved, That Mr. J. G. Villar be instructed to make a valuation of the live and dead stock at the Farms, and that he be paid a fee of £6 6s.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th February, 1922: Present--The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Moore and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Subsidy House, Alma Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Smith's bungalow in this road was now completed, except the inside painting. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate B as soon as the painting has been finished.

2 - Gardens—Prize Scheme—Resolved, That prizes of 30s, 20s, and 10s be given for the best kept garden on the Estate, to be awarded about the beginning of August.

3-30, Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the outgoing tenant had left this house in a very bad state, and that he had arranged to allow the new tenant a week's rent for cleaning down the premises. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Rents—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health to consent to the rents being reduced to 9s for Parlour type houses and 7s 6d for Non-Parlour type houses, in view of the altered conditions as to wages, etc.

5—National Housing and Town Planning Council --Read, letter of the 24th ult., from the Secretary, enclosing memorandum with Resolutions passed at a Joint Meeting of the General and District Committees of the National Housing and Town Planning Council, and asking for the support of the Corporation thereto. Resolved, That no action be taken.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th February, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 20th January to the 16th February, 1922 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 9th February, 1922, 752 loads collected, 656 consumed and 96 tipped away. Weight consumed 936 tons 2 ½ cwts.

2-- Street Projection—Resolved, That the application of Mr. I. Prosser for permission to fix a sign at No. 1, Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

3—Rowanfield Road—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Secretary, Education Committee, with regard to the condition of this road. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

4—Libertus Road—Private Improvement Works—Read, letters Irons Messrs. W. Blakey and A. E. Chandler complaining of the condition of Libertus Road.

The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be severed, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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5—Whaddon Lane— Private Improvement Works--The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the part of the said road, requiring to be levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, and of any premises benefitting by the Works, though not fronting, adjoining or abutting on the part of the road to be repaired, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days, and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889,

6—Highbury Lane--Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above street- Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days, and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889

7—Road from Ewlyn Road to Langdon Road—Read, letter of the 16th inst, from Mr. W. F. Sims complaining of the condition of this private road. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

S -Widening of Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk submitted notification of the 17th inst., from the Ministry of Transport that a grant of £3,825 had been made towards the estimated cost of widening this road, viz £7650.

9—Purchase of Horses—The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Central Depot on the 7th inst. Present—Alderman Sendai' ; Councillors Mann and Whitaker.

A number of horses offered for sale were inspected and the following were purchased: Two horses from Mr. Mead at £55 each ; One horse from each of the following at prices shewn : H. Newman (£45); E. Harvey (£60); J. Hewinson (£55) ; G. Page, (£55); and J. Davis (£60).

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. Resolved, also, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to purchase two additional horses.

10—Motor Car— The Committee considered offer from Messrs. A. Hughes and Sons to supply a new Chevrolet Touring Car for the use of the Borough Surveyor for £265, less £40 allowance for present car. Resolved, That the car be purchased and that the cost thereof be borne by the Highways and Water Departments in equal proportions.

11—Motor Traffic Control—The Committee again considered Memorandum from the Chief Constable as to dangerous corners, etc. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor obtain estimates of the cost of providing and fixing illuminated signs.

12-Direction Signs—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow, suggesting the fixing of direction signs on buildings at the Colonnade corner to avoid the necessity of motorists stopping to make enquiries. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor obtain estimates for providing and fixing direction signs at this and other main road junctions.

13-- Dangerous Corners —(a) Naunton Lane--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Edwin Lea, Owner of land at the corner of Naunton Lane, had asked for particulars of the land required to effect the proposed improvement of the corner. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan, and that Mr. Lea be asked upon what terms he would let the Corporation have the land required.

(b) Warwick Place—Portland Street (c) High Street--College Road (d) London Road—Hale's Road (e) Suffolk Road—Park Place—The Town Clerk submitted notifications of the 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Transport that it was proposed to make grants of one-half the estimated cost of these improvements in the case of (b), (c) and (d) and one-fourth of the estimated cost in the case of (e).

The Borough Surveyor reported that scheme (d) had been completed. He submitted modified proposals which would reduce the cost of schemes (b) (c) and (e) to £70, £34, and £80, respectively, plus cost of land in each case. Resolved, That subject to the consent of the respective owners being obtained the modified schemes be submitted to the Ministry of Transport for approval.

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14—St. George's Place—The Committee further considered Memorial of the 19th ult., asking for the surface of St. George's Place to be relaid with wood blocks or tar macadam. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

15—Imperial Lane—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney and Co., acting for owners of properties in this lane, asking that the Lane be closed as a thoroughfare to locomotives, lorries or heavy motor traffic. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

16—Advertising Trucks—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from Messrs. Kearley and Tonge, Ltd., applying for permission to use four trucks for advertising purposes. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

17—Brooklyn Road—Tenancy of Land—Read, letter of the 31st ult., from Mr. G. Shephard, complaining of the condition of the land let to him, and stating that the rent of per annum previously offered by him was too much. Resolved, That the rent be reduced to per annum, provided the tenancy agreement is completed at once.

Football Ground—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Rev. C. Headley Scott, expressing regret for damage to fence of the field let as a football ground to the Christ Church Club, and stating that he was taking the matter up with the Club forthwith.

18—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 15th inst.: Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Pates and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:—

Folly Lane—Complaint re Condition—That no action be taken.

244, High Street—That Miss Fry-Bayliss' offer to give land if Corporation would reconstruct her shop front, be not entertained.

Central Depot—Guns, etc.—That the guns, etc., at the Central Depot be placed at disposal of the Parks Committee.

Alma Road—Complaint re Condition—That no action be taken.

Tank and Surroundings—That the surplus railings at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be fixed round the Tank in accordance with plans submitted, and the Tank painted ; the cost of the work not to exceed £35.

Montpellier Spa Road—That the tree by " Glensanda" be not removed.

Leckhampton Road--Footpath—The Committee inspected the completed footpath.

Exmouth Street—Paving--That a claim be made on Messrs. T. W. Smith & Sons for £15 in respect of damage to the paving in this street.

College Road—That the tree by " Broughton " be not removed.

London Road—Tramway—That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Manager of the Light Railway Company as to the condition of the tramway, and, if necessary, to send formal notice for the repairs to be executed.

Proposed acquisition of Land at Beechwood House, Montpellier—That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

Western Road--Tree at Corner—That this tree be removed. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

19—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 20th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th February, 1922 : Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1579	G. Godwin	Detached House, Hester's Way.
1585	H. Little	New Garage (Conversion of old cottage, 141, Tewkesbury Road).
1586	Mrs. Fergusson	Addition to Langdale, Charlton Lane.
1587	Messrs. Freeman, Hardy & Wallis	New Shop Front, 397, High Street.
1588	G. H. Ryland	Alterations to United Services Club, 36, Winchcomb Street.
1589	A. G. Stockwell	Temporary Workshop, 17, Upper Bath Road.
1590	P. W. Vincent	Temporary Garage, St. Philip's Cottage, Edward Street.
1591	E. Eager	Detached House, Bamfurlong Road.
1592	The Housing Association for Officers' Families	Temporary Cycle Shed, Evelyn Court, Lansdown Terrace.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1579 and 1587 be approved ; that Plan No. 1585 be approved, subject to a proper footpath crossing being provided ; that Plan No. 1586 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 1588 be approved, subject to the provision of proper ventilated paving lights in place of the present grating ; that Plans Nos. 1589 and 1590 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal ; and that Plans Nos. 1591 and 1592 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1922: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That these Gardens be let to Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., for an afternoon and evening Band Concert on the 25th July next at a charge of £20,.

Concert Pavilion—Read, an offer from Mr. G. St. Helen to manage the Concert Pavilion for the summer season on sharing terms. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

2-Town Hall—(a) Men's Lavatory—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the present accommodation was unsatisfactory and recommended that three of the existing w.c.'s be replaced by a urinal and that the ventilation be improved. The estimated cost of the proposed work would be 4'88. Resolved, That the work be carried out, and that the three remaining w.c.'s be provided with penny-in-the-slot meters.

(b) Drawing Room—On the application of Councillor Stanley, Resolved, That the use of the Drawing Room be granted for a Conference of the British Legion, to be held on the 11th March, free of charge, except for out-of-pocket expenses for cleaning, heating and lighting.

(c) Diocesan. Conference—An application was received for the use of the Large Hall for a conference on the 31st May and 1st June, which will be attended by about 700 Delegates from all parts of the county. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted free of charge except for out-of-pocket expenses for cleaning, heating and lighting.

(d) map—Read, letter from Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, offering to present a large scale road and rail map for the district, about 12 miles round Cheltenham, shewing special points of interest, to be hung in the Town Hall for use of visitors. Resolved, That Mr. Burrow's offer be accepted with thanks.

3—Borough Meteorologist--Read, letter from Mr. A. C. Saxby, resigning his appointment as Borough Meteorologist as from the 25th March next.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th February, 1922 : Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruett, Rogers, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Pates in the chair).

4 —Borough Meteorologist—The Town Clerk submitted particulars of the duties of this appointment. Resolved, That applications for the appointment, at an honorarium of £15 per annum, be invited by advertisement.

5—"Health Resorts of the British Islands"—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Medico-Secretarial Bookkeepers' Service, Ltd., asking for a contribution towards the cost of the 3rd edition of this publication. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

6—Alstone Baths—Swimming and Mixed Bathing—Read, application of the 10th inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, for the use of the Swimming Bath on Tuesdays from 6.30 p.m. to closing time for Water Polo ; and on Thursdays from 5.30 p.m. to closing time for Mixed Bathing, on the same terms as last year; also for Galas on nights deemed suitable by the Superintendent. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Montpellier Gardens—Tennis Courts—Resolved, That the charge for Tennis Courts be increased from £5 5s. to £6 6s. per season, plus 10s 6d for use of net, except that the charge for courts on the Archery Ground remain as at present, viz. : £4 4s., plus 10s 6d for use of net.

8—Summer Orchestra—Engagement—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported the receipt of 21 offers to provide a Summer Orchestra. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of 16 performers (and Conductor) in the mornings, and 20 performers (and Conductor) in the afternoons and/or evenings at £94 10s. 0d. per week from the 15th May to the 16th September next, be accepted, subject to an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into ; the tendered charge to be increased to £95 10s. 0d. per week to cover additional cost of two extra musicians for Flannel Dances on Wednesday evenings, when required.

9—Town Hall—Gloucester Orpheus Society Concert—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a Concert to be given by the Gloucester Orpheus Society on the 16th prox., on the following terms :—

The use of the Town Hall (including cleaning, heating and lighting) to be free of charge.

Expenses—The Corporation to provide attendants, tickets, and undertake advertising, etc. ; the Society to defray travelling and all other expenses of the Concert Party.

Receipts—The Corporation to receive the first £20 of receipts ; the balance thereof to be divided as follows 60 per cent. to be retained by the Corporation and 40 per cent. to be handed to the Society.

10—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings held on the 31st ult., 7th, 14th and list inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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Town Hall—(a) Mats—Four tenders were received for the supply of 3 fibre mats for the front entrance. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., be accepted at 33s 6d per mat.

(b) Children's The Dansant—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a Children's The Dansant to be held on the 28th inst. (Princess Mary's Wedding Day) at the usual charges subject to the condition that no two adults be allowed to dance together.

(c) Morning Concert—Resolved, That the Musical Director be asked to arrange a special programme for the Morning Concert on the 28th inst.

II—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 642; Montpellier Baths 21 ; Pittville Chalet 32 ; Pittville Pump Room 29.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd February, 1922: Present—Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Traction Supply—The Town Clerk submitted Draft Agreement for the supply of electrical energy for traction to the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Company, containing the terms arranged at a Conference with the Company on the 9th inst., attended by the Chairman, Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer. The Agreement provided that the Company should pay 1.7 per unit for all energy supplied, with an addition or reduction of 0.0025d. per unit for every penny per ton by which the price of coal in any quarter should exceed or be less than 25s per ton. The Corporation to allow the Company £40 per annum towards the expenses of providing attendants at Manchester Street Sub-Station. The Agreement to continue in force until determined by 3 months' notice by either party, but not to expire in any case before expiration of two years from 1st April 1921. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

2- British Industries Fair—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the British Industries Fair to be held at Birmingham this month.

3—Extension of Mains—New Feeders—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the following additional feeders be laid :— From Rowanfield Road to Westal Green Sub-Station (including additional Sub-Station equipment)—estimated cost £1,617 ; from Westal Green Sub-Station to corner of Leckhampton Road to Suffolk Road—estimated cost £1,140.

Supply in Charlton Kings—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the recent extensions in Lyefield Road, West, and Cirencester Road had led to a considerable number of new applications for supply, and he recommended that a low pressure cable be laid from the end of the present main outside the Delancey Hospital to the corner of Lyefield and Cirencester Roads and in Sandy Lane at an estimated cost of £600 ; also that a high pressure cable be laid at the same time. The cost of this extension would be included in the current mains loan.

Loan—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the loans for mains and services had been exhausted, and recommended that application be made for sanction to a further loan of £2,400 for House Services and £3,000 for Mains. Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £9,465 made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
New Feeders ..	4,065	0	0
House Services	2,400	0	0
Mains ..	3,000	0	0
	£9,465	0	0

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4—Traction Battery—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the traction battery stands had been rendered unsafe owing to the action of acid, and recommended that the present Stores be converted into a Battery Room to accommodate this battery, and that the adjoining room be used for Stores. The work could be carried out by the Works Staff at a cost of about £200. Resolved, That these alterations be approved.

5—Pump House—The Borough Electrical Engineer stated that the feed pumps in the Boiler House had recently been overhauled, and recommended that the same be enclosed by a wood-framed and boarded construction to afford protection from dust and grit at an estimated cost of £55. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

6—Electric Light Standard—Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that one of the small standards in Tewkesbury Road was knocked down by a hay wagon belonging to Mr. A. E. Margrett on the 27th ult., and that the cost of making good the damage would be about £3. Resolved, That a claim be made for damage done.

7—I.M.E.A. —Convention, 1922—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. to be held at Wolverhampton from the 20th to 23rd June next.

8—Gas Tests—Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 2nd, 11th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific power on these dates to be 491, 503, and 494 British Thermal Units, respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th February, 1922: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green ; Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Whitaker (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 13th February, 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	89,000 gallons	258,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	860,000	1,307,000
Leckhampton Springs	16,000	87,000
Total	965,000	1,652,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th February, 1922.		13th February, 1921.	
Hewletts		17,011,000 gallons		21,642,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	3ft. 0in.	21,250,000	26ft. 0in.	70,237,000 "
Leckhampton	4ft. 0in.	540,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		38,801,000		93,499,000

Owing to the turbidity of the Severn water, the quantity pumped had had to be reduced by about 350,000 gallons a day.

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2-Inspections- -The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of December had been as follows :—

	During January.	Total for past 10 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	700	6,900
" taps found leaking ..	136	1,415
" defective flushing boxes	55	519
" defective stop taps ..	11	116

“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	115	
(special repairs during drought)	<u>83</u>	
	198	2,045
“ notices served re fittings	93	1,235
“ meters changed ..	32	202
“ houses connected .	35	443
“ burst pipes found .	15	15

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that he had appointed Mr. C. J. Pearce Works Manager, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Walker's resignation.

4—Water Supply—Uckington Small Holdings—The Borough Engineer reported receipt of a letter from the County Small Holdings Architect asking if a galvanized iron pipe could be used for this water supply to save expense as the water supply would be through a meter. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—A further report from Mr. Sandeman was considered. He suggested that an experimental plant on a small scale be put down to ascertain whether by first passing the water into a settling tank and through a pre-filter of fine gravel, it can be cleared of much of its suspended matter, and so relieve the sand filters. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for putting down an experimental plant as suggested. Resolved, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to consider whether arrangements can be made for analyses of the water to be made under his supervision instead of sending samples away for analysis.

6—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, 21st February, 1922: Present--The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Hopkins reported the existence of two cases of contagious diseases amongst animals, viz. :—One case of Swine Fever at North Ward Allotments, and one case of Parasitic Mange at stables in Sun Street

(b) Swine Fever—Illegal Movement of Pigs—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the movement of two pigs to the premises of C. W. Lester without licence, together with report of Supt. Hopkins thereon. .Resolved, That the report be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease Orders, dated the 3rd and 5th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, which had been published.

(ii.) Read, circular letter of the 18th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, as to the necessity of Veterinary Inspectors paying particular attention to the disinfection of their clothes before leaving infected premises. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Veterinary Inspector.

(d) Sheep Scab —The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the movement of sheep affected with sheep scab and the strength of dips used for sheep dipping, and reported that he had forwarded a copy of the letter to Supt. Hopkins.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :—

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
27th January..	W. Monkhouse & Co.'s, Ply-Wood Factory, St. James' Square.	£1,800	£7 1 0
28th January..	428, High Street	Slight ..	£4 17 0
29th January..	Evesham Lodge, Prestbury Road	£20	£3 12 0
29th January..	61, High Street	Slight ..	£4 9 6
1st February ..	Swindon Rectory	£200	£7 7 6
7th February..	Christ Church Vicarage	Slight ..	£3 15 6

Motor Fire Engine---Piston—The Captain reported that the motor tender required a new piston fitted to one of the cylinders, and submitted a quotation from the Wicliffe Motor Co. for the work, amounting to £5. Resolved, That the quotation be accepted.

Fire Engine—Examination—Read, report of Chief Engineer, National Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., on an examination of the fire engine boiler, on the 12th ult., when the same was found to be in order.

3—Postal Collections and Deliveries—The Postmaster and Mr. Hopkins (Staff Representative) attended the meeting, and the Committee further considered the proposals to suspend the 2.30 p.m. Town Collection and 4 p.m. Town Delivery on Saturday afternoons. Resolved, That no objection be offered to the proposals.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence— Resolved, That the application of Mr. A. W. Smith for a driver's licence be granted.

5—Licence to Store Petroleum An application was received from Messrs. Hughes & Stockwell for a licence to store 40 gallons of petroleum at 17, Upper Bath Road. The Inspector reported that a proper store had been provided. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

6—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—National Rat Week—Read, letter of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture to Mr. Hudson, expressing appreciation of his report on the steps taken during the National Rat Week, and of the good work being done under the Act in Cheltenham.

7—Appointment of Overseers—The Town Clerk reported that Aldermen Steel and Taylor had expressed their willingness to continue in office for the ensuing year but Alderman Bendall and Mr. Thomas Wilkins did not wish to be re-appointed. Resolved, To recommend that Alderman Steel and Taylor and Councillors Stewart and Thomas be appointed Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Cheltenham for the year 1922-23.

8—Shops Acts Inspector's Reports--Read, Reports of the 24th ult., and the 19th inst., from the Shops Acts Inspector as to offences against the Shops Early Closing Act, 1920, by Mr. Lacey, 62, High Street, and the Manager, Star Hotel, by the sale of cigarettes after 8 p.m. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the persons concerned to the offences, and to inform them that proceedings will be taken if any further infringement of the Act is reported.

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9—Market— Office Accommodation—Read, letter of the 31st ult., from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., offering a rent of £10 per annum, plus rates and taxes, for the room at present used as a General Office. Resolved, That the existing General Office be let to the Society on the terms offered. Resolved, also, that the building hitherto used as a Post-mortem Chamber be converted into a General Market Office, that the building be cleaned down and put in proper order, and that the counter and fittings from the existing General Office be transferred thereto.

10--Summer Time Act—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Secretary, Early Closing Association, forwarding Resolution urging Public Bodies to support the re-introduction of the Summer Time Act by the Government, and asking the Corporation to pass a Resolution in favour of a permanent Summer Time Act. Resolved, That the Town Council are in favour of a permanent Summer Time Act, and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Home Office, the Borough Member and the Early Closing Association.

11—Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions—Resolved, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the undermentioned Institutions in lieu of the remission of the General District Rate:—

General Hospital	£48 1 3
Female Refuge	5 4 6
Female Orphan Asylum. .	6 5 5
Blind Asylum	6 5 5
Nazareth House . .	65 16 6
Victoria Home for Nurses	17 5 3
Provident Dispensary ..	6 5 5
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital ..	16 14 4
Boys' Orphan Asylum ..	4 3 7
Hospital for Sick Children ..	12 10 9
Home for Aged Pensioners	3 18 8
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	6 5 5
St. John's Ambulance Association	<u>16 14 4</u>
	£216 0 10

General Hospital- —Annual contribution due 1st January, 1922, in lieu of free supply of water £87 12s.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th February, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Stewart, and Whitaker ; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Reported 1,503 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since January 11th, 1922. (Corresponding period last year 1,516).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised £2 5s. 2d., and the Commission on Sale of Pictures during the Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group amounted to £12 11s. 3d.

The following gift had been received :— Captain Trye, Engraving of Samuel Lysons.

The following loans had been on exhibition:— Major Marriott, D.S.O.- Early worked Flints from Lewes area ; and Major Ramsden—Three Watercolours.

2 —A. J. de Havilland Bushnell's Exhibits at the Museum—Resolved, That the following objects which have been on loan exhibition at the Museum for some years be purchased at a cost of eleven guineas—

Danish flint dagger. Celt, of granulated fibrolite from Carnac. Necklace of beads from Dolman in Brittany. Two Byzantine coin balances. Wheel lock spanner and primer. Crossbow quarrel from Dresden Museum. Siege crossbow bolt. Crossbow quarrel from Dijon. Morning Star from Avignon.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments—Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor reputed that he estimated the cost of clinkering the main road on the new Allotments at £25, and of repairing the road through the old Allotments, leading to the new allotments, at £35. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the new road clinkered at a cost of not exceeding £20. Resolved. also, That consideration of the repair of other roads be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that the Borough Accountant be asked to furnish a statement showing the receipts and payments in respect of the various Allotments.

Folly Lane—The Visitors of these Allotments reported an inspection on the 8th inst., and recommended :—

- (a) That the Owner of the land on the north side of the brook be asked to lop the withy trees overshadowing the Allotments.
- (b) That the sleeper bridge near the brook be repaired.
- (c) That Mr. James be allowed to take down the tree on his Allotment at his own cost.
- (d) That the whole of the allotments be re-surveyed and restaked.
- (e) That provision be made in the estimates for repairs to roads which are now in an unsatisfactory condition.

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Resolved, That the recommendations (a) to (d) be approved.

Additional Land- Resolved, That in view of the small number of the Allotment Holders in Hales Road requiring another Allotment in place of their present Allotment, when this land is given up, it is unnecessary to obtain additional land.

2-Tree Opposite Pittville Lawn—Resolved, That the large birch tree opposite Wyddrington House be not removed, and that Resolution No. 6 of this Committee, of the 16th January last, be rescinded.

3—Recreation Grounds -Resolved, that consideration of the applications for permission to play cricket on these grounds be adjourned to the next Meeting.

Naunton Park—Swings—The Memorial from residents in Asquith Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by the disorderly behaviour of those using the swings in the evenings, was further considered, and it was Resolved, That the Custodian be instructed to have the swings locked during the summer months at 8 p.m. to prevent their use after that hour.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Cemetery, on Friday, 24th February, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Deceased Australian Soldiers —Care of Graves—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission, asking if the Corporation would undertake the maintenance of ten graves of deceased Australian Soldiers in the Cemetery at a similar charge to that made in respect of graves of Imperial Troops, viz.: 5s per grave per annum. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that these graves be added to the Schedule of the Agreement.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6521 to 6530 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross and Kerbing to the grave of Leslie W. H. Norton ; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Dorothy Birt ; kerbing to graves of Ellen H. Dymock, Annie E. Phipps, and Francis Stephens.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th February, 1922: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillor Pates; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. E. C. Rogers, E. Gridley, and A. Miles. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £12 12s. 4d. Presentations: Mrs. Angus (66 Vols.) ; Sir James Agg Gardner (2 vols.); Town and County Directories, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; R. A. Rolfe, Esq. (3 vols.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of January last was 4,296, the number issued from the Lending Library 11,939, and the Children's Library 2,093.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 5th February: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillor Regan; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended:—

That the books (44 vols.) selected from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons, and sent on approval be purchased at a cost of £10.

That the thanks of the Committee be given to R. A. Rolfe, Esq., for the following three valuable books:—

Book of Common Prayer of King Edward VII. Collotype Facsimile of the First Folio of Shakespeare (1623). " Landscape," by Philip G. Hamerton, 1885 (large paper copy).

That temporary assistance be obtained during Miss Mason's illness.

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

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th February, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Moore and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £36,901 13s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £1,987 4s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £4,494 3s. 11d. Leaving outstanding, £2,915 6s. 9d.

3—Loans--(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £750 on loan. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) The Borough Accountant reported that Debentures for £4,230 would have to be repaid as the term of the loans in respect of which the Debentures were issued had expired, but the lenders were willing to take new Debentures on more recently sanctioned loans in exchange. Resolved, That new Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

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4—Housing Accounts--Resolved, That the sum of £120 be charged to the Housing Assisted Scheme Account, for supervision and management, allocated as follows :—

For Work in the Borough Accountant's Department	£75-
For Work in the Town Clerk's Department .. .	£30.
For Work in the Borough Surveyor's Department	£15.

5—Housing Bonds--Resolved, That £100 be paid to the Borough Accountant as Registrar of Housing Bonds to be charged to the Housing Assisted Scheme Account.

6—Elmstone Hardwicke Tithe —Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, stating that the consideration for the redemption of the Improprate Tithe Rent Charges totalling £29 14s. ad., would be determined by the Minister (subject to the consideration of any objections) at the sum of £393 9s. 0d., of which £262 18s. 10d., in respect of the Improprate Tithe Rent Charges amounting to £20 1s. 8d., charged on fields 684, 642, 639, 638, 637, 585 and 584 might be discharged by an annuity of £15 2s. 6d., payable in two equal half yearly instalments over a period of 50 years. The balance of £130 10s. 2d. for the redemption of Tithe Rent Charges on 641, 677, 635a, 515a, 630a, and 614a, amounting to £9 12s. 6d., would have to be redeemed by a lump sum payment. Resolved, That the redemption be carried out accordingly.

7—Charlton Kings Tithe —Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture stating that the consideration money for the redemption of the following tithes, namely : Salts Farm (No 156) £1 2s. 9d., and Hewlett Reservoir (110a), 19s 6d., and (110) £1 17s 0d. = £3 19s 3d, would be £61 16s 1d., which could be redeemed by an annuity of £5 5s. 2d., extending over a period of 20 years, Resolved. That the Ministry be informed that the Corporation would prefer the redemption of these by payment of a lump sum.

8—Fire Insurance—Resolved, That in consideration of the County Fire Office, Ltd., allowing a discount of 25 per cent. on the annual premiums payable under the several policies, instead of 15 per cent. as hitherto allowed, the Corporation undertake to continue their insurances with the Office

for a further period of 5 years as from the 1st April next, subject to the right of the Corporation to make any alteration or adjustment in the amount insured which may, from time to time, be required owing to change of circumstances

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th March, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Regan and Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 6th February last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2---Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Place, Cheltenham ; James Stewart, of "Sherwood," Priory Street, Cheltenham ; Peter Philip Taylor of " Crenden," Lansdown Road, Cheltenham ; and Hugh William Thomas of " The Firs," Battledown, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year

3—Appointment of Representative Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Alderman Bendall and Councillor Mann be re-appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School for a further term of three years, as from the 1st March, inst.

4—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

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Public Health ...	Meeting held February 13
Housing ...	Meeting held February 14
Street and Highway ...	Meeting held February 20*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz :—That instead of selling the old Motor Car, referred to in Minute No. 10, to Messrs. A. Hughes & Sons for ‘.40, the Electricity and Lighting Committee be allowed to purchase it for the same amount.

Town Improvement and Spa ...	Meetings held February 17 and 24
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held February 23
Water	Meeting held February 16
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held February 21*

* Resolved, also, That the Chairman of the General Purposes and Watch Committee (The Deputy Mayor) and the Town Clerk be authorised to issue special licences for the 8th and 9th March, instant, for carriages and drivers approved by Superintendent Hopkins, and that the traffic regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, recommended by Superintendent Hopkins, be adopted.

Art Gallery and Museum ...	Meeting held February 15
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	Meeting held February 13
Burial Board	Meeting held February 24
Public Library	Meeting held February 14
Finance	Meeting held February 28*

*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.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Mayor.

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MINUTES or the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the rd April, 1922

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th March, 1922: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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. :-18, Grosvenor Street ; 12, Regent Place, Swindon Road ; 8, Sherborne Place; 32, Rose and Crown Passage ; 7, Fairfield Place ; and 15, Bloomsbury 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 Nos. 2 and 12, Regent Place, Swindon Road ; 33, Courtenay Street; 13, Witcomb Place ; 63, Brunswick Street ; 8, Sherborne Place ; 31, 31a, and 32, Rose and Crown

Passage ; 7, Fairfield Place ; 12, Lower Park Street; 16 and 34, Victoria Street ; 43, Burton Street ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; and 10 Rutland Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Insanitary Property - -2 and 12, Regent Place, Swindon Road ; 33, Courtenay Street ; 13, Witcombe Place 8, Sherborne Place ; 31, 31a and 32, Rose and Crown Passage; 18, Grosvenor Street; 16 and 34, Victoria Street ; 10, Rutland Street ; 43, Burton Street ; and . 'Farnah," Berkeley 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, or Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, 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.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Rendcombe Lodge, Hewlett Street ; 33, Courtenay Street ; 7a, Winchcombe Place ; Workshop in Vernon Place and at rear of 425, High Street ; 164, Naunton Crescent ; 12, Lower Park Street; and Grosvenor Works, Sherborne 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.

(b) No. 255, High Street-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Owner of these premises had not complied with Notices to carry out the drainage work required to be done to these premises, and submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done :-

	£	s.	d.
E. Eager & Co. ..	62	10	0
Mark Williams & Co.	49	0	0
Eggleton & Co. ..	47	0	0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Eggleton & Co. be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into,

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(c) Leamington Cottage, Waverley Lodge and Waverley Cottage, Rosehill Street —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Owners of these premises had not complied with Notices to carry out the drainage work to these premises, and submitted letters from the respective Owners requesting the Corporation to carry out the work and charge the cost to them. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to obtain estimates for the work.

(d) 10, Gloucester Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 9th ult. (Minute No. 4 (b)), that the works specified to be

done to the drains belonging to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. Eager & Co. at a cost of £53 2s. 0d. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the same to be Private Improvement Expenses chargeable on the premises, to be repayable by equal instalments within a period not exceeding 15 years, with interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum until the whole of the amount is repaid.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Nos. 16, 25, 26 and 27, Exmouth Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the contract for repairs to the above property had been duly executed by Mr. C. T. Clarke in accordance with his tender at a cost of £53 13 6d. Resolved, That an Order be made under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, declaring the said expenses to be payable by equal annual instalments within a period not exceeding 5 years, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum until the whole of the amount is repaid.

(b) Nos. 4 -9, Barnard's Row, New Street—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Messrs. Steel & Broom, Solicitors, acting for the Owner of these premises, offering no objection to a Closing Order being made in respect thereof. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned premises are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation, until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice be given to the Owner.

(c) 1, Limbrick Cottages The Inspector of Nuisances reported that Mr. Fitzroy Fowles had asked that consideration of the demolition of this house might be adjourned for another month to enable him to obtain an estimate of the cost of the work required to be done. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned accordingly.

(d) Nos.,5, 10, 12, 13 and 16, St. Paul's Street South—Resolved, That as the basement rooms at these premises do not comply with the regulations made under Section 17 (7) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, and are therefore deemed to be dwelling houses so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, Orders be now made pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Orders, and that Notice of such Orders be given to the Owners.

6—surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwts. 1 qr. beef ; 38 lbs. veal ; cwt. 1 qr. fish ; 6 tins milk ; and 17 tins beef.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order —Read, application from Mr. Fredk. Smith, of 22, Sherborne Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

9—Assisted Housing Scheme—Further Houses—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that in view of the limited number of houses remaining for allocation, it was

regretted that it was not possible to allocate any more houses to the Borough in addition to the 160 which have already been put in hand.

10—Fee for Notification of Infectious Diseases—Read, Circular 285 of the 2nd ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that in pursuance of an Order in Council fixing the 31st August last as the date of the termination of the War, the fee payable to Medical Practitioners for the notification of infectious diseases occurring in their private practice reverted to 2s 6d on the 1st September last, while the fee for the notification of cases occurring in Institutions remained at ab.

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it—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 13th inst., was 7 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 74 head of cattle, to calves, 40 sheep, 26 tegs, 40 lambs and 25 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £28. 40 lambs had been bred on the Farms. 14 bullocks, 11 pigs, 1 cow, 1 calf, 1 sow and 1 ewe skin had been sold for £501 12s. 6d. 1 ewe and 1 small pig had died.

Valuation of Farms—Read, Report of the 2nd inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, on his valuation of the stock, implements, etc., on the Farms on the 24th and at the Central Depot on the 27th ult., of which the following is a summary:—

100 cattle	£2388 0 0
67 sheep	261 15 0
27 pigs..	76 0 0
17 horses	478 0 0
Hay, straw, marigolds, manures and feeding stuffs	586 6 3
Acts of husbandry, seeds, etc.	341 1 11
Implements, tools, harness, etc.	<u>652 1 6</u>
	£4783 4 8

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th March, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Moore, Regan, Rogers, and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Width of Roads—Unemployment—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Ministry of Health, agreeing to the central road (from Milton Road to its junction with Tennyson Road) being pitched to its full width. the pitching to be blinded with suitable material and the road closed to heavy traffic.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the widening of the road accordingly.

2—Unemployed Labour—Hours and Wages—The Borough Surveyor reported that the rate of wages for No. 2 Grade had now been reduced from 1s 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 3d per hour, 75 per cent of which would be 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour. Resolved, That the rate of wages for unemployed labour on the Housing Estate be reduced to 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour, and the hours of work increased from 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 47 hours per week.

3—Housing Estate—(a) Turner's Tenancy Read, letter of 8th inst., from Mr. E. E. Turner, stating that, having regard to the area of this land, he was willing to pay a rent of £6 per annum therefor, inclusive of rates and taxes.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the area of the land was $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. Resolved, That the land be let to Mr. Turner at a rent of £4 10s. per annum instead of £6, as previously agreed upon, plus rates and taxes, subject to his entering into an agreement prepared by the Town Clerk.

(b) Land for Private Houses and Shops—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect boards advertising spare plots of land for sale for the erection of houses and shops by private enterprise.

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4—Vacated Houses—Repairs—It was reported that the deposit of 10s required to be made by Tenants on taking possession, had been found to be insufficient to meet the cost of minor repairs on termination of tenancies, Resolved, That in future prospective tenants be required to deposit the sum of £1, to be held as security for minor repairs.

5—Selection of Tenants—It was reported that only 28 houses remained to be completed, and that the number of applicants for houses was approximately 65.

Resolved, That the Scheme for the selection of Tenants, approved by the Council on the 5th December, 1920, be rescinded, and that the following be re-appointed a Sub-Committee to select Tenants, viz.:—Aldermen Bendall and Taylor, and Councillors Edith Geddes and Regan.

6—No. 28, Milton Road —Read, letter of the 14th inst., from Mr. Eric Cole, Architect, applying for permission to fix a name-plate outside this house. Resolved, That permission be granted.

7—Gardens—Prize Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted draft Conditions of the Gardens Prize Scheme. Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th March, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 17th February to 16th March, 1922 (both dates

inclusive). Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 9th March, 1922, 748 loads collected, 652 consumed and 96 tipped away.

2—Widening of Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Unwin, of Arle Court, was willing to give the land necessary to enable the Corporation to make the carriageway of that part of Gloucester Road which adjoins his property of an equal width of 30 feet, and to improve the turning into Fiddler's Green Lane, subject to suitable fences being fixed to the new boundary of his land by the Corporation. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the further widening of the road at this point accordingly and estimated the cost thereof (including the provision of fences) at £450. Resolved. That this be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of the work.

3—Direction Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 6th inst, from the Auto Association and Motor Union offering nine direction signs, subject to the Corporation undertaking to fix and maintain them. Resolved, That two of the signs be fixed for the Committee's inspection and approval.

4—Dangerous Corners— (a) Naunton Lane—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from Mr. Edwin Lee, stating that it was his intention to sell the land at the corner of Naunton Lane and suggesting that consideration of the proposed improvement be deferred.

(b) Warwick Place—Portland Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 3rd inst., from the Trustees, Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, as to the price to be paid for the land required for the improvement of this corner, viz., 7 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards. Resolved, That £1 per yard be offered for the land.

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(c) High Street—College Road—Read, letters of the 27th ult. and 16th inst., from Messrs. Ticehurst, Mclquham & Wyatt, Solicitors, agreeing, on behalf of Dr. Hugh Powell, to give up the 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards of land required for this improvement upon the terms of the Corporation setting back the railings to the new frontage line and paying at the rate of £1 per yard for the land and £3 3s. 0d. for costs. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

(d) Battledown Approach—Hale's Road -Resolved, That the sum of £7 10s. 0d. be allowed to Mr G. A. Hawkins for the fence to be erected on the new frontage line of his land,

5—Classification of Roads—Read, circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Transport, stating that the provisional classification of roads had been confirmed.

6—Municipal and County Engineers—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, to be held in Cardiff on 21st-24th June next.

7—Railway Classification of Road, etc., Material—Read, circular letter from the Secretary, Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, as to the re-classification of materials carried by railways.

8—Unemployed Labour —Hours and Wages—The Borough Surveyor reported that the rate of wages for No. 2 Grade had now been reduced from 1s 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 3d per hour, 75 per cent. of which would

be 11 ¼ d. per hour. Resolved, That the rate of wages for unemployed labour be reduced to 11 ¼ d. per hour, and the hours of work increased from 42 ½ to 47 hours per week.

9—Normal Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that Notice declaring Normal Terrace to be a highway had been duly posted and advertised and that no objection had been received to the declaration. Resolved, That the Notice be recorded on the Minutes.

10—Tramway—London Road—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Manager, Light Railway Company, stating that the tramway in London Road would receive attention when weather permitted, but he considered that the whole width of the road required reconstruction with reinforced concrete. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Manager had arranged for the road to be opened up for inspection during the ensuing week.

11—St. George's Place —The Committee further considered Memorial of 19th January last asking for the surface of St. George's Place to be re-laid with wood blocks or tar macadam. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the granite setts tar-sprayed and gritted.

12—Condition of County Roads —Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from Mr. H. G. Swift, Lansdown Hotel, forwarding letter from an intended visitor who had decided not to visit Cheltenham because of the bad reports in the Press as to the condition of roads leading to and from the town. Resolved, That a representation be made to the County Council as to the unsatisfactory condition of the County roads and, in particular, the Shurdington and Tewkesbury Roads.

13—New Streets and Building Byelaws--The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Ministry of Health as to the erection of houses of timber construction, the plans for which do not comply with the byelaws in force, and submitted a letter of the 9th inst., from the Ministry, suggesting that the existing byelaws should be repealed and the model series, which contained provision for houses of such construction, adopted. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

14—Road from Ewlyn Road to Langdon Road—Private Improvement Works---Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and specification of the work required to be done to this road by the abutting owners.

15—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 15th inst. : The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann and Pates.

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They recommended as follows :—

Imperial Square—Tree--That the tree opposite No. 6 be slightly pruned.

Harp Hill--Advertisement Hoarding—That no action be taken on Councillor Pates' complaint.

Rowanfield Road—Condition—That consideration be adjourned.

Montpellier Terrace—Trees—That no trees be removed.

Gloucester Road (Libertus Road to Roman Road) Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for kerbing and channelling the portion of Gloucester Road (north-west side) between Libertus Road and Roman Road required to be done by the abutting owners.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

16—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 20th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th March, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1591	E. Eager.	Amended plan for bungalow, Bamfurlong Road.
1593	National Institute for the Blind, London.	New Lavatory, St. Dunstan's.
1594	Osman Jewell.	New bathroom over scullery, 3, Priory Terrace.
1595	Waite & Son.	New office and w.c., addition at rear of 349, High Street.
1596	J. L. Bendall.	One detached house, Old Bath Road.
1597	J. T. & A. T. Bendall.	Six semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
1598	F. Rouse & Co.	New workshop, Market Street.
1599	F. E. Pearce.	Detached house, Badgeworth Road.
1600	Flower & Sons.	Additions to Victoria Brewery, St. Paul's Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1596 and 1597 be approved ; that Plans No. 1593, 1594, 1595, and 1600 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans No. 1591, 1598, and 1599 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th March, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Advertising—Scheme—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted Scheme of Advertising for the ensuing year. Resolved, That the following estimate for advertising be approved :

	£	s.	d.
Holiday Resort Advertisements —			
Weekly paragraph in "Daily Telegraph" at £1 10s. 0d. per week	78	0	0
12 monthly insertions in "The Times"	60	0	0
Advertising in "Summer Spas," suggesting Cheltenham as a Winter Resort—Approximately	30	0	0
Advertisement in Whittaker's Almanac	6	6	0
For Motorists—			
Royal Automobile Club Year	6	6	0
For British and Foreign Tourists--			
Cook's Summer Holidays List ..	20	0	0
General Advertising—			
In London Press, North of England Newspapers. on Atlantic Liners, on London Buses, etc.	100	0	0
Contribution to Federated Spa Advertising Scheme	100	0	0
	£400	12	0

2—Sunshine Records—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, urging the desirability of arranging for the sunshine records of Cheltenham to be published in the London Press, Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

3—Town Hall—Drill Display—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Miss H. B. Foster, applying for the use of the Town Hall on 20th November next for a Drill Display by the students of Pengwern College, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the District Nursing Association, at a reduced charge. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted for the day at a charge of £10 10s. 0d., plus lighting, and that the use of the Hall for a rehearsal be granted on a day to be arranged, without charge except for lighting.

4—Pittville Estate—Tennis Courts—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the press inviting Residents on the Pittville Estate who desire the use of a tennis court during the coming Season, to apply therefor not later than 31st inst.

5—Montpellier Gardens —Band Concert—Resolved, That the Gardens be let to Mr. T. C. Evans on the 25th prox., for a Concert by the Band of the Grenadier Guards on sharing terms, viz. ; the Corporation to provide staff and chairs, and receive 20 per cent. of the takings ; Mr. Evans to receive 20 per cent.

6—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. F. H. Weeks, applying for permission to erect a wooden kiosk at the Winter Garden for the sale of light refreshments, ices, novels, etc. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th March, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

7—Borough Meteorologist—Read, application of nth inst., from Lieut. John Orgee, D.S.C., R.N. (Retired), for this appointment. Resolved, That Lieut. Orgee be appointed Borough Meteorologist at a honorarium of £15 per annum, to carry out the following duties :-

1. To attend at the Montpellier Gardens at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. to read Vernier of Barometer to 1/1000 of an inch, also to read Thermometer (Dry and Wet. Minimum and Maximum), and to take Record of Rain Gauge. Also Grass and Sun Thermometer and at Winter Garden to read Barometer.

2. To calculate and enter daily records of Sunshine from Charts brought in daily by the Pittville Caretaker.

3. To send weekly report for publication in the Gloucestershire " Echo," and to the Secretary of the Meteorological Society, and to the Town Clerk.

4. To furnish monthly return to the Meteorological Office. 5. To read Wind Gauge at Montpellier Gardens. The appointment to be determinable by 3 months' notice on either side.

8—"Invitation to Cheltenham" Brochure—Read, letter of 21st inst., from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., offering to supply 10,000 copies of a Brochure setting forth the advantages and attractiveness of Cheltenham as a place for Conferences at a cost of £50. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, 5,000 copies to be supplied this year and paid for out of the sum allocated for general advertising, the remaining 5,000 copies to be supplied and paid for next year.

9—Winter Garden—Dilapidations—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., suggesting a meeting between the Chairman and one of their Client's Directors with regard to the claim for dilapidations. Resolved, That the Chairman and Mr. Councillor Thomas be appointed as representatives of this Committee to attend the meeting.

10—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings held on 28th ult., 7th, 14th and 21st inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Tennis Courts--- Posts and Stop-netting—That samples be obtained of posts and stop-netting, and tenders invited for the supply thereof.

Health Resorts of the British Islands—That 6 copies of this publication be ordered at 5s per copy.

Montpellier Gardens—Proscenium—That the charge for hire of the Proscenium be as follows :—
Afternoon and evening £4 4s. 0d. plus lighting; Evening only £33s. 0d. plus lighting, and that for rehearsals a charge be made for lighting only.

Town Hall (a) Gloucester Orpheus Society Concert—That a contribution of £4 4s. 0d. be made for a special Artiste engaged at a fee of £8 8s. 0d.

(b) The Dansants—That no The Dansants be held during April, except an Adults' The Dansant to be held on Tuesday and Friday, and a Children's The Dansant on Wednesday and Saturday during Easter Week. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved,

11—Town Hall—Resolved, That the charge for the use of the Town Hall for a Meeting of the League of Nations Union held on the 6th inst., be reduced from £10 to £5, plus lighting.

12—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 673 ; Montpellier Baths 10 ; Pittville Chalet 27 ; and Pittville Pump Room 32,

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd March, 1922: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Tree and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Swindon Road Bridge --Cable—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement for way-leave in respect of a cable laid under Swindon Road Railway Bridge belonging to the Great Western Railway Co.

2- Streets Cabled--The Borough Engineer reported that a list of streets cabled had been prepared. Resolved, That the list be supplied to any recognised local wiring contractor applying for same at 5s per copy,

3--Fire Insurance—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the insurance of goods stored at St. George's Place, be increased to £800. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the Borough Accountant instructed accordingly.

4—Electric Cookers—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase two of the new type of Electric Cookers now on the Market.

5—Public Lighting—(a) Wilful Damage---Read, Police Report of the 1st inst., as to damage to a lamp at the corner of Clare Place by Jack Williams (aged 10 years), on the 28th ult. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the parents for the amount of the damage, viz. :

(b) Footway—Lypiatt Terrace and Tivoli Place - Read, letter of 22nd inst., from Mr. Albert C. Webb, suggesting the improvement of the lighting of this footway. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Electrical Engineer.

6 Gas Tests --Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 23rd and 28th ult., 7th, 16th and 22nd inst., which showed the calorific power on these dates to be 493, 491, 475.5, 472 and 475.5 British Thermal Units.

7—Electricity Works—It was reported that on the 22nd inst., the Chairman (Councillor Moore), and Councillor Captain Trye, with Councillors Dicks and Pates (representing the Street and Highway Committee), attended at the Works to consider the allocation of land for the purposes of the Undertaking and the Street and Highway Department, and it was Resolved, To recommend the Council to approve of the following arrangement –

(a) That the land containing 2.418 acres (which includes the site of the works), as shewn on the plan submitted, be allocated as the land belonging to the Electricity Undertaking, and that the remainder of the land be allocated as the land belonging to the Street and Highway Department.

(b) A roadway of 16 feet along the North West boundary of the land allocated to the Undertaking and leading into the Tewkesbury Road, to be made and kept in repair by the Street and Highway Department.

(c) The cost of the new boundary fence and gates to be charged to the Electricity Undertaking at a cost of not exceeding £150.

Resolved, That this arrangement be agreed to.

8—Coal—Resolved, That tenders be invited for a 6 months' supply of coal, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to receive and accept a tender.

9—Mains and Services—Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Sanction from the Electricity Commissioners of a loan of £9,465 for Electricity Mains and Services, repayable in 25 years.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th March, 1922: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Green ; Councillors Pates and Whitaker (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 13th March, 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	213,000 gallons	252,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,721,000	1,108,000
Leckhampton Springs	43,000	97,000
Total	1,977,000	1,457,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th March, 1922		13th March, 1921.	
Hewletts		25,420,000 gallons		23,661,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	26ft. 0in.	0,237,000	22ft. 9in.	55,903,000
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		97,007,000		80,779,000

Pumping ceased at Tewkesbury on the 4th inst., and at Sandford on the 8th inst.

2--Inspections---The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of February had been as follows :—

	During February.	Total for past 11 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	750	7,650
" taps found leaking ..	139	1,554
" defective flushing boxes	61	580
" defective stop taps ..	5	121
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>46</u>	178	2,223
" notices served re fittings	119	1,354
" meters changed .	17	219
" houses connected .	51	494
" burst pipes found	23	38

3--Baths, etc.—The Borough Engineer reported that in the last 11 months the Water Inspectors had discovered 102 baths, 29 motor cars, 23 garden taps, and 25 hose pipes being used of which no notice had been given and for which no payment was being made. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to give notice by advertisement from time to time that persons making any alteration or addition to the water service are liable to a penalty.

4-Tewkesbury Waterworks—Cottages—The Borough Surveyor- submitted plan of a cottage suitable for the Works Manager and other employees at Tewkesbury, and estimated the present cost thereof at £600 per cottage. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

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5-Waste-2, Fairview Cottages, Charlton Kings—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Albert Cleevly, the Owner of these premises, had failed to have a burst pipe in a W.C. thereat repaired, notwithstanding the service of Notices calling his attention to the serious waste of water resulting therefrom. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under the Water Acts.

6—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Excavation Work—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, stating that they could not authorise payment of grant in respect of work carried out subsequent to the 31st December, last, when the time limit attached to the grant expired.

7—Water Charges—Resolved, That the charge for ordinary water supplies by meter both inside and outside the Borough be increased as from 1st April next to 1s 9d per 1000 gallons, that the charge for special supplies be increased in proportion, and that Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their Meeting on the 13th October last be varied accordingly.

8—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that supply be discontinued until the arrears are paid.

9—Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held at Dowdeswell.

10—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, 21st March, 1922: Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals--(a) Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever at North Ward Allotments, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals. Proceedings had been taken against Mr. C. W. Lester for contravention of the Swine Fever Order, 1908, and a fine of 5s imposed.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease Orders, dated the 24th ult., 1st, 9th, 13th, 14th and 18th inst., and stated that he had published the Orders dated the 1st and 9th inst. Resolved, That this be approved.

2- Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :—On the 27th ult., at 13, St. Philip's Terrace. Damage £40-£50. Brigade expenses £4 7s. 6d. On the 3rd inst., at 25, Manchester Street. Damage about £300. Brigade expenses £4 9s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence—Wheel Bath Chair—Resolved, That the application of Geo. Manley for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of a wheel bath chair, be granted.

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4—Motor Omnibus Service—The Town Clerk reported that Proprietors of shops in Clarence Street objected to this street being used as a centre for motor omnibus traffic. Resolved, That the Town Clerk invite the Local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., to discuss the matter with him with a view to arrangements being made so that the number of omnibuses standing in the street at the same time might be reduced.

5—Motor Char-a-bancs—Parking Ground—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from "The Commercial Motor" to the Chief Constable, asking for particulars of arrangements made in the Borough for parking char-a-bancs from outside districts to enable instructions to be given to drivers. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., whether the Plough Yard could be used for the parking of char-a-bancs.

6—Light Railway—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Mr. J. A. Aston calling attention to the obstruction frequently caused by the trams from Leckhampton stopping between the Colonnade and North Street, and suggesting the shortening of the double line route immediately in front of the premises of Messrs. John Lance & Co., Ltd., High Street. Resolved, That the Manager of the Light Railway Co., be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee to consider the matter.

7—Association of Municipal Corporations—Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations to be held in London on the 24th May next.

8—Railways (North Western and Midland Group) Bill—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Solicitor, London & North Western Railway, with Statement on behalf of the Promoters of this Bill in answer to criticisms against the safeguards contained therein.

9 —Empire Day—Read, letters from the Chairman, Royal Colonial Institute with reference to the local celebration of Empire Day. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Education Committee.

10—British Legion- Read, circular letter of the 24th inst., from Field-Marshal Earl Haig, forwarding copy of the Constitution and Constructive Programme of the British Legion, and asking for the support of Civic Authorities in connection with a Membership Campaign to be held from the 31st March to 8th April.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th March, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Captain Trye and Whitaker; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Reported 1,395 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since February 15th last. (Corresponding period last year 2,184).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised 7s. 4d.

The following loans had been received:— 5 Oil Paintings by Miss Snowdon, and 4 Oil Paintings by W. A. Rixon, C.C.

2-Exhibits —Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Coates Carter to place on exhibition, for a short period, an altar piece designed by him, be accepted, and that the Curator be authorised to obtain other suitable local exhibits for exhibition at the same time.

3—Insurance—Resolved, That the Curator be asked to submit at the next meeting a list of pictures, etc., requiring to be added to the Policy of Insurance with the amount to be covered and quotation for premium.

4—Lecture—Resolved, That the offer of the Rev. G. O. Kendall to give a Lecture on the flint collections at the Museum, on the 28th March inst., he accepted.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th March, 1922 Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Pruett, Sawyer,

Stanley and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—(a) Sheep Grazing—The Committee considered tenders received for sheep grazing at Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds for the year ending 25th March, 1923. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into in each case :—

Recreation Ground.	Name.	Address.	Annual Rent
Agg-Gardner	W. E. Davis	330, High Street	£10
Naunton Park	F. W. Corry	Gainsborough, Bath Road	£15
Whaddon Lane	Waghorne Bros.	346, High Street	£8

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(b) Cricket—The Committee considered applications for permission to play cricket at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1922 Season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows :—

Recreation Ground	Name of Club	Day of Play
Agg-Gardner	Baker Street Institute Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays
“	Templar Cricket Club	“ “
Whaddon Lane	Holy Trinity Church Lads' Cricket Club	Tuesday evenings
“	Co-operative Young Peoples' Circle Cricket Club	Wednesday afternoons (2-5 p.m.)
“	All Saints' Old Boys' Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays
“	Y.M.C.A. (Junior Branch) Cricket Club	“ “

Resolved, also, That matches be not allowed to commence before 1st May, and that practise be restricted to one night per week per club.

Organised Games—Read, application of the 13th inst., from the Director, Technical Schools, for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursdays from 2.15--4.30 p.m., from 21st April to 23rd July next, for Organised Games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

2--Marle Hill Annexe--Boating Rights—Resolved. That the boating rights be granted to Mr. H. G. Healey for the 1922 Season in consideration of a payment of £40 (including £15 for Sundays after 2 p.m.) and subject to the condition that the charges shall not exceed the following :--gd. per hour for canoes ; 9d. per head per hour for the single sculling boats (with a minimum charge of 2s) ; and 6d. per head per hour for the family boat (with a minimum charge of 3s).

3—Guns—The Committee considered the question of suitable sites for placing guns, etc., at present stored at the Central Depot. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

4—Allotments--- (a) Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Street and Highway Committee had inspected the condition of Folly Lane and decided not to take any action in the matter at present. (b) Trees—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from Mr. A. T. Cox agreeing to lop his trees overhanging the Allotments.

5—Pittville Estate— (a) Chaseley Lodge—Garden House—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for a garden house proposed to be erected on the West Drive at Pittville, opposite Chaseley Lodge, and reported thereon. Resolved, That the plan be not approved.

(b) Tennis Courts—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a report of expenditure on the up-keep of tennis courts to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) Damage to Shrub Beds—Read, Report of the Park Constable of the 13th inst., with reference to children running over newly dug beds in the Long Garden. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents warning them that if further reports are received of misbehaviour on the part of their children proceedings will be taken.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 24th March, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6531 to 6540 (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 and Kerbing to the graves of Wm. R. H. Trinder and Kate O. Power; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to the grave of E. P. Vernon Mountain ; Headstone and Kerbing to the graves of Edith A. and J. Maitland ; Headstones to the graves of Hannah Rogers, Alfred Zebedee, Theodora Rutledge and John H. Collins ; Kerbing to graves of Charles J. and Hester E. Hart.

3 —Deceased Soldiers —Memorial Crosses-- The Superintendent reported that a number of crosses sent home from the graves of deceased soldiers in the several battle areas had been received, and that some of the crosses, which had been erected in the early years of the War, were in a bad state of repair. Resolved, That the Remembrance Day Committee be asked to arrange for one or two of their members to inspect the crosses, and that they be invited to meet this Committee in due course to submit their proposals for the erection and maintenance of the crosses in the Cemetery.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th March, 1922: Present--Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Regan, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Gridley, and A. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £15 3s. 8d.
Presentations: S. D. Scott, Esq., (12 Vols.) ; Commissioner for South Africa (1 vol.) ; E. Hartland, Esq., (1 pamphlet) ; E. E. Trusted, Esq. (1 vol.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of February last was 4,720, the number issued from the Lending Library 11,514, and the Children's Library 1,972.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th March :
Present—Alderman Steel; Councillor Mann, and Mr. W. R. Carles

Accounts—Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th March, 1922: Present--Aldermen Horsley, Steel, and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Estimate for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council at the Monthly Meeting on the 3rd prox., and if the same are approved, that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on the 12th prox., to make the General District Rate and Order for the Borough Rate accordingly.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th March, 1922: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Horsley, Steel, and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, Welstead, and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2-General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £37,944 17s. 8d, Leaving outstanding, £944 0s. 5d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th inst. Amount collected £15,723 15s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £1,884 15s. 5d.

4—Loans— Resolved, That the terms arranged for the continuance of a Debenture amounting to £400 be approved, and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and - held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd April, 1922, at 3 p.m.

Present : The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apology.—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Stanley.

1-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 6th 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—War Pensions Act, 1921-Representative-Read, letter of the 20th ult., from the Ministry of Pensions, forwarding copy draft of the Gloucestershire War Pensions Committee Order, 1922, and stating that it was proposed to invite Mr. F. C. Dodwell, of "Strathcona," Keynsham Road, to serve on the newly constituted County War Pensions Committee under Article (c) of the Order as representing the Town Council. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3—Proceedings of Committees-Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed

Public Health	Meeting held March 13
Housing.	Meeting held March 14
Street and Highway	Meeting held March 20
Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held March 17 and 24
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held March 23
Water	Meeting held March 16
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held March 21
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held March 15
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	Meeting held March 13*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :— "That the tender of Mr. W. E. Davis to take the sheep grazing at Naunton Park for the year ending 25th March, 1923, at a rent of 18 per annum, be accepted in place of the tender of Mr. F. W. Corry, withdrawn, and that Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of the Committee be varied accordingly."

Burial Board Meeting held March 24

Public Library Meeting held March 14

Finance Meetings held March 24+ & 28*

+Resolved, That a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared, that the Owners instead of the Occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10s. 0d., and that such Owners 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.

4—Notices of Motion—(a) Councillor Stewart gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

"That the trees recently planted on the north-east side of Carlton Street be immediately removed and the pavement made good, and that Minute No. 20 of the Street and Highway Committee as passed on the 27th June, 1921, be rescinded or varied."

(b) Councillor Capt. Trye gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—"That a return be prepared and circulated to every member of the Council showing the salaries and bonuses paid to each individual employee for the year 1914 and 1921 and their duties, the return to show all payments and allowances in kind of whatever description made during the respective periods."

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Mayor.

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, 12th April, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

1 —Order for 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 Sixty six thousand nine hundred and ninety 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 Sixty six thousand nine hundred and ninety 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 Ten thousand pounds on or before the first day of June next, Eleven thousand pounds on or before the first day of July next, Eleven thousand pounds on or before the first day of August next, One thousand four hundred and ninety five pounds on or before the first day of

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September next, Ten thousand pounds on or before the first day of November next, Eleven thousand pounds on or before the first day of December next, Eleven thousand pounds on or before the first day of January next, and One thousand four hundred and ninety five pounds on or before the first day of March next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. And it is further ordered that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of Four shillings and eight pence in the on the property assessable thereto, be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the time following, that is to say, one moiety or half part thereof forthwith, and the other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such 'Rate according to law.

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

"That this Council do consider the present charges for electric energy, also rent of meters, with a view by such a revision to making an early reduction in these charges."

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st May, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th April, 1922: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, and Whitaker (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1-Sanitary Officers' Order, 1922-Read, Circular 299 of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding copies of this Order which came into operation on the 1st April, 1922, and revoked previous Orders relating to Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors. Resolved. That in future the Inspector of Nuisances be designated "Sanitary Inspector" as provided by the Public Health (Officers) Act, 1921.

2-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-2, Regent Place, Swindon Road ; 4, Naunton Terrace, Exmouth Street ; 4 and 6, Victoria Street, St. Paul's ; 33, Waterloo Street ; 2, Ebenezer Cottages ; 1, 2, and 3, St. Paul's Cottages ; "College View" ; 2 and 3, Albert Cottages ; "Hungerford Villa," Larput Place ; and 1, Hungerford Cottages, Larput 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 Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 3, Cleeve View Terrace ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; 41, St. James' Street ; 12 and 13, Hill View Terrace ; 183, High Street ; 90, Tewkesbury Road ; 11 and 30, Worcester Street ; 28, Hanover Street ; "Springfield," Brandon Place ; 4, Butt's Cottages, Malvern Street ; and 2, Regent Place, Swindon Road. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4-Insanitary Property-183, High Street ; 90, Tewkesbury Road ; 11, 12, and 30 Worcester Street ; "Springfield," Brandon Place ; 28, Hanover Street ; 4, Butt's Cottages, Malvern Street ; and 2, Regent Place, Swindon Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, 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-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 7, 8 and 9, Alstone Place, Gloucester Road ; 24, York Street ; 57, St. James' Street ; "Rock View," Gloucester Road ; and 37 and 38 Winchcomb Street. The Sanitary Inspector 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 Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 35 and 37, Sherborne Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on 5th December, 1921 (Minute No. 7 (c)), the works specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. H. Eager at a cost of £47 16s. 10d. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment of these private improvement expenses.

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6—Overcrowding at 22, Sherborne Street and 21, All Saints' Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Nos 17, 18, 48, 53-58, 60, 62-64 and 82, Stanhope Street—Read, letters of 30th ult. and 5th inst., from Mr. H. Stroud. It was reported that all the houses except Nos. 17, 18, 48, 54, 57 and 82 had been re-let notwithstanding the Closing Orders made. Resolved, That Orders be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-Section 2, Section 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, requiring the demolition of Nos. 17, 18, 48, 54, 57 and 82, the Council being of opinion that these houses have not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with diligence to make them so fit.

Resolved, also, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in regard to the remainder of the houses be adjourned.

(b) 1, Limbrick Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Fitzroy Fowles had asked that consideration of the demolition of this house might be adjourned for another month. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned accordingly.

(c) 5-7, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises had been rendered fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Closing Orders made in respect thereof be determined.

(d) 8 and 9, Rutland Street—Resolved, That consideration of the demolition of these premises be further adjourned.

(e) Cottage at rear of 22, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling-house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

8 -Houses without proper Water Supply—1 to 6, Arle End Cottages, Arle. It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply Resolved, That the attention of the owner be called to this and that he be called upon to provide a proper water supply.

9—Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health stated that as his Annual Report for the year ended 31st December last would, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, be an "ordinary" report, he recommended that it be not printed. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

10—Surrender of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 89 lbs. beef ; 11 cwt. mackerel 6 tins milk ; and 5 tins corned beef.

11—Notices not complied with--The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

12-Meat Inspection—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 282, of 16th ult., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding Memorandum on a system of Meat Inspection for adoption by Local Authorities, and the Sanitary Inspector reported that the butchers had expressed their willingness to co-operate with him in the matter. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to comply with the recommendations made by the Ministry.

13—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 10th inst.: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 10th inst. was 7 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 77 head of cattle, 16 calves, 40 sheep, 52 lambs, 46 tegs and 25 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 cows in calf and 20 grass legs had been purchased for £110 10s. 0d. 7 calves, 12 lambs and 8 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 2 cows, 2 calves, 2 lambs and 9 store pigs had been sold for £91 15s. 0d.

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Valuation of Farms--The following detailed inventory was submitted from Mr. J. G. Villar on his valuation of the stock, implements, etc., at the Farms on 24th and at the Central Depot on 27th February last :—

Hayden Farm—Cattle 49, Sheep 40, Pigs 13, Cart Horses 6

Barn Farm—Cattle 51, Sheep 27, Pigs 14, Cart Horses 5.

Central Depot--Cart Horses 6.

Mr. Villar reported that the average reduction in the value of farm stock from March, 1921, to March, 1922, was from 35 to 40 per cent.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th April, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks Regan, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Housing Estate—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. E. Turner had not accepted the terms of the tenancy of the land offered him.

(b) Tennis—Councillor Pates attended on behalf of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee and suggested that some of the spare land on the Housing Estate might be used for tennis courts. Resolved, That if any of the spare land is found suitable the same be let to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at the rate of £1 10s. 0d. per court for the Season, that Committee to undertake all arrangements for the preparation and management of the courts.

2—Selection of Tenants—The Selection of **Tenants Sub-Committee** reported that they met on the 11th inst.: Present--Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; and Councillor Regan (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

The Sub-Committee considered 54 applications and allocated the remaining 24 houses in course of erection, and 2 which had become vacant.

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

3 —Subsidy Houses—(a) Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the bungalow erected in Hatherley Road by Mr. C. C. Savage had been completed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate " B."

(b) Old Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. J. Barrett had applied for a subsidy in respect of a bungalow erected by him in Old Bath Road, but no application had been made when the plans were submitted. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of the Ministry of Health if the application can now be entertained.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th April, 1922: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney and Mrs. McArthur (Councillor Edith Geddes is the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—(a) Quarterly Report--Read, the Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1922. The attendances had been as follows :---

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (13 meetings) ..	33	38.9
At Clare Street (13 meetings) ..	15	23.8
At Baker Street (13 meetings) -	33	29.5

On 12th January last the Mothers attending the Centres were entertained at Highbury Schools and provided with tea.

Miss King (late Commandant, New Court Red Cross Hospital), had undertaken to give talks on First Aid and Home Nursing at the three Centres, and these were much appreciated by the Mothers.

2—Health Visitors----(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 31st March last:—

No. of Children on Register		2,478
No. of Children visited	(a) one year and under	791
	(b) over one year	539
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors		2,110
" Un-notified Births discovered ..		14
" Children remitted to Hospital .		15
" Ante-natal Cases visited ..		35
"Chicken Pox		6
" Mumps		7
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres		64

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	42
New Orders ..	20
Stopped ..	17
Continuing ..	45
Nursing and Expectant Mothers..	29
Infants and Children (tinder 3 years)	26

(b) Resignation of Miss Elliott --Read, letter of 24th inst., from Miss E. E. Elliott giving one month's notice from that date, to terminate her appointment of Health Visitor. Resolved, That applications for the appointment be invited by advertisements in the "Nursing Mirror" and "Nursing Times" at a salary of £170, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200 per annum. Resolved, also, That the Chairman (Councillor Edith Geddes), Councillor Stewart, Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney and Miss Foster be appointed a Sub-Committee to select Candidates for interview by this Committee.

3---Creche—Read, letters of 9th and 27th February last from Col. D. C. Carter, Hon. Secretary, Boys' Orphanage, stating that there was no likelihood of the Orphanage premises being available for any other purpose for some considerable time.

4-Estimates for 1922-23 -Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the Council's estimated expenditure 1922-23, except £75 provided for Day Nurseries as it appeared unlikely that these would be re-opened. The net Expenditure authorised was £822.

5---Ante-natal Lectures—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Ante-natal Lectures by Miss Perry had been dis-continued, as it was difficult to get expectant mothers to attend. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to consider if arrangements can be made for expectant mothers to be visited by Health Visitors.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday. 19th April. 1922: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors, Mann and Yarnold (.41dernzan Bendall in the chair).

1 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 17th March to 18th April, 1922 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th April, 1922, 747 loads collected, 683 consumed and 64 tipped away.

2-Eldorado Road and Crescent—Footpath—Private Improvement Works- -Read, letter of 3th inst., from Mr. H. W. Chatters, suggesting that the footpath on the east side of Eldorado Road should be paved. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath in Eldorado Road and Crescent adjoining houses on the east side from and including "Atworth" to Queen's Road by the abutting Owners

3—Hut Erected in Hester's Way—The Borough Surveyor reported that an Army Hut had been erected in Hester's Way by Mr. Clements without the approval of the Corporation, that no proper water supply had been provided, and that there were no drainage arrangements. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

4—Electric Lorry—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Electricity Department required the whole-time use of the electric lorry. Resolved, That the use of the lorry by the Highways Department be discontinued.

5 -Clarence Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 28th ult., and 4th inst, from the Light Railway Co., with reference to a trench made in Clarence Street by the Company, which had not been re-instated. Resolved. That formal Notice under the Light Railway Order be served upon the Company requiring them to carry out the work to the reasonable satisfaction of the Corporation.

6—Dangerous Corners— (a) Warwick Place—Portland Street----Read, letters of 30th ult., 6th, 12th and 18th inst, from Messrs. Shepheards, Walters and Bingley, Solicitors, agreeing, on behalf of the Trustees of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, to give up $7 \frac{2}{3}$ square yards of land required for this improvement at the rate of £1 per square yard, subject to the wall being re-erected to the

new boundary of their Clients' premises by the Corporation, and to the payment of £3 3s. 0d. for their costs. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

(b) Suffolk Road—Park Place—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Secretary, Ladies' College, agreeing to give up the land required for this improvement, subject to the wall being re-erected to the new boundary of Bunwell House garden by the Corporation, and to the Corporation undertaking to maintain the re-erected portion for 25 years. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

7—Widening of Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 8th inst, from the Ministry of Transport, stating that the Minister was unable to entertain the application of the Corporation for an additional grant towards the further expenditure of £450 in widening Gloucester Road adjoining Arle Court, but that he would be prepared to consider an application that the cost of such work should be charged against the original scheme subject to the total payments under the grant not exceeding £3,825. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until the cost of the original scheme is ascertainable.

8—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported the arrangement made for the allocation of land at the Electricity Works and Refuse Destructor as approved by the Council at their last Meeting on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee. Resolved, That this Committee agree thereto.

9—Condition of County Roads—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, with reference to the representation of the Corporation as to the unsatisfactory condition of the County roads, together with copy letter from the County Surveyor thereon and his reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

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10—Street Projection—Resolved, That the Application of Mr. S. Lloyd, of the 3rd inst, for permission to fix a sign at 6, Suffolk Road, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

11—Streamer across Colonnade —Read, application of 29th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, for permission to place a streamer, advertising the Club's Swimming Galas, across the Colonnade, for two days in connection with each Gala during the Season. Resolved. That permission be granted.

12—Hall Road—Read, Memorial of 29th ult., from residents in Hall Road, asking that the carriageway and footpath be repaired. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

13—Montpellier Terrace—Trees—Read, letter of 11th inst., from Mr. H. V. Haddon, asking for the trees in front of 40, Montpellier Terrace to be pruned. Resolved, That instructions be given for the trees to be pruned.

14—Providence Cottages—Private Improvement Works—Read, letter from Mr. C. W. Cambridge, protesting against the amount apportioned in respect of 6, Providence Terrace, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

15—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 19th April, 1922 : Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1591	E. Eager	Amended Plan for Bungalow, Bamfurlong Road.
1601	W. Chapman	New stable and cart-shed, Rutland Street.
1602	M. G. Taylor	Cycle house, " Morlea," 25, Lansdown Parade.
1603	S. Wood	Cycle house, Bolton House. Christ Church Road.
1604	G. H. Thompson	Motor house, " Lindon Villa," Carlton Street.
1605	Trustees, St. Mark's Wesleyan Church	New Organ Chamber.
1616	Miss R. Eamonson	Wooden Bungalow, Whaddon Lane.
1607	P. A. Camm	Motor house, " Nethercott," Gloucester Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1601, 1604 and 1607 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal ; and that Plans Nos. 1591, 1602, 1603, 1605 and 1606 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th April, 1922: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Borough Meteorologist's Report-- The Borough Meteorologist (Lieut. Orgee) attended and reported that he took over the duties on the 1st April and was furnishing copies of his weekly Reports to the Meteorological Office, the Town Clerk, and also to the "Echo" for publication

2-Sunshine Records—The Committee further considered letter of the 10th ult., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, urging the desirability for the sunshine records of Cheltenham being published in the London Press. Resolved, That this be not undertaken at present in view of the cost, for which no provision has been made in the estimates.

3- Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that Montpellier Gardens be kept open until a later hour than at present for the advantage of tennis players and others Resolved, That the hours of closing for the Summer Season be as follows :—May : 9 p.m. ; June and July : 9.30 p.m.; August : 9 p.m.; and September : 7.30 p.m.

4—Winter Garden—(a) Flood-light--- An offer from the General Electric Co., Ltd., to supply a flood-light lamp for use in connection with Orchestra performances in the Bandstand, at a cost of £11 16s. 0d. was considered and it was Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

(b) Fixtures and Fittings— The Town Clerk submitted Schedule of fixtures and fittings, belonging to the Corporation, taken over by the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd.

5--Montpellier Baths—Naunton Park Girls' School—Resolved, That the use of the Montpellier Baths be granted for swimming instruction to be given to girls attending Naunton Park Council School as in previous years. Hour of Opening—Resolved, That the Baths be opened at 8 a.m.

6—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—School-children—Resolved, That the charges for the use of Swimming Baths by parties from the Elementary Schools be as follows :—For children attending schools within the Borough : 2d. per child ; Outside the Borough . 4d. per child.

7—Concerts and Gardens—Season Tickets—Resolved, That the following Scale of Charges for Season Tickets (commencing on 1st May, 1922, and expiring on 30th April, 1923) be approved and adopted:-

(1) Montpellier and Pittville Gardens--To admit Nurse or Child (not exceeding 12 years of age) at all times, except when the Gardens are let privately, or on special occasions 2s 6d

(2) Municipal Gardens and Parks—To admit persons at all times, except when the Gardens and Parks are let privately, or on special occasions ... 6s

(3) Concerts--- To admit persons to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens at all times, except when the Gardens are let privately, or on special occasions, including use of chair at morning, afternoon and evening Concerts by the Municipal Orchestra held therein, or in the Winter Garden Ground ... 10s 6d

8—Town Hall—An application was received from the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society for the use of the Town Hall for a concert at a reduced charge. Resolved, That no reduction be made.

9—Expenditure—Standing Charges—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to furnish this Committee at the commencement of each financial year with a statement of standing charges, to enable the Committee to ascertain the amount at their disposal and to keep within their estimate.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st April, 1922: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

10-Pittville Gardens--R.A.O.B. Convention—Read, letter of the fifth inst., from Mr. H. J. Harman, Secretary of the Local Lodge of the R.A.O.B., asking for the free use of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room on the afternoon of Wednesday, 7th June next, for a Garden Party and Whist Drive in connection with the Triennial Convention of the R.A.O.B., and for the services of the Municipal Orchestra during the afternoon, Resolved, That the use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted free of charge, subject to the condition that any damage done shall be made good by the applicants. Resolved also, That Mr. Harman be informed that the Corporation will grant the services of the Orchestra if the Garden Party can be arranged for Thursday, 8th June.

11---Town Hall—Read, letter of 20th inst., from Mr. W. E. Palser, applying for the use of the Supper Room, Town Hall, on the evening of 16th and all day on 17th June next, for a Conference of the Dickens Fellowship. Resolved, That the use of the Supper Room be granted free of charge, except for the cost of cleaning, heating and lighting,

12—Town Hall and Winter Garden—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mrs. C. Rose, applying for permission to display a Pageant notice board outside the Town Hall and Winter Garden for two weeks ending May 20th. Resolved, That permission be granted.

13—Montpellier and Winter Gardens---Custodian—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting applications from ex-service men for the appointment of Custodian of Montpellier and Winter Gardens for the Summer Season at wages of £1 5s. per week, and that, pending an appointment, a temporary custodian be engaged.

14--Clarence Square—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. Edward Parkes, complaining of the provision of a croquet court, in addition to the three tennis courts, in Clarence Square. Resolved, That no action be taken.

15—Meteorological Instruments and Records—The Town Clerk submitted Report from Lieut. Orgee, containing Schedule of Meteorological Instruments and Records taken over by him from Mr. A. C. Saxby.

16 Weather Reports—Reports were submitted from the Borough Meteorologist for the weeks ending 6th, 13th, and 20th inst.

17—Charity Cricket Match—It was reported that the Mayor of Gloucester had invited the Members of the Corporation to meet the Gloucester Corporation in a cricket match at Gloucester during July next, the proceeds of which would be divided between the Cheltenham General Hospital and the Gloucester Infirmary, and had applied for the services of the Municipal Orchestra and the free use of chairs in connection therewith. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

18- Shop next Montpellier Baths--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Henry Bellamy had arranged with Mrs. Florence Vellacott to take over his tenancy of these premises, subject to the consent of the Corporation. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with Mrs. Vellacott for a yearly tenancy at a rent of £20 per annum, plus rates and taxes.

19—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings held on 28th ult., 4th, 11th and 19th inst., were read-

They recommended as follows:— Tennis Courts—posts and Nets—That the quotation of W. A Wool, Ltd., to supply 7 Ayres No. 2 Square Championship posts at £4 15s., and 2 Ayres Round Premier posts at £2 13s., and 9 nets at 28s per net, less 7 ½ per cent., be accepted.

Stop-netting— That 450 yards of fish netting be purchased at 23s 6d per 30 yards, total cost £10 11s. 6d.

Town Hall That the Borough Accountant be instructed to furnish this Sub-Committee with a Statement of Arrears of payments for the hire of the Town Hall, etc., on or before the first Tuesday in each month.

Municipal Dance—That a Municipal Dance be held on the 22nd inst., from 8-11 p.m., and that the Municipal Orchestra be engaged to perform thereat at a fee of £5 5s.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved,

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20—Mineral Waters—Sales --The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :— Central Spa 876; Montpellier Baths 7 ; Pittville Chalet 42 ; and Pittville Pump Room 29.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th April, 1922: Present--Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

21- -Pittville—Whit-Monday Municipal Fete—Resolved, That arrangements for a Fete at Pittville on Whit-Monday be made by this Committee.

22-Montpellier Gardens—(a) Orchestral Performances—Resolved, That when evening performances by the Summer Orchestra are given at Montpellier Gardens, admission to the Gardens shall be free from half-an-hour before the commencement of performances and for the remainder of the evening (except on special occasions) provided that children under the age of twelve years shall not be admitted unless in charge of an adult.

(b) Auditorium Screens Resolved. That the screens at the sides of the auditorium be re-covered with rot-proof canvas at a cost not exceeding 45.

23—Winter Gardens—Bandstand Blinds—Resolved, That additional sun blinds be provided for the Bandstand at a cost not exceeding £2 10s.

24-Concerts Attendant—Resolved, That A. Macgregor be appointed Concerts Attendant for the Summer Season at wages of £2 10s. per week, to include the cost of additional labour required in connection with the removal of chairs, band instruments, etc.

25—Spa Programmes—Posting—Resolved, That the quotation of Shakspeare Shenton for posting Spa Programmes and keeping boards tidy at the price of 9s per week, and for billposting on private stations at 2d. per D.C. poster per week, being the lowest of two quotations received, be accepted.

26 —Chairs--Charges—Resolved, That the following charges be made for chairs at Orchestral performances :—Deck Chairs 3d.; Wooden Chairs 2d.

27-Town Hall—The Committee considered application from the Education Committee for the free use of the Town Hall on Easter Monday, 1923, and the two following days, by the National Association of Manual Training Teachers for their Annual Conference. Resolved, That the Association be offered the use of Pittville Pump Room on Easter Monday, and the Town Hall on the other days, free of charge, except for the cost of cleaning, heating and lighting.

28—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Meetings—The Chairman reported that this Sub-Committee had arranged to meet on the first and third Wednesdays in each month at 4 p.m., instead of every Tuesday morning as at present.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday. 20th April, 1922: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Captain Trye and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1--New Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the final results of tests on completion of No. 9 Turbo Generator were satisfactory, and that the operation of the plant had resulted in a considerable saving in fuel consumption.

2—Sunningend Works—Supply—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., whereby the Company undertook to take, as from the 1st inst., a supply of electric energy for all purposes on terms set out therein. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

3—Swindon Road Bridge—Cable--The Town Clerk reported that an Agreement for way-leave in respect of cable laid under this bridge was not required. Resolved. That the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings on the 23rd ult., be rescinded.

4—Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the supply of coal. Resolved, That the tender of the Park Colliery Company, Ltd., to supply Norchard rough small coal for a period of six months at 20s 8d per ton, delivered, be accepted.

5--Electric Light Standard—Corner of Henrietta Street and Swindon Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Magistrates had made an Order for payment of £5 by Mr. H. H. Griffiths in respect of damage caused to an Electric Light standard at this corner.

6—Meters—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer invite tenders for the supply of meters, and that the Chairman and Alderman Taylor be authorised to consider same, and accept a tender.

7—Public Lighting—Montpellier—The Committee viewed and selected a position for a new lamp at the corner of Montpellier Gardens in place of the Doulton lamp behind the King Edward Statue, to

be removed to Vestal Green, Tivoli Place, in accordance with instructions of the Council at their meeting on 6th February last.

8—Gas Tests—Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 28th ult., 3rd and 11th inst., which sheaved the calorific power on these dates to be 490.4, 481 and 485.3 British Thermal Units.

P. P. TAYLOR,

WATER COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th April, 1922 : Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alders en Green ; Councillors Pates, Stewart and Whitaker (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, 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years,
Hewletts Springs	237,000 gallons	252,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,255,000	1,157,000
Leckhampton Springs	109,000 "	103,000
Total	1,601,000	1,542,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th April, 1922.		10th April, 1921.	
Hewletts		29,488,000 gallons		22,819,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft 10in.	78,888,000	19ft. 6in.	42,788,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		109,861,000		66,822,000

2-Inspections-The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of March had been as follows : -

	During March.	Total for past 12 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	800	8,450
“ “ “” taps found leaking ..	79	1,633
defective flushing boxes	34	614
defective stop taps ..	3	124

draw taps repaired in ordinary course)	77	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>70</u>	
	147	2,370
notices served re fittings	54	1,408
meters changed .	14	233
houses connected .	65	559
burst pipes found .	12	50

3—Salts Farm—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of the 21st ult., from Mr. L. G. Dunn, Tenant of Salts Farm, asking for an allowance in respect of the land on which material removed from the Reservoir had been deposited, and also asking for a revision of the rent of the Farm. Resolved, That consideration of these matters be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

4— Water Charges—Read, letters of the 20th and 30th ult., and 13th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce, Prestbury Ward Branch of the National Citizen's Union and Charlton Kings Urban District Council, respectively, protesting against the proposed increase in Water charges.

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

CHAS. 11. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th April, 1922: Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever at North Ward Allotments, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease Orders Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

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(ii.) Read, circular letter of 10th inst., from the Secretary, Association of Municipal Corporations, inviting the attendance of Representatives of the Corporation at a Meeting to consider evidence to be submitted to the Departmental Committee appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture on Foot and Mouth Disease. Resolved, That no action be taken.

(c) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1921—Regulations—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing Order of the same date, authorising Regulations to be made prohibiting the exposure for sale in any market, fair ground or sale yard, of sheep which have not been dipped in a sheep dip, approved by the Minister, within such period before exposure as may be prescribed by

the Regulations Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until Regulations have been made by the County under the Order.

(d) Animals (Landing from Ireland) Order, 1922—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copy of this Order which revoked the Foot and Mouth Disease (Great Britain) Order, 1922 (No 9) and modified existing restrictions imposed on account of Foot and Mouth Disease.

(e) Importation of Canadian Store Stock Cattle --Read, circular letter of 22nd ult., from the Town Clerk, London, inviting the attendance of Delegates at a Conference to urge the Government to allow early importation of Store Stock Cattle from Canada. Resolved, That no action be taken.

2-Fire Brigade--Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz.

		[Cost of damage]	[Brigade expenses]
21st March "	Haymesgarth,- Cleeve Hill	£350-£400 .	£5 16 6
31st March	Quebec Saw Mills, Albion Street ..	£50 .	£4 17 0
2nd April C	avendish House, Promenade ...,	£2000-3000.	£9 17 0
5th April	Brick Farm, Hatherley .	£500 —600.	£8 13 6
5th April	29, Montpellier Villas	.. Slight .	£3 18 6

3—Hackney Carriage Licences -(a) Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. J. Martin for a licence in respect of motor cab No. DD 348 be granted.

(b) Transfer---Read, application of 10th inst., from Mr. George Clifford for licence No. 16, held by him in respect of Landau, to be transferred to a pony carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(c) Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages--Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc, be held at the Central Depot, on Tuesday, 2nd May, at 10 a.m.

4—Central Taxi-Cab Office--The Borough Surveyor submitted sketch of proposed extension of the roof of the Central Taxi-Cab Office, Crescent Place. Resolved, That the same be approved.

5—Licence to Store Petroleum—An application was received from Mr. J. H. Horsman for a licence to store 40 gallons of petroleum at St. Mark's Garage (off Gloucester Road). The Inspector reported that a proper store had been provided. Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly.

6—Light Railway—The Committee further considered letter of the 17th ult, from Mr. J. A. Aston as to obstruction by trams from Leckhampton stopping between the Colonnade and North Street. The Manager of the Light Railway Company attended, and stated that an Inspector was always on duty at this point and every precaution was taken to prevent any obstruction or accident.

7—Motor Omnibus Service—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., stating that arrangements had now been made for the National Omnibus and Transport Company's vehicles to stand in the same rank as the Bristol Company's vehicles instead of in the centre of the road as hitherto. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Motor Char-a-bancs —Parking. Ground—Read, letters of 22nd and 24th inst., from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., agreeing to allow the Plough yard to be used for the parking of char-a-bancs at charges mentioned therein, and the Town Clerk reported that he had informed the " Commercial Motor" and Chief Constable accordingly.

9—Police Force—Read, letters of the 27th and 29th ult., and 3rd inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee asking if, in view of the recommendation of the Geddes Committee, referred to in a circular letter from the Home Office of the 24th ult., the Corporation desired to retain the services of the Women Police. Resolved, That the two Women Police be retained. on the understanding that half the cost would still be paid by the Exchequer.

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10--Local War Pensions Committee—Read, circular letter of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Pensions, forwarding Copy of the Gloucestershire War Pensions Committee Order, 1922, and stating that the Local War Pensions Committee will cease to exist as from the 29th inst.

11-Documents of Military Service Tribunals—Read, Circular 293, of 27th ult., from the Ministry of Health, authorising the destruction of all documents of Military Service Tribunals after 1st September next.

12-- Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. W. G. Barrett asking for certain repairs to be carried out at this room. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report.

13- -Speed Limit—Read letter of 8th inst., from Councillor Captain Trye, forwarding letters of the 4th and 6th inst. from Mrs. C. M. Metcalf, asking for a speed limit to be fixed in respect of motor traffic in Gloucester Road. Resolved, That Mrs. Metcalf be informed that the Ministry of Transport will not entertain an application for an order reducing the speed limit, as the whole question of motor traffic is now under consideration by a Departmental Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. (JOINT MEETING).

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1922: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Regan Stewart, Capt. Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, E. C. Rogers and F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the Chair).

1 --Resignation of Public Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery, etc.—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from Mr. S. E. Harrison resigning his office as Public Librarian and Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum, on his appointment as Curator and Secretary of the Bowes Museum and Reference Library, and asking to be released at the end of May. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in " The Nation and Athenaeum," " The Municipal Journal," and "The Gloucestershire Echo," inviting applications for the appointment at salary according to Scale, viz. :-£275 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £375 per annum.

Resolved, also, That the Mayor (Chairman of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee) ; Councillor Mann (Chairman of the Public Library Committee) ; Alderman Steel ; Councillor Edith Geddes ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez, be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications for the appointment and to select three candidates for interview by the Joint Committees. Resolved, also, That Mr. Harrison's request to be released on the 31st May, be granted.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th April, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Stewart, Captain Trye and Whitaker; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since March 14th last, 1,437 (Corresponding period last year 2,296).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised 5s. 6d.

A Museum Lecture was given by Rev. H. G. O. Kendall, in the Reference Library, on March 28th, on Pre-historic Man in North Wilts; his flint implements and those of the Cotswolds." Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell in the chair. Attendance 160.

An Industrial Art Exhibition of work executed by local Craftsmen was opened on Friday, April 7th, by Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner. Chairman, The Deputy Mayor.

The following gifts had been received:—

W. St. Clair Baddeley, Esq.:—Nine fragments of Tiles showing Roman Brick Stamps, from Cirencester (Corinium).

Rev. H. G. O. Kendall :—Collection of Flints from Hackpen Hill and Windmill Hill, Wilts. A Scraper, Pre-Crag age. Norfolk (Tertiary epoch).

The Casket and Scroll to be presented to W. F. Hicks Beach, Esq., had been placed on exhibition.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting, of this Committee held on Monday, 10th, April, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Pruen, Regan, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds---(a) Cricket—The Committee considered additional applications for permission to play cricket at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1922 Season. Resolved. That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows :--

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Naunton Park	Parish Church Lads' Cricket Club	Saturdays
Whaddon Lane	Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild	One evening each week, except Tuesday.

(b) Agg-Gardner —The Town Clerk reported receipt of a complaint from Mrs. Byard as to the exclusion of children from this Recreation Ground by the Superintendent. Resolved, That the Visitors (Councillors Regan and Yarnold) be asked to interview the Superintendent thereon and report to this Committee.

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2--Allotments—(a) Income and Expenditure—The Borough Accountant submitted Statements showing Income and Expenditure to 31st March last and for the current year, of which the following is a Summary :—

To 31st March, 1922—

Income.

Rents £1287 16 11

1922-23 (Estimated)—

Surplus brought forward £6 10 11

Rents .. 745 13 11

Deficiency 34 7 8

£786 12 6

Expenditure.

Rents, Rates, Fencing, etc. .. £1184 18 1

General Expenses .. 96 7 11

£1281 6 0

Surplus carried forward 6 10 11

£1287 16 11

Rents, Rates, etc. . . £700 12 6

General Expenses .. 36 0 0

Roads . . . 50 0 0

£786 12 6

(b) Gapper's Field, Creamery Piece and Hall Road—The Town Clerk reported that notwithstanding extended negotiations for Leases of these lands to the Corporation, he had been unable to arrange terms. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make Orders for the compulsory hiring of the lands for a term of 14 years under the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908-1919, and that the Common Seal be affixed to such Orders.

(c) Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park—Resolved, That the use of land for Allotments at these Recreation Grounds be discontinued on 29th September, 1923, and that notice be given to holders to quit on that date.

(d) Sandford Mead—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. W. C. Moody, stating that this allotment was now being cultivated. Resolved, That notice to quit be withdrawn.

3—Pitville Estate—Chaseley Lodge—Garden House—Read, letters of 20th ult., and 1st inst., from Miss R. F. H. Armitage and Mr. J. Coates Carter, respectively, with reference to plan for a garden house proposed to be erected opposite Chaseley Lodge, Resolved, That no objection be offered thereto so far as the Corporation are concerned, subject to the garden house being erected in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Expenditure—Standing Charges—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to furnish this Committee at the commencement of each financial year with a statement of standing charges, to enable the Committee to ascertain the amount at their disposal and to keep within their estimate

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st April, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel: Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1 —Grants of Grave Spaces —Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6541 to 6550 (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 and Kerbing to the graves of Annie E. Disney and Mabel Hankinson.

3—Grave Space No. 2909, Section Q—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from Mr. Geo. W. Bishop, asking if the Corporation could take over this grave space from Mrs. S. Stalworth, the Owner of the exclusive right of burial therein, and on what terms. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th April, 1922: Present--Aldermen Steel ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Regan, and Yarnold ; Messrs. W. R. Caries, J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £10 7s. 3d. Presentations: Miss M. Innes (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton (1 vol.) ; Librarian of Congress (1 vol.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of March last was 4,722, the number issued from the Lending Library 12,307, and the Children's Library 2,087.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th April, 1922: Present—Aldermen Horsley, Steel, Councillors Pruen, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £38,073 10s. 4d. Excused, void, and irrecoverable £884 18s. 10d. Leaving out-standing £162 10s. 2d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of Borough Accountant, of 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th ult. Amount collected 115,783 5s. 9. Leaving outstanding £2,326 13s.

3—Representation of the People Acts—Cost—Resolved, That in view of the cost of the preparation of the Register of Electors, this Committee is of opinion that the register should be published yearly, instead of half-yearly as at present, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Borough Member.

4—Housing Bonds—Read, circular letter of 31st. ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that it had been decided that the rate of interest on Bonds issued on or after 1st April, 1922, shall be live per cent. Resolved, That the issue of Bonds be not resumed at present.

ROBT. STEEL,

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, 1922, at 3 p.m.

Present;

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bastin, Dicks, and Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd April last, and the Special Meeting on the 12th 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—Sanitary Inspector—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Ministry of Health relative to the remuneration of Mr. A. E. Hudson as Sanitary Inspector. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Public Health Committee.

3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ...	Meeting held April 10
Housing	Meeting held April 11
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held April 24
Street and Highway	Meeting held April 19*

*Subject to the following amendment to Minute No. 7, viz. :— That the widening near Arle Court be carried out, and that the widening beyond Arle Court be curtailed so far as may be necessary to keep within the estimate of £3,825.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 13*, 21 & 26

*Subject to the following' amendments, viz.:—

“That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 shall also apply to the Pittville Gardens.”

"That the words 1d. per child' be substituted for 2d. per child' for children attending schools within the Borough, in the Resolution to Minute No. 6."

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Electricity and Lighting ...	Meeting held April 20
Water	Meeting held April 13
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held April 12
Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library (Joint Meeting)	Meeting held April 4
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held April 12
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	Meeting held April 10
Burial Board	Meeting held April 21
Public Library	Meeting held April 11
Finance	Meeting held April 25*

*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.

4—Salaries and Bonus—Resolved, That a return be prepared and circulated to every member of the Council showing the salaries and bonuses paid to each individual employee for the year 1914 and 1921 and-their duties, the return to show all payments and allowances in kind of whatever description made during the respective periods.

5—Notices of Motion—(a) With the consent of the Council the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Bastin was adjourned until the next Monthly Meeting.

(b) Councillor Pruen gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

" That this Council do take such steps as may be necessary to compel the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company to put and maintain their track within the Borough in a proper state of repair.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, 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 Friday, the 2nd June 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th May, 1922; Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :--Poplar Cottage, Elmstone Street ; 7, Station Street ; 67, St. James' Street ; 9 and 9a, Russell Place ; 10, Rosehill Street; Northfield Cottage; and 110 and 111, Tewkesbury Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at Poplar Cottage, Elmstone Street; 11, 13, 14, and 18, Victoria Street ; 7, Station Street ; Northfield Cottage ; 9a, Russell Place ; 57, St. James' Street; and 11, Hanover Parade. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Insanitary Property-28, Jersey Street; Poplar Cottage, Elmstone Street; 11, 13, 14, and 18, Victoria Street ; 7, Station Street ; 57, St. James' Street ; 9a, Russell Place ; Northfield Cottage ; 11, Hanover Parade ; 18 and 19, Waterloo Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, 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.

4 -Overcrowding at 7, Old Millbrook Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupier thereof, requiring him to abate the same,

5-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 9, Glenfall Street ; 3, Hewlett Road ; 34, Courtenay Street ; 45, Montpellier Villas ; 1 and 2, Montpellier Retreat. The Sanitary Inspector 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 Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 7, 8, and 9, Alstone Place-The Sanitary Inspector 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 a Specification of the work 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 Owner of the premises requiring him to do the specified works within 28 days.

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(c) 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage Street--Read letter of the 4th inst., from Mr. L. Leach, on whom notice had been served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring him to do certain drainage works, asking the Corporation to have the work carried out on his behalf. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates for the work.

(d) Leamington Villa, Waverley Lodge and Waverley Cottage, Rosehill Street; and Emm's Workshop, Hales Road—In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 13th March last, the Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done to these premises:—

E. Eager & Co. ..	£121 12 10
Mark Williams & Co.	£104 6 6
Mealing & Co. ..	£ 93 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mealing & Co. be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into,

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1, Limbrick Cottages—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, asking that consideration of the demolition of this house might be again adjourned. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for another month.

b) 8 and 9, Rutland Street—Resolved, That the demolition of these premises be further adjourned.

(c) Cottage at rear of 22, Sherborne Street—The Town Clerk reported interview with Mr. F. Smith, Owner of these premises, and submitted memorandum from him stating that the premises were unoccupied and that he did not intend to let them again as a dwelling house, but to use them as a store. Resolved, that no action be taken.

(d) 7, Waterloo Street--The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling-house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that Notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

7--Surrender of Diseased Meat The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 9 cwts. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. beef; 3 cwts. 1 qr. 25 lbs. pork; 2 cwts. mutton ; and 3 tins beef (18 lbs.)

8—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order —Read, application from Mr. Russell Cowley, The Cottage, Six Chimney Lane, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to premises being approved by the Sanitary Inspector.

9 ---Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

10-- Sanitary Condition of Theatres, etc.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had visited all the licensed public places of entertainment in the town, and found the sanitary condition of the several premises to be satisfactory, with the following exception ; Billiard Hall, North Street, at which defects were found, and notice had been given to the Manager to have these remedied.

Cinemas—Ventilation—The heating and ventilation of the Cinemas was at times unsatisfactory. Six new outlet ventilators were being fixed at the Winter Garden and an extraction fan had been fixed at the Palace to improve the ventilation. The removal of closets and fixing of automatically-flushed urinals at the Town Hall had effected a decided sanitary improvement.

11-Sanitary Inspectors Association—Read, circular letter of 24th ult., from this Association inviting attendance of Delegates their Annual Conference. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

12—Sanitary Inspector —The letters from the Ministry of Health with regard to the application for approval of the increase in Mr. Hudson's salary made by the Council in February, 1921, were considered.

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Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend adoption of the Ministry's suggestion that an increased salary should be paid to Mr. Hudson, commensurate with his greater efficiency, augmented by a temporary bonus variable with the increased cost of living, as the Council have discontinued payment of bonuses to all other officials and employees and it is not desirable to make an exception in the case of Mr. Hudson.

Resolved, also, That Mr. Hudson's salary be allocated as follows As Sanitary Inspector, £400, rising by annual increments of £20 to £480, and £320 for his duties under the Fabrics (Misdescription) Act, 1913, and under the Gooseberry (Mildew) Order and Wart Disease of Potatoes Order.

13—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 8th inst. Present---The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 8th inst. was 7 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 65 head of cattle, 9 calves, 39 sheep, 46 tegs, 54 lambs, and 29 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 1 cow (barren) and 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £46. 11calves, 2 lambs and 14 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 2 bullocks,

4 cows, 4 heifers, 4 heifers in calf, 8 calves, 1 sow and 9 pigs had been sold for £651 13s. 5d. 1 heifer had died.

Visit to Farms—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the Farms on the 12th inst. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th May, 1922 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Housing Estate---(a) Turner's Tenancy—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. E. Turner had now entered into the Agreement for tenancy of the land offered to him.

(b) Land for Shot —The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. C. Handley of 323, High Street, had asked if the Corporation would sell to him a plot of land at the junction of Byron and Milton Roads for the erection of a lock-up shop. Resolved, That Mr. Handley be informed that the Corporation will consider an offer for a plot of the land originally set apart for the erection of shops in Tennyson Road, or a plot in the central road, but only for a dwelling house and shop.

(c) Advertisement—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 8th inst., from Mrs. Trinder for permission to display an advertisement at No. 15 Byron Road. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

2-Rents-Read, letter of 10th ult., from the Ministry of Health consenting to the rents being reduced to 9s per week for Parlour type houses and 7s 6d per week for Non-Parlour type houses, exclusive of rates, water charges, etc., and suggesting that the reductions should be made as from the 1st inst. The Town Clerk reported that he had arranged accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved.

3--Subsidy Houses— (a) Hatherley Road—(Green)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the house erected in Hatherley Road by the Misses Green had been completed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate "B "

(b) Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 5th inst, from the Ministry of Health stating that the application of Mr. J. J. Barrett for a subsidy in respect of the bungalow erected by him in Old Bath Road could not be entertained as the building was not actually commenced before 25th August, 1921.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th May, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Stewart and Capt. Trye ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Willoughby and Miss Foster (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Health Visitor—**The Sub-Committee** appointed at the last Meeting reported that they met on Friday, 12th inst.: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes (in the chair) and Stewart ; Mrs. Booy and Miss Foster.

33 applications for the appointment of Health Visitor were considered, and the following candidates selected for interview :— Barrett, G., Kettering ; Blagg, B., Ebury Bridge, London ; Hatch, A., Lewes ; Maney, A., Headingley, Leeds ; Nicholls, E., Westminster, London.

A letter was received from Miss Blagg stating that she had accepted another appointment, and the four remaining candidates were interviewed by the Committee.

Resolved, That Miss E. Nicholls be appointed at an inclusive salary of £170 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200 per annum, duties to commence 1st June next, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

Salary—The Sub-Committee also reported receipt of a letter of 3rd inst., from the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association, stating that, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Association, the salary offered for the appointment was inadequate, and urging reconsideration thereof.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd May, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 19th April to 18th May, 1922 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 11th May, 1922, 889 loads collected, 794 consumed, and 95 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,080 tons 14 cwt.)

2 —Brooklyn Road—Football Field—Resolved. That the application of the Rev. C. Headley Scott for the use of the five-acre field on the north-west side of Brooklyn Road as a football ground by the Christ Church Football Club for the 1922-23 Season, be granted on the same terms as last year, viz., rent £3 3s.; any damage to fences to be made good by the Club.

3—Manure—School Gardens—Read, application of 19th ult., from the Secretary, Education Committee, for 15 loads of manure for use on the School Gardens next Autumn. Resolved, That manure be supplied at market price, plus cartage.

4—Suffolk Road—Petroleum Pump—Read, application of 12th inst., from Mr. C. Thornber, for permission to erect a petroleum distributing pump on the kerb opposite the premises of the Montpellier Motor and Garage Co. in Suffolk goad. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to the terms stipulated by the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their meeting on the 19th inst. being accepted.

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5— Street Projections —Resolved, That the application of Mr. J. Elsley for permission to fix a sign at No. 8, Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

6—Tar Spraying—Grant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport had made a grant of £709 (one-fourth the cost) of tar spraying carried out by the Corporation to various roads last year, and that it was proposed that this should be divided between the County Council and the Corporation on the same basis as the grant towards the maintenance of district assisted roads. On this basis the County Council would receive £39 3s. 0d., leaving £669 17s. 0d. payable to the Corporation. Resolved. That this be approved.

7—Tenders for Coal— The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the supply of 20 to 30 tons of Welsh steam coal for Fire Engine, Foden Wagons and Steam Rollers, etc., during the ensuing three months. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. John Williams & Co. (Cheltenham), Ltd., to supply the coal at 34s 8d per ton be accepted.

8—Tramways—Albion Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the topping of the tar macadam with which the centre of the tram track in Albion Street was paved as a temporary expedient during the War, required repair, and submitted a letter of the 18th inst., from the Manager, C. & D. L. R. Co. asking for the tar macadam to be renewed at the cost of the Company. Resolved, That the Company be asked to replace the tar macadam with wood blocks.

London Road—Resolved, That the attention of the Manager, Light Railway Co., be called to the delay in completing repairs to the tram track in London Road and the consequent obstruction to traffic.

Bath Road— Read, Report of the 3rd inst., from the Police with reference to the dangerous condition of the tram track in Bath Road, and letter of 9th inst., from the General Manager, C. & D. L. R. Co., with reference thereto. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor inspect the track and report thereon at the next Meeting as to the repairs required.

Clarence Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had notified the General Manager of the C. & D. L. R. Co. that unless an assurance was received that steps would be taken to reinstate the trench made in Clarence Street by the Company, the Corporation must refer the question to arbitration under the provisions of the Light Railway Order, 1900, and submitted letter of 17th inst., from the Manager with reference thereto. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Board of Trade as provided by the Order.

9—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to effect economy, a power-driven screen for clinker was required at the Destructor. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of a screen-

10—Horse Hire and Team Labour—Resolved, That in view of the reduction in the market price of horses the payment of 8s per week per horse hired from the Farms be reduced to 5s per week, and the price paid for team labour from 15s to 14s per day for horse, cart and man.

11—Workmen—Wages--Destructor .Stokers—Resolved, That the wages of Destructor stokers be reduced by 5s per week from the next pay day, and by a further 5s per week as from 1st August next. Paviers—Resolved, That the wages of paviers be reduced from 1s 7d to 1s 5d per hour (in the case of the two leading paviers, Harding and Lippett, from 1s 8d to 1s 6d per hour) from the next pay, day, and that in future the wages of paviers be regulated so as to be 2d. per hour (and 1d. per hour in the case of the leading paviers) lower than the standard rate of wages for bricklayers.

12-Albion Street Improvement The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Alfred Miles had set back the wall to the new boundary of his land at the corner of Albion Street and St. Anne's Road, and it was proposed to round off the corner and to asphalt the space between the wall and the present paving. Resolved, That this be approved.

13---Chelt Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Harford Trustees had been called upon to renew the fencing between Barrett's Mill and Keynsham Road, but before doing so they asked that the bank should be built up. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view

14—Gloucester Road (Libertus Road to Roman Road) Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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15—Eldorado Road and Crescent—Footpath—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the footpath in Eldorado Road and Crescent adjoining houses on the east side from and including "Atworth" to Queen's Road. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days, and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889,

16—Libertus Road—Read, letters of 24th ult., and 12th inst., from Mr. C. W. L. Witton, and from Mr. W. C. Ferris (Agent for Miss A. Wheeler) respectively, stating that they derived no benefit from the use of the road. Resolved, That consideration of these letters be adjourned until the apportionment of the expenses is considered.

17—Road from Ewlyn Road to Leckhampton Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made

good, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days, and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

18- Highbury Lane—Private Improvement Works--Read, letter of 19th inst., from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, stating that they would carry out the necessary repairs to the roadway in Highbury Lane to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and insert and connect to existing drain, a gully to carry off storm water. Resolved, That on this work being carried out, the statutory notices served, be withdrawn.

19—Sydenham Road North (North side)—Private Improvement Works—Read, Memorial from the abutting Owners asking that the work required to be done to the above street be postponed. Resolved, That the work be not proceeded with until the expiration of six months.

20-Broken Stone—Read, letter of 26th inst., from the Clerk to the Guardians inviting a quotation for 70 to 100 tons of Malvern Hill stone broken by the Unemployed, which was for disposal. Resolved. That the stone be purchased at the price of ordinary macadam delivered to Cheltenham.

21-Beaufort Place, London Road—Read, letters from Messrs. J. and A. Aldridge, E. H. Cross, J. Lewis and W. Phillips, protesting against a wooden erection opposite Beaufort Place by Mr. S. T. Shenton. The Town Clerk reported that he had interviewed Mr. Shenton with reference thereto, and that he stated that the erection was not intended for billposting, and it therefore appeared that the matter was not one which came within the jurisdiction of the Corporation.

22-Pollution of Fisheries—Read, circular letter No. 149 a. (Roads) of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Transport, forwarding copy of an Interim Report of the Joint Committee on Damage to Fisheries.

23—Promenade—Read, Report of 18th inst., from the Police, with reference to a motor-car collision with a tree in the Promenade. Resolved, That no action be taken.

24-Street Watering—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, stating that the attention of the Chamber had been called to nuisance caused by dust in the principal streets owing to the streets not being watered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have such street watering carried out as may be necessary.

25—View Meeting —The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 10th inst. : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows :— Hall Road—That the roadway be repaired and tar sprayed, and the footpath repaired and gravelled.

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King Edward Statue and Lamp adjoining—That the tender of Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons to remove the ornamental lamp from near the King Edward Statue to Tivoli Place for £33, being the lowest tender received, be accepted.

Bayshill Road—Trees--That the four trees by Curtis' Hotel be not removed. Hut erected in Hester's Way--That no action be taken in view of Mr. Clement's promise to remove the but by September.

Slab Factory—Concrete Block Machine--That consideration be adjourned. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

15—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 22nd May. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 22nd May, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel and Councillor Mann (Alderman Steel 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.
1591	E. Eagar	Amended Plan for Bungalow, Bamfurlong Road.
1608	Marks & Spencer	Alterations and Additions to No. 94, High Street
1609	Trustees, St. Mark's Wesleyan Chapel	New Organ Chamber.
1610	A. W. Newton	New Bathroom at No. 20, North Place.
1611	H. E. Steel	New Scullery and Motor House at " Gwernant," Pittville Circus Road.
1612	E. J. Burrow	New Office addition at Imperial House, Lypiatt Road.
1613	H. T. Rainger	Detached House, London Road.
1614	A. W. Bryant	Addition to "Langtonleigh," High Street.
1615	Elliott Bros.	New Cart Shed and Loft at St. Edward's Cottage, Prince's Street, Fairview
1616	A. J. Barker	Bungalow, Charlton Lane.
1617	Cheltenham Newspaper Co., Ltd.	New Offices, Clarence Parade.
1618	Miss R. Eamonson	Bungalow, Whaddon Lane.
1619	Y.M.C.A. Committee	Club Room at rear of 16, 17 and 18, Promenade.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1591, 1609, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1616, 1617 and 1618 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1608, 1610 and 1611 (as regards Scullery only) be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1611 (as regards Motor .House) and 1615 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal ; and that Plan No. 1619 be disapproved

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman,

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 5th May, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Pittville—Whit Monday Municipal Fete—Resolved, That the following Sub-Committees be appointed to make arrangements, subject to approval and confirmation by this Committee, for the Fete to be held at Pittville on Whit-Monday:—

Sports Sub-Committee—Councillors Rogers and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Dickinson, W. T. Long, A. G. Wheeler, A. C. White and W. F. Wintour.

Gate-Staff and Side-Shows Sub-Committee--Councillors Pates, Regan, Rogers and Thomas ; Mrs. Bisset ; Messrs. E. W. Deacon and F. J. R. Mountain.

Secretary—Resolved, That the secretarial work in connection with the Fête be undertaken by the Spa Manager.

Firework Display—Resolved, That the quotation of Messrs. James Pain & Sons, Ltd., to provide a Firework Display on the following terms be accepted, viz. :—Gate-takings after 6 p.m. to be equally divided between the Corporation and Messrs. Pain & Sons, Ltd.

Acrobatic Performance—Resolved, That the Side-Shows Sub-Committee be authorized to arrange for an acrobatic performance at a cost not exceeding £25.

Bands—Resolved, That, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed upon, the following Bands be engaged :—

Mr. Horace Teague's Band .. To play 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Mr. Leo Dawes' Band To play 7-9 p.m.

Resolved, also, That subject to satisfactory terms being arranged, a small Orchestra be engaged to play in Connection with a Flannel Dance to be held in the Pump Room during the evening.

Concert Party—Resolved, That the offer of the " Merry and Bright" Concert Party to provide two concerts, each of an hour's duration, for the sum of £7 7s. 0d. be accepted.

Punch and Judy Show— Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. H. C. Mould to provide 6 Punch and Judy shows for the sum of £4 4s. 0d. be accepted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th May, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2-Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—**The Concerts Sub-Committee** reported receipt of eighteen applications for the position of Custodian for the Summer Season, and the following ex-service applicants, selected by the Sub-Committee, were interviewed : W. H. Bunce, C. C. Pride, W.

R. Pritchard and J. Slender. Resolved, That Jonathan Slender be appointed at wages of 25s per week, clear of deductions for Health and Unemployment Insurance. Duties to commence on Sunday 21st inst., the appointment to be determinable by one week's notice in writing on either side.

3 --Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Coal supply—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the supply of coal for use at the Baths during the ensuing three months. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Webb Brothers, Ltd., to supply' Cannop Coal at £1 0s. 7d. per ton, subject to any reductions in pit prices at time of order, be accepted.

School Children--Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Headmaster, Charlton Kings Boys' Council School, asking that the charge for the use of Alstone Baths by boys attending that School should be reduced to a nominal charge of one penny, as in the case of boys from Schools within the borough.

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Read, also, letters of the 9th and 18th inst., from the Headmistress, Charlton Kings Girls Council School, asking for a similar reduction in respect of the use of Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That in view of the cost of maintaining the Baths, this Committee are unable to recommend the Council to admit children from outside the Borough at a nominal charge, but recommend that boys from Charlton Kings Council School be allowed to attend Montpellier Baths (if a suitable time can be arranged) at the same charge as that now made for girls from Charlton Kings School, viz.: 4d. per child, provided that they are in charge of a teacher and there is a minimum attendance of thirty (or a minimum payment of 10s).

4—House next Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for putting this house into fair tenantable condition, amounting to approximately £100. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a Specification and invite tenders for the work.

5—Winter Garden—(a) Dilapidations —It was reported that the Chairman (Councillor Stewart) and Councillor Thomas met Representatives of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, Ltd., on the 30th March last, when the claim of the Corporation for dilapidations was considered and that, as a result of subsequent negotiations, it had been provisionally agreed to accept £120 in settlement thereof. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Notice Boards—Read, letters of the 5th and 8th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Company, Ltd., calling attention to the Pageant Notice Boards displayed on the Winter Garden railings, and stating that the Company hoped the display of boards would be allowed as infrequently as possible. Resolved, That the Company be informed that regard would be had to their representations in the event of future applications being received for permission to place boards on the railings.

(c) Gates—Read letters of the 8th and 10th inst., from Mr. F. A. Hudson, asking if the gates on the Imperial Square side of the Winter Garden Grounds could be left open until a later hour. Resolved, That Mr Hudson be informed that the gates are closed at 5 p.m. to enable more effective control to be kept over the Grounds.

(d) Police Supervision-- The Town Clerk reported that the Superintendent of Police had instructed Police Officers patrolling the Promenade to keep the Winter Garden Grounds under observation during orchestral performances.

6—" Invitation to Cheltenham " Brochure—The proof of this brochure was submitted. Resolved, That the same be approved

7—Pittville Gardens—R.A.O.B. Convention —Read,-letter of the 29th ult. from Mr. H. J. Harman, Secretary of the Local Lodge of the R.A.O.B., thanking the Corporation for granting the use of Pittville Gardens and the services of the Municipal Orchestra for the Garden Party and Whist Drive on the 8th June next, in connection with this Convention, and inviting the Mayor and Corporation to attend the Party.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Proscenium--Resolved, That the use of the Proscenium be granted to St. Gregory's School for a Shakespearian Play on Thursday, 29th June next, at a charge of £2 2s., plus lighting.

Key—Read application of 18th inst., from Dr. T. Claye Shaw for a key to Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, that a key be granted on payment of £1 1s., subject to Dr. Claye Shaw and members of his family taking annual subscription tickets for admission to the Gardens.

9--Town Hall—Annual Root and Grain Show—Read, letter of the 21st ult., from the Hon Secretary, Cheltenham Root, Fruit, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society, applying for the use of the Town Hall, Refreshment, and Supper Rooms for the Annual Root and Grain Show on 2nd November next. Resolved, That the use of the Hall and Rooms be granted at a charge of £10 10s. (plus lighting).

10—Pavement Advertising— Read, letter of 25th ult., from Pavement Publicity, Ltd., submitting scheme of pavement advertising. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

JAMES. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th May, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruett, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

11—Lawn Tennis Competitions--Read, letter of 19th ult., from the Public Parks Lawn Tennis Association, asking that posters advertising lawn tennis competitions be displayed in the Corporation Gardens, Resolved, That one of the posters be displayed in each of the Gardens.

12-Pittville-Whit-Monday Municipal Fete—Read, Reports of Joint Sub-Committees at Meetings held on 10th and 23rd inst.

They recommended as follows :—

Firework Display—That the programme submitted by James Pain & Sons, Ltd., as settled, be approved.

Band--That Mr. Horace Teague's offer to supply a band for two hours for £14 14s. be accepted.

Side-Shows—That the offer of Mr. E. Walker of £6 (if wet £4) for the right to provide six Side-Shows, be accepted.

Aquatic. Events—That the offer of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club to arrange swimming races and other aquatic events; subject to the provision of prizes (of a total value of £6 19s. 6d.) and the payment of expenses of visiting Polo Team by the Corporation, be accepted.

School Sports Committee—That a contribution of £5 be made to the School Sports Committee from the proceeds of the Fête.

Stalls —Resolved, That the following offers for stall rights be accepted :—A. G. Long 50s (Fruit) and F. E. B. Norwood 63s (Sweets, Ices and Tobacco).

13— Spa Federation--Read, letter of the 4th inst, from the Hon. Secretary, British Spa Federation, enclosing copy letter from Messrs. Gordon Williams and Co. with reference to the proposed establishment of a London Office for the Federation, the cost of which, after the first year, would fall on the Spas comprising the Federation. Resolved, Than the proposal be not entertained.

Conservative Fate—Read letter of 24th inst., from Mr. T. li. Packer, enquiring as to the charge for the exclusive use of Montpellier Gardens on the afternoon and evening of the 24th prox. for a fete and entertainment, including pastoral plays. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens, if required, be granted at a charge of £10 10s., or as an alternative, that the Association be granted the use of Pittville Gardens at a charge of £5 5s.

Is—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 3rd and 27th, inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Spa Programmes—Printing—That the quotation of Shakespere Shenton for printing Monthly Spa Programmes for the ensuing year, at £2 2s. 6d. per month, being the lowest of five tenders received, he accepted.

Town Hall—(a) That the use of the Supper and Refreshment Rooms be granted to Mr. H. Jones from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturdays, from 6th May to 4th October, for dances on the same terms as in previous years, viz.: Supper Room £2 10s. Refreshment Room £1 1s. (plus lighting in each case), subject to his undertaking to make good any damage done to the building or any part thereof during the hiring, and to right of the Corporation to determine the hiring at any time by a week's notice.

(b) That permission be granted for a poster to be displayed outside the Town Hall in connection with the Appeal on behalf of the University of Bristol.

Wellington Square—Croquet Court—That Mrs. Handy be-granted the use of a croquet court in Wellington Square, at a charge of £1 10s. for the Season.

Montpellier Gardens—Auditorium Screens—That the offer of Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., to re-cover the screens at the sides of the Auditorium with rot proof canvas for £4 17s. 6d. be accepted.

Winter Garden--Bandstand Blinds—That the offer of Messrs. John Lance & Co., Ltd., to supply, make and fix five dark green blinds, fitted with rollers, for £3 10s. be accepted.

Complimentary Tickets—That the list of recipients of complimentary tickets of admission to Concerts and Gardens, as altered by the Sub-Committee, be approved.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

16—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 1766; Montpellier Baths 76 ; Pittville Chalet 43 ; and Pittville Pump Room 27.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th May, 1922: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Moore, Captain Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Service Cable—Revised Scale of Charges—Resolved. That in view of the reductions in cost of cable and labour, the charges for service cable be reduced, and the following Scale of Charges approved and adopted :—

	Present Charge.	Revised Charge.
7s6 ..	10s -d	7s 6d
0.06 sq. in.	12s	10s-
0.10 sq. in.	15s	12s 6d

2—Public Lighting—Island Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that kerbing could not be fixed round the island lamps at the top of Bayshill Road and Montpellier Street without interfering with the opening of the door in the base of the lamp posts, and he did not propose to make any change at present.

3—Supply during Restricted Hours—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of application for a supply of energy during the hours 9 p.m.-6 a.m. on special terms, and recommended that the same be granted. Resolved, that this recommendation be approved.

4—Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1922—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the following Resolution for the amendment of this Bill had been adopted by several Municipal Authorities and he had been asked to submit the same for the approval of the Committee :--

“Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, whether actual or implied, contained in this Act, or in the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1919, no undertaking of an authorised undertaker shall be shut down unless a supply can be obtained from some other source at a lower cost to the authorised undertaking than the authorised undertaking may be able to generate, and every such authorised

undertaking shall be free to develop so long as it is able to generate at a cost not greater than it can obtain a supply from some other authorised source."

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to support the Resolution and that a copy thereof be sent to the Secretary, Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, to the Borough Member and the Member for the Tewkesbury Division, and that they be urged to support the same.

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5--Public Lighting--Wilful Damage--Clare Place—The Town Clerk reported that he had made two applications to the parent of Jack Williams for payment of 5s for damage to lamp at the corner of Clare Place, but had received no reply. Resolved, That proceedings be taken.

6 —Gas Regulation Act, 1920-Gas Examiner—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council, forwarding letters from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council with opinion of the Legal Adviser to the Rural District Councils' Association as to the joint appointment of a Gas Examiner, and the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

7—Electricity Charges—Resolved, That in view of the reduction in the cost of labour and materials, the present surcharge for lighting be reduced from 75 per cent. to 65 per cent., such reduction to come into force after the reading of the meters for the June quarter.

8—Gas Tests--Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 21st and 25th ult., 2nd 12th and 18th inst., which sheaved the calorific power on these dates to be 470, 479.7, 492, 475.1 and 480 British Thermal Units.

9—Next Meeting - Resolved. That the next meeting of this Committee be held on the 15th June, at 4 p.m.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Thursday, 18th May, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 30 days, ended 15th Mar. 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	319,000 gallons	325,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,211,000	1,220,000
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	88,000
Total	1,645,000	1,633,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
	15th May, 1922			15th May, 1921.	
Hewletts	--	29,997,000 gallons			18,392,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	3ft. 5in.	96,952,000		16ft. 7in.	32,304,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000		7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		128,569,000			51,641,000

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2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of April had been as follows :-

No. of house-to-house inspections	675
“ taps found leaking .	63
“ defective flushing boxes	32
“ defective stop taps ..	2
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	54
special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>40</u>	94
“notices served re fittings	74
“ meters changed houses	12
“ connected	60
“ burst pipes found	6

3—Hewlett Reservoir—Resolved. That Miss D. M. Gibbins be allowed to store a Caravan in the Reservoir ground at a charge of 5s a week.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Resolved, That consent be given to two stays for telegraph poles being fixed in the coppice opposite the Lodge, subject to an annual acknowledgement of 5s, the consent to be terminable by 3 months' notice by either party.

5—Salts Farm--Mr Dunn attended in support of his application for a reduction of rent and allowance for land on which material from the Reservoir had been deposited. He also stated his intention to seed down to permanent pasture the 2 pieces of arable land containing 3 a. 3r. 32 p., and asked for the cost of seeds to be paid by the Corporation. Resolved, That the yearly rent of the Farm be reduced from £120 to £100 as from 29th September last, and that an allowance of £10 be made for the current year in respect of the material deposited, and that the cost of the seeds required for the arable land be also paid by the Corporation

6—Shortage of Water—Read. circular letter (No. 288) from Ministry of Health with regard to the measures to be taken in consequence of depletion of supplies resulting from the prolonged drought of last year. The measures which Water Authorities should consider for conserving supplies included those for preventing waste and excessive consumption, and where practicable the utilization for trade and other non-domestic supplies of water which is not fit for domestic purposes in place of potable water.

7—Increase of Charges—The Chairman reported a conference on the 16th inst., with representatives of the Tewkesbury Corporation, the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, and the Joint Hospital Board. It was agreed to recommend acceptance of the following terms, namely : (1) That the price of water supplied in bulk to the Borough of Tewkesbury should be increased by 45 per cent from 7.75 pence per 1,000 to 11.23 per 1,000 gallons ; (a) That the price of water supplied to Joint Hospital should be increased from 7.75 pence per 1,000 to 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons. The Rural District Council offered 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons for the bulk supplies to Hamlets of Aston, Pamington and Fiddington, and the parish of Walton Cardiff, and urged acceptance of this offer in view of the low rateable value of the parishes, Resolved, That the terms for supply to the Borough of Tewkesbury and the Joint Hospital be agreed to, and that the offer made by the Rural District Council for the two bulk supplies be accepted, subject to the increase taking effect as from September 29th, 1920.

8—Water Analyses— The Medical Officer of Health reported that he would be able to arrange for both chemical and bacteriological examinations to be made under his supervision by Mr. Tribley, A.I.C., at a charge of 5s an hour for the time occupied. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved and that he be instructed to have such examinations made from time to time as he may consider requisite for safeguarding the supply.

9—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 at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1922 : Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Rogers and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.----The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages, Wheel Chairs, etc. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 2nd prox., subject to the repairs required by the Committee being carried out, and also subject to the Carriages not submitted being approved by the Inspector.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday., 19th May, 1922: Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-Diseases Amongst Animals---(a) Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever at the Brick Yard, Folly Lane, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

The premises in the occupation of C. W. Lester at North Ward Allotments had been declared free as from 13th inst.

(b) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1921—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, enclosing Regulations made by the **Diseases of Animals Sub-Committee** for the County under this Order. Resolved, That as there are no sales of sheep at the Market, it is unnecessary to make similar Regulations for the Borough.

(c) Animals (Landing from Ireland) Orders, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted Animals (Landing from Ireland) Orders, 1922, (Nos. 2, 3 and 4), and reported that the Diseases of Animals Sub-Committee for the County had decided not to make regulations at present for prohibiting or regulating the movement into the County of animals brought from Ireland, but that licences granted under the Animals (Landing from Ireland) Orders, 1922, should be confined to animals which are loaded from the lairage to the train and are conveyed by rail to the railway station nearest the place of destination. Resolved, that similar restrictions be made for the Borough, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to publish notice thereof.

(d) Warble Fly—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum No. 155/T.A. from the Ministry of Agriculture containing recommendations for the elimination of the Warble Fly.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :—

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
8th May	Pulping Works, St. Margaret's Road	£50	£4 9 6
14th May	Carpet Works, etc., Keynsham Road	£200	£4 17 0

4--Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—(a) Read, application of 25th ult., from Mr. H. W. J. Little, 7, Swindon Terrace, Swindon Road, for licences to store 40 gallons of petroleum and 56 lbs. of carbide of calcium at No. 142, Tewkesbury' Road. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the places of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

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(b) An application was received from Mr. C. Thornber for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in bulk under the Bowser System in a cylindrical steel tank under the floor of Suffolk Road Garage, the petroleum to be distributed from a pump on the kerb. Resolved, That a licence be granted for the storage of petroleum, subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and that no objection be made to the proposed pump (subject to consideration of the Street and Highway Committee), and subject also to the applicant entering into an Undertaking to pay an annual acknowledgment of five shillings, to keep the pump illuminated from the hour fixed for the lighting of the street lamps until 11 p.m. each day (Sundays included), and to remove such pump within three months, upon notice being given requiring him to do so.

5—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Applications were received from Messrs. J. J. Cypher, G. L. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall, A. Drakeford and W. Yates for renewal of their licences under this Act for one year from the 2nd prox. Resolved, That the licences be renewed.

6—Leckhampton Reading Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of repairs at this room would be £13 17 Od. (including £9 for external paintwork). Resolved. That the repairs specified be carried out except the external paint work.

7—Market—Resolved, On the application of Miss Clara K. Smith, that the Christian Colportage Association be allowed a stall, toll free, at the Market for the sale of Bibles and Christian Literature.

8—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that the Smith-Premier Typewriter in his office was worn out and beyond repair. Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase a Remington Standard Typewriter, complete with accessories for £29 10s. 0d., less special discount £4 8s. 6d. and allowance for worn out machine £2 - net cost £23 1s. 6d.

9—Railways (North-Western and Midland Group) Bill—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Committee of Local Authorities opposing this Bill stating that 37 towns of the rateable value of £26,852,994 had agreed to join in continuing the opposition. The Town Clerk reported that the Committee stage of the Bill commenced on the 16th inst. Resolved, That in the circumstances no further action be taken in the matter.

10—Lansdown Terrace—Read, letter of the 17th inst, from Mrs. Ringer. asking that a street name-plate be fixed in Lansdown Terrace. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed accordingly

11—Montpellier Walk—Numbering -Read, letter of the 18th inst., from Mrs. E. M. Adams, complaining of inconvenience caused by houses in Montpellier Walk having duplicate numbers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. (JOINT MEETING).

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, 9th May, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. W. R. Caries, J. R. Claridge, A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Appointment of Public Librarian and Curator of Art Gallery, etc.—(a) The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported that they met on Saturday, 22nd ult. ; Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes and Mann ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. 45 applications for the appointment of Public Librarian and Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum were considered and the following candidates selected for interview :—

Frank Helliwell, Chief Assistant, Harris Free Public Library and Museum, Preston.

D. W. Herdman, Deputy-Librarian and Director, Sunderland Public Libraries, Museum and Art Gallery.

Oswald C. Hudson, Sub-Librarian, Public Libraries, Museum and Art Gallery, Derby.

The three candidates attended and were interviewed by the Joint Committee. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. D. W. Herdman at salary according to Scale, viz.--£275 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £375 per annum ; duties to commence on 1st July next, the appointment to be determinable by three calendar months' notice in writing on either side.

(b) Salary—The Sub-Committee also reported receipt of a letter of 20th ult., from the Library Association, stating that, in the view of the Association, the salary offered for the appointment of Public Librarian, etc., was inadequate.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th May, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Captain Trye ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since April 12th last, was 4,341 (Corresponding period last year 396—closed for Spring cleaning).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised 8s. 2d.

Over 3,500 persons visited the Industrial Art Exhibition, to which the following firms contributed :— R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd.. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., R. L. Boulton & Sons, and C. W. Hancock & Son.

The Annual Exhibition of Work by Students of the School of Arts and Crafts opened on the 1st inst

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The following gifts had been received:—

A. A. Hunter, Esq,-5 Mezzotint Engravings, by James Watson ; J. Faber, R. Earlom, R. Purcell, and Valentine Green—Engravings of—Duke of Wellington, Lord Nelson, The "Victory" after the Battle of Trafalgar, Robert Burns, and a Photogravure "Messines-Halloween" ; Miss Consterdine--The Infant Samuel, in Alabaster ; Members and Friends of the Cheltenham science Society-2 Sets of Cornish Rocks representing the Cornish Volcanic series and the Lizard Miss Thomas—Bank of Wild Flowers. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2-Annual Report - The Curator submitted Annual Report for year ended 31st March, 1922.

3—Insurance- -The Curator submitted list of pictures, etc, to be added to the Policy of Insurance, and recommended that the same be covered for £1,600. Resolved, That this recommendation be adopted and the Borough Accountant instructed accordingly.

4—Resignation of Curator—Resolved, That this Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the able and enthusiastic services rendered by Mr. S. E. Harrison as Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum during the past six years.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th May, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel ;
Councillors Pruen, Regan,

Sawyer, Stanley, and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds - -Resolved, That from May 1st until the end of August in each year the Recreation Grounds be opened on weekdays (except Saturdays) from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Committee considered a Report from the Visitors (Councillors Regan and Yarnold) with regard to a complaint as to the exclusion of children from this Ground and also a complaint as to the supply of refreshments by the Superintendent.

Resolved, (a) That the Superintendent be instructed to report all cases of damage and serious misconduct on the part of persons using the Ground.

(b) That a few lengths of stop-netting be fixed at intervals along the fence between the Recreation Ground and Marle Hill Annexe at a cost not exceeding £3, to enable children to play Ball Games near this boundary, and

(c) That the Superintendent be instructed not to supply refreshments.

3—Allotments—Whaddon Lane—Gate—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from Mr. W. Cresswell, complaining of animals straying on to these allotments. Resolved, That a field gate be fixed at the entrance to the Allotments.

Head Gardener's Quarterly Report - Read, the Head Gardener's Quarterly Report on the various Allotments. All the plots were clean and under cultivation with the exception of Allotment No. 22, Sandford Mead. Resolved, That the tenant be informed that unless the Allotment is properly cultivated the tenancy will be terminated.

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4—Pittville Estate—Key—Resolved, That the application of Mrs. Hooper, of 3, Segrave Place (now two separate tenements) for an additional key to the Gardens, be granted on payment of 2s 6d.

Lakes—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the growth of weeds removed from the lakes.

Marle Hill Annexe--Fishing—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Councillor Pates, suggesting that fishing from the lake in the Annexe be allowed on Sundays. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

5—Expenditure—Standing Charges—In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting, a statement of standing charges for the year 1922-23 was submitted.

Employees---Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next meeting as to the names, ages, duties and wages of employees under the control of this Committee.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd May, 1922; Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Sawyer and Stanley (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

6—Allotments—Gapper's Field, Creamery Piece, and Hall Road —The Town Clerk reported that Copies of the Orders for the compulsory hiring of these lands to the Corporation had been served, and he had now heard from the Owners' Solicitors desiring to arrange terms by agreement. He submitted draft Leases which the respective Owners were prepared to enter into under the provisions of which the Corporation waived any claim to compensation for market garden improvements in respect of the lands. Resolved, That the Leases be accepted on the terms of the drafts submitted, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

7—Pittville Estate—Read, Reports of the 13th and 17th inst., from the Park Constable, with reference to children climbing gates or railings and getting through hedges and with reference to cycling in the Gardens contrary to the bye-laws. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the offenders and to take proceedings against them if further complaints are received.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 26th May, 1922, Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Stewart, Thomas, and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Cemetery Chapel— The Committee again considered the removal of the Rostrum, levelling and extending the stone platform and providing a Communion Table and Altar Rails, and re-fixing of Radiator, asked for by the Clergy in 1919. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a revised estimate of the cost of the work.

2—Graves—Damage and Theft—It was reported that complaints were from time to time received of damage to growing plants on graves and theft of flowers, etc. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against offenders and that warning notices be displayed in the Cemetery.

3--Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6551 to 6567 (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 Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Laura Muntzer, Fredk. R. Dicks, James M. Thomson, Catherine L. Noyes, and Harriet Parslow ; new base to existing Memorial Cross to grave of Alexander B. Simpson ; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Eliza B. Looker ; Head-stone to the grave of Mary A. Mitchell ; Memorial Scroll to the grave of Alfred Purnell ; and Kerbing to the graves of Thomas B. Skinner, Kenneth J. Sparrow, Eric J. Pugh, and John H. Bullock.

5—Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next meeting be held at the Cemetery on the 23rd June at 11.45 a.m.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th May, 1922: Present—Aldermen Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Regan, and Catt. Trye ; Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £11 6s. 10d. Presentations: Lady Lee (3 vols.), Miss E. Line), (1 vol.), and Stubbs' Directories Ltd. (1 vol,)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of April last was 3,940, the number issued from the Lending Library 11,193, and the Children's Library 1,875.

2--Annual Report—The Librarian presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1922. Resolved, That copies of the Report be duplicated and sent to each Member of the Council and Members of the Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees.

3—Resignation of Librarian—Resolved, That this Committee offer their congratulations to Mr. S. E. Harrison on his appointment as Curator and Secretary of the Bowes Museum and Reference Library, Barnard Castle, and wish him every success in his future career. At the same time they desire to place on record their appreciation of the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties as Librarian during the past six years, and particularly his services in changing the system of the Lending and Reference Libraries to open access.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th May, 1922 : Present—Aldermen Horsley, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and Pruen, (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £1,928 5s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £35,359 16s. 2d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £1,199 13s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £17,822 15s. 7d.

3—Prestbury Tithe—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing draft Order for redemption of tithe amounting to £13 3s. 1d. on lands Nos. 480, 481, 364, 365, 484, and g484, by half-yearly payments of £8 6s. 9d. for 25 years ; also for redemption of impropriate rent charges on lands Nos. g484 and k480 amounting to £1 4s. 6d. by half-yearly payments of 10s 4d for 50 years. The Ministry desired to know if the Corporation were willing to redeem the latter by payment of a lump sum amounting to £17 16s. 9d. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

4 —County Rate Basis—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the Clerk of the County Council fixing the Basis for the Parish of Cheltenham as follows :—

Net annual value of agricultural land	£7,737
Net annual value of buildings, etc.	<u>£319,924</u>
Total net annual value ..	£327,661
Assessable value	£323,792

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the and June, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall and Councillor Regan.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 1st 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—Unemployment—Read, circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Government had considered what further action, if any, should be taken

in regard to the scheme of works undertaken by Local Authorities for the relief of unemployment with assistance from State funds, and asking that a statement of works which could be put in hand locally, if required, be submitted before the middle of July, especially works which would provide a substantial amount of employment during the period October, 1922—April, 1923. The Government would propose to confine assistance to works carried out from capital and to continue the terms stated in previous circulars, viz. :—

(a) For revenue-producing schemes grants equal to 50 per cent. of the interest on loans raised for a period of not less than 10 years, in respect of expenditure on approved schemes, will be paid by the State for a period of 5 years.

(b) For non-revenue-producing schemes grants equal to 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on loans raised to meet expenditure on approved schemes, will be paid by the State for a period of one-half the term of the loans, subject to a maximum of 15 years.

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The general conditions relating to grants would be similar to those laid down in previous circulars, Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Public Health, Housing Street and Highway, and Water Committees for consideration and report.

3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :— ...

Public Health	Meeting held May 8
Housing	Meeting held May 9
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held May 17
Street and Highway	Meeting held May 22*

*Subject to the following amendment to Minute No. 7, viz. :— That the words "So tons" be substituted for "20 to 30 tons" and that "1 year" be substituted for "3 months."

Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held May 5, 19 & 25
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held May 24
Water	Meeting held May 18
General Purposes and Watch	Meetings held May 2 & 19*

*Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, also, That renewal of licences under this Act be granted to the following applicants for one year :—Messrs. J. J. Cypher, A. Drakeford, G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall and W. Yates.

Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library (Joint Meeting)	Meeting held May 9
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held May 10
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	Meetings held May 8 & 22
Burial Board	Meeting held May 26
Public Library	Meeting held May 16
Finance	Meeting held May 25*

*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.

4—Electricity Charges --councillor Bastin moved, in accordance with notice :—

"That this Council do consider the present charges for electric energy, also rent of Teeters, with a view to such a revision and to making an early reduction in these charges."

The motion was not seconded.

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5—Tramways—Councillor Pruen moved, in accordance with notice :—

"That this Council take such steps as may be necessary to compel the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company to put and maintain their track within the Borough in a proper state of repair."

To this the following amendment was moved by Alderman Taylor :—

"That the matter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee with instructions to consult with the Manager of the District Light Railway with a view to having the tramway throughout the system put in good order as quickly as possible."

Councillor Pruen accepted this amendment and the same was carried.

6—Notices of Motion (a) Councillor Sawyer gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

"That in future when tenders are invited for the supply of coal for the Electric Light Works, or any other department of the Corporation, that local Coal Merchants be asked to tender as well as Collieries."

(b) Councillor Capt. Trye gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

"That lines 3 and 4 of the Council's Standing Order No. 8, relating to Motions and Amendments, be altered to read : That any number of amendments may be moved one or another but no second amendment shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of."

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

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 July 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th June 1922: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:--18 and 19 Townsend Street; 6, Brunswick Street ; 36 & 39, Malvern Street; 30, Elm Street ; 5, Pretoria Terrace, Alstone Croft ; 37, Sun Street; 20, York Street ; 3a, Sherborne Street ; and 2, Cotswold Lawn. 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 Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 37, 38, 39, and 40, Malvern Street ; 6, St. George's Square ; 39, Sun Street ; 20 and 22, York Street ; and 3a, Sherborne 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 --Insanitary Property--36 to 41, Malvern Street ; 20 and 22, York Street; 3a, Sherborne Place ; 26 and 26a, York Street ; and 60 and 62, Duke 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, or Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, 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.

4 --Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) "Sherwood," Charlton Lane; 7, 8, and 45, Rosehill Street ; 9, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; and " Quebec House," Albion Street. The Sanitary Inspector 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 Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 255, High Street--The Sanitary Inspector reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on 13th March last, (Minute No. 4b), the work specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Eggleton & Co. at a cost of £44 5s. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring that the said expenses shall be repayable by annual instalments, within a period of three years, with interest at the rate of five per cent.

(c) 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage Street—In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 8th May last, the Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done to these premises:-

Mealing & Co.	£26 0 0
D. L. Turner & Co.,	23 5 0
E. Eager & Co.	22 16 4

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Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Co. be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(d) 35 and 37, Sherborne street—Read, letters of 12th and 17th ult., from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, stating that he would pay to the Corporation all rents received in respect of these cottages as received, less payments made for rates and income tax, until the amount of £7 16s. 10d. owing for drainage works, with interest at five per cent, shall have been paid.

5—Houses without proper Water Supply—Cottage adjoining Stables at rear of Tudor Hotel, Bayshill. It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply Resolved, That notice be given to the owner requiring him to provide a proper water supply.

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1, Limbrick Cottages—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, stating that estimates had been obtained for carrying out the work specified to be done to these premises by the Sanitary Inspector, which would shortly be proceeded with. Resolved. That consideration of making demolition order be further adjourned for two months.

(b) 8 and 9, Rutland Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the undertaking given by the Owner to reconstruct these houses had not been carried out. Resolved. that Orders be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-Section 2, Section 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc, Act, 1909, requiring the demolition of these premises, the Council being of opinion that these houses have not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with diligence to make them so fit.

(c) 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. A. Bromley, Owner of these premises, offered no objection to a Closing Order being made. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned premises are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice be given to the Owner.

(d) 5. Orchard Place; Stables at rear of 14, Lansdown Crescent ; and 141, Tewkesbury Road. The Town Clerk reported that the tenants had not vacated these premises. in respect of which Closing orders had been made, in pursuance of the Notice served on the them. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for ejectment against the respective tenants.

7.—Health Week—Read, circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Secretary, Health Week Committee asking that a Health Week should be held on October 8th to 14th. Resolved, That no action be taken.

8 —Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 17 cwts. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. mutton ; 4 cwts. 3 qrs. 3 lbs. beef ; 3 cwts. 2 qrs. fish; 2 qrs. 1 lb. tripe; and 5 cwts, ox livers.

9—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

10—Hayden Sewage Farms—Humus Tanks—The Borough Surveyor reported that fair progress had been made with the Humus Tanks and that the under-drainage of Great Stockings Field would be completed within a few weeks time. The excavation for the three tanks was nearly completed and the greater portion of the concrete walls in two of the tanks was finished. A small air compressor would be provided in the engine house and an ejector near the tanks to raise the humus into the outfall sewer, and also a gravitation pipe as a stand-by Resolved, That the report be approved.

11—Loan of £7,000---The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction from the Ministry of Health to a loan of £7,000 for works of sewage disposal, repayable within thirty years.

12-Relief of Unemployment—Read, circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, referred to this Committee by the Town Council at their last Meeting, asking that a statement of works, which could be put in hand locally, if required, be submitted before the middle of July. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report to the next Meeting as to any works which could be usefully put in hand.

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13-Report of Farms Sub-Committee-Reported Meeting on 12th inst. : Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report- Read Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 12th inst. was 7 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 85 head of cattle, 8 calves, 38 sheep, 45 tegs, 39 lambs, and 41 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 7 bull calves, 2 cows in calf, heifers and 14 steers had been purchased for £747 17. 12 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 1 bull, 3 bull calves, 6 bullocks, 2 cows, (barren), 1 cow in calf, 3 heifers, 6 heifers in calf, 12 calves, 1 ram, 1 sheep, 1 ewe, 1 steer and 15 lambs had been sold for £752 8s.

Horse Rake—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase a new horse rake.

Water Supply—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to connect a trough at Hayden Grounds to the Town water supply, for watering cattle.

Barn Farm Cottage—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase a supply of timber, at a cost of not exceeding 15, for the erection of a pig sty at Barn Farm Cottage, and that he be authorised to have the door, etc., repaired at Davies' Cottage, Gloucester Road.

Wages- Resolved. That the wages of the employees on the Farms be reduced as follows, the reductions to take effect as from the 7th July next :—

	Present Wage.	Reduced Wage. .
Foreman (Barn Farm)	£2 6 0 (including house)	£2 0 0 (including house)
Carters and Stockmen	£2 3 6 (including house)	£1 17 6 (including house)
Labourers	£1 16 0	£1 12 0

Army Hut--Resolved, That an estimate be obtained for repairing the army but and fencing the garden.

Road—Resolved, That the attention of the Tewkesbury Rural District Council be called to the bad condition of the public road leading from the new road to Elmstone Hardwick, through Barn Farm to Tewkesbury Road, and that they be asked to have the road repaired.

Sand Common Field—Drainage—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to obtain an estimate for the cost of pipes for draining this field.

Smallpox Hospital—Resolved, That permission be given for a water pipe to be extended from Barn Farm House to the site of the Smallpox Hospital, to provide a supply of water thereto, subject to compensation for damage to crops being paid by the Trustees.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th June, 1922 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor Councillors Edith Geddes and Moore (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—No. 11, Tennyson Road—An application was received from the tenant for permission to paper the rooms of this house. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

2—Dorman Long Houses—Resolved, That the estimate of Messrs. Nicholls, Ltd., for external colouring of three houses at £2 10s. 0d. per house, be accepted.

3--Lay-Out--The Borough Surveyor reported that the roads on the Housing Estate were nearly completed Resolved, That these be inspected by the Committee.

4—Houses--Competition—The Architects reported that all the houses had now been handed over with the exception of one block of four of Messrs. Billings' Contract and one block of four of Mr. Drew's Contract. These were nearly completed and would be handed over in the course of 2 or 3 weeks. They were now making the final inspection of the 80 houses erected under the first Contract, all of which had now been completed for more than six months. The final inspection of the Dorman

Long houses would not be made until about August, and of the Wingate Block houses about October.

5—Clerk of Works - -Resolved, That one month's notice be given to the Clerk of Works terminating his engagement, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to see if arrangements can be made to retain his part time services after this period.

6—Advertisement Board on Gloucester Road Frontage— Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Gloucestershire Cinemas (1920) Ltd., for permission to erect a notice plate 10 ft. x 4 ft. on the Housing Estate on the Gloucester Road frontage. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

7—Housing Conference—Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Secretary, National Housing and Town Planning Council, stating that a Housing and Town Planning Conference would be held for the West of England (Northern Section) at the Guild Hall, Gloucester, on June 30th, and inviting representatives to attend. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend

8—Relief of Unemployment—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to any works suitable for relief of unemployment.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday. 19th June, 1922 : Present—Du. Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 19th May to 15th June, 1922 (both dates inclusive), including particulars of the roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees pruned during the period, and also the number of slabs made during the period.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th June last, 721 loads collected, 669 consumed, and 52 tipped away. (Weight consumed 712 tons to cwts. 2 qrs.)

2-Street Projection—Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. J. H. Paley to fix a sign on Rathbone Couse, Bath Road, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

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3—Illuminated Street Signs—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from St. Paul's Advertising Service, offering to enter into an Agreement for three years (with an option to renew for three years) with the Council to erect illuminated street signs on tramway or electric light standards, paying £8 per annum per sign, and a further £6 10s. 0d. per annum per sign for maintenance and current, and 10s per sign for fixing. One side could be used as a Street Direction Indicator. These signs were about to be erected by contract with all the Borough Councils in Greater London. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

4--Stable Manure—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for stable manure for the ensuing year. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. H. Sindrey of 10s per ton for the manure from the Central Depot and Leckhampton Depot, be accepted, and that the tender of Mr. A. W. Smith of 2s 6d per ton for the sweepings from the Depot be accepted, and also that the manure at the refuse Destructor be supplied to the Education Committee at 10s per ton, plus cartage.

5—Depot--Weighbridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the introduction of Foden Wagons it had not been possible to weigh the material taken from the Depot and Alstone Wharf, as neither of these weighbridges were large enough to take the wagons. A new weighbridge would cost about £460 apart from the cost of reconstructing the pit. Resolved, That this expenditure be not incurred at the present time.

6—Workmen's Wages--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a copy of the rules of the Civil Engineering Construction Conciliation Board, under which Cheltenham appears to be graded Class 3, for which the present rate for labourers was 1s 1 ½s per hour.

(b) A list of the wages now paid to the workmen employed under this Committee and the Public Health Committee were considered. Resolved, That a reduction of 8s be made in the wages of the men employed at the Slab Factory now receiving 64s, and 9s in the case of those receiving 69s, and that a reduction of 5s be made in the wages of all other employees except plasterers, painters, bricklayers, carpenters and plumbers whose wages are regulated by trade union rate, and except the watchmen, office cleaners, and youth employed for stoking at the Municipal Offices. The reduction to take effect as from the 7th July next.

7--Y.M.C.A. Hut, Promenade--The Committee inspected the site and it was Resolved. That the Plan submitted be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, and also subject to the condition that the building shall be covered outside with asbestos sheeting or corrugated iron.

8—Light Railway—Albion Street—Read, letter from Mr. McCormick that the Company were under no obligation to put wood blocks as granite setts were originally approved for this street, and that he would repair with granite setts as soon as possible. Resolved, That the question as to whether the Company should not be required to repave with wood blocks be referred to arbitration under the provisions of the Order.

The Borough Engineer submitted a report upon his inspection of the tramway track from High Street to Leckhampton. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Company requiring the undermentioned portions of the track to be repaired forthwith, and that in default the Corporation would themselves at any time after 7 days from the service of such notice execute such repairs at the cost of the Company.

(1) A length of about 5 yards opposite College Entrance.

(2) A length of about 5 yards opposite South end of College.

(3) A length of about 25 yards near Buckle's Stores.

(4) A length of about 5 yards opposite "Merton."

(5) A length of about 10 yards opposite "Lorna" and "Lystra."

(6) A length of about 5 yards opposite "Concord."

Resolved, also, That a copy of the Report be sent to the Ministry of Transport and that they be asked to have an inspection of the track made.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to make an inspection and report upon the other sections of the Railway within the Borough.

9—Sandford Mill Road (Extension to Old Bath Road)—Read letter of the 13th inst., from Messrs. Sewell and Rawlins, asking that this road should be formally taken over by the Corporation.

Resolved, That they be informed that the road will be taken over as soon as the outstanding Private Improvement Expenses have been paid.

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10-Dangerous Corners—Warwick Place—Portland Street ; High Street—College Road; London Road-Road to Suffolk Road —Park Place—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, approving of the amended schemes for the improvement of these corners, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these improvements carried out.

11—Unemployment—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the next Meeting as to any work which could be put in hand, if required, for relief of unemployment.

12-Parabola Road —Trees.—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Mr T. Curtis, asking that the large oak tree overhanging his garden should be cut back level with his wall. Resolved, That the tree be inspected at the next View Meeting.,3—Haywards' Road—Read, Memorial from residents in this road asking that the same should be repaired Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the Charlton Kings Urban District Council would be prepared to join with the Corporation in having the portion of road in Charlton Kings put into repair at the same time.

14—Libertus Road- - Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Mrs F. Pobjoy of " Darley Dale," Libertus Road, offering to give up a piece of the frontage of " Darley Dale," containing 15 square yards, for the improvement of the Road, subject to payment of £10, and to the Corporation setting back her fence and making good the pergola, etc., in her garden. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the Borough Surveyor instructed to have this improvement carried out.

15—Whaddon Lane—Read, letter from Miss R. Eamonson with regard to the widening of the road. Read, also, Memorial from Owners of property in the lower part of Whaddon Lane, and also from Mr. W. H. Cox, objecting to contribute, on benefit derived, to the cost of the repairs to the upper portion of the road, Resolved. That the objections be considered on the apportionment of the expenses.

16—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 19th inst. Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th June, 1922 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall and Steel and Councillor Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1620	A. Miles.	8 Lock-up Shops, Albion Street.
1621	S. C. Morris.	1 Detached House, Andover Road.
1622	E. L. Ward.	Alterations and Additions to 135, 136, & 137, High Street
1623	T. G. Cooke.	2 Semi-detached Houses, All Saints' Villas Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1620, 1621, and 1623 be approved, and that Plan No. 1622 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

2-Hut at Hester's Way —Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. Clements to show cause why this building should not be pulled down and removed as being in contravention of the bye-laws.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 31st May, 1922: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

1—Winter Garden Bandstand—The Town Clerk reported receipt of application from Mr. C. E. Rainger, who attended the Meeting, for the use of the Winter Garden Bandstand for two (afternoon and evening) performances by the Band of the XV. King's Hussars on Sunday, 4th June. Resolved, That the application be granted on the following terms, viz. :—

Expenses—The Corporation to provide seating accommodation and attendants, undertake billposting and contribute £1 towards cost of advertising ; Mr. Rainger to provide Band, undertake advertising and printing, and defray all incidental expenses.

Receipts—The Corporation to receive 25 per cent., and Mr. Rainger 75 per cent. of the receipts.

Charges—Deck Chairs 1s ; Wooden Chairs 6d.

Collection—A collection at each performance to be permitted.

Performances—Afternoon 3-5 p.m. ; Evening 8— 9.30 p.m.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th June, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

2—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Band—Resolved, That arrangements be made for the band of the Gloucestershire Hussars and the Municipal Orchestra to play as a massed band at the Montpellier Gardens, on Friday, 23rd June, from 8 to 10 p.m. The Gloucestershire Hussars Band to take 50 per cent. of the receipts (exclusive of tax).

(b) Concert Party—An application was received from Captain T. D. Bairnsfather for the Proscenium for a concert party for evening performances on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and daily matinees during July and August. Resolved, That, subject to a formal Agreement being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, the application be granted on the following terms, viz.: The Corporation to take 25 per cent. of the receipts (exclusive of tax) and to provide cashier ; Captain Bairnsfather to provide and pay Concert Party, attendants, advertising, and for electric light, cleaning, etc., and all other expenses, and to be entitled to 75 per cent. of the receipts (exclusive of tax) ; the engagement to be determinable by either party by a weeks notice.

3 —Pittville—Firework Display—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Mr. W. R. Kerr of Dorset House, complaining of remains of fireworks dropping on his property. Resolved, That he be informed that in case of any other firework display instructions will be given for rockets to be discharged so as to avoid this

4 —Municipal Orchestra—Resolved, That the application of the Secretary of the Cheltenham Schools Athletic Association to allow the Municipal Orchestra to perform at the Children's Athletic Sports Meeting at the Athletic Ground on Saturday afternoon, the 8th July, be granted.

5 --Deck Chairs --Tenders for deck chairs were submitted. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co. to supply one hundred rot-proof chairs at the rate of £4 10s. per dozen be accepted.

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6- Winter harden---Bandstand—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged with Mr. Rainger for a Band Concert the R.A.F. Band, for Sunday, the 11th inst., on the same terms as the previous Concert, and that Mr. Rainger wished to give another Concert by the Band of loyal Gloucestershire on the 25th inst., on the same terms. Resolved, That this be approved.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd June, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—Montpellier Baths--The Superintendent reported that on the 21st inst., a youth named George Berryman died at the Baths through heart failure. Resolved, hat the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to his parents their deep sympathy in their bereavement.

8—House Next Montpellier Baths- The Borough Surveyor submitted 9 tenders received for repairs to this house. Resolved, That the tender of R. G. Berryman of Moorend Road of £100 17s. 0d. (being the lowest tender), be accepted, subject to his entering into a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

9—Shop Next Montpellier Baths—Mrs. Vellacott attended and asked that the tenancy of these premises might be transferred to Miss Dymond of 3, Albert Cottages who had arranged to take over the business, and that Mr. Victor Dymond of 4, Montpellier Street, was willing to be joint tenant, Resolved. That that this be agreed to, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with Miss Dymond and Mr. Dymond for tenancy of premises for the business of a Tobacconist, Confectioner and Fruiterer, at a rent of £20 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, plus rates and taxes.

10—Town Hall--The Borough Surveyor reported that the painting and decoration of the West Corridor was nearly completed and that the sum provided in the estimate was sufficient to cover the painting and decoration of the adjoining octagonal. Resolved, That this be carried out.

11—Montpellier Gardens --(a) Capt. Bairnsfather attended and asked if it could be arranged for him to have more than three evening performances. Resolved, That arrangements be made for the Municipal Orchestra to play on each Monday during July at one or other of the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, also, That the Corporation provide the framework for the extension of the canvas screens on each side of the Auditorium at a cost of about £4; Capt. Bairnsfather to pay the cost of the canvas which would remain the property of the Corporation.

(b) Resolved, That instructions be given for proceedings to be taken against persons found committing wilful damage or contravening the bye-laws at the Montpellier Gardens and Winter Garden.

12—Winter Garden—(a) Repairs--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate for painting required at the outside of the Winter Garden Building.

(b) Sunday Concerts—Read, letter from Mr. Ansell protesting on behalf of the Free Church Council against the holding of Sunday Afternoon Concerts, and stating that a deputation from the Free Church Council would like to attend the next meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That a deputation be received as requested.

(c) Resolved, That the Salvation Army be granted the use of the Bandstand and chairs on Saturday, 15th July next.

(d) The Committee considered Memorial from Residents in Imperial Square complaining of the nuisance caused by the behaviour of children and others at the Winter Garden during Band Concerts. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate for fixing railings along the wing walls on each side of the entrances to the Town Hall, to prevent persons getting over same.

13—Municipal Orchestra --(a) Resolved That during the month of July the evening Performances of the Municipal Orchestra be from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

(b) Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee that for the present the morning Concerts be held at the Montpellier Gardens instead of the Winter Gardens, and that arrangements be made for the Mineral Waters to be dispensed at Montpellier from 7.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afterwards at the Town Hall from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

14—Pittville—Whit-Monday Fete—The Sub-Committee reported that the Fête had been a success. The receipts amounted to £299 16s. 11d., and the expenditure £236 7s. 10d., leaving a net surplus of £63 9s. 1d. Resolved, That the Statement of Accounts submitted, be approved.

15—**Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**--The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 17th inst., was read. They recommended as follows: —Town Hall—That the revised form of Agreement for the hire of the Town Hall and rooms, prepared by the Town Clerk be approved. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

16—Workmen's Wages—The Committee considered list of wages paid at the Alstone and Montpellier Baths, Town Hall, and the Montpellier and Winter Gardens. Resolved, That the wages of the undermentioned employees under this Committee be reduced as follows as from the 7th July :—

ALSTONE BATHS.	Present Wages.	Reduced Wages.
Stoker	54s	49s
MONTPELLIER BATHS.		
Cashier	31s 6d	26s 6d
Stoker	51s	49s
Attendant .	33s 6d	30s
"	22s	20s
TOWN HALL.		
Custodian ..	61s-	55s
2 Assistants ..	56s	50s
Mechanic .	80s	72s
Assistant ..	54s	49s
Spa Attendant	33s 6d	30s
MONTPELLIER GARDENS.		
3 Labourers	54s-	49s
WINTER GARDEN.		
Labourer	54s	49s

17—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :----
Central Spa 5302; Montpellier Baths 39 ; Montpellier Gardens 213 ; Pittville Chalet 198; and Pittville Pump Room 64.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th June, 1922: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Tr.ye, Whitaker and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Extension of Mains—Leighton Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that application had been received for supply to houses in Leighton Road, and that the cost of the necessary cable would be about £130. He recommended that if sufficient support could be obtained, the cable be extended to connect with the existing main in King's Road. Resolved, That the extension be made provided applications are obtained from at least 8 houses for a supply.

2-Advertising Lamps--Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Messrs. Francis & Co., offering to erect and maintain special advertising lamps on electric standards situated in prominent positions, and to pay £6 per standard per annum for all electric standards contracted for by them whether used by them or not, the Company to have the option of renting additional standards as required, and to pay a definite sum per annum towards the cost of electricity. A sketch was also submitted of the proposed lamps which admitted of the inclusion of a street direction sign which they would include at important street crossings, free of charge. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

3—Gas Tests—Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 25th ult., 3rd and 7th inst., which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 475.5, 481, and 450 British Thermal Units.

A letter was also received from Mr. Embrey calling attention to the test made on the 6th June which was below the declared calorific value, and stating that the result given was the mean of two tests. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Co. calling attention thereto.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th June, 1922: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Moore, Pates, and Whitaker (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 12th June, 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	233,000 gallons	220,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	595,000	468,000
Leckhampton Springs	120,000	88,000
Total	948,000	776,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th June, 1922.		12th June, 1921.	
Hewletts		26,777,000 gallons		16,207,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft. 6in.	77,291,000	12ft. 6in.	19,884,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000 "	6ft. 0in.	810,000
Total Storage		105,283,000		36,901,000

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2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of May had been as follows

	During May.	Total for past 2 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections ..	700	1,375
" taps found leaking ..	66	129
" , defective flushing boxes	29	61
" defective stop taps ...	2	4
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	56	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>61</u>	
	117	211
" notices served re fittings	62	109
" meters changed	35	47
" houses connected	62	122
" , burst pipes found	6	12

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir--Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the Post Office Engineering Department stating that they now wanted to fix one stay only which was required for the support of the Council's circuit, and asking that the way-leave of 2s 6d should be waived. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that Minute No. 4 of the Committee's proceedings at their meeting on the 18th May last, be varied accordingly.

4--Public Secondary Schools Association Cadet Camp—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from Capt. Pensom stating that it was proposed to have the Camp at Leckhampton this year, and asking if the Council would help in regard to supply of water. Resolved, That the Association be granted the loan of two water carts to carry water from the nearest hydrant to the Camp.

5—Increase of Charges—Read, letters of the 8th inst., from the Clerk of the Tewkesbury Joint Hospital Board agreeing to the terms arranged at the Conference on the 16th ult., and also from the Tewkesbury Rural District Council agreeing to the charge for the Bulk supply to the Parishes of Ashchurch and Walton Cardiff being increased by 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons as from 26th March, 1922. They could not agree to the increase dating back to the 29th September, 1920, as this would involve a heavy rate on the Parishes. Resolved, That under the circumstances the terms offered be agreed to and that Minute No. 7 of the Committee's Proceedings at their meeting on the 18th ult., be varied accordingly.

6—Workmen's Wages—The Committee considered list of wages paid to employees under the Water Undertaking, and decided upon the reductions to be made. Resolved, That the list, as settled, be approved, subject to such adjustments as may be necessary to bring the same into line with any reductions made by the Street and Highway Committee in regard to their employees.

7— Relief of Unemployment—Read, circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report to the next meeting as to any works which could be provided.

8—Street Watering—Charlton Kings—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement for supply of water for Street Watering at a charge of 1s 9d per 1,000 gallons, with a dead rent of £5 51. 0d. for a minimum of 60,000 gallons. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

9--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, 20th June, 1922 Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; and Councillor Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals--(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of two cases of swine fever, viz. at the Brickyard, Folly Lane, and Halliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, asking that instructions be given to Inspectors to keep special observation during the next few months as to the manner in which the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) Order, 1912, was being carried out, and to institute proceedings in any cases of default. Resolved, That instructions be given accordingly.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to a serious outbreak of fire, at Araby House, Grosvenor Street. Cause not apparent. Damage £200 to £250. Brigade expenses £4 14s.

3—Police—Traffic Duty—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Chief Constable, asking that the constables on point duty should be provided with white waterproof coats and white leather gloves for winter wear, and white linen coats for summer wear. Suitable waterproof coats could be obtained at 25s 9d and linen coats at about 15s to £1, and white leather gloves at 10s 9d per pair. Resolved, That the Chief Constable be authorised to provide two waterproof coats, three linen coats and 'two pairs of white leather gloves.

4—Hackney Carriage Licence --(a) Resolved, That the application of F. T. Baker, of the Grosvenor Garage Company, for a Hackney Carriage licence in respect of a 12-h.p. Wolseley Landalette, AD 7430, be granted, subject to the alterations and additions mentioned in the report of Messrs. Mills and Sons being carried out. (b) Left-hand Steering--Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Ford Motor Company, enquiring whether a vehicle with left-hand steering would be licensed as a hackney carriage. Resolved, That vehicles with left-hand steering be not licensed.

5—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Ministry of Labour, pointing out that provisional Certificate of Exception would expire on the 2nd July, but the Minister was prepared to consider renewal of the Certificate for a period of not exceeding five years. If renewed, the Council would be asked to furnish a statement annually in June, shewing the number of persons, in the employ of the Council, covered by the Certificate.

Resolved. That application be made for the renewal of the Certificate for five years. Resolved, also, that Miss E. Bradshaw be included in the Certificate of Exception, as she has now completed three years service

6—Soup Kitchen—Read. letter of the 9th inst., from Messrs. Steel and Broom, inquiring if the Corporation were prepared to demolish this building and dispose of the site to their client, so as to provide sufficient space for a vehicle to enter on to his land, which it was proposed to use as a yard. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

7—Game Licences—Read applications from Messrs. H. F. Barnett, C. Barnett & Son (two licences), W. Hall & Son, Olive & Olive, W. T. Morris, MacFisheries, Ltd. (two licences), Bowles and Dymond, and Miss F. Woodard, Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8—Shops Act—Read, Reports of the Shops Act Inspector of offences committed against the Shops Early Closing Act, 1920, by Messrs. Coleworth at Montpellier Gardens, and Mr. Shipway of 97, Albion Street, by the Sale of cigarettes after the closing hours. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the persons concerned to the offences and to inform them that proceedings will be taken if any further infringement of the Act is reported.

9—Association of Municipal Corporations—Read, Letter of the 16th inst., from the Secretary of the Association, suggesting the appointment of a member who may be regarded as a regular attendant at the meetings. Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, as chairman of this Committee, be appointed as such member.

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10—Summer Time Act.--Read, circular letter of the 19th inst., from the Secretary, Early Closing Association, asking the opinion of the Council as to the proposal to meet the objection of agriculturalists by approving of the Government conceding three weeks at each end of the summer time period, which would mean commencing about the middle of April and terminating about the middle of September. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the Council are in favour of the retention of present period, viz., from the beginning of April to the end of September.

11 --Market —(a) Mr. Castle attended and urged that a shed should be provided for sale of butter and eggs. Resolved, That the following be re-appointed the Market Sub-Committee, viz.: The

Chairman (Alderman Margrett), Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Stewart and Yarnold, and that the application be considered by the Sub-Committee at a Meeting to be held at the Market, on the 28th inst.

(b) Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited, asking that the Market Sub-Committee might meet a Sub-Committee of their Society to consider suggestions for regulating the traffic in the market and deal with the overcrowding. Resolved, That the Market Sub-Committee be asked to meet the representatives of the Society at their Meeting on the 28th inst.

12—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. M. C. Taylor had obtained an appointment under the Cornwall County Council. Resolved, That he be authorised to advertise for a Second Assistant at a salary of £150 per annum, rising to £250 by annual increments of £10.

13—Montpellier Walk—Numbering— The Borough Surveyor reported that number 21, Montpellier Walk, which extended to Montpellier Street, was numbered 22 on the Montpellier Street side. Resolved. That notice be given to the occupier, requiring the premises to be also numbered 21 in Montpellier Street.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th June, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Stewart, Captain Trye and Dr. R. Davies (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since May 10th, 1922, 2,474 period last year 2,274).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised 17s. 6d.

The Annual Exhibition of the School of Arts and Crafts closed on 5th June.

The following gifts had been received :—

Captain R. P. Wild—Hausa Leather Work ;

Miss L. H. Montgomery—Botanical Collection of her late brother, Archibald J. Montgomery.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

(Corresponding

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th June, 1922: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds (a) Naunton Park—Resolved, That the application of the Adjutant, Salvation Army, for permission for them to play in the Recreation Ground on Sunday, 25th inst, after 8 p.m., and for a collection to be made, be granted.

(b) Whaddon Lane—Fencing—The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of complaints as to cricket balls getting through the railings into adjoining gardens and that stop-netting was required to prevent this. Resolved, That a few lengths of stop-netting be fixed as required at a cost of not exceeding £3. (c) Refreshments —Resolved, That the Superintendents of Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds be instructed not to supply refreshments.

2 —Workmen's Wages—In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted list of employees. Resolved. That the wages of employees under this Committee be reduced as follows, as from the 7th July next : -

	Present Wages.	Reduced Wages.
Head Gardener	68s	60s
Gardeners (3) ..	54s	49s
Promenade Gardener	56s	51s
Labourers (6) ..	54s-	49s
Gate Keeper (aged 72)	50s	40s
Greenhouse man (aged 20)	31s	30s
Pittville Estate Constable	54s	49s
Sweepers (2 —aged 70 and 72)	52s-	40s
Custodian (Agg-Gardner)	53s 3d	50s
Custodian (Whaddon Lane)	52s	50s

3-Allotments—No. 42, Turner's Field—Resolved, That the rent of this Allotment be reduced by 5s per year, in view of part of same being overshadowed by large tree.

4--Pittville Estate—(a) Swans' Eggs—The Borough Surveyor reported that difficulty had always been experienced in dis-posing of cygnets and that, with a view to economy, the swans' eggs had been destroyed this season. The Town Clerk submitted letter of 30th ult., from Mr. E. Constable Curtis, protesting against the destruction of the eggs. Resolved. That in future the eggs be not destroyed.

(b) Keys—Resolved, That the application of Brig,-Gen J. L. R. Gordon for a key, to replace one mislaid, be granted, subject to the payment of 5s.

Resolved also, That in future a charge of 5s be made in respect of every additional key supplied after the first key.

5—Marle Hill Annexe—Sunday Fishing—The Committee further considered letter of 6th ult., from Councillor Pates, suggesting that fishing from the Lake in the Annexe be allowed on Sundays. Resolved, That no action be taken.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 23rd June, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Councillors Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Thefts, etc., from Graves—The Town Clerk submitted draft of a notice offering £1 reward for information leading to the conviction of any person found stealing from the graves or doing wilful damage or injury thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved.

2---Deceased Soldiers Memorial Crosses—Resolved, That a Meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery on a date to be arranged to meet representatives of the Remembrance Day Committee to consider and decide as to the erection and maintenance of crosses at the Cemetery.

3—Wages —Resolved, That the wages of the six Grave Diggers be reduced from 54s to 49s, and the wages of the aged sweeper from 20s to 10s, the reductions to take effect as from the 7th July next.

4—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6568 to 6590 (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.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Elizabeth Warman, Edith Mary Butler, Frances E. M. A. Vincent, Walter J. and Elizabeth H. Slader, and George W. and Sylvia Henderson ; Kerbing to the grave of Frederick A. Hamlin.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th June, 1922: Present—Aldermen Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Regan, and Capt. Trye ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £8 18s. 1d. Presentations: British Association (1 vol.), Stationery Office (1 vol.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of May last was 4,092, the number issued from the Lending Library 10,694, and the Children's Library 1,604.

2—Porter—(a) Uniform—Resolved, That the quotation of Messrs. Knight & Hutchings to supply a pair of uniform trousers for the Porter for £1 8s. 6d. be accepted.

(b) Fuel supply—It was reported that the Porter had purchased an oil cooking stove, and that in view of the reduction in coal consumption which would result in the use thereof, he had asked for oil to be supplied by the Corporation. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, .27th June, 1922 : Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Horsley, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £11,484 18s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £25,803 2s. 8d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £5,244 13s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £13,777 15s. 4d.

3-Loans-Rate of Interest—The Borough Accountant reported that he had several offers of loans, and asked for the instructions of the Committee as to the rate of interest to be paid. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to give notice to lenders who are receiving more than five per cent., of the intention of the Corporation to pay off, with an option for a continuance of the loans at five per cent.

4—Staff—Resolved, That a Joint Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes and Watch Committees be called to survey the salaries and appointments of the staff, as apart from the workmen.

5--Prestbury Tithe—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries had now made an Order for redemption of tithe in the Parish of Prestbury, amounting to £13 3s. 1d. by an annuity of £16 13s. 6d., payable by half-yearly instalments over 25 years.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd July, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present;

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apology.—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Stanley

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 2nd 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—Rates—The Mayor reported that Mr. G. Dimmer, on behalf of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizen's Union, had presented a Petition signed by 5,724 Residents protesting against the high rates in the Borough. Resolved. That the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health	Meeting held June 12
Housing	14
Street and Highway	Meeting held June 19
Town Improvement and Spa ..	Meetings held May 31 June 16 & 23
Electricity and Lighting ...	Meeting held June 15*

*Resolved, also, That the Council desire to place on record their appreciation of the 23 years' service rendered by the late Mr. George Baldwin, stoker at the Electricity Works, and to express to his widow their sympathy with her in the loss she has sustained by his death

Water	Meeting held June 15
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General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held June 20*
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*Subject to the following amendment to Minute No. 12, viz:-

*That a Second Assistant be appointed, at a salary to be fixed by the joint Committee of the Finance and General Purposes and Watch Committees.

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Art Gallery and Museum ...	Meeting held June 14
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Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...Meeting held June 12

Burial Board	Meeting held June 23
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Public Library Meeting held June 13

Finance Meeting held June 27*

*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.

4—Coal Contracts—Councillor Sawyer moved, in accordance with notice :— That in future when tenders are invited for the supply of coal for the Electric Light Works, or any other Department of the Corporation, that local Coal Merchants be asked to tender as well as Collieries.

To this the following amendment was moved by Councillor Moore :—That in future when tenders for the supply of coal for any Department of the Corporation are required, they shall be advertised for in the local papers and the usual trade journals.

Councillor Sawyer accepted this amendment and the same was carried.

5—Standing Orders—Councillor Captain Trye moved, in accordance with notice :—That lines three and four of the Council's Standing Order No. 8, relating to Motions and Amendments, be altered to read: That any number of amendments may be moved one on another, but no second amendment shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of.

To this the following amendment was moved by the Mayor :—

That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to consider the revision of the Standing Orders and that Councillor Captain Trye be invited to attend the Committee when the matter is considered.

Councillor Captain Trye accepted this amendment and the same was carried.

6—Notice of Motion—Alderman Taylor gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council :—

The rescindment of the Resolution contained in the Minutes of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, relating to Sunday Concerts.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Mayor

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, specially called for the purpose with notice of the object, and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 7th July, 1922, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Horsley, and Steel ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Green and Taylor ; Councillors Stewart and Captain Trye.

1—Honorary Freedom of the Borough—On the motion of the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Margrett), seconded by Alderman Steel, it was unanimously Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885, William Frederick Hicks Beach, Esq., J.P., of Witcombe Park, near Cheltenham, be admitted to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough, in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough, in the work of Local Government during the last 37 years, especially in connection with the administration of the Poor Law as Chairman of the Cheltenham Board of Guardians.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the council to be held Monday, the 31st, July 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th July, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1 --Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—15, Bloomsbury Street ; 4, Victoria Place, Fairview ; 22 and 23, Stoneville Street; 5, 13, 18, 25 and 33, Hanover Street; and 16, Hungerford 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 Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2 Cleansing and Whitewashing at 7, Bloomsbury Street ; 4, Victoria Place, Fairview ; 4,13-18, Hanover Street ; 2, Wolseley Villas, Swindon Road ; 5, Pretoria Terrace; 11, Stanhope Street; and 37, Townsend Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 2875, 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-Insanitary Property-(a) 37, Townsend Street ; 11, Burton Cottages ; 34, Hanover Street; Leslie House, Spa Place ; 2, Bayshill Lawn ; Oakhurst, Parabola Road ; 4, Birdlip Place, Bath Road : and 11, 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, or Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, 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.

(b) 15 and 16, Tivoli Street-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had not complied with the Notices served on him under Section 28, and had written that he was unable to do so. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector-be instructed to obtain estimates for the work.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at St. Faith's Mission Church, Sherborne Place: 11, Sydney Street : and 9 and 14, Commercial Street. The Sanitary Inspector 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 Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine she drains, and report to the Committee.

5-House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation-Cross Keys Inn, Tewkesbury Road. It appearing on the report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner requiring him to provide the same.

6--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-Nos. 17, 18, 48, 64, 57 and 82, Stanhope Street --- Read. letter of the 26th ult., from the Ministry of Health, that a notice of appeal against the Demolition Order was received from Mr. Stroud on the 31st May last, and they had written him requiring him to furnish further Particulars of his grounds. for appeal.

5, 6, 7 and 9, King Street Gardens-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the tenants of these houses, in respect of which Closing Orders had been made, had not complied with the Notices to quit. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for ejectment.

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7-Offensive Trade—Read, application of the 9th inst., front Mr. F. F. Matthews, of 29, Montpellier Villas, applying for the consent of the Corporation to the establishment of an offensive trade, viz., a dealer in raw and skins, at premises in Millbrook Street. Resolved, That consent be not given as the premises are unsuitable for the purpose.

8— Surrender of Diseased meat- The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4cwts. 2qrs. 11 lbs beef; 5 cwts. mutton ; 42 gallon tins apricots ; 1 tin prawns ; and 2 tins corned beef. ;

9—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

10-Rating of Sewers—Read, letter of the 12th ult., from the Clerk, Western Valleys (Monmouthshire) Sewerage Board, with regard to the promotion of a Joint Bill by Local Authorities to exempt sewers

from rating. The Town Clerk reported that this was a matter under consideration of the Association of Municipal Corporations, Resolved that no action be taken in the matter.

11--Rate of Wages —The Borough Surveyor reported that the Civil Engineering Construction Conciliation Board had now heard the appeal made by the National Union of General Workers, and decided that Cheltenham was a Class 3 District, for which the present rate for labourers was 1s 1 ½d per hour. Resolved, That the wages of the men employed on the Relief Works be accordingly reduced as required by the conditions of the Unemployment Grants Committee.

12—Hayden Sewage Farms -- (a) Humus Tanks- The Borough Surveyor submitted a quotation from Messrs Jones & Attwood, Ltd., for the provision of an ejector and air compressor at a cost of £339 0s. 0d., and recommended acceptance thereof. Resolved, That the tender be accepted.

(b) Sludge—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was a difficulty in disposing of the sludge and recommended that in future no charge be made for sludge supplied to farmers, and that the men from the Sewage Works should throw out the sludge from the beds on to the farmers' lands at convenient times. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

(c) River Chelt—Read, letter from Mr. J. S. Gibbons complaining of the state of the Chelt near Boddington Manor. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had investigated the complaint and found that too much sewage was being discharged on the land belonging to Mr. Buckle, and as a consequence untreated sewage was being discharged into the watercourse. Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to consider and arrange for a more efficient supervision of the distribution of the sewage.

13—Relief of Unemployment--The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of Works which might be provided for Relief Work. Resolved, That the following Works be submitted to the Unemployment Grants Committee as works of public utility suitable for relief of unemployment which could be put in hand if required :—Storm Water Carrier from Hayden Farm to River Chelt, at an estimated cost of £1,000, for which very little material would be required ; Additional Sewage Filters at Hayden, at an approximate cost of £6,000, of which about one half would be for material.

14—Pond, No. 1, The Park—Resolved, That the Owner be asked to have the pond at these premises cleaned out.

15—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**— - Reported Meeting on 10th inst. : Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Steel and Councillor Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 10th inst. was 7 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 94 head of cattle, 8 calves, 32 sheep, 45 tegs, 23 lambs, and 51 pigs. all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 cow in calf, 10 heifers in calf, 11 heifers (barren) and 1 bull calf had been purchased for £443 1s. 0d. 2 calves and 12 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 4 bullocks, 1 bull, 2 cows in calf, 1 fat calf, 6 heifers in calf, 16 lambs, and 471 lbs. wool lead been sold for £454 3s. 1d. 2 small pigs had died at Barn Farm.

The Farms Manager also reported that he had purchased a new horse rake from Messrs. Badam and Son for £19.

Sale of Fruit—Resolved, That the fruit in the orchards be included in the annual auction sale to be held by Mr. Castle.

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

E. ROGERS, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this held on Wednesday, 19th July, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann and Cart. Trye, Mrs. Booy and Miss Foster (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society (a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for Quarter ended 30th June, 1922. The attendances had been as follows :

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (11 meetings)	37.1	33.3
At Clare Street (11 meetings) ..	13.4	21.1
At Baker Street (11 meetings)	43.2	26.7

(b) St. Mark's Centre—The Society reported that the attendances at Highbury were now too large to be dealt with properly in one afternoon and that there was a need for a Centre in St. Mark's District. The Trustees of the Wesleyan Sunday School, Gloucester Road, had offered the use of the premises, free of cost, except the cost of cleaning, heating, and lighting, and the Society would be prepared to establish another Centre if the Town Council would grant an additional £80 per annum, half of which amount only would be required for the current year as the Centre could not be opened until October. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an additional grant of £80 per annum for the proposed new Centre.

2—Health 'Visitors --(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 30th June last :—

No. of Children on Register	1,923
No. of Children visited (a) one year and under	864
(b) over one year	537
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	1,842
Un-notified Births discovered ..	9
Children remitted to Hospital ..	4
Ante-natal Cases visited ..	16
Whooping Cough	2
Chicken Pox	4
Mumps	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	62

Grants of Milk	
Carried over from previous quarter	47
New Orders .	16
Stopped ..	20
Continuing	37
Nursing or Expectant Mothers.	32
Infants and Children (under 3 years)	31

(b) Miss E. Nicholls—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Ministry of Health, approving the appointment of Miss E. Nicholls.

3--District Nursing Association-Grant- Read, copy letter of 9th ult., from the Ministry of Health to the District Nursing Association stating that it had been decided to make a grant of £57 10s. 0d. in aid of district midwifery and maternity nursing provided by Association.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th July, 1922: Present--The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 16th June to 13th July, 1922 (both dates inclusive), including particulars of the roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees pruned during the period, and also the number of, slabs made during the period.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th July last, 727 loads collected, 685 consumed, and 42 tipped away. (Weight consumed 681 tons 15 ½ cwts.)

2-No. 371, High Street—Hayward's Light—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. G. W. Stokes & Son, the owners and occupiers, for permission to fix a Hayward's Light in the footpath adjoining No. 371, High Street, be granted, subject to the Owners undertaking maintenance of same and responsibility for any accidents due to existence of same.

3—Glencairn Park Road—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from Councillor Stewart, complaining of the condition of this road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the length of in-situ paving replaced with concrete slabs.

4--Whaddon Lane—Read, letters of 28th and 30th ult., and 4th inst., from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of Miss Skillicorne, and of the 23rd ult., from Mr. J. W. T. Jackson, objecting to contribute in respect of benefit to be derived towards the cost of the upper portion of this road. Resolved, That the objections be considered on the apportionment of the expenses.

Wooden Bungalow—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health, asking the grounds upon which the Council refused their consent to the building proposed to be erected by Miss Eamonson, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

5—Promenade—Seats--Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that the seats in the Promenade should be moved to better positions and repainted. Resolved, That the seats be repainted in the Autumn.

6—Libertus Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Willis, jun., the Owner of "Heatherbrae," was willing to give up a small strip of land (about 5 square yards) to improve the frontage line in Libertus Road on payment of £5, the Corporation setting back the fence. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and the Borough Surveyor instructed to have this improvement carried out.

7—Street Projections—Resolved. That the application of the 13th inst., from the Tourist Garage to fix a sign in front of the Royal Hotel, High Street, projecting 3 feet, with a clearance of 15 feet above the footpath be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

8—Building Bye-Laws—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Ministry of Health, urging the desirability of the Council replacing the present Bye-Laws by the latest Model Bye-Laws. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman (Alderman Bendall) ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Yarnold, to consider the revision of the Bye-Laws.

9—Streamers across Colonnade—Harriers' Sports—Read, application of the 7th inst., from the Cheltenham and County Harriers' A.A. and C.C. Club, for permission to place a streamer, advertising the Club's August Bank Holiday Sports, across the Colonnade. Resolved, That permission be granted for two days prior to the date of the Sports.

Hatherley Flower Show—Resolved, That permission be granted for a streamer, advertising this Show, to be placed across the Colonnade, for two days prior to 16th August.

10—Culverted Water Course—Old Bath Road to Hatherley Brook—Read, Report of the Borough Surveyor, referred to this Committee by the Public Health Committee, as to the defective condition of this culvert. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of repairing the culvert under the public roads where required, and that Notice be served on the Owners of land over the other defective portions of the culvert, requiring them to have the same repaired.

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11—Haywards Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had met the Chairman of the Roads Committee and the Surveyor of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and that it was decided to submit the following recommendations to the respective Authorities:—

1. The two Authorities to at once repair and afterwards maintain the footpaths in their respective areas, including the kerb.
2. The whole of the carriageway to be scarified and coated with granite macadam and afterwards recoated, and the channels to be relaid where necessary.

3. The work, referred to in paragraph 2, for half the length of the carriageway from London Road to be carried out by the Corporation ; the work on the upper half to be carried out by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

4. The future maintenance of the carriageway, including the channelling for half the length from London Road, to be carried out by the Corporation, and the other half length by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council

5. Each Authority to plant ornamental trees along the footpaths in the respective areas.

These arrangements would obviate any financial transactions between the two Authorities for the present repairs or future maintenance of the road. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement embodying the terms arranged, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the portion of the work to be undertaken by the Corporation carried out.

12-Direction Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted a sample Direction sign, submitted by the Auto Association and Motor Union. Resolved, That the same be approved.

13--Classification of Roads—Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 14th inst., from the County Surveyor, enclosing copy letter of 3rd inst. from the County Divisional Road Engineer (Southern Division), stating that the Treasury had given sanction for a grant of 50 per cent. of approved expenditure to be incurred in the taking of traffic statistics on first class roads, and asking for census points on first class roads in the Borough to be selected, and for an estimate of the cost of taking the census. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost at £50 Resolved, That this be approved.

14—Moorend Road—Read, Memorial from Residents in this road as to the condition thereof. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road tar sprayed and gritted.

15—" Keep to the Left" Rule--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 11th inst., from the City Surveyor of Gloucester, with reference to the proposed adoption of the " Keep to the Left " Rule by the Gloucester Corporation, and suggesting that if it was decided to adopt the Rule in Cheltenham it should be brought into force on the same day. Resolved, That the Rule be adopted and be put into operation on a day to be mutually arranged with the Gloucester Corporation, and that notice thereof be given by advertisement in the " Echo" (three insertions) and by stencilling on the footpaths the night before the Rule comes into force.

16—Old Bath Road-- Read, letter of the nth inst., from Mr. Harry Griffiths, complaining, of the condition of this road. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

17—Light Railway—The Town Clerk reported an interview with Mr. McCormick and Mr. Tattam, a Director of the Company, on the 6th inst. They agreed with the general specification of the Corporation's requirements as to repairs set out in the Borough Surveyor's report of the 19th June last, subject to modification of clauses (b) and (c), to which the Borough agreed.

Leckhampton Road— They made a definite promise that the repairs to the portion of the track from the College to the Leckhampton end should be put in hand immediately and carried out continuously (weather permitting).

Albion Street—They asked the Corporation to agree to this being re-surfaced with tar macadam at the cost of the Company, on the understanding that the Company would repave with wood blocks when it again required repair. Mr. McCormick stated that the rails of this portion of the track would require renewal before long, and it would be more economical to relay with wood blocks when the rails were renewed.

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High Street—They also asked the Corporation to have the wood blocks, tarred and gritted at the Company's expense, so as to carry on for the present in view of the heavy expenditure of the Company in other necessary repairs.

Clarence Street—Mr. McCormick stated that the cable was still giving trouble and it might be necessary to re-open the road, and he wished to confer with the Borough Surveyor as to the desirability of relaying the cable in a new position to avoid further disturbance of the road.

Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, enclosing copy letter to the Ministry of Transport, supporting the application of the Corporation for an inspection.

Read, also, Memorial from Traders in High Street, complaining of the slippery state of the track in High Street owing to the tarred surface.

Resolved, That in view of the assurance of the Company to put in hand the repairs to the track in Leckhampton Road, the Ministry of Transport be asked to defer for the present the inspection applied for.

Resolved, That the track in Albion Street be re-surfaced with tar macadam at the cost of the Company, subject to the Company undertaking to repave with wood blocks when it again requires repair, and that the track in High Street be tarred and gritted at the Company's cost, including the portion of the track referred to in the Memorial from High Street Traders.

18—Relief of Unemployment Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of works which might be provided for relief work. Resolved, That the following works be submitted to the Ministry of Transport as suitable for putting in hand if necessary in order as numbered for relief of unemployment :—

(a) Rowanfield Road—Reconstruction and widening at an estimated cost of £4,200, subject to Owners giving up the land required to make the road 36 feet wide.

(b) Whaddon Lane--Reconstruction and widening at an estimated cost of £3,000, subject to Owners giving up the land required to make the road 36 feet wide

(c) Gloucester Road— Continuation of widening at an estimated cost of £2,200.

(d) Roads at Destructor.—At an estimated cost of £500.

(e) Continuation of Brooklyn Road to Tewkesbury Road— At an estimated cost of £5,000.

19—Road Improvement Grants—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Transport, stating that funds were at their disposal for enabling in a limited degree grants to be made towards the following expenditure :—

(1) Widening of roads and improvement of corners, etc.

(2) Acquisition of vacant land likely to be required for widening important roads or for construction of new arterial roads in cases in which there was risk of the land being obstructed by building developments.

(3) Reconstruction, strengthening, or surface tarring of important roads not classified I. or II.

(4) Construction of bridges.

(5) Acquisition of road plant.

(6) Construction of new roads. and asking that details of schemes be submitted by 31st July.

20-Dangerous Corners—Moorend Park Road—Shurdington Road—The Committee considered the improvement of the corners where Shurdington Road crosses Moorend Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the respective Owners and submit proposals for the improvement of the corners, and that the same be submitted to the Ministry of Transport for their approval, with a view to a grant being obtained towards the cost of the work.

21--**Plans Sub-Committee** —The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 17th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th July, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1624	C. H. Giles	Additions to 5, Commercial Street
1625	Gough & Edwards	New Showroom, 31, Cambay
1626	E. J. Saunders	Additions to "Llangattock," Langdon Road
1627	Showell's Ltd.	New porch and alterations to the "Whitesmiths Arms," Gloucester Road

1628	Miss Parker	Motor Garage, "Underwood," Sydenham Villas Road
1629	G. Banting	Temporary Office, Gloucester Road
1630	G. A. Hawkins	4 Bungalows, Battledown Approach
1631	London, City & Midland Bank, Co., Ltd.	New Strong room, 364, High Street
1632	G. Clements	Timber Bungalow, Hester's Way

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1624, 1630, and 1631 be approved, that Plans Nos. 1625, 1626, and 1627 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plans Nos. 1628 and 1629 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal, and that Plan No. 1632 be approved, subject (i.) to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, (ii.) to the water supply being connected to the house, and (iii.) to the site being covered with 4 ins. of cement concrete to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th July, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—Read, Report from Police that on the 25th June wilful damage was caused to a seat by Sidney Agg, of 113, Fairview Road, and Herbert Reginald Hooper, of Tara Cottages, St. Anne's Terrace. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to prosecute the offenders if he considers the evidence is sufficient.

2-Alstone Mill— Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take steps if necessary to levy distress for rent due.

3— Illustrated Guides—Read, application from the Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son for a supply of Guides for their bureau. Resolved, That 250 copies be supplied.

4--Sunday Concerts—The Rector, The Rev. C. E. Stone, The Rev. Philip H. Smith, The Rev. E. Jenkins, and Mr. W. Ansell attended as a Deputation on behalf of the Clergy and Free Church Council. Resolved, That in view of the representations made by the Deputation no further Sunday Afternoon Concerts be arranged.

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5-Alstone Baths—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, asking that the electric - light should be installed, and also for improvement of the seating accommodation for Gala displays. Resolved, That a revised estimate be obtained of the cost of an electric installation, but that the proposals as to seating accommodation be not entertained.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th June, 1922: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dicks, Pates, Prices, Rogers and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

6.—Alstone Baths—(a) Badminton—Resolved, That the Baths be let for Badminton for the Season 1922-23 as follows, subject to Agreements, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into: To Cheltenham Badminton Club for Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at rent of £54; and to Miss Maud Kelley, for Tuesdays and Fridays, at rent of £27.

(b) Damage—Read, Report of the 7th inst., from the Superintendent, as to damage done to spouting at the open-air Dressing Shed by Mr. M. Miller, of No. 2, Westfield, Rowanfield Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of repairing the damage was £1 13s. 4d., and that an account for this amount had been sent to Mr. Miller but had not been paid. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the amount.

7—Montpellier Baths --Dalcroze Classes—Read, application from the Cheltenham Froebel Society for the use of the Alstone Baths on Tuesday evenings, from 3rd October to 5th December next, inclusive and from 16th January to 20th March next, inclusive (20 weeks), for Dalcroze Classes. Resolved, That Montpellier Baths be let to the Froebel Society for £15 for the period, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

8—Winter Orchestra—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of five performers in the mornings, and eight performers in the afternoons (including himself as conductor and performer in each case) at £30 per week, as from 16th October to 21st April next, be accepted, subject to the terms of an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

9—Sunday Evening Orchestral Concerts—Resolved, That arrangements be made for Sunday Evening Orchestral Concerts at the Town Hall (8 till 9-30 p.m.), from 22nd October to 31st December next, and that the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of ten musicians to perform thereat, at £4 17s. 6d. per performance, be accepted, subject to the terms of an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, to include an option for the Corporation to continue the Concerts for the remainder of the Winter Season.

10-Town Hall—Charges—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. J. Monro Briggs, asking for the use of the Town Hall on the evening of the 30th October next, for a meeting of the League of Nations Union, at a reduced charge.

Read, also, letter from Miss Ratcliffe asking for a reduction in the charge for the use of the Drawing Room on the 11th inst. Resolved, That no reductions be made.

Read, application of 19th inst., from the Cheltenham Executive Committee, Bristol University Appeal, for the use of the Town Hall for a dance in aid of the University. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted on a date during November next, to be arranged, at a reduced charge of £10, plus cleaning, heating and lighting.

Railings—The Borough Surveyor submitted sketch of railing proposed to be fixed to the east and west wing walls. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of Councillor Pates and the Borough Surveyor, and that they be authorised to accept a tender for the work if the cost thereof can be met out of the current year's estimates.

11—Winter Garden—Repairs—The Borough Surveyor submit,1 estimate for outside repairs and painting at a cost of £113. He also recommended removal of the temporary urinal stalls, which were causing flooding, at a cost of £7. Resolved, That these works be carried out.

12-Report of Concerts Sub-Committee - The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 5th and 19th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Town Hall—Central Spa—That the Central Spa be opened from 9 a.m. to 1-15 p.m., and from 2-30 to 4-30 p.m., and that an additional cashier be engaged, if necessary, while the waters are being dispensed at Montpellier Gardens.

Cricket Week—Flannel Dance—Resolved, That a Flannel Dance be held on Friday, 25th August, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, and the charge for admission thereto be 2s 6d per person.

Orchestra—That (if wet) Morning performances be held in the Drawing Room, Town Hall, instead of the Bandstand.

Sunday Evening Concert —That the use of the Bandstand be granted to Mr. Leo Dawes for an evening performance by the Municipal Orchestra, on Sunday, 13th August, on the same terms as Concerts previously arranged by Mr. Lyn Rainger.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

13—Mineral Waters--Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 793 ; Montpellier Baths 22 ; Montpellier Gardens 357 ; Pittville Pump Room 34 ; and Pittville Chalet 37.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th July, 1922: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Fire Insurance—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electricity Works and plant were insured against fire for £30,000 and, in view of the considerable extensions and additions which had been made since the insurance was effected, recommended that the sum assured should be increased to £50,000. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and the Borough Accountant instructed accordingly.

2-I.M.E.A.-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Chairman and he attended the Annual Convention of this Association last month, and submitted a resume of the proceedings. Resolved. That each Member of the Committee be supplied with a copy of the Monthly Bulletin of the Association.

3—Cables—Gloucester Road Bridge—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to an Undertaking for wayleave in respect of two cables laid over Gloucester Road railway bridge, belonging to the Midland Railway Company.

Charlton Lane and Queens Road Bridges—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Undertaking for wayleaves in respect of two cables laid over Charlton Lane and Queens Road railway bridges, belonging to the Great Western Railway Company.

4---Next Meeting --Resolved, That no Meeting be held during August except for the purpose of passing accounts.

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5-Gas Tests—Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 16th, 23rd and 30th ult., 6th and 13th inst., which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 487.1, 469.2, 467, 494, 473 British Thermal Units.

Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Clerk, Cheltenham Gas Company, stating that the low calorific value on the 6th ult., was due to exceptional circumstances and was only of a temporary nature. The Town Clerk reported that he had drawn the attention of the Company to the test made on the 30th ult., when the gas was again below the calorific value, and submitted a reply, of the 6th inst., from the Clerk of the Company stating that the attention of the Manager should be called to the matter.

A complaint was received from Mr. Lupton, " Lystra," Leckhampton Road, of low pressure. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Gas Company.

The Town Clerk submitted Provisional Prescription, from the Gas Referees, for testing the gas supplied by the Company, which came into force on the 1st inst., and reported that, in order to give the Company time to complete the apparatus, the Prescription provided that testings should be made as hitherto until the 1st prox.

Purity Tests—A Report was received from the Gas Examiner that there was no apparatus to enable tests for purity to be made as provided by the Provisional Prescription. The Town Clerk reported that he had written the Gas Referees with reference thereto and submitted a reply of the 19th inst., stating that they had been in communication with the Company who had informed them that the apparatus was being fixed at the Testing Station at once.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th July, 1922: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Moore, Pates, and Whitaker (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 July, 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	181,000 gallons	168,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	340,000 "	273,000
Leckhampton Springs	148,000	89,000
Total	669,000	530,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 10th July, 1922.	Contents	Depth 10th July, 1921.	Contents
Hewletts		70,000 gallons		14,492,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 0in	56,952,000	10ft. 0in.	13,573,000
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000	7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		80,472,000		29,010,000

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2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month had been as follows :—

No of house-to-house inspections ..	750	
" taps found leaking ..	98	
" defective flushing boxes	40	
" defective stop taps ..	9	
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	96	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>69</u>	165
" notices served re fittings	77	
" meters changed	29	
" houses connected	59	
" burst pipes found .	11	

3—Relief of Unemployment—Resolved, That this Committee cannot recommend any works in connection with the Water Undertaking.

4—Public Secondary Schools Camp—Read, letter from Captain Pensom of 27th ult., that it had now been decided to alter the site of the Camp to some land at Brick House Farm, Up Hatherley, to which the water was already laid on, and asking for permission to connect the supply to their Cisterns, and also for loan of 2 Water Carts. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th July, 1922 : Present—The Mayor; Defray Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of two cases of swine fever, viz. at the Brickyard, Folly Lane, and Halliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Animals (Landing from Ireland) Order, 1922 (No. 7)—Read, letters of 7th and 13th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copies of this Order consolidating and amending existing Orders, which came into operation on the 10th inst. The Order provided for the issue of licences for the movement of animals from Ireland into the District of Local Authorities by Inspectors of the Ministry. Resolved, That the Order be published.

2 — (a) Bale of Diseased Plants Order, 1922— (b) Destructive Insects and Pests Order, 1922--Read, circular letter of 21st ult, from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copies of these Orders.

3-- Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 7th inst. the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire, at No. 6, Orchard Place. Cause not apparent. Damage £150 to £200. Brigade expenses £4 17s. 0d.

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4—Passage, St. George's Road to Malvern Road—Read, letter of the 28th May last, from Mr. John Brain suggesting that this Passage be named "Great Western Passage." Resolved, That no action be taken.

5-Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor—Resolved, That the application of Mr. A. E. Tilley, Wellington Garage, for a licence in respect of motor cab AD 6125 be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

Drivers—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to C. J. Arkell, E. Giles and A. E. Harding.

Conductors—Resolved, That conductors' licences be granted to T. Mace, M. Meale and C. V. Olive.

6—Licences to Store Petroleum--(a) Plough Yard—Application was received from H. E. Steel, Ltd., for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in bulk in an underground cylindrical steel tank with distributing pump at the Plough Yard. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

(b) No. 105, High Street—An application was also received from H. E. Steel, Ltd, for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in bulk in a similar tank under the footpath in front of No. 105, High Street, with distributing pump to be fixed on the kerb. Resolved, That a licence be granted for the storage of petroleum subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector, but that the application in regard to the pump on the footway be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

7—Shops Acts—Inspector's Reports—Read, Reports of the 24th ult. and 7th inst., from the Shops Acts Inspector as to offences against the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, by M. Clare, Suffolk Road; J. W. Griffin; The Manager, North Street Picture House; and The Manager, Willie Holt Billiard Hall, by the sale of cigarettes. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the persons concerned that proceedings will be taken if any further infringement of the Acts is reported.

8—War Pensions Act, 1921—Representative—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Ministry of Pensions stating that it was proposed to invite Mr. B. J. Greening of 26, Cambray, to serve on the County War Pensions Committee, as representing the Town Council, in place of Mr. F. C. Dodwell, deceased. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

9—Police Force —Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Chief Constable setting out proposed economies in the administration of the Police Force, which would result in a very large saving during the present year in which the Borough would participate.

10—Soup Kitchen- Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a revised estimate for repairs required at the Soup Kitchen.

11—Corporation Year Book, 1922-23—Resolved, That the following quotation of Messrs. J. J. Gillham (being the only quotation received) for printing the Corporation Year Book for 1922-23, be accepted, viz. :-50 copies (insets for leather cases) and 60 copies (cloth binding) for £39 10s. 6d. ; Additional matter (if required) 4s 9d per page.

12-27, Promenade—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. W. J. Lowe, asking for permission to remove the kitchen range, to enable a gas cooker to be fixed in its place. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

13—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Labour stating that the Minister was prepared to renew Certificate of Exception up to the 3rd July, 1927, and to give authority for other employees to be covered by the Certificate on completion of three years' permanent service.

14—Market—**The Market Sub-Committee** reported that they met at the Market on Thursday, 25th June Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Stewart and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

(1) Urinal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this put into good sanitary condition.

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(2) Shed--The Sub-Committee interviewed Mr. Castle with regard to his application for a shed for sale of butter and elite Resolved, That a shed be provided at an estimated cost of not exceeding £75, subject to Mr. Castle agreeing pay 10 per cent. per annum on the cost.

(3) After hearing a deputation from the Gloucestershire Fruit, etc., Society, as to the overcrowding of the Market, it was Resolved, To recommend that the pig pens be removed and that some of the adjoining land should be taken into the Market.

(4) Pot Store—Resolved, That the Pot Store now included in the lease to the Society be enlarged to double its present width at an estimated cost of £40, subject to the condition that the covenants by the Company in the lease than apply to the building when erected as if the same had been included in the lease.

(5) Cashier's Office—Resolved, That the Cashier's Office in the occupation of the Society be durescoed inside and the outside whitened.

Mr. Castle attended the Committee and offered to pay 5 per cent. per annum on cost of proposed shed. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted. Resolved, also, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the adjoining paddock be taken into the Market and re-surfaced with clinker at a cost of not exceeding £80 (including the re-surfacing of the ground now occupied by pig pens),

15—Standing Orders—Resolved, That the revised Standing Orders as now settled be approved (copy of which accompanies Minutes).

16—Relief of Unemployment—The Town Clerk reported that the Public Health Committee recommended the following works as suitable for relief of unemployment :—

Storm Water Carrier at Hayden Farm at an estimated cost of £1,000.

Additional Filters “ “ “ “ “ “ £6,000.

And that the Street and Highway Committee recommended the following works which might be undertaken if necessary in order as numbered :—

(1) Rowanfield Road, reconstruction and widening at an estimated cost of £4,200.

(2) Whaddon Lane, “ “ “ “ “ “ £3,000.

(3) Gloucester Road, widening continuation “ “ “ £2,200.

(4) Roads at Destructor “ “ “ “ “ “ £500

(5) Continuation of Brooklyn Rd. to Tewkesbury Rd. “ “ “ £5,000.

Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and submitted to the Unemployment Grants Committee and Ministry of Transport as suitable schemes for relief of Unemployment if required.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th July, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes and Captain Trye ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1—New Curator—Mr. B. W. Herdman attended and reported that he had taken up his duties on the 1st inst.

2—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since June 14th, 1922, 1,837 (Corresponding period last year 1,438). The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised £3 7s. 2d.

The following gift had been received :— Miss Rawlinson : 2 Boer Rifles (1 Carbine, 1 Mauser).

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

3—Arundel Bequest—The Curator submitted extract from the Will of the late Edward William Arundel, Esq., bequeathing to the Borough such of the Statuary, Pictures, etc., specified therein, as the Corporation would accept, together with his recommendation thereon. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Curator be approved.

4—Insurance--- The Curator recommended that Mr. Isher's Loan Collection of Pewter be insured against all risks in the sum of £500. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and the Borough Accountant instructed accordingly.

5—August Bank Holiday—Resolved, That the Art Gallery be kept open on August Bank Holiday until 7 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. as hitherto.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th July, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel ;
Councillors Pruen, Regan,

Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to leaks in the lead roof, it had been necessary to execute repairs at a cost of £30, and as the damp had got inside further repairs were required which he estimated would cost another £30. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that he be instructed to have the further repairs carried out.

2—Breach of Byelaws—Reports were received from the Park Constable of various offences against the byelaws by damage to flowers, birds nesting, and also for bad behaviour and obscene language. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Harold Webb, of 4, St. Paul's Cottages, William Parker, of 7, St. Paul's Street South, Albert Bliss, of 183, High Street, and B. Winstone, of 5, St. Paul's Street South (all over 16), for bad behaviour, and that in regard to the other offences committed by children the Town Clerk be instructed to warn their parents that proceedings would be taken if further reports of offences were received.

3—Marle Hill Annexe—Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that the weeds in the Lake near the boat-house had been treated with Copperas, which appeared to have destroyed the weeds in this portion.

Bridge—He also reported that the wooden bridge over the stream near the Mill House had collapsed and it was being reconstructed in ferro-concrete. Resolved, That this be approved.

Admission for Women Imbeciles —Read, application of the 3rd inst., from the Clerk to the Guardians for permission for women Imbeciles to be allowed to visit Pittville Park under the supervision of their attendant. Resolved, That he be informed that they can visit the Marle Hill Annexe at any time during the opening hours.

4—Allotments— Baglin's Piece—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. Attwood, of Malvern Street, the tenant of an allotment on this Piece had removed a portion of the fence and substituted a gate and fence board for which no permission had been given. Resolved, That he be given notice to give up his allotment in view of this breach of the covenant contained in his Agreement.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--Read, Memorial from tenants of these Allotments asking that the notices to give up the Allotments in September, 1923, should be withdrawn. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to as the Corporation have no power to continue the use of the Recreation Ground for Allotments after 1923.

Arrears—The Town Clerk submitted list of arrears. Resolved, That he be instructed to give notice to quit to the Allotment Holders in arrear, and take proceedings if necessary for recovery of the arrears due.

5---Recreation Grounds—Read, letter of 2nd inst, from Mr. G. Bradfield, asking that the use of the swings at the Recreation Grounds should be allowed on Sundays. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

6—Telegraph Lines—Albert Road—Read, application of 7th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line in Albert Road. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to painted lagging being fixed to such pole, if required. Resolved, also, That consent be given to the erection of a pole in the grounds at the back of the Pump Room, such consent to be determinable by 3 calendar months' notice.

7—Football in Recreation Grounds--The Committee considered applications received for permission to play football at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1922-3 Season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the under-mentioned Clubs as follows :--

Recreation Ground	Name of Club	Day of Play
Agg-Gardner	Baker Street Institute F.C. Association Football	Alternate Saturdays
	St. Paul's United F.C. “	“
	St. Gregory's R.F.C. Rugby Football	“
	St. Paul's Old Boys' R.F.C. “	“
	Co-operative A.F.C. Association Football	Alternate Wednesdays
	Cheltenham Wednesday A.F.C. “	“

Naunton Park	Naunton Park A.F.C	Alternate Saturdays
	Naunton Park R.F.C. Rugby Football	“
Whaddon Lane	Holy Trinity F.C. Association Football	“
	Dale, Forty & Co., Ltd., A.F.C.	” “

8—Barrett's Mill Ground—Read, complaint from Mr. W. Robinson, of 5, Rodney Terrace, of his child being stopped from playing in this ground. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for enquiry.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 5th July, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Stanley, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair). Mr. H. E. Branch and Mr. T. H. Packer also attended the Meeting on behalf of the Remembrance Day Committee.

1-Deceased Soldiers—Memorial Crosses--The Committee met at the Cemetery and inspected the Crosses sent home from the graves of deceased soldiers in the several battle areas. Resolved, That the Crosses be placed on stands fixed to the ground on the site already chosen near the Inner gates, the Crosses to face the carriageway, the first row to be placed at a distance of 1 ½ yards from the carriageway, and a space of about 6 inches to be allowed between each Cross. Resolved also, That it be left in the hands of Councillors Stanley and Yarnold and Mr. T. H. Packer to obtain and accept a tender for fixing the stands and for varnishing and repairing (where necessary) the Crosses, the cost of the work to be paid for by the Remembrance Day Committee.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 21st July, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Rogers and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2—Grants of Grave Spaces- -Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6590 to 6610 (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.: Obelisk, Kerbing and Railing to the grave of Annette Kincaid Allen ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to the grave of William Harwood Cochran ; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Albert J. Yeates ; Memorial Tablet and Kerbing to the grave of William J. Suter ; Kerbing to the graves of George and Elizabeth Andrews, Thomas A. Fletcher, Henry Marshall, Annie E. Rogers, Rosina Rogers, and Frank S. Wheeler ; Additional Inscription on the Memorial to the grave of Jane Page.

4—Illness of Superintendent—The Town Clerk reported that the Superintendent of the Cemetery had been admitted to the General Hospital to undergo an operation, and that the work was being attended to by the Assistant Town Clerk. Resolved, That Mr. Mountain be authorised to endorse cheques made payable to the Superintendent.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th July, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Regan, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Canon Johnstone ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—New Librarian—Mr. D. W. Herdman attended and reported that he had taken up his duties on the 1st inst.

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £10 15s. 7d. Presentations: Trustees of the British Museum (2 vols.), E. W. Deacon (2 vols.), Miss Burton (1 vol.), Cawley's Publicity Service (1 vol.), A. Herald (1 vol.), and Miss Cant (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of June last was 3,483, the number issued from the Lending Library 10,087, and the Children's Library 1,309.

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3—Bristol University Appeal—(a) Lecture—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Committee, Bristol University Appeal, suggesting that a Bristol University Lecturer be invited to give an address at the Public, Library during the coming Autumn or Winter Season. Resolved, That the Librarian be asked to arrange for an address to be given.

(b) Posters—Read, application of 7th inst., from the Cheltenham Executive Committee, Bristol University Appeal, for permission to place posters in the Library. Resolved, That permission be granted.

4—Library Association—Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Cardiff from 18th-23rd September next.

5—August Bank Holiday—Resolved, That the Newsroom only be kept open on August Bank Holiday.

6—**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. : Present—Alderman Steel Councillor Regan, and Mr. J. R. Claridge (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended:— That books as per list submitted (66 vols.) be purchased at a cost not exceeding £15.

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

A. MANN

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st July, 1922: Present—Aldermen Horsley, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Petition re Rates—The Petition protesting against current Rates signed by Residents and referred to this Committee by the Council at their last meeting, was considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's draft reply thereto be approved, and that a copy of the reply be sent to each Representative of the Borough on the County Council and the Board of Guardians, and to the Press.

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 21st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £21,057 10s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £16,230 11s. 0d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £5,774 18s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £8,872 1s. 0d.

4—Loans—Rate of Interest—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received replies from 24 lenders agreeing to continue their loans at 5 per cent. per annum as from the expiration of the notices. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

ROBT. STEEL,

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 31st July, 1922, at 3 p.m.

Present;

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Benda, Green Horsley, Steel and Taylor

Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edith Geddes, Regan and Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd July last, and the Special Meeting on the 7th 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.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

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 4th September, 1922.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Montpellier Baths on Friday, 18th August, 1922 :

Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates and Welstead (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—House next Montpellier Baths—The Committee inspected the repairs and renovations carried out at this house. The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Mr. R. G. Berryman for opening out and making good the glass-roofed passage at a cost of £20. Resolved, That the quotation be accepted and the Borough Surveyor authorised to have the work carried out.

Resolved, also, That applications be invited for the tenancy of the premises and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to let the same at a rent and on terms to be agreed upon, subject to the receipt of satisfactory financial and other references in respect of the prospective tenant.

2-Montpellier Gardens Read, application of 16th inst., from Mr. C. E. Rainger for the use of Montpellier Gardens for Afternoon and Evening Concerts by the Band of the Grenadier Guards on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd September next. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted at a charge of £17 10s. for the four performances.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd August, 1922: Present—Councillors Regan, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—Agg-Gardner---Pleasure Fair—The Town Clerk submitted an application from Mr. J. Studt for the use of part of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for a week during September for a Pleasure Fair, Resolved, That subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, the application be granted on the following terms: Rent £60 for the week; Deposit of £10; the Agreement to contain a provision that Mr. Studt shall pay the cost of making good any damage which may be caused in excess of this amount.

2—Breach of Bye-Laws—It was reported that, on the 3rd inst., Albert Bliss, Harold Webb and Robert Winstone were each fined 10s and ordered to pay witnesses' expenses for improper behaviour and obscene language in Marle Hill Annexe on the 18th June last

3 —Pittville Estate—Read, Report of 25th ult., from the Park Constable, with reference to wilful damage (estimated at £5) to Aloes at Pittville Gardens on 9th ult., by Maxwell and George Parker, Joshua Cooke, William Harris and Harold Organ, aged respectively, 10, 7, 7, 9, and 8 years. Resolved,

That having regard to the ages of the boys, their parents be invited to attend the next Meeting of this Committee and that, in the meantime, proceedings be not taken.

1—Promenade Garden—Read, Police Report of 23rd ult., as to flower-picking by Mabel Davis (aged 10). Resolved. That, having regard to the age of the girl, her father be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee and that, in the meantime, proceedings be not taken.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 4th August, 1922: Present—Councillors Mann Rogers, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Death of Superintendent—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Superintendent (Mr. A. C. Amery) died on the 28th ult. Resolved, That this Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the efficient manner in which Mr. Amery performed the duties of Superintendent during the past 14 ½ years, and to express to his children and relatives their deep sympathy with them in the loss they have sustained by his death.

(b) Vacancy—The Town Clerk submitted draft advertisement inviting applications for the appointment.

Resolved, That this be approved. Resolved, also, That a number of candidates be selected for interview and a suitable person recommended to the Council for appointment to the position, at a commencing salary of £120, rising by annual increments of to a maximum of £170, with house (the Lodge), rent free, coal and gas.

2—Tools --The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the making and repairing of grave-shoring timbers and other carpentry work had been carried out by one of the employees at the Cemetery, with the use of tools belonging to the late Superintendent, and that the Executor had offered to sell the tools (with tool-chest and carpenter's bench) to the Corporation for the sum of £10. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Kerbing to the graves of Charles E. Hitchman and Mary Showering.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th August, 1922: Present—Alderman, Steel; Councillors Dicks, Moore and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £34,668 2s. Leaving outstanding £2,619 19s. 7d.

2 — Water Rate —Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £16,154 11s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £3,375 8s. 0d.

3—Loans--Rate of Interest—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received replies from eleven Lenders agreeing to continue their loans at five per cent, per annum as from the expiration of the notices. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th September, 1922, at 3 p.m.

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Green and Steel ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, and Welstead.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Rogers, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting— Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 31st 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—Unemployment—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that it appeared from information in the possession of the Committee that unemployment in the Borough was at present such as would be certifiable by the Ministry of Labour, and that the Committee would be prepared to proceed with the detailed consideration, in consultation with the Government Departments concerned, of schemes for the relief of unemployment to be put in hand during the Autumn and Winter if unemployment is then still severe, and suggesting that particulars, detailed plans and estimates, of the following works be submitted without delay, viz. :—(1) Additional Filter Beds and (2) Storm Water Carrier at Hayden Sewage Farm. Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be instructed to consider the foregoing schemes at their next meeting and submit their recommendations to the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their meeting on the 19th inst.

3-Proceedings of Committees — Resolved, That the proceedings of the undermentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Town Improvement and Spa Committee ... Meeting held August 18

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Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held August 22*

*'Subject to the following amendment, viz. :— That Minute No. 1 with reference to the use of part of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for a Pleasure Fair, be not approved.

Burial Board Meeting held August 4

Finance Meeting held August 29*

*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.

CLARA F. WINTER BOTHAM, 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 2nd October, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-2, Ebenezer Cottages, Larput Place ; 9, Larput Place ; 9, Exmouth Street ; 12, Oxford Place, London Road ; 36, 39, 45 and 48, Upper Park Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at Knapp Cottage, Knapp Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupier thereof, requiring him to abate the same.

3-- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 2, Ebenezer Cottages, Larput Place ; 8 and 9, Larput Place ; 8 and 9, Exmouth Street ; 12, Oxford Place, London Road ; and 36, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, and 52, Upper Park Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome

condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 29, 30 and 32, Cleaveland Street ; 2, Albert Cottages, St. Paul's ; 27, York Street 17, Regent Street ; Regent Cottage ; Riding School and Stables adjoining ; Dale Forty's Workshops ; and Plough Hotel (yard). The Sanitary Inspector 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 Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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(b) 15 and 16, Tivoli Street --In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at Meeting on 10th July last, the Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done to these premises:

Daffurn & Tombs . .	£38 0 0
C. T. Clark	£33 8 6

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. C. T. Clark be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(c) 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage Street--The Sanitary Inspector reported, in accordance with the instructions at Meeting on 12th June last (Minute No. 4 (e), that the works specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. Eager & Co., at a cost of £19 16s. 4d. Resolved. That an Order be made declaring the same to be Private Improvement Expenses, chargeable on the premises, to be repayable by equal instalments within a period not exceeding two years, with interest at the rate of £5 per cent per annum, until the whole of the amount is repaid.

(d) Leamington Villa, Waverley Lodge and Waverley Cottage, Rosehill Street ; and Emm's Workshop, Hales Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported, in accordance with the instructions at Meeting on 8th May last (Minute No. 5 (d)), that the works specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mealing & Co., at a cost of £84 19s. 3d. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make an apportionment of the expenses incurred between the Owners,

(e) 57, St. James' Street, and 9, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street —The Sanitary Inspector 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 a Specification of the work 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 28 days.

(f) 7, Northfield Terrace—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mrs. E. Flory, on whom Notice under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, had been served, requiring certain works of drainage to be done,

stating that she was not in a position to have the work done. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates.

5—Insanitary Property—8 and 9, Larput Place ; 9, Malvern Street ; 20, 36, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, and 48, Upper Park Street ; 2 and 3, Powell's Cottages, Grove Street ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; and Workshop in Milsom 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, or Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, 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—Workshop without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Milsom Street. It appearing on the report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner requiring him to provide the same.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 16 cwts. 3 qrs. beef; cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. pork; 2 qrs. 3 lbs. mutton; 2 qrs. 2 lbs. veal; 1 cwt. 8 lbs, fruit; so lbs. fish; 34 tins meat, fruit, etc.

8—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order -Read, application from Mrs. Rose I. Bylett, Calcutta Stores, St. George's Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

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10--Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses, viz., 18, Grosvenor Street ; 2, 6, 10, 61 and 68, Rutland Street ; 2, 5 and 7, Grove Street ; Cumberland Lodge, Grove Street, and 12, Regent Place, Swindon Road, be required to give the necessary information for registrar -:- Resolved, That notice be given accordingly.

111—Royal Sanitary Institute—Councillor Edith Geddes and Mr. A. E. Hudson submitted reports of the Conference at Bournemouth in July attended by them. Resolved, That copies of the reports be supplied to of the Council.

12-National Milk Conference—Read, letter inviting attendance of delegates from the Council at a Conference to be held at the Guildhall, London, on 26th October next. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

13—Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922—Read, circular (No. 335) from the Ministry of Health calling attention to the provisions of this Act, and the additional powers given thereby in regard to

the Registration of Retail Purveyors of Milk. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

14--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1, Limbrick Cottages—Read, letter from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles. that this house had now been purchased by Mr. Cousins, and that the work would be put in hand as soon as purchase was completed. Resolved, That consideration of making a demolition order be adjourned for another two months.

(b) 17, 18, 48, 54, 57 and 82, Stanhope Street—Read, Letter of 24th August from Ministry of Health forwarding a copy of Mr. Stroud's statement in support of his appeal against the demolition orders made. The Medical Sanitary Inspector submitted Reports thereon. Resolved, That these be forwarded to the Ministry.

15—Army Hut Cottage—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for repairs and fencing at a cost of £32. Resolved. That he be instructed to have the outside painting, etc. and general repairs executed at a cost of £13, and that the fencing be postponed.

16—Relief of Unemployment—The letter from the Unemployment Grants Committee, referred from the Council at its last Meeting, was considered together with a report from the Borough Surveyor.

Storm Water Carrier from Hayden Farm to the River Chelt—Resolved, That the Committee recommend that this work be put in hand, at an estimated cost of £1000, if required to provide work for relief of unemployment. subject to consent being obtained of the Owners of the land through which part of the proposed drain is to be made.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for sanction to a loan of £1000 and that application be made for a grant of 50 per cent. towards payment of interest and sinking fund charges loan for a term of fifteen years, in accordance with the terms offered.

Filters, Hayden Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor proposed to construct an additional filter, with an area of 2.000 yards, at an estimated cost of £6,000, about half of which would be for material ; the walls and floor clinker concrete or gravel (if there was not sufficient clinker available), and clinker to be used for the filtering medium. The present works were constructed for dealing with two thirds of the dry-weather flow and have successfully carried out all they were designed for. Two additional filters, of 2000 yards each, would enable nearly the whole of the dry weather flow to be dealt with, but the Borough Surveyor pointed out that " activated sewage treatment" been adopted at Worcester and other towns with success, and the installation of an activated sludge plant in the existing sludge tanks would cost less than two additional filters, and he suggested for consideration the advisability of adopting one of the present tanks for experimental purposes to this system at an estimated cost of about £400. If the installation of this system was satisfactory it might render additional filters unnecessary, or reduce the filtering capacity required. The activated sludge system had the advantage of rendering the sludge much easier to deal with and increased its manurial value. Resolved, That the matter requires further consideration and that the construction of the proposed additional filter cannot at present be recommended.

15—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 11th inst. Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Greet, ; Councillors Rogers, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 11th inst. was 6 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 135 head of cattle, 3 calves, 24 sheep, 26 tegs, 120 lambs, and 32 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 bull, 4 bullocks, 54 cows, 50 heifers, 4 calves, 1 cow in calf, and 100 store lambs, had been purchased for £1599 9s. 0d. 9 calves and 11 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 1 cart horse, 1 bull, 7 cows, 1 bullock, 20 heifers 20 calves, 30 pigs, 33 sheep and 5 lambs had been sold for £1048 17s. 8d.

Road—Read letter from Tewkesbury Rural District Council, that the Surveyor had been instructed to have the Road through the Barn Farm repaired to the same extent as had been done hitherto.

Shooting—Resolved, (a) That the shooting on the Hayden Farms be let to Mr. G. Mcllquham for this season for £5.

(b) That the shooting at the Barn Farm be let to Mr. W. C. Unwin for this season for £3. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. Resolved, also, That the Sub-Committee be instructed to arrange for a stock book to be kept, showing the purchase and selling price of each animal.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th September, 1922 Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Bastin, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Building Land—The Borough Surveyor submitted enquiries from Mr. J. S. Deane, Mr. G. Haywood, and Mr. H. F. Badger as to terms for sale of land on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

2—Orchard, back of Orchard Terrace—A Memorial was received from tenants of Nos. 1-9, Orchard Terrace, asking that the Orchard should be divided and let between the tenants of the houses. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned until the Orchard is to let.

3—Football—An application was received from St. Mark's Football Club, for permission to play on the temporary Recreation Ground. Resolved, That it be not acceded to.

4-1, Orchard Terrace—An application was received from Mr. E. F. Wren, for permission to fell a pear tree at the rear of this house. Resolved, That this be inspected at the next Meeting.

5-52, Tennyson Road—Damage—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G. H. Wise had left this house in a bad condition, and he estimated the cost of making good the damage done to fittings, etc., at about £8 but had offered to recommend a settlement for £5. Resolved, That unless this sum is paid proceedings be taken for the full amount of the damage.

6—Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that 48 chains of land had now been let for allotments. There was still a considerable area which might be let, but it was in bad condition. Resolved, That he be authorised to let this on condition of being rent free up to 25th March next.

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7—Lay Out—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Lay Out was now completed. Resolved, That the next Meeting be held on the Estate.

8—Benhall Cottage—Resolved, That the estimate of Mr. W. Drew for repairs, colouring and exterior painting to this house for £9 be accepted.

9—Gardens—Prize Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Dicks met on the 15th August and recommended the following prizes should be given : For No. 7, Orchard Terrace, 30s; No. 1, Tennyson Road, 20s; No. 54, Tennyson Road, 20s; No. 28, Tennyson Road, 20s; No. 23, Tennyson Road, 20s No. 2t, Byron Road, 10s; No. 61, Tennyson Road, 10s; No. 55, Milton Road, 10s; No. 26, Tennyson Road, 10s; and No. 18, Tennyson Road, 10s; making a total of £8. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

10—National Housing and Town Planning Council—The Chairman and Borough Surveyor submitted a joint report on the conference, convened by the National Housing and Town Planning Council, held at Gloucester on the 30th June. Resolved, That the Annual Subscription of £4 4s., for reports and papers issued by the National Housing and Town Planning Council, be paid.

11—Housing Estate—Read an application from Mr. E. E. Turner, for permission to transfer his tenancy of three quarters of an acre of land to Mr. S. J. Wasley. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

12—Housing Accounts—Electricity and Water Mains—Read letter from Ministry of Health with regard to the charges proposed to be made against the scheme in respect of these. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply thereto.

13—Grass Plot—Read letters from tenants of Nos. 1, Byron Road, and 6, Tennyson Road, suggesting that the triangular piece of grass land in front of these houses should be fenced in to prevent nuisance from children. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Fences--Read, Memorial from tenants asking for present wire fence to gardens to be supplemented. Resolved. That the application be not entertained

15—Clerk of Works—The Town Clerk reported that the appointment had been determined, but that he had arranged for Mr. Trevena to continue to give part time services at £3 3s. per week. Resolved, That notice be given Mr. Trevena terminating his part time engagement on the 28th October next.

16-105—Tennyson Road—Resolved, That notice be given to the tenant to quit, as his rent is in arrear.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1 --Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways --The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 14th July to 14th September, 1922 (both dates inclusive), including particulars of the roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees pruned during the period, and also the number of slabs made during the period.

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Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the nine weeks ended 7th September last, 1,504 loads collected, 1,476 consumed, and 28 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,615 tons 4 ½ cwts.)

2-33, Promenade —Showcase—Read, application of the 8th inst., from Messrs. Debenham, Longman & Co., Ltd., for permission to fix a showcase inside the railings in front of these premises. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

3—Street Projection-408, High Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. J. Melville to fix a sign at 408, High Street be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

4—Direction Signs—Resolved, That motor direction signs be fixed to electric light and tramway standards and on private railings at the following main road junctions, subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, the Light Railway Company and the Owners of the properties concerned :—

(1) High Street, opposite Winchcomb Street on lamp standard (directing to Winchcomb, Broadway, etc.)

(2) Junction of Montpellier Walk and Lansdown Road, two signs ; (a) on railings of Marlborough House ; (b) on railings of Lypiatt Terrace (to Gloucester and Bristol).

(3) High Street, near Colonnade, on tramway standard, two signs (to (a) Gloucester and Bristol ; (b) Tewkesbury and Birmingham).

(4) High Street, near Colonnade on tramway standard (to Oxford and London).

(5) Junction of Lansdown Road and Queens Road, on lamp standard (to Gloucester and Bristol).

(6) High Street, near Ambrose Street, on lamp standard (to Tewkesbury and Birmingham).

(7) High Street, near Bath Road, on tramway standard (to Stroud and Bath).

8) London Road, near Holy Apostles' Church, on tramway standard, two signs (to (a) Oxford and London, (b) Cirencester and Swindon)

(9) Junction of Lansdown and Gloucester Roads, two signs, on lamp standard (to (a) Gloucester and Bristol, (b) Oxford and London).

(10) Junction of High Street and Gloucester Road, two signs, on lamp standard (to (a) Gloucester and Bristol, (b) Tewkesbury and Worcester)

(11) High Street, opposite Pittville Street on tramway standard (to Evesham).

(12) Junction of High Street and Old Bath Road, on tramway standard, two signs (to (a) Birdlip (b) Winchcomb, Broadway, etc.)

5—Cartridges in Refuse—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 14th ult., 14 live cartridges were found in the refuse collected from Belmore House, Bath Road. He had communicated with the Superintendent of Police who had reported that the present address of the late tenant of the premises was unknown.

6---Highbury Lane—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Collins & Godfrey had coated Highbury Lane for a length of about 93 yards from Albion Street, and had fixed a new gulley, and that the carriageway was now in a satisfactory condition.

7—Price of Slabs—Resolved, That in view of the decrease in the cost of manufacturing slabs, the sale price thereof be reduced from 6s 6d to 6s per square yard, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the possibility of a further reduction in two months.

8 —Classification of Roads—Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as the Ministry of Transport had decided that it was not necessary to take a census of the traffic within the Borough, the same had been abandoned.

9—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., to supply 50 tons of Pooley Hall house coal at 30s 6d per ton be accepted.

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10—Keep to the Left Rule—The Borough Surveyor recommended that some of the footpaths should be divided by a white line and the direction of traffic indicated by arrows stencilled on the footpaths. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the footpaths in the High Street so dealt with.

11—Eldorado Road and Crescent—Footpath --Private Improvement Works—Read, letters of the 6th and 16th inst., respectively, from Mr. W. H. Hill (Owner of " Southlands"), and Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of the Owner of " Ocala," urging that in view of the present cost of labour and materials, these works should be postponed.

Read, also, letter of 5th inst., from Mrs. M. E. Elwell, stating that she had no objection to the works being carried out, but asking that the margin of the footpaths be gravelled instead of asphalted. Mr. Hill attended the meeting in support of his letter. Resolved, That in view of the representations made, the works be not proceeded with at present, except the portion of the footpath on the east side of the road adjoining "Atworth," and that the margins of this portion be gravelled instead of asphalted as requested by Mrs. Elwell.

12-Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the power-driven concrete block-making machine lent by Messrs. Hinkins & Frewin of Oxford had been tried, and had been offered to the

Corporation for £180. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained, but that the machine be returned to the firm.

13—Refuse Destructor—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Ministry of Transport stating that a grant of £133 had been made towards the cost of a power-driven screen for clinker. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the question of putting down a complete plant for manufacturing tarred material from the clinker, should be considered. Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect a plant which is in operation at Abertillery.

14—Paviors —The Borough Surveyor reported that some of the Paviors would have to be discharged owing to the small provision made in the estimates for necessary work of paving.

15 —Kerbside Pumps—The Town Clerk submitted applications for permission to erect kerbside pumps for the distribution of petroleum from underground tanks as follows :—F. Martin, 11, Oxford Place; T. Brunskill, Warwick Place ; H. G. Norton & Co., Bath Road ; B. Blissett, Norwood Road, and Alfred Miles, Ltd., 117, High Street. Resolved, That the proposed positions be viewed.

16—Brooklyn Road—Tenancy of Land—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mr. M. A. Greenway representing the mother of the late Mr. Geo. Shephard, asking that the tenancy of this land should be terminated on the 29th inst. Resolved, That the tenancy be terminated on the 29th inst., and that permission be given to Mrs. Shephard to remove crops therefrom up to that date.

17—Overhead Telegraph Lines—Read, application of 29th ult. from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line and five poles along Moorend Park Road. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging being affixed to such poles, if required.

18—Sandford Mill Road (Extension to Old Bath Road)—Private Improvement Works—Read, letter of 31st ult., from Mr. J. H. Hanson Powell, offering to pay the cost apportioned and chargeable on land belonging to his son, amounting to £260 2s. 3d. at the rate of £50 per annum by quarterly instalments, Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to Mr. Powell entering into a formal undertaking for the due payment of the amount together with interest.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th September, 1922: Present : Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Mann and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the. Chair).

19—Foden Steam Lorries—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Controller, County Local Taxation Department, stating that the fee for the licences on these two lorries for the years 1921 and 1922 would be £32 for each year and that with the £48 standing to the credit of the Corporation £16 was due in respect of the licences. Resolved, That this amount be paid.

20-Motor Traffic —Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Cheltenham Mutual Plate Glass Insurance Society Ltd., complaining that damage was done to plate glass windows in High Street by heavy

motor traffic and suggesting that the larger motor traffic should be diverted from the High Street altogether Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

21-Arle Road Building Line—Resolved, That the building line between " Merryville " and Brooklyn Road be fixed at not less than 25ft. from the frontage of the land.

22-Purchase of Horses—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Davis to sell a six-year-old horse to the Corporation be referred to the **Horse Sub-Committee**. Resolved also, That the Horse Sub-Committee visit Barton Fair on the 28th inst., to inspect horses with a view to purchase.

23-Direction Signs--Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Light Railway Company giving permission for motor direction signs to be fixed to standards belonging to the Company.

24—Telephone—Resolved—That the telephone be re-instated in the Wages Office, the annual charge being 45s, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement for the extension.

25—Gloucester Road Widening -The Borough Surveyor reported that the expenditure in widening and improving this road as far as Arle Court would amount to about £5,600, leaving an unexpended balance of £2,050. A major portion of this amount was intended for coating the road with tar macadam, but he was of opinion that it was desirable to defer the coating. He had ascertained from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport that any balance in hand could not be carried over beyond the end of the financial year. Resolved, That the widening be continued on the South side of the road between Arle Court and the Borough Boundary, and that the balance of the Grant be applied towards this, leaving the coating of the road a matter for application for a further Grant when this is required.

26—Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor made a Report, from which it appeared that the Company had not made satisfactory progress, and that some of the work done had not been executed in a satisfactory manner. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company and that the matter be again considered at the next Meeting.

27—view Meeting ---The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 13th inst.; The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

Hales Road—Tree—That the tree by " Clapthorne Lodge " be not removed.

Chelt Footpath—That a retaining wall be built where necessary.

Vittoria Walk—Trees—That the chestnut tree at corner of Montpellier Drive and Montpellier Walk and elm at corner of Montpellier Drive and Parade be removed.

Imperial Square—Footpath— That new kerbing be laid in front of stables, Queen's Hotel; narrow pavement from stable entrance to Trafalgar Street to be taken up, and paving opposite Hotel repaired.

Montpellier Villas—Trees—That the Owners of Nos. 43 and 44 be asked to lop private trees complained of.

Leckhampton Road—Tree—That the tree by Trevor House be not removed, but pruned.

Tivoli Place—Trees—That the tree by the new lamp be removed, and two mop-headed acacias planted on footpath east of lamp

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Parabola Road—Tree—That the limbs of tree overhanging Curtis' Hotel be lopped.

Lansdown Road—Trees--That the trees by " The Priory," " Fawley Lodge," and " Lansdown Lodge " be not removed, but all trees in road be well pruned.

Queen's Road—Trees—That 1 chestnut and 1 lime tree by Dunk's Restaurant be felled, and 1 lime tree planted.

Gloucester Crescent—Tree—That the wych elm and silver birch by No. 5 be felled, and 2 limes planted.

St. George's Road--Tree— That the tree by 9, Bayshill Parade be pruned.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

28—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 18th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

,JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 18th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1632	E. Green	Timber Bungalow, Hester's Way.
1633	Council of Dean Close School	New Chapel, Dean Close School.
1634	J. L. Sheldon	Additions to St. Mark's Lodge, Libertus Road.
1635	Dr. F. T. Anderson	New W.C. addition, Apsley Lodge, Pittville Circus.
1636	F. E. Forge	Extension of Motor Garages, Central Garage, St. George's Street.
1637	S. Shenton	New Portico, The Palace, High Street.
1638	J. L. Bendall	Detached House, Moorend Grove.
1639	G. Berryman	One House, Lypiatt Street.
1640	W. H. Knowles	Additions to rear of Colne House, Lansdown Parade..
1641	T. Grant	Temporary Motor House at " Fairfield," Libertus Road,

1642	V. Davies	Extension of Motor House, Ellenborough House. Oriel Road.
1643	Cadena Cafe Co.	Alteration to the - Cosy Corner," Promenade.
1644	S. C. Morris	4 Semi-detached houses, Andover Road.

Resolved, That plans Nos. 1632, 1633, 1634, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1642, and 1644 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1635, 1640 and 1643 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 1636 and 1641 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal.

2—Whaddon Lane—Wooden Bungalow—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that try the Report of their Inspector it would appear that fresh weather boarding to comply with standard specification D 139 was required, that the internal wood lining should be replaced with approved asbestos sheeting, and that some alternative form of roof covering should be used. Angle braces should also be inserted to the framework and the ground covered with concrete if necessary. The Ministry suggested that the Council should try to arrange with Miss Eamonson to make these modifications and also to place the bungalow further from the existing houses, Resolved, That the matter be left to the Ministry to deal with.

JOH D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th September, 1922 : Present—Councillors Pates, Pruett, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Winter Orchestra—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Mr. Leo Dawes. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

2—Town Hall—Charges (a)—Read, letter from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., asking for a rebate of 10 per cent on lettings during the months of April to October. Resolved, That a 10 per cent reduction be allowed to all applicants booking the large Hall for 15 occasions or guaranteeing not less than 15 bookings during the year April to March, as an alternative to the rebate allowed by Minute No. 9 of this Committee at their Meeting on 21st October, 1921.

(b) Read, letter from Mrs. Arnold, Commandant of the St. Dunstan's Hostel asking for reduced terms for an entertainment to provide funds for the Hostel. Resolved That the Town Hall be let at a reduced charge of 50 per cent of the ordinary charges, plus cost of lighting.

3—Alstone Baths—Electric Installation—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

4—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—School Children—Mr. W. S. F. Harris, Member of Charlton Kings Urban District Council, attended and asked the Committee to reconsider the charges for use of the

Swimming Baths by elementary school children from Charlton Kings. Resolved, That for next season the charge for children attending elementary schools at Charlton Kings be reduced to 2d. per child, provided Mr. Harris can arrange for a subsidy of £10 for the season being paid to the Corporation in addition.

5—War Memorial Photograph—Read, letter of 24th July last from the Secretary, Imperial War Museum, asking to be supplied with a photograph of the War Memorial not exceeding 8ins. x 5ins. (including mount) with brief particulars of unveiling ceremony, name of sculptor or architect, etc. Resolved, That the photograph and particulars asked for be supplied.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd September, 1922 Present—Councillors Pates, Pruet, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Alstone Baths—Electric Lighting—The following tenders were received for installing electric light in the Swimming Bath and Office :—

Jacobs & D'Rane, Ltd., £75; Dunn & Co., Cheltenham, Ltd., £59; and H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., £30

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

7—Shop next Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter be instructed to recommend a tenant for these premises at a rent of 435 per annum (tenant paying usual rates and taxes).

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—(a) Report—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 2nd ult., was read. They recommended as follows:—

Montpellier Gardens—Dog Show —That the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Canine Society be granted the use of Montpellier Gardens for the Annual Dog Show, on 25th September, at a charge of £4 4s. (to include use of chairs) and that Season Ticket Holders be excluded from the Gardens on that day.

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Winter Orchestra—The Dansants—That The Dansants be held on Fridays only during October, and afterwards on Tuesdays and Fridays in each week, and also on the first Wednesday in each month, commencing in November ; that the charge for Wednesdays be one shilling per person (not including tea), and for other days 2s 6d (including tea).

Season Tickets—That Season Tickets be issued at 14- (including tax) for admission to Morning and Afternoon Concerts and to the balcony at The Dansants.

(b) That Meetings of the Concerts Sub-Committee be held at the Town Hall on alternate Tuesdays during the Winter Season, at 10-30 a.m.

Hard Tennis Court—Resolved; That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of providing a hard court at Montpellier Gardens and submit same to the next Meeting.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

9—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :---Central Spa 801 ; Montpellier Baths 19 ; Montpellier Gardens 274 ; Pittville Pump Room 38 ; and Pittville Chalet 24.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st September, 1922: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Traction Battery—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported completion of the removal of the traction battery to the new battery room at a total cost, including alterations, of £378 7s. 6d.

Resolved, That this be approved.

He also reported that the contract with the Tudor Accumulator Company, Ltd., for the maintenance of the battery had expired, and that as the capacity of the battery was slightly below the guaranteed figure, the Company had offered to supply renewal positive plates for fifty cells, with a further supply of thirty positive plates in lieu of fixing the renewal plates, which he considered a favourable offer Resolved, That it be accepted.

2—Draughtsman—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, with the approval of the Chairman, he had engaged P. H. Cox as draughtsman at a weekly salary of £3, as from the 1st ult., Resolved, That this be approved.

3 -Electricity Charges—Cinemas—Resolved, That, in view of the reduction in the cost of labour and materials, the present charge for energy supplied to Cinemas be reduced from 4 ½ d. to 4 ¼ d. per unit.

4-Coal—Tenders were received for the supply-of coal. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs E. H. Sheppard and Son to supply Princess Royal rough small steam coal for six months, from the 1st prox., at 17s 6 ½d. per ton delivered in Corporation Wagons be accepted, subject to a formal Contract being entered into.

5-Wages of Employees—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Chairman and he had interviewed Mr. J. W. Betteridge with reference to a resolution recently submitted by the men's side of the District Joint Industrial Council, calling for the re-grading of the Cheltenham Undertaking, and it was recommended that, subject to the approval of the District Joint Industrial Council, the following increase of wages be granted:—

Meter Readers—E. J. Wells, F. Havard, F. Stew, and G. Herbert, one penny per hour (the last named to have the increase when actually employed in meter reading).

F. Pates, Lamp Trimmer (Charge hand) halfpenny per hour.

E. Booth, Fitter	halfpenny per hour
C. Gardner, Fitter	three-farthings per hour.
E. W. Cook, Pipe Fitter	one penny per hour

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

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6-Railway Wagons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Agreement for the maintenance and repair of the „ provided for the payment of £17 17s. per annum until twelve months after the termination of the war and per annum thereafter, and that the reduced payment, therefore, came into operation on the 31st ult. He had received a letter from Wagons Repairs, Ltd., asking for the higher rate of payment to continue until the termination of the agreement on the 30th April next. Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

7--Pubic Lighting—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, asking if it was possible to increase the street lighting after twelve, midnight, and to lessen the light in some of the side streets between ten p.m. and twelve. Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce be informed that the suggestion is not practicable.

8—Direction signs — Resolved, That this Committee consent to direction signs being fixed by the Street and Highway Department to electric light standards at the following main road junctions :—

- (1) High Street, opposite Winchcomb Street (directing to Winchcomb, Broadway, etc.)
- (2) Junction of Lansdown Road and Queens Road (to Gloucester and Bristol).
- (3) High Street, near Ambrose Street (to Tewkesbury and Birmingham).
- (4) Junction of Lansdown and Gloucester Roads two signs (to (a) Gloucester and Bristol, (b) Oxford and London).
- (5) Junction of High Street and Gloucester Road, two signs (to (a) Gloucester and Bristol, (b) Tewkesbury and Worcester).

Resolved also, That permission be given to the G.W. Railway Co. to fix signs at the following points directing the public to the G.W.R. Station, viz.:- (1) High Street (in front of Mr. A. W. Bryant's shop); (2) Clarence Lamp ; (3) Island Lamp opposite Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd. ; subject to the signs being fixed by the Company's Engineer to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

Resolved also, That permission be given for a sign to be fixed to the electric light standard at the junction of Exmouth Street and Naunton Parade directing to Providence School Room.

9—Gas Tests—Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 23rd July, 1st, 11th, 18th, 23rd, and 28th August, 9th and 14th September, which showed the calorific power on these dates to be 473, 475.5, 467.6, 482, 470, 475.8, 479.4, and 486.4.

Pressure—Read, letter of 28th July from the Clerk, Cheltenham Gas Co., with reference to Mr. Lupton's complaint of low pressure, and stating that he was having the matter attended to at once.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th September, 1922: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green; Councillors Pates and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 14th Aug., 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	146,000 gallons	134,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	382,000	354,000
Leckhampton Springs	69,000	63,000
Total	597,000	551,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th Aug., 1922.		14th Aug., 1921.	
Hewletts		18,107,000 gallons		14,852,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 2in.	37,816,000	8ft. 8in.	10,688,000
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000	5ft. 0in.	675,000
Total Storage		57,003,000		26,215,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 36 days, ended 11th Sept., 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	136,000 gallons	118,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	443,000	303,000
Leckhampton Springs	48,000 "	54,000
Total	627,000	475,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th September, 1922.		11th September, 1921	
Hewletts		58,673,000 gallons		15,486,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	16ft 8in.	32,584,000 „	8ft. 2in.	9,637,000
Leckhampton	6ft 0in.	810,000	6ft. 0in.	810,000
Total Storage		52,067,000		25,933,000

Pumping was begun at Tewkesbury on the 28th July, and for the supply to Cheltenham on the 4th August. Pumping was begun at Sandford on the 22nd August.

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during July and August had been as follows:—

	During July and August.	Total for past 5 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	1275	3400
“ taps found leaking ..	112	339
“ defective flushing boxes	58	159
“ defective stop taps ..	8	21
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart front house- to-house inspections)	110	
	<u>98</u>	
	208	594
“ notices served re fittings	101	287
“ meters changed ..	51	127
“ houses connected ..	123	304
“ burst pipes discovered	14	37

3—Coal Supply—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for tenders for 400 tons of coal required for Tewkesbury. Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Green and Councillor Pates be appointed a Sub-Committee with authority to accept a satisfactory tent

4—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts out-standing, and that supplies be discontinued in such camps until the due are paid.

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5—Increase of Charges—The Town Clerk reported that on the 21st August an Order was made by the Ministry of Health for the Increase of Charges for the supply to Tewkesbury and the bulk supplies to Tewkesbury Rural District Council and the supply to the Tewkesbury Joint Hospital Board and Hester's Way Farm.

6—Teddington Water Supply—Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Clerk of the Tewkesbury Rural District Council that application had now been made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan, and enclosing specification of the proposed works. Resolved, That the draft Agreement for the supply of water in bulk at the price of 1s 3d. per 1000 gallons as now submitted by the Town Clerk be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

7—Dowdeswell Reservoir—A Report was received from Supt. Hopkins of damage done on the 26th August to the railings near the filter beds by a motor-car belonging to Mr. Arthur Emms of King

William Inn, Sheep Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. The Borough Surveyor estimated the damage at £3. Resolved, That a claim be made against Mr. Emms for this amount.

8—Next Meeting- -Resolved, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell Reservoir.

9—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, 19th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Rogers, and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of two cases of swine fever, viz. at the Brickyard, Folly Lane, and Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Epizootic Abortion Order, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, which came into operation on the 28th ult., and reported that the same had been published.

(c) Anthrax Order, 1910—Read circular letter of the 26th July last, from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the procedure of Veterinary Inspectors in investigating suspected cases of Anthrax, and reported that he had forwarded a copy thereof to the Veterinary Inspector with instructions to comply therewith,

(d) Importation of Irish Cattle—The Town Clerk submitted copy of Regulations made by the Gloucestershire County Council in regard to the Importation of Irish Cattle Resolved, That the Committee do not think it necessary to make similar Regulations for the Borough.

(e) Irish Animals Order, 1922—Re-ad, letter of 28th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copies of this Order which came into operation on the 31st ult., the effect of which was to allow the importation of fat and store cattle, sheep, goats and swine from Ireland. The Town Clerk reported that the Order had been published.

(f) Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1922—Read, circular letter of 31st ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copies of this Order. The Town Clerk reported that the Order had been published.

(g) Sheet Scab Order, 1920—Read circular letter of 30th July last, from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the evasion of Regulations made by Local Authorities under the Order, and suggesting co-operation between Local Authorities to prevent this. Resolved, That a copy be sent to Superintendent Hopkins for his information.

(h) Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing forms of Orders and licences proposed to be used in connection with any future outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—(a) Resolved, That the application of Mr. L. Leach, of 71, Upper Bath Road, for a licence in respect of Motor Cab XF 4314 be granted, subject to the requirements mentioned in Messrs. Mills and Sons' report being complied with.

(b) Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. J. H. Williams, of Hatherley Court Lodge, Cheltenham, for a licence in respect of Motor Cab AD 1605 be granted, subject to steel-studded covers being fitted to the back wheels.

(c) Transfer—Resolved, That licence No. 44 in respect of Taxi-cab AE 1506 be transferred from Mr. L. Leach to Mr. E. F. Fowles, of 1, Morton Cottages, Moorend Crescent.

(d) Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. G. W. Bridges, for a licence in respect of Motor-cab AD 6122 in place of the licence No. 28 issued for AD 12898, be granted.

(e) Driver's Licence—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to S. H. Swan.

3—Cinematograph Act, 1909 —Daffodil Picture House—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Frederick Sims, of 17 Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham, for a licence in respect of these premises be granted for the period ending 6th February, 1923, subject to the premises being inspected and approved by the Chairman and the Superintendent of Police.

4—Telephone—Resolved, That the telephone be reinstated in the private office of the Sanitary Inspector, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign an Agreement for the extension. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign a Supplemental Agreement, for the extension from the Sandford works to the house. omitted from the previous Agreement, and also Memorandum agreeing to the continuance of the telephone service on the terms and conditions at present applicable thereto, except that the rental, payable quarterly in advance, be increased by the sum of 10s, the additional amount being charged for two external extensions previously charged for as internal extensions.

5—Soup Kitchen—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated that 443 would still be required for putting these premises in proper repair. Resolved. That the Chairman be asked to inspect the building with the Borough Surveyor and report thereon.

6—Woosung Port, China—Read, letter of 24th July last from the Provisional Bureau for the Municipality of Woosung Port, China, asking for information as to the Charter, Bye-laws, etc., which might be useful in the establishment of a Model Municipal Government for their City, for which a Charter had been framed and was waiting the approval of the Central Government. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to send the information asked for.

7—Relief of Unemployment—The Town Clerk submitted Resolutions passed by the Public Health Committee with regard to the Storm Water Carrier from Hayden Farm to the River Chelt, and additional Filters at Hayden Sewage Works. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

8—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—Renewals—Resolved, That the following applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum and carbide of calcium be granted for one year from the 5th prox:—

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petroleum.	Carbide.
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	250	112 lbs.
The British Petroleum Co.	Leckhampton Station	41,000	—
G. Bence & Sons	Sherborne Street	500	—
The Queen's Hotel Co., Ltd.	Promenade	200	—
A. Hughes & Co.	21, Pittville Street	50	—
The Halford Cycle Co.	North Street		300 lbs,
H.E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400	200 lbs
H.E. Steel, Ltd.	Plough Yard	1500	60lbs
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	300	280 lbs
H. G. Norton & Co.	Regent Street	400	

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H. G. Norton & Co.	Ormond Place	600	—
Messrs. 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	—
" S. A. Sperry	235, High Street	40	—
" F. Martin	11, Oxford Place	300	—
Mrs. I. Wardman	299, High Street	150	2cwt.
Messrs. The Mid-West Motor Factors	331, High Street	—	1 cwt.
Mr. A. H. Hamlen	201, High Street	—	150 lbs
Cheltenham Cycle Company	82, High Street	25	224 lbs
Mr. W. Palmer	Belle Vue Hotel, High Street	50	—
Messrs. The Wicliffe Cycle Co.	88, High Street		2 cwt.
" The Wicliffe Motor Co.	Bath Road		
Mr. C. J. Lord	29, Upper Bath Road	52	72 lbs
" C. Giles	18, Upper Bath Road	100	150 lbs
Messrs. F. J. Mills	8, Pittville Street	—	112 lbs.
" Halliday & Maisey	Ormond Place	—	112 lbs.
Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons	34, Winchcomb Street	100	—
" W. Mills & Sons	38 " "	350	112 lbs.
Mr. N. S. Tarr	50 " "	500	—
Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons	54 " "	100	—
Mr. Chetwood Aiken	75-76 " "	1200	—
Messrs. A. Miles & Co.	117, High Street	500	112 lbs.
" R. E. & C. Marshall	St. James' Square Works	450	224 lbs
Mr. E. S. Hollaway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100	—
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road	500	—
Mr. C. Thornber	Suffolk Road Garage	1000	112 lbs.

" H. G. Swift	Lansdown Hotel	100	—
" W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	20	—
" B. Blissett	Norwood Road	100	56 lbs
Messrs. A. Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	1200	224 lbs
The Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd.	Spa Road	2250	112 lbs.
Shell-Mex, Ltd.	Garage, Regent Street	1500	—
Mr. W. G. Tibbles	27 & 25, St. George's Place	100	112 lbs.
Messrs. The Cheltenham & District Light Railway	St. Mark's Depot	250	—
" The Gas Lighting Improvement Co.	New Street Wharf	2500	—
" The Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd	New Street Wharf	3500	—
Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	150	—
Messrs The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	Sunningend Works, St. Marks	300	—
Mr. G. W. Midwinter	Beaufort Garage, London Road	150	60
" C. J. Bullock	Montpellier Street	250	
Messrs. Evans and Watts	Norwood Garage	400	200 lbs
Mr. F. A. Tovey	Malvern Inn, Leckhampton	24	—
" R. C. Hall	Lansdown Cycle Works	40	112 lbs.
Messrs. Dale Marshall & Co.	30-30 1/2 Winchcombe Street	150	75 lbs
Mr P. W. Vincent	St. Philip's Cottage, Grafton Road	20	—
" Ernest Viall	1a, Hewlett Street	—	112 lbs.
Messrs. B. & W. L. Chinn	16,17, 18, Bath Parade	100	50 lbs
" Mousell Bros.	2, Ambrose Street	—	112 lbs.
" A. Chapman & F. Stockwell	17, Upper Bath Road	40	—

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Mr. J. H. Horsman	3, Roman Road	40	
Mr. H. W. J. Little	142, Tewkesbury Road	40	56 lbs

Resolved, That Licences be granted accordingly.

New Applications—(a) The following applications for licences were received:—

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petroleum.	Carbide.
Mrs. G. Henegan	Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street (Formerly Mr. L. Gridley's premises)	500	600 lbs.
Mr. Alfred Miles	St. Anne's Garage, Albion Street (Formerly British Petroleum Co.'s premises)	500	—
Mr. F. E. Forge	The Central Garage, St. George's Street	200	—
Mr. A. E. Slocombe	82, Upper Bath Road	40	200 lbs

The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

(b) An application was received from A. E. Tilley for a licence to store 40 gallons of petroleum at Wellington Garage, Wellington Street. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the store being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

Kerbside Pumps--Applications had also been received from F. Martin, 11, Oxford Place ; T. Brunskill, Warwick Place ; H. G. Norton & Co., Bath Road ; B. Blissett, Norwood Road, and Alfred Miles, Ltd., 117, High Street; for licences for underground tanks with distributing pumps to be fixed on the kerb. Resolved, That licenses be granted for the storage of petroleum, subject to the places of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector, but that the applications in regard to the kerb pumps be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Captain Trye and Whitaker ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since July 12th, 1922, 6,890 (Corresponding period last year 6,167). The attendance on August Bank Holiday was 488, the highest previous figure being 299 in 1920. This indicated that the extension of hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on that day had been appreciated.

The Sale of Post Cards during this period had realised £7 12s. 6d., and a pamphlet on Rock Specimens 6d.

The following gifts had been received:—

A. A. Hunter, Esq., Engravings and Photographs of 26 Bishops of Gloucester, Engraving of Archbishop Laud (some time Dean of Gloucester) ; Mrs. Wilson, Ordnance Survey Map of Cheltenham, dated 1870, Cheltenham Map dated 1834, Geological (Map) Section of the Severn Valley ; Mr. Dawkins, Septarian nodule, discovered whilst excavating at Upper Pilford, Leckhampton ; Miss E. A. d'Argent, Virginian Lasso ; Mr. P. Hutchinson, Composite photograph of the Royal Family done by command of Queen Victoria in the early seventies ; Mr. R. D. German, Disc commemorating the visit of George III. in 1778 and Bristol Farthing, dated 1662 ; Mr. Edward Parker, Autograph Letter signed by Britton Riviere, dated 13th February, 1919, having reference to the portrait of Thomas Jenkins in the Art Gallery.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

Mr. Leonard Mott, of Detmore, Charlton Kings had offered a collection of birds eggs and nests, collected by himself and Britton Riviere, in this locality. Resolved, That this offer be accepted with thanks.

The 26 Engravings and Photographs of the Bishops of Gloucester presented by Mr. A. A. Hunter had been exhibited in the Art Gallery and had attracted considerable interest.

Arundel Bequest—The Statuary and Art objects bequeathed by Mr. Arundel were now on exhibition at the Art Gallery, and were evidently much appreciated by visitors.

Cleaning---Progress had been mad, with the cleaning of the Institution and all the floors, door frames and wood work, and in some eases the walls (whew. painted) had been cleaned down, including the glass roofs of both Art Galleries. The work had been carried out by the Staff and Attendants, The Curator recommended that the red material below the line in the Long Gallery he replaced with black hessian at a cost of about £1., the work would be carried out by the Staff. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

The Curator desired to acknowledge the help received from the Committee and from residents and visitors, including Mr. Bushnell, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Alexander Smith. Mr. Jerome Bankes, and the Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson.

2—Insurance—The Curator recommended that the Arundel Bequest and the engravings of Bishops presented by Mr. Hunter be insured against risks in the sum of £200 and £50 respectively. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and the Borough Accountant instructed accordingly.

3—Art Exhibitions—Resolved, That the Annual Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists be arranged to be held in November-December next, and that the commission on sales effected be reduced to 5 per cent.

The Curator reported an offer to lend, for exhibition, Rowley Panels, on payment of carriage from Worthing, which he estimated at £5. Resolved, That an exhibition be arranged to be held in January and February, 1923, and that a collecting box be provided for voluntary gifts towards the expenses.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, [.]th September, 1922 Present — Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Breach of Byelaws--The parents of the children reported at the last meeting attended and stated that they had punished their children for the offences committed* Resolved, That under the circumstances and having regard to the ages of the children proceedings be not taken on this occasion.

2-Allotments —The Head Gardener at Pittville reported that he had inspected the various Allotments and found same in a satisfactory state of cultivation.

80 and 81, Whaddon Lane—Read, letter from Mrs. Sutton stating that her Allotments were now cultivated, and that the previous want of cultivation was due to illness, and also Head Gardener's Report thereon. Resolved, That the notice to quit the Allotments he withdrawn.

21, Baglin's Piece.---An explanation was received from Mr. Attwood as to fence adjoining his Allotment No. 21. Resolved, That the notice to quit be withdrawn, subject to his agreeing to close the gate made by him in the fence if required.

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3—Allotments Act, 1922—Read, Circular letter of 18th ult. from Ministry of Agriculture calling attention to provisions of this Act. The Act required an Allotments Committee to be established, which might be an existing Committee, but must comprise persons other than Members of the Council, being experienced in the management and cultivation of Allotment Gardens and representative of the interests of occupiers of Allotment Gardens, provided that they shall not exceed one-third of the total number of the Committee, or be less than two, or one-fifth of such total number, whichever be the larger number. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint this Committee as the Allotments Committee with the addition of three persons experienced in the management and cultivation of Allotments and representing the interests of the Allotment holders in (1) The North and West Wards, (2) East Ward, (3) South Ward.

4—Recreation Grounds—Naunton Park--Application was received from the Trustees of Hay Cottage Homes for removal of five lime trees in front of these Homes. Resolved, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report thereon.

Agg-Gardner—Read, application from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission for organized games on Thursday afternoons during the next term. Resolved, That this be acceded to.

5—Pittville Estate— A complaint was received from Miss Hildebrand of business notices on several houses at Pittville, in the neighbourhood of her house. Resolved, That no action be taken in the matter.

Read, a further application, from the Clerk of the Guardians, for free admission of Women Imbeciles to the Gardens. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

Albert Road—Resolved, That the application from Councillor Pates for removal of tree shadowing nursery ground be adjourned for view.

Meeting—Resolved, That the next meeting be held at the Pittville Chalet, at 11 a.m.

6 Telegraph Lines—Wellesley Road—Read, application of 29th ult., of Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to an overhead telegraph line in this road, with five poles. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to positions of poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to painted lagging being fixed to such poles, if required.

7—Clarence Square—Read, Memorial from Residents asking for the trees at north-east end of Square to be thinned. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 6th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Appointment of Superintendent and Sexton—74 applications for this appointment were considered and the following candidates selected for interview :—

Carrick, H., Elms Court Cottage, Albert Road, Cheltenham. Wholesale Manufacturer's Clerk.
James, George Henry Job, 1, Queen's Retreat, St. George's Road, Cheltenham. Unemployed.
Sadler, Frank, to, Great Western Terrace, Cheltenham. Unemployed.
Waite, Arthur F., " Camborne," Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham. Water Inspector.
Woolhouse, Thomas, H. K. 4, Windsor Street, Cheltenham. Unemployed.
Woodward, E. E., 34, Tennyson Road, Cheltenham. Shops Acts Inspector.

2- Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be and Christopher Webb.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, 12th September, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

3—Superintendent and Sexton—The Town Clerk submitted list of duties. Resolved. That the same, as altered by the Committee, be approved as the duties of the Office.

The six Candidates selected at the last Meeting were interviewed by the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. H. K. Thomas Woolhouse of 4, Windsor Street, Cheltenham, be appointed Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery, to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the Office, at a salary of £120 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £170 with house (the Lodge) rent free, coal and gas.

Resolved, also, That Mr. Woolhouse take up the duties forthwith, on the understanding that the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd September, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

4—Cemetery Lodge—(a) Re-decoration—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for re-decoration at a cost of £15 10s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Bath —The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of providing and fixing a bath at the Lodge at £10. Resolved, That he be instructed to have a bath fixed.

5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Capt. Robert Dennis and Major Gen. Herbert E. Penton ; Memorial Cross to the grave of Anna E. Jackson ; Headstone to the grave of Conway Dighton ; Memorial Block and Kerbing to the grave of Laura Austin ; Memorial Scroll to the grave of Robert Hampton, and Kerbing to the graves of Annie E. and Herbert Downes.

6—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6611 to 6631 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased,

7—Superintendent—Resolved, That an Honorarium of £10 10s be given Mr. Mountain in recognition of the extra work in carrying out the duties of the Superintendent since 14th July last, together with an allowance of 50s for bicycle.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th September, 1922: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stanley and Capt. Trye ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report covering two months. Receipts £18 17s. 0d. Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (6 vols. 1.2pamps.), Miss Whateley (13 vols.), National Union of Teachers (1 vol.), Lady Lee (2 vols.), Miss Williams (13 vols.), Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (22 vols.)

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

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The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the two months was 7,813 (last year 6,393). Lending Library 21,032 against 20,973. Children's Library 2,666 against 3,078. 226 volumes were being bound, and general cleaning of the building, furniture and stock, was in progress.

2-Winter Programme —Resolved, That the course of six lectures arranged by the Librarian be approved.

3—**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. : Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann and Regan, Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the books on approval, submitted by the Librarian, be purchased at a cost of £15 16s. 3d.

(b) That the estimate of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., for repairs to Boiler at £8 10s. 0d. be accepted.

(c) That Estimates (a) for repairing (b) for replacing Range in Caretaker's quarters be obtained, and submitted to the Library Committee.

(d) That an estimate be obtained for minor alterations and adjustments to service counter and submitted to the Library Committee.

Resolved, As to paragraphs (a, and b.) that the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted ; as to paragraph (c) that the estimate of Messrs. Mulhearn & Hill for replacing Range in Caretaker's quarters, at a cost of £12. be accepted ; As to paragraph (d) that the estimate of Cavendish House Company, Ltd., at a cost of £1 18s. 0d. be accepted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th September, 1922: Present—Aldermen Horsley and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £36,129 15s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £1,158 5s. 11d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September inst. Amount collected £17,891 2s. 11d.

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ROBT. STEEL, 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, 1922, at 3 p.m. 206

Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor ;

Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Regan and Stanley.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting— Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly 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—Local Employment Committee— Resolved, That Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed as a Representative of the Corporation on the Local Employment Committee in place of Councillor Sawyer, resigned.

3—Unemployment—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, giving the following statistics as to persons out of employment in the town at the present date :—

	Number Employed.	In receipt of benefit.
Men	1069	919
Women	196	82
Juveniles	<u>128</u>	<u>23</u>
	1393	1024

4—Salmon and Fresh Water Fisheries Bill—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Clerk of the Peace for Worcestershire, asking the Council to support a Resolution (forwarded therewith), passed by the Worcestershire County Council, protesting against the proposed changes in the law relating to Salmon and Fresh Water Fisheries. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Public Health Committee.

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5-Unemployment Relief Works-(1) Rowanfield Road Widening ; (2) Whaddon Lane—Widening ; (3) Road at Destructor, and (4) Brooklyn Road, continuation to Tewkesbury Road.—Read, letter of 25th ult., from 'the Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport, stating that it was not expected that it would be possible to provide any financial assistance out of the Road Fund to enable the Council to proceed with these Works and suggesting that the advisability of making application to the Unemployment Grants Committee be considered.

6-Proceedings of Committees Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned. Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ... Meeting held September 11*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :— That the first Resolution to Minute No. 15, with reference to Shooting at the Farms, be referred back for further consideration.

Housing ... Meeting held September 12

Street and Highway ... Meetings held September 18 & 25

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 15* & 22*

*Subject to the following amendments, viz. :—

(i.) That on the occasion of the entertainment in question the Town Hall be let to St. Dunstan's free of charge except for the cost of Lighting and out of pocket expenses, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 (b) be varied accordingly.

(ii.) That the tender of Messrs. Dunn & Co., Cheltenham, Ltd., of £38 13s. 0d. for the installation of Electric Lighting in the Alstone Swimming Bath be accepted in lieu of that of Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd. (which had been withdrawn), and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 be varied accordingly.

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held September 21

Water ... Meeting held September 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 19

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 13

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held September 11

Burial Board ... Meetings held September 6, 12 & 22

Public Library ... Meeting held September 12

Finance ... Meeting held September 26*

*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.

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7—Retirement of Councillor Edith Geddes —The Council expressed their regret at the pending retirement of Councillor Edith M. H. Geddes and their appreciation of her services as a Member of the Council during the past four years.

8—Council Meeting—Resolved, That in view of the Committee fixtures already made the next Meeting of the Council be held on the 9th proximo instead of on the 30th October as provided by the Standing Orders.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Mayor.

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, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th October, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—5, Barnes Yard, Grove Street; 4, Worcester Street ; 7, Station Street ; 1 and 2, Sherborne Villas ; 2, St. George's Square ; Noah's Ark, St. George's Street ; 2, 4 and 5, Providence 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 Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 30, Hungerford Street Worcester Street ; 7, Station Street ; 7, Old Millbrook Terrace ; 18, 65 and 66, Queen Street ; 5, Barnes Yard, Grove Street ; 4, Waterloo Street and 4, Birdlip Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 'Ike Compass Inn, New Street ; Courtney Street ; 7, Witcombe Place ; 19, Dunalley Parade, and 3, Hewlett Place. The Sanitary Inspector 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 Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

Leamington Villa, Waverley Lodge and Waverley Cottage, Rosehill Street ; Emms' Workshop, Hale's Road—Resolved, That an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the expenses of the drainage and sanitary work executed at these premises, amounting to £84 19s. 3d. to be private improvement expenses and that notice of the apportionment made by the Borough Surveyor be served on the Owners and demand for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

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4—Insanitary Property—(a) 30, Hungerford Street ; 40, 65 and 66, Queen Street ; 4, Birdlip Place ; 4, Barnes yard ; 255, High Street ; Overdale, Gloucester Road ; and Stables at rear of Farnch, Berkeley 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, or Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, 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.

(b) 7, Northfield Terrace —As instructed by Minute 4 (e) at Meeting on 11th September last, the Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz.—

Mr. E. Eager	£28 6 0
Messrs. Eggleton & Co. ..	26 17 6
Messrs, Mark Williams & Co...	22 18 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) 27, York Street ; 17, Regent Street ; Regent Cottage ; Riding School and Stables adjoining ; Dale Forty's Work-shop ; and Plough Hotel Yard. The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined

the drains, &c., on or belonging to these premises and found same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the work required. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1873, to the Owners of the premises, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

(d) 8 and 9 Alstone Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Notices under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring certain works of drainage to be done, had been served but had not been complied with, and submitted letter from the Owner of No. 8 that she was not in a position to execute same. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates.

5—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., arising from Sanitary defects, etc. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 7 cwts. 1 qr. 3 lbs. beef; cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. mutton; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. pork, 3 qrs. fish; 12 tins of milk, meat, and fish.

7—Arle Tank—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of objection to the assessment of these premises, now assessed at £72 gross and £60 rateable.

8—Botulism—Read Circular letter (No. 342) from Ministry of Health, as to the arrangements made for supplies of anti-toxin for use of Medical officers and Medical men in case of an outbreak of this disease. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to inform the local Medical practitioners of these arrangements.

9—Salmon and Fresh Water Fisheries Bill—The letter and resolution passed by the Worcestershire County Council, referred to this Committee by the Council, was considered. Resolved, That this Council supports the protest made by the Worcestershire County Council, as set out in the resolution.

10—Hayden Sewage Farms—Humus Tanks—The Borough Surveyor reported that there had been delay in fixing the ejector owing to an accident to the makers' skilled erector. It was anticipated that in about a fortnight the work for most of the unemployed men would come to an end. It was not thought that the estimate would be exceeded and should the amount allow, it was suggested that a desirable alteration should be made to the detritus tanks either by putting in a bye-pass. or by constructing a conical bottom to one of the tanks so as to facilitate the removal of the sludge. Resolved, That this be approved.

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11—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 9th inst. Present : The Mayor Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 9th inst. was 4 colts, 8 horses (6 at Depot), 5 calves, 121 head of cattle, 119 lambs, 19 tegs, 16 sheep, and 44 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 cart horses had been purchased for £96. 1

cow in calf, 2 calves, 18 sheep, 2 cows, 11 heifers, 1 bullock and 1 lamb skin had been sold for £372 5s. 3d. 1 lamb had died.

Shooting at Farms--Read, letter from Mr. J. Hedley, offering £6 for the shooting at Hayden Farm and £9 for the Barn Farm.

The Town Clerk reported that after the last Committee he had written Mr. McIlquham and Mr. Unwin, renewing their tenancy of the shooting on the Farms, and that the rent for the season had been paid by them. Read, a letter from Mr. McIlquham that he had had the shooting for 30 years and he regarded the tenancy as running from 1st of May to 1st May, and if it was proposed to let the shooting to anyone else he considered that notice should be given prior to 1st of May. Resolved, That the question of the shooting for next season be considered earlier next year.

Barn Farm—It was reported that Mr. A. Poole, of 205, High Street, was found trespassing with a gun, on Sunday, 10th September, and a letter was read from him, stating he would not do so again. Resolved, That Mr. Unwin be informed of the matter.

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

E. ROGERS, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th October, 1922 on the Housing Estate:

Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Lay-Out The Committee made an inspection and it was Resolved, That this Committee desire to express their appreciation of the work carried out by the Architects and Surveyor.

Housing Accounts—Read, letter of the 14th ult., from the Ministry of Health pointing out that as the houses were now completed the Exchequer Subsidy payable under the Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes) Regulations, 1919, as from the commencement of the next financial year would be determined on the basis of estimates in accordance with Article VI. (c) of those Regulations, and that it would be necessary for the Council to submit for approval, as soon as possible, an Estimate. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to prepare an estimate accordingly.

3—Brown's Tenancy—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. R. Brown had given Notice to give up the fields containing 39a. 3r. and 10p., under his occupation, on the 29th September next.

4--Grass Plot—The Committee considered suggestion that the triangular piece of grass land in front of Nos. 1, Byron Road and 6, Tennyson Road, should be fenced. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

5-Nos. 67, 69, 95, and 99, Tennyson Road—Read, letters from the tenants of these houses complaining of the inconvenience etc., caused to them while the ceilings were being renovated by the Builders. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Architects with a view to reasonable compensation being made by the Builders.

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Proposed Centre at St. Mark's.—Read, letter from Ministry of Health asking the Council to consider whether the circumstances of the case might not be most economically met by arranging for additional sessions at Highbury and Baker Street Centres. The Medical Officer submitted a report upon the matter advising that if an additional Centre was to be established it should be provided for the North Ward area, but the establishment of another Centre would involve the appointment of an extra Health Visitor, and he did not consider any further expense in this connection was at present justified. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th October, 1922 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 15th September to 12th October, 1922 (both dates inclusive), including particulars of the roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees pruned during the period, and also the number of slabs made during the period.

Refuse Collection and Disposal--During the four weeks ended 5th October last, 688 loads collected, 676 consumed, and 12 tipped away (Weight consumed 773 tons, 18 cwts).

2—Passage, Suffolk Road to Commercial Street—Read, letter of 12th inst. from E. Stenhouse complaining of cyclists riding through the passage at side of No 15, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police be instructed to prosecute offenders.

3—Brooklyn Road—(a) Football Field—The Borough Surveyor reported as to constant damage to the fence and hedge ad-joining the five-acre field. Resolved, that the Captain of Christ Church Football Club be informed that the use of the field will be withdrawn unless the practice of fence climbing is discontinued

(b) Tenancy of Land—Resolved, That the 2 ¼ acres of land until recently in the occupation of Mr. George Shephard be let as allotments if sufficient applications are received

4—Gloucester Road—Libertus Road Corner—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from Rev. W. G. Vernon, suggesting that a traffic caution board be fixed at the corner of these roads. Resolved, That no action be taken.

5 —Dangerous Corner Moorend Park Road—Shurdington Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed improvement of the four corners where Shurdington Road crosses Moorend Park Road at an estimated cost of £290, exclusive of cost of land taken to and legal and incidental expenses. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

6—Street Projections—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. F. R. Allen, George Banting, M. B. & E. F. Ellis and Alfred Miles Ltd., and Miss B. Lydia Smith to fix signs at 34, Duke Street ; Criterion Temperance Hotel, Albion Street; 7, Well Walk ; High Street Garage and 13, Pittville Street, respectively, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Pittville Garage, Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. N. S. Tarr for permission to fix an illuminated sign at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

7—Land, Corner St. George's Place and Manchester Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an enquiry as to the price the Corporation would accept for the piece of land at the corner of St. George's Place and Manchester Street having a frontage of 56 ft. 6 in. to Manchester Street, and 55 ft. 3 in. to St. George's Place for the erection of a building to be used while required as a Club-room for unemployed and afterwards for Parish Church purposes. Mr. Alderman Horsley, who was present at the Meeting, offered to buy the land for £150 and present same to the Parish. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept the offer.

8—Light Railway—The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting, he had written to the General Manager of the Light Railway Company as to the slow progress and unsatisfactory nature of the repairs to the tram track, and submitted letters of the 28th ult., and 3rd inst., from the General Manager in reply thereto. Resolved, That a view meeting be held on the 25th inst., to inspect the track.

9—Kerbside Pumps—The Committee further considered the following applications for permission to erect kerbside pumps for the distribution of petroleum from underground tanks :—F. Martin, 11, Oxford Place ; T. Brunskill, Warwick Place ; H. G. Norton & Co., Bath Road ; B. Blissett, Norwood Road, and Alfred Miles Ltd., 117, High Street.

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Applications were also received from H. E. Steel, Ltd., and W. T. Baggs, for permission to erect kerbside pumps at 105, High Street and St Luke's Road, respectively. The Town Clerk reported as to the action taken on similar applications in other towns. Resolved. That the Committee cannot recommend that permission be given for kerbside pumps to be erected in the High Street. Resolved, Also, That the positions of the pumps proposed to be erected in Oxford Place, Warwick Place, Bath Road, Norwood Road, and St. Luke's Road be viewed by the Committee on the 25th inst., and that in the meantime consideration of the applications be adjourned.

10---Refuse Destructor—The Chairman reported as to his inspection of the clinker asphalte plant at Abertillery on the 3rd inst., in company with Councillor Mann and the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect a similar plant at Hornsey.

11—Relief of Unemployment Works—Widening of Rowanfield Road and Whaddon Lane ; Roads at Destructor and Continuation of Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Ministry of Transport with reference to the application of the Corporation for financial assistance towards the cost of carrying out these works of road construction and improvement, stating that it was not expected that it would be possible to provide any financial assistance out of Road Fund, and suggesting that the Council should consider the advisability of making application to the Unemployment Grants Committee.

Widening of Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That application be made for a Grant towards the cost of widening this road, and subject to the receipt thereof and to an undertaking being given by the Owners to give up the necessary land and to pay the cost of kerbing, channelling and making up of carriageway, the work be put in hand.

12 —Byelaws, New Streets and Buildings —Read, Circular 332 of the 1st ult., from the Ministry of Health.

13--Relaxation of Building Bye-Laws—Read, Circular 343 of 28th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that the powers of Local Authorities under Section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, have been extended to the 31st December, 1923, and enclosing copies of fresh Regulations which had been made accordingly, and which were identical with those which lapsed on 31st July last.

14--**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 16th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman,

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 16th October, 1922. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1645	Major Brierly	Detached house, Arle Road
1646	W. Revell	Bungalow, Whaddon Lane
1647	C. S. Watts	Temporary motor house at Brenta, Leckhampton Road
1648	L. W. Bayley	Temporary motor house at it, Pittville Villas
1649	G. T. Wyatt	Additions to store at 66, Winchcomb Street
1650	R. G. Berryman	Bungalow, Moorend Park Road
1651	G. Godwin	Temporary stables and cart shed, Hester's Way
1652	Miss Gaultier	Temporary motor house at 34, Imperial Square
1653	Col. W. G. Du Boulay	Temporary motor house, Marchmont, Parabola Road

Resolved, That plans Nos. 1646 and 1649 be approved; That plan No. 1645 be approved. subject to a cesspit being constructed to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; That plans Nos. 1648, 1651,

and 1653 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and, in the case of plan No. 1651, to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; and that plans Nos. 1647, 1650 and 1652 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th October, 1922 : Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Alstone Mill—The Town Clerk reported that the Receiver for the Debenture Holders had now paid the rent up to the 29th September, and given up the premises.

Read, letter from Mr. S. Wilson asking to be released from his tenancy. Resolved, That under the circumstances this be agreed to. Resolved, also, That the premises be advertised to let.

2—Alstone Baths—The Town Clerk reported that Miss Kelley had not executed the Agreement to take the Swimming Bath for her Badminton Club this year. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the "Echo" advertising that the premises and also Pittville Pump Room and Montpellier Baths could be let for badminton, etc.

3—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That Mr. W. J. Maby be granted the use of Pittville Pump Room for badminton on Mondays and Thursdays from October, 1922, to March, 1923, for the sum of £20, inclusive of lighting and heating.

4—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the Winter Garden Co. questioned their liability to incur the expense of taking down the boilers for inspection under the Insurance Policy, but had offered to pay these expenses up to a limit of £3. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Hard Tennis Court—The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of laying a hard tennis court at Montpellier Gardens at the sum of £110 to which included £36 10s 0d., the price tendered by Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. for surfacing and tapes. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to have the work carried out.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th October, 1922 : Present : Councillors Dicks, Pates, Prue", Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

6—House Next Montpellier Baths—The Committee considered two applications for the tenancy of these premises. Resolved, That the same be let to Mrs. E. A. Newcombe on a yearly tenancy as from the 29th September at an annual rent of £36, plus rates and taxes.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th October, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7---Alstone and Montpellier Baths-. Coal Supply--Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept a suitable tender for the supply of 200 tons of coal for use at the Baths.

An application was now received from Miss Kelley for the use of the Swimming Bath for Badminton, on Tuesday evenings from 5-30 p.m., and on Fridays from 2 p.m., with permission to sublet the evenings to Miss Braine's Badminton Club, and also for the mornings during the Christmas Holidays. Resolved, That the premises be let to her accordingly, at a rent of £27 for the season and 6s a morning for the Christmas Holidays.

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8—Concerts Sub-Committee — Report — The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting hold on the 17th inst. was read. They recommended as follows :—

Badminton—Charges--That the following charges be made : Alstone Baths (afternoon or evening) 10s plus Montpellier Baths, 4s for the first hour and 2s per hour afterwards, plus lighting.

Posts and Net—That the Spa Manager be authorised to purchase badminton posts and a net, at a cost not exceeding £3 10s..

Sunday Concerts—That the opening Sunday Concert be held on the 5th prox., and that a Cashier and two Checkers be engaged. Also that charges be as follows : Hall (chairs) ; Balconies 6d., including entertainment tax.

Concert Artistes—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be authorised to engage Artistes for week-day and Sunday Concerts, at a sum not exceeding £3 3s. per week.

9—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 927 ; Montpellier Baths 22 ; Pittville Pump Room 27 ; and Pittville Chalet. 29.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th October, 1922: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Moore, and Captain Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Public Lighting—(a) Cleeve View and Kings Roads.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that application had been made for additional lighting in these roads. Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to have the trees obscuring the light in these roads lopped, and also in other roads where the light is obscured.

(b) Merestones Road—Read, letters from Mrs. Brown and others asking for a lamp to be placed in this road. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend that the expense of providing a lamp be incurred at the present time.

2—Railway Wagons—Read a further letter from Wagon Repairs Ltd. Resolved, That in view of the representations made in the letter, the application of the Company that the higher rate of payment under the repairing Agreement should continue until the termination of the Agreement on the 30th April next, be agreed to, and that Minute No. 6 of this Council at their Meeting on 21st September last be rescinded.

3-I.M.E.A.—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to serve on the Electrical Apparatus Committee which had been appointed by this Association to consider a scheme for the standardisation and improvement of domestic cooking apparatus, and also for co-operative buying.

4--Gas Tests—Examiner's Reports—Read, Reports of the Gas Examiner of tests made on the 22nd September, 6th and 11th October, which showed the calorific power on these dates to be 478.7 ; 471 ; and 463.

Pressure—Resolved, That in view of complaints received as to the low pressure of gas, arrangements be made to have tests made at other points in the town in addition to the Testing Station.

25—Electricity Loans—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to confer with the Borough Accountant and report as to the desirability of the equating and consolidating these loans.

6—Manchester Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the cornices at these premises had been examined by the Borough Surveyor and found in need of repair, the cost of which he estimated at £40. Resolved. that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary work carried out.

7—Libertus Road—Lamp Pillar—Resolved, That an Agreement be entered into with ____ [missing text] of ____ [missing text] Libertus Road, to pay an annual acknowledgment of 1s in respect of lamp pillar placed on ground claimed as belonging to his premises

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th October, 1912: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker (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 36 days, ended 9th Oct., 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	125,000 gallons	112,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	493,000	374,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	48,000	49,000
Total	666,000	535,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	9th October, 1922.		9th October, 1921.	
Hewletts		20,172,000 gallons		13,590,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft 0in.	31,467,000	6ft. 9in.	7,097,000
Leckhampton	10ft 0in.	945,000	Empty	
Total Storage		52,584,000		20,287,000

2-Inspections---The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during September had been as follows :—

	During September.	Total for past 6 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	625	4025
" taps found leaking ..	51	390
" defective flushing boxes	40	199
" defective stop taps ..	3	24
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) 48 (special repairs apart from house to house inspections)	<u>72</u>	
	120	704
„ notices served re fittings	69	356
" meters changed ..	15	142
" houses connected ..	80	384
" burst pipes discovered	8	45

3—Coal Supply—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered tenders received from 16 firms for various coals at different prices, and that the Borough Surveyor was instructed to obtain and test samples. The Borough Surveyor submitted result of his tests. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son to supply about 400 tons of Princess Royal coal at 20s 7 ½d per ton delivered at Tewkesbury Station be accepted.

4 —Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Arthur Emms had paid £3, the estimated cost of repairing damage to the railings near the filter beds.

5—Increase of Charges—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, stating that the Order made by the Ministry did not carry out the terms agreed upon, which were that the price of 7 ¾ d. per

1,000 gallons, should be subject to an increase of 45 per cent., the increase to be open to revision at any time when the Corporation were in a position to clear oil the deficiency on the Undertaking.

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A letter as also read from the Ministry of Health enclosing letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, and asking for the observations of the Council thereon. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Tewkesbury Corporation that when the financial position permits, it is the intention of the Corporation to make a reduction in the charge to Tewkesbury corresponding with any reduction made in the charges to Cheltenham,

6—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, 17th October, 1922: Present — The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that except for one case of swine fever, at Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Irish Animals Order, 1922 (No. 3) —Read, Circular letter of 6th instant from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding copies of this Order, further amending existing regulations as to the removal from landing places in England of animals landed from Ireland. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order.

(c) Birmingham (Montague Street Market) (Swine Fever) Order, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted a copy of this Order and accompanying circular 84/T.A. from the Ministry of Agriculture. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider publication is necessary.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 1st inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the Athletic Ground, Albion Street. Cause not apparent. Damage about £20. Brigade expenses £4 17s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. W. Roberts of 1, Eton Villas, Queen's Road. for a licence in respect of Motor-cab A.D. 6106, be granted. Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to A. W. Smith of 5, Mansfield Place. Chariton Kings, and A. J. Mitchell of 9, Exmouth Street, Bath Road.

4—Local Employment Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Regan be nominated as a Representative of the Corporation on the Co-opted Members Panel of the Local Employment Committee in of Mr. J. W. Betteridge. resigned.

5—Municipal Elections—North Ward—The Town Clerk reported that he proposed to provide two Polling Places for Polling District " A " at Baker Street Institute. Resolved, That this be Resolved.

Also that the Town Clerk be authorized to destroy Municipal Election papers at the expiration of twelve months from the date of Elections.

6--- Harriers' Sports -- Prize—Read, letter from the Cheltenham and County Harriers' Club stating that it had anticipated that the Corporation would provide a prize in connection with the Sport held on August Bank Holiday, last, and asking that this might be given. Resolved, That a prize to the value of £5 be provided as on previous occasions.

7—Licences to store Petroleum—Resolved, That the application of Major Kennedy and Capt. Courtney for licences to store 500 gallons of petroleum at the Tourist Garage in the Royal Hotel Yard, be granted. Resolved, Also that the application of Messrs. H. E. Steel Ltd. for a licence for an additional storage tank for 500 gallons in the Plough Yard

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be granted. An application was also received from Mr. W. T. Baggs for permission to fix an underground installation with kerb pump at his premises at 4, St. Luke's Road. Resolved, That a licence be granted for the storage of petroleum, subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector, but that the application in regard to the kerb pump on the footpath be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

8—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, Memorandum from the Ministry of Agriculture with suggestions for a National Rat Week, beginning November 6th.

A letter was also read from the Ministry expressing the Ministry's gratification at the steps that had been taken by the Borough Council to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Mr. Hudson submitted proposals for " Rat Week " at a cost of £5. Resolved, That these be approved.

9—Celluloid and Cinematograph Act, 1922- -Read, Circular letter of 20th ult. from Home Office calling attention to this Act which prohibits the use of premises for keeping Celluloid in quantities exceeding 1 cwt. or smaller quantities, unless kept in a properly closed metal box, and Cinematograph Films in quantities exceeding 20 reels or 80 lbs. weight, or in smaller quantities, unless each reel is kept in separate and properly closed metal box, unless the occupier has furnished particulars to the Local Authority and the premises comply with the requirements made by the Act. The expenses of administering the Act were payable out of the District Rate, but a fee of £2 was payable by each occupier on furnishing the necessary statement, and a fee of 4£2 was also payable on the 1st January each year while the premises were used for keeping Celluloid or Cinematograph Films. Resolved, That Mr. H. J. Holbourne be instructed to inspect premises to which the Act applies.

10—Soup Kitchen---The Borough Surveyor reported result of-his further inspection of these premises with the Mayor and the Chairman. They recommended that the roof be boarded over or otherwise protected at an estimated cost of Leo. Resolved, That this be done.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th October, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Captain Trye and Whitaker ; and Mr. Dimmer, and Dr. R. Davies (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 1,829 (against 5675). The decrease was accounted for by the fact that the corresponding period of last year included the Exhibition of Drawings by Austrian Children.

Sales of Post Cards, £1 8s. 2d.

Collection of posters and labels by the Students of the Leicester City School of Arts and Crafts was now on view, and he was sending a circular to each printing establishment, and others likely to be interested, calling attention to this Exhibition.

Arrangements were proceeding for the Art Exhibition of the Cheltenham group, from 20th November to end of December. This would be followed by the Exhibition of wood-grain inlaid panels, already arranged for.

Belas Knapp—The appeal of Mr. Jerome Banks, F.S.A., to the department of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings, in H.M. Office of Works, following his visit to Cheltenham in July last, had resulted in a promise of a visit by an official to report as to the need for the arrest of further destruction to the ancient "slat" walling at the northern entrance to this Barrow, and it was desired that the Curator should act as local correspondent in the matter.

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The following gifts had been received:—

Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton : " Notes on Archaeological Information incorporated in the Ordnance Survey Maps, with special reference to the long Barrows and stone circles in the Cotswold and Welsh Marches, " by Mr. O. G. S. Crawford, B.A., F.S.A., who was coming to Cheltenham to collect further information on this subject. Mr. T. B. Bushnell, M.A.: A Collection of Mineral, etc., in memory of his brother, the late Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell, M. A. Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2 —Loan—Read, letter from Colonel G. O. Welch, C.B., offering on loan (1) a small trophy of Cavalry no.: taken at Tel-el-Kebir, in 1882. (2) A larger trophy of Dervish Arms, etc., Suakim, 1884-5, and Dongola Expedition, 1896. (3) A small trophy of Boer Arms, etc., taken in the Boer War, 1899-1902.

Resolved. That the offer be accepted with thanks.

3—Leslie Young Benefaction—The Curator recommended the purchase, out of this fund, of some cases of specimens of fruit pests, prepared by Mr. Harold Bastin of Reading. Resolved, That

application be made to the Board of Education for a grant-in-aid and that if obtained, specimen cases be purchased up to the value of £15.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville Chalet on Monday, 9th October, 1922: Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Pittville Estate —11, Pittville Villas—Garage—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of Garage proposed to be erected at the rear of these premises. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as regards matters concerning the Pittville Estate

Summer House—The Committee inspected the Summer House by the Lake. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have necessary repairs carried out at a cost not exceeding £5.

Albert Road Nursery—Tree—Resolved- That the Elm Tree by the Nursery be lopped.

Clarence Square—Trees—Read, Memorial from three residents in Clarence Square, asking that some trees in the Square be removed and others pruned. The Committee inspected the trees. Resolved. That no action be taken.

A complaint was received from Mrs. Playfair Evans of children trespassing in Square Garden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fences made good.

2—Recreation Grounds—Whaddon Lave—Trees—Resolved, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report on the trees in the Avenue.

Naunton Park—Trees—Resolved, That four Lime trees immediately opposite Hay Cottage Homes be removed.

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3—Allotments-28, North Ward—Resolved, That the rent payable by Mr. J. Halford, present tenant of this, allotment be reduced from 5s 1d to 4s 9d per quarter in respect of the portion of the ground taken up by the path recently made.

4—Allotments Committee—The Town Clerk submitted the following Nominations for Representative Members of the Allotments Committee: J. W. Clarkson, Union Inn; C. Nutt, 3 Langfield[Sandfield] Place, Arle Road; E. Taylor, Apple Tree Inn, Russell Place ; F. Vizard, St. George's Road; and E. M. Yeend, King's Road. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint the following as Representative Members of the Committee: Mr. E. Taylor, representing the North and West Wards; Mr. E. M. Yeend, representing the East Ward; Mr. F. Vizard, representing the South Ward.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 20th October, 1922: Present — Alderman Steel ; Councillors Stanley and Stewart, (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Col. E. Ethelston ; Rear Admiral Robert Owen Leach ; Emilie G. Lauro ; William R. Rice ; Sarah K. S. Symes, and Samuel Rokeby. Headstones and kerbing to the grave of Eliza I. Eyton. Headstones to the graves of Elizabeth J. Cypher and Charlotte and Henry Kilbey. Kerbings to the graves of Eliza McRae ; Col. Alexander D. C. Pond ; Amelia and William Tapp, and Marie Whately.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6631 to 6641 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Cemetery Chapel--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had met the Rector at the Cemetery to arrange details of the alterations required to the Church of England Chapel, required by the Clergy. It was anticipated that the sum of £50, provided in the estimates, would cover the cost, which was £20 below the original estimate, and that it was proposed to proceed with the work. Resolved, That this be approved.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th October, 1922: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Regan, and Capt. Trye ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Messes. E. Gridley, A. Miles, and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for September. Receipts £8 16s. 6d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 3,921 (last year 2,996). Lending Library 10,520 (against 10,326). Children's Library 1,323 (against 1,533). These figures indicate a total increased turnover of 909 volumes. Complaints from readers as to the soiled condition of the circulating stock and the dearth of new books continue. 226 volumes had been rebound. Read also, Librarian's Report on the Annual Conference of the Library Association at Cardiff, September 18th-22nd.

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Presentations : Mr. F. T. Daniel (42 vols.), Mr. W. St. Clair l3addeley (1 vol.), The Freedom A.v40ciation (1 vol), Secretary of State for India (1 vol.), Mrs. Williams (2 vols.), Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (14 guides), Miss L. C. Barney (1 vol.).

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. : Present—Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillor Mann (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the wages of Miss I. E. Burnett, Junior Assistant, be increased from 12s 6d to 15s per week.

(b) That the books as per list submitted by the Librarian, be purchased at a cost of £10 7s. 6d.

(c) That the Reference books as per list submitted by the Librarian, be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction at a cost of £13 2s. 6d.

(d) That the Magazine of the Association of Science and Arts Societies (Gloucester and District), be purchased at a cost of 4s per annum.

(e) That in future the Children's Library be closed at 7 p.m., instead of 7.30 p.m. hitherto.

(f) That the loose slates on the roof be refixed, Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, .24th October, .1922 Present—Aldermen Horsley, Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruett and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1 —General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £36,387 18s. 11d. Excused, void and irrecoverable £848 8s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £158 7s. 4d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 29th ult. Amount collected £18,129 16s. 7d.

3—Education Act, 1921—Scholarships—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that it was proposed to charge on the Parish of Cheltenham during the current half-year the sum of £676 18s. 0d. in connection with the instruction of Scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar School. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £985 7s. 0d. and £300 Corporation Stock at 65 ½ per cent. Resolved. That the sums of £1281 7s. 0d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.