

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 9th November, 1922, at 12 noon. Present :

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett) in the Chair.

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Horsley, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

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

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 1st inst. of the following as Councillors :—

Henry Thomas Yarnold for the North Ward :

Walter James Manser Dicks for the Central Ward :

William Sawyer for the East Ward :

Leigh James for the South Ward :

Alfred Mann for the Middle Ward :

James Stewart for the West Ward :

and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., be and she is hereby re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year. The Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

3—Appointment of Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that she had appointed Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, J.P., to be her Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

Alderman Steel in the Chair, pro tem.

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4—Election of Aldermen—The Members of the Council present entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Chairman papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that the following Burgesses had been voted for and had received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, viz :—

Clara Frances Winterbotham, Cranley Lodge, Cheltenham, Spinster, M.B.E.	10
John David Bendall, Home Orchard, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Esquire.	15
Charles Henry Margrett, Sandford House, Cheltenham, Esquire, J.P	15

Alderman Steel accordingly declared the said Clara Frances Winterbotham, John David Bendall, and Charles Henry Margrett to be elected Aldermen. The newly elected Aldermen then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor in the Chair.

5—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several Wards opposite which their names are respectively set, viz. :—

Alderman Margrett	North Ward
Green	Central Ward
Taylor	East Ward
Clara Winterbotham	South Ward
Bendall	Middle Ward
Steel	West Ward

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

7 —Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows :

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To regulate and manage all matters relating to Public Health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders : Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshops Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, The Notification of Births Act, 1907, The Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing Acts, 1890 to 1919, so far as regards insanitary houses, and the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

To have delegated to it the powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, namely : 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49, and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129, and Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the Bye-laws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned. To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Housing Committee— Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Taylor, Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker, and that their powers and duties be as follows, : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the provision of new houses for the working classes.

Maternity and Child Committee—Resolved, That the follow do form the Maternity- and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Regan, Stanley, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. K. McArthur, Mrs. D. H. Willoughby. and Miss H. Foster.

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Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Bendall Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (one vacancy), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the Bye-laws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters) and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference thereto.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., there any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts so far as regards new streets and buildings : The Public Health Acts, the Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to deal with any Town Planning scheme under the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Acts, 1909 and 1919.

Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Montpellier Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and to enforce the provisions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage any matters in connection with the Mineral Waters under the control of the Corporation.

To manage and control the letting of the Pittville Gardens and the Pump Room.

To manage and control Entertainments undertaken by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a Band.

To consider and report upon any matters in connection with the Spa development.

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Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890, 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the regulations of the Board of Trade made thereunder.

Water Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Green, Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—(Chairmen of the several Standing Committees, when appointed). Resolved, That the powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows :—To regulate and manage any properties of the Corporation and other matters not specifically referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and to Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate) and to carry into effect the Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in relation thereto. To consider and report to the Council upon the numbering and re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and re-naming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

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Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee— Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year : — Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate (except the letting of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room), the Promenade Long Garden and the Recreation Grounds, and to enforce the provisions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them.

To regulate and manage the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to the other Committees) and the Buildings thereon.

Allotments Committee— Resolved, That the following do form the Allotments Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead

and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Taylor, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (representing the interests of occupiers of allotments), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts.

Burial Board Committee— Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

Finance Committee— Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Steel and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, Welstead and Whitaker (one vacancy), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and Rates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of Loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

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Public Library Committee— Resolved, That the following do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Regan, Stanley, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee— Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Captain Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold ; with Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez as Consulting members, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum and all matters relating thereto.

Education Committee— Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Taylor, Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold. (one vacancy).

Resolved also, That the Rev. W. E. Beck be appointed a member of the Education Committee, as a Representative of the Managers of the Non-Provided Schools, in the place of Mr. F. C. Dodwell, deceased, and that Mr. George Blagg be appointed a member of the Committee, as a person of experience in Education or acquainted with the needs of the Schools, in place of Mr. W. J. Betteridge, resigned. The appointments to expire on 9th November, 1925, in each case.

Pension Committee— Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, that their term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1923, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

8—Unemployment—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, giving the following statistics as to persons out of employment in the town at the present date :—

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Men	Total number unemployed	...	1193
Women	“	“	... 214
Juveniles	“	“	... <u>142</u>
		Total	1549

Of the number of men unemployed 134 were, for various reasons, not in receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefit at the end of the week ending 31st ult.

9-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 October 9
Housing	Meeting held October 10
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held October 23
Street and Highway	Meeting held October 16*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

That in Minute No. 9 of the Street and Highway Committee at their Meeting 16th October last, the words " That the Committee cannot recommend" down to the words "erected in the High Street" be not approved, and that there be substituted therefor the words "That the Committee do view the sites for kerb-side pumps in the High Street proposed by Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., and Alfred Miles, Ltd., with a view to their applications for same being granted."

Town Improvement and Spa ...	Meetings held October 6, 13 & 20
Electricity and Lighting ...	Meeting held October 19
Water	Meeting held October 12
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held October 17
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	Meeting held October 9
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held October 11
Burial Board .	Meeting held October 20
Public Library	Meeting held October 10
Finance	Meeting held October 24*

*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 4th December, 1922.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th November, 1922: Present- -The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

1-Chairman-----Resolved, That Councillor Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

2-Farms Sub-Committee-Resolved, That Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3-Plans Sub-Committee-- Resolved, That Alderman Steel, Councillors Leigh James and Rogers be appointed Representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

E. ROGERS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1922: Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

4-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-37, Sun Street ; 34, Upper Park Street ; 5, Springfield Place, Rosehill Street ; 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 31 (a), and 31 (b), 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.

5-Overcrowding at 1 Regent Place, Swindon Road ; 27, Upper Norwood Street ; 7, Roebuck Cottages ; 4, Providence Place, Portland Street ; and 3, Ebenezer Cottages, King Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

6-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 13 and 15, Stanhope Street ; 2, 4 and 5, Providence Place, Portland Street ; 1 and 3, Coltham Fields, Hale's Road ; 29, Hungerford Street ; 28, Hanover Street ; 37, Sun

Street ; 11, Worcester Street ; 5, Springfield Place, Rosehill Street ; and 34, 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.

7-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 31 and 32, Dunalley Parade ; 424 and 425, High Street ; and 9 and 10, Tewkesbury Road, 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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8—Insanitary Property—(a) 2, 4, and 5, Providence Place, Portland Street ; 1 and 3, Coltham Fields, Hale's Road ; 11 and 12, Worcester Street ; Nos. 1, 28 and 29, Hungerford Street; and 13, 14 and 15, 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 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) 8 and 9, Alstone Place As instructed by Minute No. 4 (d) at Meeting on 9th October last, the Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz.

	8, Alstone Place.	9, Alstone Place.
Messrs. Eggleton & Co.	£23 15 0	£23 0 0
Messrs. Mark Williams & Co	20 18 0	20 18 0
Edw. Eager ..	20 17 6	20 17 6

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

9—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwts. beef; 1 cwt. 2qrs. mutton ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs. pork, 68 tins of fish, fruit and meat.

10—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

11—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice A. Evans in respect of the Nelson Inn, High Street, and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, and Mr. Mickel Fortucci in respect of Nos. 20 and 21, Stanhope Street and Cottage at rear of 21, Stanhope Street, for renewal

of their registration as keepers of these Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That the registration be renewed for one year, from the 9th inst.

12—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the occupiers of 18, Grosvenor Street, 5, 6 and 10, Rutland Street, 5 and 7, Grove Street, and Cumberland Lodge, Grove Street, had failed to fill up the prescribed forms and give the necessary information for the registration of the premises as Houses let in Lodgings. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Bye-laws.

13—Hayden Sewage Farms—(a) Humus Tanks—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Humus Tanks had been completed.

(b) Storm Water and Effluent Carrier—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Sequestrator of Staverton-cum. Boddington with regard to the construction of the Carrier through Glebe land belonging to the living from which it appeared there would be considerable delay in obtaining the necessary consents. The Borough Surveyor reported that, subject to confirmation, he had arranged with the two adjoining land Owners for an alternative route for the Carrier, and submitted proposed terms as to compensation payable to these Owners and the provision and maintenance of fences, etc. He also submitted revised estimate of the cost of the work amounting to £1,600 exclusive of compensation, fences, etc. Resolved, That the terms arranged with the two Owners for alternative route be approved and agreements entered into with them accordingly. Resolved, also, That the estimate be approved and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for sanction to a loan of £1,700, that application be made for a grant of 65 per cent. towards payment of interest and sinking fund charges on the loan for a term of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 16 of the Committee's proceedings on the 11th September last, be varied accordingly.

14—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—1, Limbrick Cottages—Mr. W. H. F. Cousins attended the Meeting and stated that the work required to be done to these premises would be put in hand as soon as he could obtain possession of the adjoining house. Resolved, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be further adjourned for two months.

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15—Smallpox—Read, Circular 350 of the 6th inst., from the Ministry of Health forwarding Memorandum on steps to be taken on the occurrence of Smallpox. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health to take such action as he may consider necessary in the event of a case of Smallpox occurring.

16—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker. Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Whitaker be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Farms Manager's Report- —Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 13th inst. was 4 colts, 9 horses (6 at Depot), 1 calf, 83 head of cattle, 26 sheep, 107 lambs, and 42 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 cart horse had been purchased for £37. 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 12 heifers, 1 cow, 25 steers, 3 calves, 6 ewes, 12 lambs and 2 pigs had been sold for £886 14s. 1d.

Hayden Green Cottage —Windows--Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have two defective windows at the cottage in the occupation of Fred Mason replaced by new windows.

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 November 1922 ; Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and Moore.

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

2-Houses-(a) Inspection—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Clerk of Works' appointment terminated on the 28th ult., and that the inspection of houses was being dealt with by his Department.

(b) Defective Ceilings.- The Architects made a report on the claims for compensation made by the tenants of Nos. 28, 69, 95, 97, and 99, Tennyson Road in respect of inconvenience caused by the repair of defective ceilings. Resolved, That the claims be not entertained,

(c) Interovens—The Architects reported that the Interoven Stove Company, Ltd., had offered to supply three dozen hot plates to provide for replacements. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—Fields 395, 396, and 440— Resolved, That this land be advertised to let

4—Gloucester Road Land—The Town Clerk reported receipt of an application from the Principal, Technical Schools, for the use of a piece of land near Gloucester Road, by the Old Girls Hockey Society, for a Hockey Ground. Resolved, That the land be let at a rent of £3 for the Season.

5—Building Land—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the views of the Ministry of Health as to the sale of spare land for the erection of houses and shops by private enterprise.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Stanley, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; and Mrs. E. C. Gurney, and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Sawyer.

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

2— **Sub-Committees**—Resolved. That the following Sub-Committees be appointed for the ensuing year :—

Plans—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks and Mann.

Requisitions (Stationery, etc.)—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Yarnold.

Stores—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold.

Trees—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Sawyer.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 13th October to 16th November, 1922 (both dates inclusive), including particulars roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees pruned during the period, and number of slabs made during the period.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 9th inst., 910 loads collected, 893 consumed, 17 tipped away, (Weight consumed 1,143 tons, 17 ½ cwts).

4—Horses—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 28th ult., from the Veterinary Surgeon advising the disposal of a bay horse at the Leckhampton Depot. Resolved, That the horse be sent to the Sewage Farm.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 25th ult., from the Farms Manager stating that he had purchased a suitable for town work. Resolved, That the **Horse Sub-Committee** be authorised to take over the horse, at a sum to be agreed upon, subject to a few weeks' trial, and to its being passed by the Veterinary Surgeon.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Department had now only 4 horses on hire from Mr. H. Newman. And Mr. Newman had agreed to the payment for hire being reduced to 5s- per week for each horse and that the agreement should be terminable by either party by 2 months' notice. Resolved. That these terms be approved.

5—Railway Wagons— (a) Brakes—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of the 24th and 27th ult., from Wagon Repairs, Ltd., suggesting that the Board of Trade Regulation, requiring additional brakework to be fitted to the railway wagons, should be carried out gradually as wagons go in for repairs. The estimated cost was £5 per wagon. Resolved this be approved.

(b) Siding Rent—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Midland Railway Company asked that the amount claimed the Company for siding rents for crippled wagons should be paid without prejudice to a refund being made in the rote(of the decision on the case now pending before the Railway

Commissioners not being in their favour. Resolved, That payment be deferred pending the decision of the Commissioners.

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6—Dangerous Corner —Hewlett Street—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the attention of the Owners of Berkeley Place corner had been drawn to the dangerous condition of the wall against Hewlett Street, and he had suggested that this length of wall should be replaced by an open iron railing. The Owners were willing for this to be done, but asked the Corporation to bear the cost. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gloucester Corporation had ordered 1,250 square yards of slabs at 6s 3d., delivered to Gloucester. Resolved, That the slabs be supplied at price stated. Resolved, also, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept further orders for slabs as received.

8—Workmen—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to keep within the reduced estimates for Highways for the current financial year it would be necessary to reduce the number of workmen employed and notices of dismissal had been given to 18 men for whom work could not be provided without exceeding the estimates, but the notices had been suspended pending the Committee's instructions.

9— General Hospital—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Rev. C. C. Petch had undertaken the repair of a small portion of the Drive at the General Hospital, and had asked for the free use of a steam roller for a few hours. Resolved, That the application be granted.

10—Brooklyn Road--(a) Tenancy of Land—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mr. Wm. Moorman, 3, Cudnall Street, Charlton Kings, offering a rent of £8 per annum for the tenancy of 1 acre of arable land on the North-West side of Brooklyn Road. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to an agreement, to be prepared by Town Clerk, being entered into.

(b) Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that 1 ¼ acres of the land remained to be let as Allotments, and that he had received 11 applications therefor. Resolved, That the remaining 1 ¼ acres be let in Allotments at a rent of £1 per chain.

(c) Football Field. -Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Captain of Christ Church Football Club, expressing regret for damage done to fences, and stating that at a meeting called to consider the matter, the boys had given an undertaking that no further damage should be done.

11—Borough Surveyor's Department—Temporary Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that the appointment of the temporary Technical Assistant who had been engaged on the Humus Tanks had been terminated.

12-Turner's Field Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 20th ult, from Messrs. Engall Cox. & Co., complaining of the use of a portion of these Allotments as a Tip. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor with a view to a Tip being provided in a less prominent position.

13—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th ult. The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

Kerbside Pumps—(a) Warwick Place—That the application of Mr. T. Brunskill for permission to erect a kerbside pump be not granted in view of the narrowness of the road and footpath.

(b) London Road—That the application of Mr. F. Martin for permission to erect a kerbside pump in front of his premises at 11, Oxford Place, London Road, be granted, subject his entering into an agreement containing similar terms as in the case of applications previously granted.

(c) Bath Road—That the application of Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co. (1917) Ltd., for permission to erect a kerbside pump in front of their premises in Bath Road, be granted, subject to a similar agreement being entered into.

(d) St. Luke's Road—That the application of Mr. W. T. Baggs for permission to erect a kerbside pump in front of his premises at 4, St. Luke's Road, be adjourned for further consideration.

(e) Norwood Road—That the application of Mr. B. Blissett for permission to erect a kerbside pump in front of his premises in Norwood Road, be not granted.

Dangerous Corner—Moorend Park Road—Shurdington Road—That the proposed improvement be not proceeded with in view of the estimated cost, viz., £290.

Moorend Park Road —Bungalow —That the building line shewn on the plan submitted be approved.

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Light Railway—The Committee inspected the Leckhampton Section of the track.

Illuminated Advertising Screen—That consideration of the letters of the 13th and 24th ult., from the International Advertising Agency, be adjourned, and that the applicants be asked for particulars of proposed site and a sketch shewing dimensions, etc., of the proposed screen.

Resolved, That consideration of the recommendations with regard to kerbside pumps be adjourned until the position of the other pumps applied for have been viewed, and that the remaining recommendations of the View Committee be approved.

14—Light Railway —The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 17th inst., he accompanied the General Manager of the Light Railway Company over the Leckhampton Section of the track which in many places was in a decidedly worse condition than when the Committee inspected the same a month ago. This was due to the paving having been recently lifted by loose rails and water. In his opinion it was essential that the loose and defective rails should be made good as this was the main cause of the defective paving. Resolved, That particulars of the Borough Surveyor's report be forwarded to the Company and that they be pressed to have the rails properly secured.

15—Public Lighting and Trees—The Committee considered the Resolution passed by the Electricity and Lighting Committee at their last meeting as to public lighting being obscured by trees. The

Borough Surveyor reported that instructions had already been given for the trees to be lopped where necessary.

16- Street Projections—(a) Creamery Ltd, Pittville Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. Parnaby for per-mission to fix an illuminated sign at the premises of Creamery Ltd. Pittville Street, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Moorend Post Office—Resolved, That the application of Mr. J. T. Walkley for permission to fix a sign at these premises be adjourned, and that the applicant be asked to submit a sketch.

17—Overhead Telegraph Line—Read, Application of the 14th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line and one pole in Cranham Road. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging being affixed to such pole.

18—Gloucester Road Widening—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport (Roads Department), approving of the continuation of the widening of this road from Arle Court to the Borough Boundary. Resolved, That the work be proceeded with by unemployed labour obtained through the Employment Exchange.

19—Unclassified Roads—Surface-Tarring—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport (Roads Department) stating that the application of the Corporation for financial assistance towards the expenditure incurred in surface-tarring roads not classified as 1 or 2 could not be acceded to.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th November, 1922—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

20 —Street Projections—Moorend Post Office—The Town Clerk submitted sketch of sign proposed to be fixed at these premises by Mr. J. T. Walkley. Resolved, That permission be granted for the sign to be fixed, subject to the usual conditions.

21—Direction Sign —Read, application of the 23rd inst., from the Manager, Lilley Brook Hotel, for permission to fix a sign, directing motorists to the Hotel, on a tramway standard at the junction of Cirencester and London Roads. Resolved, That the applicant be asked to submit a sketch of the sign, showing dimensions.

22- Beaufort Place, London Road—Read, letters of the 22nd and 25th inst., from Mr. J. Lewis, renewing his protest against a wooden erection, opposite Beaufort Place, by Mr. S. T. Shenton. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

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23—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd inst :—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, and Sawyer (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows:—

Warwick Place—Portland Street Improvement—That the footpath in Portland Street be extended in accordance with the plan submitted.

Dangerous Corner-- Hewlett Street and High Street—That the respective Owners be asked to agree to rounding off and setting back corner four feet and substitution of an iron fence for existing wall for a distance of thirty feet in Hewlett Street, and that the Scheme be submitted to the Ministry of Transport for approval with a view to a grant being obtained towards the cost of the work.

College Road and Orrisdale Terrace—Trees—That the trees by "Vanstone " be not removed, but pruned.

Proposed Garage, 34, Imperial Square—That the owner be asked to submit an amended design.

Kew Place—That consideration of Mr. W. Morgan's complaint, re condition, be adjourned.

Leckhampton Depot— Horse--That this horse be disposed of by auction.

The Park—Tree—That the tree by Pembridge House be not removed, but attention drawn to trees, etc., in the garden.

College Road and High Street Corner—Tree—That the tree by Martyn's Monumental Works be removed.

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

24—Kerbside Pumps -The Committee further considered the following applications for permission to erect kerbside pumps for the distribution of petroleum from underground tanks :—

(a) T. Brunskill, Warwick Place ; (b) F. Martin, 11, Oxford Place ; (c) H. G. Norton & Co. (1917), Ltd., Bath Road ; (d) W. T. Baggs, St. Luke's Road; (e) B. Blissett, Norwood Road ; (f) Alfred Miles, Ltd., 117, High Street ; (g) H. E. Steel, Ltd., High Street ; and (h) C. Bullock & Co., Montpellier Street. Resolved, (i.) That the recommendations of the View Committee at their meeting on the 25th ult., with reference to (b), (c) and (e) be approved and confirmed ; (ii.) That consideration of the application of Mr. T. Brunskill (a) be adjourned for further view ; and (iii.) That the applications of Mr. W. T. Baggs (d), Alfred Miles, Ltd. (f), H. E. Steel, Ltd. (g), and C. Bullock & Co. (h) be granted, subject to Agreements being entered into containing similar terms as in the case of applications previously granted, and in the case of Alfred Miles, Ltd., and H. E. Steel, Ltd., subject also to the pumps being " Bowser " pumps or pumps of similar construction and dimensions with self-contained doors.

25—Land, Corner of St. George's Place and Manchester Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Rector had intimated to Mr. W. H. Horsley that he was unable to accept the latter's offer to buy this land, and submitted a letter of the 23rd inst., from the Rev. E. McLaren Marsden, Hon. Secretary, St. Paul's Training College, offering to purchase the land for £200. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept the offer, subject to a condition that the frontage line and plans of any building proposed to be erected thereon, shall be subject to approval by the Council.

26—Unemployment Relief Works—Hours—Resolved, That the working hours of the men to be employed on the continuation of the widening of Gloucester Road be 42 ½ hours a week.

27—Widening of Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the widening of Whaddon Lane, together with estimate amounting to £3,016 and provisional apportionment. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

28—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved except with reference to Plan No. 1659.

Plan No. 1659—Mr. W. H. Shruballs, representing Shell-Mex, attended and agreed on behalf of the Company to construct a brick wall in front of the buildings, having a return wall of the same height at each end for a depth of soft. Resolved, that subject to this alteration the plan 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 30th November, 1922. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the Chair).

29—Workmen—The Committee further considered the question of dispensing with the services of certain workmen in order to keep within the Estimates. The Borough Surveyor suggested that some of the men might be employed in making tarred clinker which would keep them employed without involving large expenditure for material and considerably reduce the amount by which the Estimates would otherwise be exceeded. Resolved, That the notices of dismissal be with-drawn and the men employed, as recommended, for the present.

JOHN D BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James and Rogers.

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

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1647.	C. S. Watts	Motor House, at " Brenta" Leckhampton Road (Amended Plan).
1650.	R. G. Berryman	Bungalow. Moorend Park Road.
1652.	Miss Gaultier	Motor House at 34, Imperial Square (Amended Plan).

1654.	E. A. H. Stewart	New Office Addition, Harley Lodge, Tivoli Circus.
1655.	Messrs. Barnby, Bendall & Co.	Extension of Office, St. James's Square.
1656.	Mrs. L. Champney	Temporary Motor House, " Yorkleigh," St. George's Road.
1657.	A. E. Woodward	New Bathroom, 17, Cambray.
1658.	Mrs. Webb	New Kitchen, 5, Pittville Terrace, Clarence Road.
1659.	Shell Mex. Ltd.	Steel framed and Corrugated Iron Building for Petroleum filling sheds and offices, Tewkesbury Road.
1660.	Miss Mather	New Garage and Additional Bedroom, "Orchard Priors," Battledown Approach.
1661.	The Gloucestershire Dairy Co.	Proposed covering in of existing roof garden, 2 and 3, Promenade.

Resolved, That plans Nos. 1650, 1654 and 1658 be approved, but that plan No. 1658 be subject to consideration by the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee ; That plans Nos. 1657 and 1660 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That plans Nos. 1647 and 1656 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 plan No. 1647 be also subject to the further condition that a proper crossing shall be provided over the public footpath ; and that plans Nos. 1652, 1655, 1659 and 1661 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th November, 1922

: Present : The Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer and Yarnold

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

2—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Pates, Stewart, Thomas, and Welstead be appointed the Concerts Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

3—Visitors--Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the ensuing year, viz:-

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Sawyer and Thomas.

Montpellier Gardens—Councillors Pruen and Rogers.

Town Hall and Winter Garden—Councillors Pates and Stewart.

Alstone Baths—Councillors Dicks and Stewart

Resolved, also, That the Visitors be asked to submit to the Committee Quarterly Reports of their visits.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1922: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

4—Town Hall—Read letter of 6th inst., from the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth, asking for the use of the Town Hall for the Hospitals' Ball. Resolved, That the Hall be let at the reduced charge of £15, plus cost of heating and lighting.

5—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman and he had accepted the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Sons to supply 200 tons of Princess Royal Steam Coal at 17s 7d per ton, delivered to the Central Depot in Corporation wagons. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for provision of W.C. accommodation for these premises, at a cost of £10. Resolved, That this be approved.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman

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

7—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Report—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 31st ult., and 14th inst. were read.

Resolved, That the following recommendations be approved :—

(a) Montpellier Gardens—Tennis Tournament—That the use of Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Traders' Association on Whit Monday next until 7.30 p.m., for a Tennis Tournament on the following terms :—The Corporation to receive 10 per cent. of gate receipts (with a minimum of £5) and to retain the right to hold a concert in the evening.

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(b) Town Hall—Hospitals' Ball—That the application of Miss Maud Kelley for the use of the Card Room for meetings of the Hospitals' Ball Committee, be granted, subject to payment of 5s for lighting and heating in connection with each meeting.

(c) Sunday Concerts—That a number of front seats be reserved in the body of the Town Hall at a charge of including tax.

8—Town Hall—(a) Resolved, That the use of one of the Balconies be granted to Miss Hardwick for a private tea party during a The Dansant at a charge of 10s 6d, and a payment by the Caterers of 6d. per head for each tea provided.

(b) It was reported that the lock on the door of the Information Bureau had been altered so that it could not be opened by the Master Key. Resolved, That the Traders' Association be asked to have this restored to its original condition.

9—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That an honorarium of £3 3s. 0d. be granted to Sister Godecharle for instructing Nurse Harris in bath treatment, provided that the latter remains in the service of the Corporation until the end of March next.

10—Alstone Baths—An application was made by Miss Kelley for the use of the Swimming Bath for her Badminton Club on Tuesday afternoons in addition to the times already agreed upon. Resolved, That this be granted on payment of an additional rent of £3, plus cost of lighting.

11—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 960 ; Montpellier Baths 23 ; Pittville Chalet 75 ; and Pittville Pump Room 42.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1922: Present—The Mayor ;
Councillors Mann, Stanley, and Capt. Trye.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd November, 1922. Present : Alderman
Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley and Welstead, (Councillor Moore in the Chair).

2—Meetings—The Chairman reported that he had been elected a Member of the Council of the I.M.E.A., and to enable him to attend the Meetings of the Council of the Association it would be necessary to alter the date of the Meetings of this Committee. Resolved, That this Committee consider it desirable that the undertaking should be represented on the Council, and that the Monthly Meeting of this Committee be held on Wednesday in the second week previous to the Town Council Meeting at 3 p.m.

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3—Electricity Charges and Meter Rents—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the receipts for the June and September quarters shewed an increase while there had been a reduction in cost, particularly in coal and labour. He was, therefore, able to recommend the Committee to make a further reduction in the charges for electricity and meter rents. Resolved, That the following revised Scale of Charges be approved and adopted, such charges to come into force after the reading of the meters for the December quarter :—

Lighting--Maximum Demand—For the first 125 hours' use per quarter of the Maximum Demand as shewn by the Demand Indicator, 8 ½ d. per unit.

For all additional units .. 4d.

Flat Rate--Ordinary Consumers (other than special supplies) .. 7 ½ d

Large Consumers (subject to guarantee and discounts as before) 6d.

Churches and Chapels 6d.

Cinematograph Halls—Combined rate 3 ¾ d.

Power—(other than special Contracts) 1 ½ d.

Meter Rents- 9d. per quarter for each meter not exceeding 1,000 watts capacity.
1s per quarter for each meter above 1,000 watts capacity.

4—Railway Wagons----The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Wagon Repairs Ltd. had now offered to enter into a fresh Contract for the maintenance and repair of the six railway wagons as from 1st September last at the rate of £6 2s. 6d. per wagon per annum, exclusive of shunting and siding rent charges, allowance having been made in the foregoing quotation for the unexpired period of the present Contract. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Common Seal be affixed to the new Contract.

5—Electric Light Standard—St. Margaret's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a standard at the corner of Rose and Crown Passage and St. Margaret's Road had been knocked down. Resolved, That a claim be made against the person responsible for the damage.

6—Battery Inspection—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of an offer from the Tudor Accumulator Co. to combine the inspection of the two batteries for an inclusive fee of £20 9s. 6d. per annum, and recommended the acceptance thereof. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

7—Public Lighting—(a) Promenade Long Garden—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that lamps similar to those near the War Memorial be placed at each corner of the Promenade Long Garden at a cost of £46 10s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Complaints—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of complaints from Councillor Capt. Trye and Councillor Sawyer, respectively, with reference to the lack of lighting in the Lane at the back of Great Norwood Street and Lane between London Road and Upper Park Street. Resolved, That these Lanes be viewed.

.8—Gas Tests—(a) Examiner's Periodical Reports.—Read, Reports of Gas Examiner of tests made on the 24th and 27th October ; 2nd, 11th, 19th and 22nd November last, which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 480.8, 471, 471.7, 479, 470 and 487.

(b) Quarterly Report— Read, Report of Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th September last which shewed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 476.9 B.T.U.

JAMES MOORE. Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th November, 1922: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Green ; and Councillors Pates, Stewart and Whitaker.

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 36 days, ended 13th Nov., 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	123,000 gallons	110,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	515,000	401,000
Leckhampton Springs	37,000	40,000
Total	675,000	554,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 13th November, 1922.	Contents	Depth 13th November, 1921.	Contents
Hewletts		21,717,000 gallons		12,148,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	17ft 6in.	35,452,000 "	6ft. 0in.	5,900,000 "
Leckhampton	7ft 0in.	945,000 "	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		58,114,000		19,398,000

Pumping had been continued day and night at Tewkesbury and daily at Sandford.

3—Inspections — The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during October had been as follows :—

	During October.	Total for past 7 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	800	4825
" taps found leaking ..	72	462
" defective flushing boxes	39	238
" defective stop taps ..	4	28
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	70	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>77</u>	
	147	851
" notices served re fittings	78	434
" meters changed .	8	157
" houses connected	65	449
" burst pipes discovered	13	58

The above concluded the complete inspection of the whole area, which had occupied 19 months.

4—Dowdeswell and Hewlett Reservoirs—Fish—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase trout for these Reservoirs at an estimated cost of £10.

5--Water Softener—The Committee Considered an application from the United Water Softener Ltd. to fix a water softener at St. Mark's Lodge, Libertus Road, and connect the same direct to the Water service. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the Consumer entering into an agreement to pay to per cent addition to the ordinary water charges.

6—Land at " The Mythe," Tewkesbury — Overhead Electric Line—The Committee considered an application from the Tewkesbury Electric Light Company, Ltd., for permission to erect two poles on this land to afford a supply to Mythe Tute House. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to an annual acknowledgment of 2s 6d per pole, the wayleave to be terminable by three months' notice by either party.

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7—Increase of Charges—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, asking the Corporation to agree to the amendment of the Order made by the Ministry so as to specify that the charge for water as fixed by the arbitrator, viz., 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 100 gallons shall be subject to a temporary increase of 45 per cent. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider such amendment necessary.

8—British Waterworks Association—Read, letter of the 12th ult., from this Association enclosing copy of the Articles of Association, and urging the desirability of the Corporation becoming a member.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Association was a valuable one, and that the annual subscription for membership was £3 3s. 0d. Resolved, That the Corporation become a member of the Association.

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, 21st November, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, and Yarnold.

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

2—Fire Brigade —Appointment of Sub-Committee --Resolved, That Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann. Sawyer and Stewart be appointed the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** for the ensuing year.

Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
24th October	The Arcade, High Street	£50	£3 18 0
9th November ..	Oriental Café, 395 High Street ..	£40 — £50 ..	£3 17 6

The Brigade had also been called to the following outbreaks of fire outside the Borough. but horses were not available on either occasion, and consequently the Brigade could not attend, viz.:-

6th November at Sevenhampton Manor.

18th November at Coberley Flour Mills.

Resolved, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report at an early date as to the provision of horses.

No. 1. Fire Engine—Examination—Read, Report of the Chief Engineer, National Boiler and General Insurance Co. Ltd., on an examination of the boiler of No. 1 Fire Engine on the 17th ult., when the same was found to be in order.

3—Market—Appointment of Sub-Committee — Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Green and Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Yarnold be appointed the **Markets Sub-Committee** for the ensuing year.

General Office—Heating and Lighting—The Town Clerk reported that on the application of Mr. C. C. Castle arrangements had been made for the heating and lighting of the General Market Office on the understanding that Mr. Castle will pay for the gas used as he is at present the only person making use of the General Office. Resolved, That this be approved.

Shed—Read, letter of the 17th inst, from Mr. C. C. Castle renewing his application for a shed on the terms previously offered by him, viz. :—Mr. Castle to pay 7 ½ per cent. per annum on the outlay. Resolved, That the Resolution of the Committee at their meeting on the 18th July last recommending that a shed be provided at an estimated cost not exceeding £75, subject to Mr. Castle agreeing to pay to per cent. per annum on the cost, be adhered to.

Pig Pens—Read, letters of the 6th and 10th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle asking for the pig pens to be refixed as he contemplated holding sales of pigs. Resolved, That the question of disposing of the sheep and pig pens be deferred.

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4—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever, viz. :—at Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Oxfordshire and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order, 1922, (2)—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order received from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Manchester (Water Street Market) and Newcastle-upon-Tyne Markets (Swine Fever) Orders 1922 — The Town Clerk submitted copies of these Orders and accompanying Circulars 84/T.A. from the Ministry of Agriculture. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider publication of these Orders necessary.

5—Municipal Offices—Lift—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 21st ult., from the Borough Electrical Engineer stating that the Lift had been thoroughly examined by the makers and estimating the cost of necessary renewals and replacements at approximately £20. Resolved, That these repairs be carried out. Resolved, also, (a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice exhibited near the Lift in the main Entrance Hall intimating that the Corporation will not hold themselves responsible for accidents to members of the public using the Lift and (b) That the Education Committee be asked to instruct Head Teachers to forbid school children attending the Education Department to use the Lift or to slide down the bannisters.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Resolved. That the following applications for Hackney Carriage Licences be granted :—Albert N. Wiggett (Car No L.E.6430) ; and Frederick C. S. Newman (No. M.C. 2532).

(a) Resolved, also, That the following applications for Hackney Carriage Licences be granted, subject to the requirements mentioned in the reports of Messrs. Mills & Sons being complied with :—Bertie Mann (Car. No. A.R. 7760) and Gilbert W. Bridges (No. A.D. 599).

(b) Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to Sidney Butt of Albert Road Garage, Pittville.

7—Taxi-Cab Service—Fares—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association that, having regard to the general fall in the cost of living and materials since the present scale of Fares was agreed to, this Committee is of opinion that a reduction in the fares should be made.

8—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—(a) Read, application of the 13th inst., from the Queen's Hotel Co. Ltd., for a licence to store 700 gallons of petroleum, to be distributed from a pump in the yard of the Hotel, instead of 200 gallons as at present.

(b) An application was also received from Messrs. C. Bullock & Co. for a licence to store 750 gallons of petroleum, to be distributed from a kerbside pump at their premises in Montpellier Street, instead of 250 gallons as at present.

The Inspector reported that there was no objection to the applications being acceded to. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly, but that in the last-named case, the application in regard to the kerbside pump be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

(c) An application was also received from Mr. Wm. C. Hulm for a licence to store 300 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium at 320a High Street (Dragoon Cycle Co. Ltd.) Resolved, On the recommendation of the Inspector that a licence be granted to store 112 lbs. of carbide of calcium.

9—Shops Acts—Inspector's Reports —Read, Reports of the 19th inst., from the Shops Acts Inspector as to the non-provision of seats for female shop assistants, as required by Section 3 of the Shops Act,

1912, at the following premises :—Promenade Cafe (Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.); Kunz, Confectioners, Promenade, and Locke & Sons, Confectioners, Montpellier Arcade.

The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the persons concerned informing them that the non-provision of seats was an infringement of the Act, and pointing out that seats should be provided in the proportion of not less than one seat to every three female shop assistants employed in each room. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's action be approved and that he be instructed to take proceedings in these and similar cases, if necessary.

10—Athletic Ground—Fair—Read, Memorial, signed by residents in the St. John's District, protesting against fairs being held on the Athletic Ground, Albion Street. Resolved, That a copy of the Memorial be forwarded to the Lessees of the Ground (Cheltenham Rugby Football Club).

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11—National Scheme for Disabled Men—Read, Circular letter of the 17th inst., from the Local Employment Committee suggesting that the King's National Roll die be inserted in advertisements issued by the Corporation. Resolved, That no action be taken.

12—Ex-Service Men, Cancellation of Government Maintenance, etc.—Read, circular letter of the 28th ult., from the Town Clerk, South Shields, forwarding the following Resolution adopted by the Council of that Borough, and asking that similar action be taken. "That this Council strongly protest against the callous treatment meted out by the Ministry of Pensions to ex-service men who are mental patients in our Asylums by the cancellation of their Government maintenance and weekly allowances ; also the stopping of the pensions of war widows whose husbands' deaths were not directly attributable to war service, with the result that these men and women will be pauperised and dependent on Rate-payers who are unable to meet the demand. This Council urges that immediate legislative measures be taken for the renewal of the before mentioned Government maintenance, weekly allowances and pensions." Resolved, That the Council be recommended to support the Resolution and that a copy thereof be sent to the Prime Minister, and the Ministry of Pensions.

13—Committee Fixtures, 1922-23—Resolved, That meetings of Committees of the Council for 1923 be fixed as last year, except that the Allotments Committee be held on the first Monday after the Council Meeting at 11.30 a.m., to be immediately followed by the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee ; that the Electricity and Lighting Committee be held on the third Wednesday after the Council Meeting at 3 p.m. ; that the Burial Board Committee be held on the third Friday after the Council Meeting at 2.45 p.m., and that any necessary alteration of dates be made for meetings which would otherwise fall on or near a Bank Holiday.

14—Local Employment Committee—It was reported that Councillor Regan was unable to serve as a Representative of the Corporation on the Co-opted Members' Panel of the Local Employment Committee. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to nominate the new member for the East Ward when elected.

15—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that 17 applications had been received for the appointment of Second Assistant in his Department, and that, having interviewed Messrs. Richard Board (Town Clerk's Department, Taunton), G. W. Tompkins (Clerk's Office, Cornwall C. C.),

and R. Wells (Market Harborough), he had appointed the first named at a salary of £150 per annum, rising to £200 by annual increments of £10. Resolved, That this be approved.

16—Council Meetings—Prayer—Resolved, That this Committee unanimously support the proposal that Meetings of the Council be opened with prayer.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
(JOINT MEETINGS). REPORT.**

The Joint Committee appointed by the Council on the 3rd July last to survey the salaries and appointments of the Staff, as apart from the workmen, met on **the 27th July last**. Present: The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Horsley and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

The Committee carefully considered list of Officials and salaries paid, and certain suggestions for effecting economies were referred to the Public Health Committee, Street and Highway Committee and Finance Committee for consideration and report.

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The Joint Committee met again on the 28th November, 1922. Present : The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

It may be well to state shortly the facts which led up to the adoption by the Council of the maximum and minimum Scale now in force. The first application for a war bonus was made by the Officials early in 1917 and was refused. The Council were urged by the Municipal Officers' Guild, supported by the Local Government Board and the N.A.L.G.O., to reconsider the matter and adopt the Civil Service Scale or to refer the matter to arbitration, but the Council did not alter their previous decision until 3rd March, 1919, when, on the recommendation of the Joint Committee, some small bonuses were granted to some, but not all, of the Officials. The Civil Service Scale was increased by Award No. 84 as from the 1st April, 1919, and further letters were received from the Local Government Board and Ministry of Labour urging the Council to adopt this Scale.

On the 1st December, 1919, the Council, on the recommendation of the Joint Committee, decided to grant an increased bonus to the Officials (excluding certain Officials).

In the meantime the Civil Service Scale had been further increased by Award No. 102 as from 19th November, 1919, and was again increased by Award No. 102 as from 1st March, 1920, and further representations were made by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, and the N.A.L.G.O. in regard to the bonuses granted by the Council. The question was again considered by the Joint Committee, who recommended the Council to do away with the war bonus system and to adopt the present maximum and minimum Scale which was approved by the Council on the 6th September, 1920, and came into operation on the 1st October, 1920. This Scale was considerably lower than the Civil Service Scale, which was adopted by many Local Authorities including the County Council and the Gloucester Corporation. The Scale admittedly was not based on the then cost of living but on what was considered to be the fair value of the various positions and the object of fixing a maximum

and minimum Scale was in order that persons entering the employment of the Corporation might know the maximum salary which might be expected for the appointment. Since the Scale was adopted several appointments have been made in accordance with the Scale. The Joint Committee do not see their way to recommend a general reduction of salaries, but on going through the list of salaries have made such adjustments as appeared to be fair and reasonable.

They make the following recommendations :--

1—Water Department—That the salary of Mr. J. S. Pickering as Water Engineer be referred to the Water Committee for consideration and report.

2—Street and Highway Department—That the salary of the Outdoor Superintendent be reduced from £257 8s. 0d. to £200 per annum.

3- -Bath Superintendents—That the salaries of the Superintendents of the Montpellier and Alstone Baths be reduced from £193 12s. 0d. to £156 per annum.

4—Electricity Department—That the salary of the Electricity Accountant be reduced from £318 10. to £275 per annum.

5—Public Health Department--That the salary of the Disinfecting Assistant be reduced from £180 to £150 per annum.

6—Farms Manager—That the salary of the Farms Manager be reduced from £420 to £400 per annum.

7—Rates Department –That Mr. E. J. Cornock be transferred to the Finance Department when a suitable opportunity arises and that a Junior at a lower salary be engaged in his place.

Borough Accountant—Mr. Minett has intimated his desire to resign his appointment at the end of the year. The Joint Committee recommend :-

8—That his resignation be accepted to take effect on the 31st December, 1922, and that he be appointed Consulting Accountant for a period of 5 years from that date if he shall so long be able and willing to render to the Council and their Officials all information and assistance reasonably required by them in connection with the work of the Borough Accountant's Department, and that he be paid his present salary up to the 31st March next, and thereafter a salary of £200 per annum, during the remainder of the period of his appointment as Consulting Accountant.

9—That Mr. E. W. Deacon be appointed Borough Accountant as from the 1st January next at a salary of £400, rising by annual increments of £25 to £550 per annum.

10—That the salary of Mr. Alan Lewis (Cashier), be increased as from the 1st January next from £238 12s. 0d. to £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £275 per annum, and that he take charge of the Department in the absence of the Borough Accountant.

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11—That the salary of Mr. G. B. Pearce (General Clerk) be increased as from the 1st January next from £225 to £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £275 per annum.

12—That the salary of Mr. P. J. Midwinter (Ledger Clerk) be increased as from the 1st January next from £156 per annum to £175 per annum.

13—That the salary of the two Assistant Ledger Clerks be reduced from £171 12s. 0d. to £150 per annum in each case.

14—That the salary of the Wages Allocation Clerk be reduced from £115 to £130 per annum.

15—That Mr. S. A. E. Harris be transferred to the Electricity Department at his present salary.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Taylor, F. Vizard, and E. M. Yeend.

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

2—Visitors of Allotments—Resolved, That the following be appointed Visitors of the Allotments for the ensuing year :—North and West Wards—Messrs. E. Taylor and Vizard. East and South Wards—Mr. E. M. Yeend.

3--Allotments—The Town Clerk reported as to the Allotments vacant—Resolved, That Messrs. J. Halford and S. H. Jenkins be allowed to retain the allotments in their possession and that notice be given for letting the other vacant allotments.

DANIEL REGAN, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1922: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

2—Visitors of Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the following be appointed Visitors of the Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year:—

Agg-Gardner—Councillors Regan and Yarnold.

Barrett's Mill—Councillors Pruen and Welstead.

Naunton Park—Aldermen Bendall and Steel.

Whaddon Lane—Councillors Sawyer and Stanley.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers, Stewart and Captain Trye.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be Appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 1,925 (against 2097). Sale of postcards £1 3s. 8d..

The Third Exhibition of Paintings by the Cheltenham Group of Artists would be held to 27th November to 6th January.

The following loans had been received :

Colonel E. R. Morton—Two MS. copies of the Koran.

Miss A. Grahame—Two pieces of Italian (18th century) embroidery.

Lady Dixon Hartland--Water-colour picture by Copley Fielding.

The following gifts had been received:—

Mr. H. Beresford Stevens—One rubbing of brass at Whittington ; four coloured drawings of Medieval county glass.

Colonel E. R. Morton—One Tibetan painting ; two Tibetan spoons.

Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S.—Two geological specimens.

Mr. T. C. Nixon—Carved stone head from Egypt.

4—Loan Exhibition—Resolved, That authority be given to the Curator to visit South Kensington Museum to select objects for the next loan.

5—Neolithic Pottery, etc.—Read, Application from Mr. O. G. S. Crawford, B.A., F.S.A., Archaeology Officer for the Ordnance Survey Department, for the loan of rare Neolithic pottery for Exhibition to the Society of Antiquaries and illustration in the Society's proceedings ; also for photographs of West Tump, Lower Swell and Belas Knapp Long Barrows, for reproduction in his forthcoming book. Resolved, That the Curator attend the meeting of the Society of Antiquaries with the Notgrove Neolithic objects.

6—Chinese Porcelain Room—Resolved, That tenders be obtained for distempering this room and minor alterations in corridor leading thereto, and that the Mayor and Curator be authorised to accept a suitable tender.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 17th November, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th November, 1922; Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2--Meetings--Resolved, That the Monthly Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday in the second week previous to the Council Meeting, at 2-45 p.m.

3--Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 20th October to 23rd November, 1922 (both dates inclusive). Interments, 41 ; Exclusive Rights in 13 graves sold (first class, 1, second class, 3, and fourth class 9) ; Memorials erected, 13 ; Inscriptions on Monuments 5.

4—Cemetery Walks—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the several walks to be repaired so far as the estimate for the current financial year will permit.

5—Maintenance of Grave 4888X—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Miss Edith Wood, stating that she had made provision in her Will for £50 to be paid to the Burial Board for the maintenance of grave 4888X in perpetuity. Resolved, That Miss Wood be informed that the Corporation will accept this sum for maintenance of the grave.

6 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6642 to 6654 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

7—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Georgianna L. Arnold, Agnes H. Buschbeck, Muriel M. Greening, and Frances M. Pearce ; Headstone and kerbing to the grave of John, Mary and William John Dunn ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to the grave of Grace Stead ; Headstones to the graves of Colonel A. Burton, Samuel and Edward Alfred Broom, Sarah S. and Harry Eldridge, and Elsie Simpson ; Flat stone to the grave of Mary A. W. Atkinson ; Kerbings to the graves of Lieut-Colonel Claude T. Ducat, Mary A. Foster, Elizabeth Holder, Belinda Holtham, Richard W. Hudson, Edward C. Perreau, and Muriel Tredrea.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th November, 1922: Present—Alderman Green ; Councillor Mann ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. J. N. Claridge, Dr. R. Davies, E. Gridley, A. Miles, and E. C. Rogers.

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

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann and Regan ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year. Resolved, also, That the filling of the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. W. R. Carles, C.M.G, be deferred.

3—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for October. Receipts, £8 10s. 8d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 3,806 (last year 3,566). Lending Library, 10,925 (against 12,109). Children's Library, 1,510 (against 1,949) Although the Reference issue shows a continued increase, that in other Departments results in a total decrease of 1,383 volumes. Allowance should be made for only 4 Saturdays against 5 last year ; but the drop is due mainly to absence of fresh books, the soiled condition of the works most in demand, and to the fact that 288 volumes are at present laid aside to await re-binding, while some 837 volumes, which have been worn out by frequent use, have been withdrawn during recent months. Of this latter number at least 300 of the more popular and standard works should be replaced. The Librarian's estimate for re-binding the 288 volumes is £34, and for replacing 300 volumes approximately £45. As the Estimate submitted by the Library Committee last March was cut down from £1,600

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to £1,300, the sum originally provided for new books, re-binding and replacements (£320) was reduced to £120, and this has already been practically spent. The Committee regret to report, therefore, that the essential work of re-binding and replacement of popular standard works, to say nothing of the adding of new books, must cease for the current financial year, if a serious debt is not to be incurred.

Presentations—Mr. W. F. Chapman (35 vols.), H.M. Stationery Office (28 vols. and pamphlets), Mr. E. F. B. Fell (2 vols.) Messrs. Paton (1 vol.), London Association of Accountants (1 vol.), Mrs. H. Gillespie (1 vol.), Archdeacon Gardner (4 vols.), Anonymous (1 vol.), Mr. T. B. Bushnell (The MS. of the second series of " Storied Windows " by the late A. J. de Havilland Bushnell).

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—It was reported that 225 persons attended the first of the Winter Lectures which was given by Dr. G. A. Cardew. A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel and Councillor Dicks.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th November, 1922. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen 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, dated 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £4,726 14s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £32,548 11s. 11d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £3002 16s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £16,496 13s. 7d.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased three lots of £100 Corporation Stock at 65 ½ per cent. and one lot of £80 for £45, plus expenses £3 13s. 6d. Resolved, That the sum of £380 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.

5—Loans—Rate of Interest—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received replies from 56 Lenders (making 91 altogether) agreeing to continue their loans at reduced rate of interest offered. Resolved, That the debentures be 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 December, 1922, at 3 p.m.

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

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

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

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—Unemployment—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Manager, Local Employment Exchange, suggesting certain painting works which might be put in hand at an early date and giving the following statistics as to persons out of employment in the town at the present date :—

Men Total number unemployed ...	1269 .
Women” “	204
Juveniles “ “	<u>147</u>
Total ...	1620

Read also, letter of 4th inst., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, urging the Town Council to proceed with the painting of the original Electric Standards, to provide work for the painters of whom there were more than one

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hundred out of employment Resolved, That the letters be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration.

3—Housing— Unhealthy Areas—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that a grant of £200,000 was available towards losses incurred by local authorities on slum clearance schemes, and that some allocation out of the £200,000 could be made as a contribution towards losses on such a scheme if approved by the Ministry ; any such contribution would be contingent on the Council undertaking a scheme calculated to involve a total loss, of approximately double the amount of the Ministry of Health's grant. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Public Health Committee.

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 :—

Public Health... Meetings held November 10, 13

Housing ... Meeting held November 14

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held November 17

Street and Highway Meetings held November 20, 27 & 30

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held November 10, 17 & 24

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 17, 23

Water Meeting held November 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 21

General Purposes and Watch, and Finance (Joint Meeting) Meetings held July 27 and Nov. 28*

*Subject to the following amendments, viz. :— That Minute No. 10 be amended by omitting the words "and that he take charge of the Department in the absence of the Borough Accountant" and that Minute No. 11 be amended by altering the words "General Clerk" to Chief Clerk."

Allotments	Meeting held November 13
Parks, and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held November 13
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held November 22
Burial Board	Meetings held November 17 & 24
Public Library	Meeting held November 14
Finance	Meetings held November 17 & 28*

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*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.

The Motions in the names of Councillor Whitaker and Councillor Stanley were not moved by them.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, 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 1st January, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, 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.:—16, Victoria Street ; 30, New Street ; Calkein Cottage, Malthouse Lane ; Glyndon Villa, Carlton Street ; 77, Brunswick Street ; 43, Montpellier Villas ; 2, Bath Street ; 30, Elm Street ; 1 and 2, Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road ; and 6, Newent Place, Marsh Lane. 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 movable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at (a) 9a and 13a, Russell Place, The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

(b) 2, Ebenezer Cottages, King Street; 27, Upper Norwood Street ; and 7, Roebuck Cottages, Hereford Place. The Sanitary Inspector reported that Notices served to abate the overcrowding at these premises had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel the abatement of the Nuisances.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 2,7, 8, 9, and 16, Casino Place ; 11, Hanover Parade ; 14, Courtenay Street ; 4, Orchard Cottages ; and 15, Albert Street, St. Peter's. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 5 and 6, Belmont Terrace ; 17, Bath Terrace, Bath Road ; 4, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; 20, Great Norwood Street ; and 55, St. James' Street. The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 14, Courtenay Street ; 9 and 10, Tewkesbury Road ; Compasses Inn, New Street ; 11, Sidney Street; and Quebec House, Albion Street. The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had entered these premises and examined the drains etc., and found them to be defective requiring to be replaced with new drains and water closets. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 45 of the Public health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises, requiring them to do the works required within 28 days.

5—Insanitary Property--1 and 2, Victoria Parade, Victoria Street ; 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10. 14 and 16, Casino Place ; 14, Courtenay Street ; Glyndon Villa, Carlton Street ; .16, Clare Place, Bath Road ; 4, Butts Cottages, Malvern Street ; 15, Albert Street, St. Peters. 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--Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

7—Royal Sanitary Institute—Annual Congress—Read, letter of the 8th instant from the Secretary inviting delegates to attend the 34th Congress of the Institute to be held at Hull from the 30th July to the 4th August next. Resolved, That the Chairman accompanied by either the Medical Officer of Health or Sanitary Inspector be appointed delegates to attend the Congress.

8—Ladies' Lavatory—Read, letter of 31st October, 1922, from Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Women's Guild, urging the need of a ladies' lavatory in the main Street of the town. Resolved, That the Chairman, The Mayor, and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the provision of a ladies' lavatory.

9—Public Abattoir-----Humane Killer— Read, letter from Mrs. E. L. Daubenny, local Hon. Secretary to the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals urging the adoption of Bye-law requiring the use of the Humane Killer. Resolved, That as the Committee have so recently considered this question, that the proposal be not entertained.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—1 and 2 Higgs Cottages, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises in respect of which a closing order was made in May, 1913, were now in a ruinous condition, and should be demolished. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner of the premises that it is the intention of the Committee at their next Meeting to consider the question of making a Demolition Order.

11—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops order —Read, applications for registration as purveyors of milk from Messrs. A. A. Cheney, 230, High Street ; O. E. Holtham, Radnor, Moorend Crescent ; J. Lethbridge, 32, Winchcomb Street ; and H. G. Ballinger, 1, Fairview Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises of the two latter applicants were unsuitable. Resolved, That the first two applications be granted, and the two latter refused.

12—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 21 cwts. 11 lbs. of beef; 3 cwt. 14 lbs. of Pork ; 1 qr. 2 lbs. of mutton ; and 6 tins of unsound fish.

13—Houses—Unhealthy Area—Read, letter of 29th November from Ministry of Health stating that a grant of £200,000 had been provided for giving assistance towards losses incurred by Local Authorities on slum clearance schemes, out of which a contribution could be made, upon the Council undertaking a scheme calculated to involve a total loss of approximately double the Ministry of Health's contribution. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

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14—Barn Farm—Underdrainage—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for the underdrainage of 16 ½ acres of land at the Barn Farm. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

15—Storm Water Carrier at Hayden—The Town Clerk reported that the agreements with Mr. Lane and Mr. Colebatch for the construction of the water course through their lands, had been completed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to commence this work.

16—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 11th inst. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 11th inst. was 9 horses and 6 at Depot, 4 colts, 78 head of cattle, 1 calf, 16 sheep, 98 lambs, and 32 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 10 ewes, 8 lambs,

4 bullocks, 1 heifer, 1 calf and 20 pigs had been sold for £216 1s. 7d. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase Railway sleepers for fencing, at a cost of about £4.

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, 12th December, 1922: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Smiths Systems Factory—Read, correspondence between the Borough Surveyor and Smiths Systems, Ltd., as to improvement of the outside appearance of their property.

2-Site for Almshouses -Read, letter from the Secretary of the Charity Organization Society, applying for about 4000 yards on the Housing Estate, at the corner of the Central Road, as a site for the erection of the Jessie Mary Chambers Almshouses Resolved, That the Council be recommended to sell the land (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) for the sum at which the land is valued by the District Valuer.

3—Tenants—Resolved, That the tenants be supplied with a copy of the conditions of tenancy.

4-126, Tennyson Road—Resolved, That the deposit be returned to the late tenant after deducting amount due for rent.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th December, 1922—Present; The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, 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 17th November, to 14th December 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 four weeks ended 7th inst., 740 loads collected, 716 consumed, and 24 tipped away. (Weight consumed 995 tons).

2 -Gloucester Road Widening—The Borough Surveyor reported that the continuation of the widening of this road from Arle Court to the Borough boundary was commenced with unemployed labour on the 11th inst.

3—Clarence Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an order from the Light Railway Co., for the reinstatement of the asphalt in Clarence Street to be earned out at the cost of Company, leaving open the question as to liability for the damage to the Company's cable.

4--Street Projections—(a) 100, Albion Street—Lamp Bracket—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. Stevens for permission to fix an electric Lamp Bracket outside these premises, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Troy House, Manchester Street—Barber's Pole—Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. Mansell for permission to fix a Barber's pole at these premises be granted.

(c) 344, High Street—Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Co., to fix a swinging sign at these premises be not granted.

5—Direction Sign—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Manager, Lilley Brook Hotel, forwarding sketch of motor direction sign proposed to be fixed on tramway standard at junction of Cirencester and London Roads. Resolved, That no objection be offered thereto, subject to the consent of the Light Railway Co., being obtained.

6—Relief of Unemployment—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from the Secretary, Local Employment Exchange, urging the provision of further work to relieve unemployment. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plan and estimate of the cost of widening (i.) Albion Street (North Side) from North Street to Portland Street, and (ii) Dunalley Street, with a view to application being made for a grant towards the cost.

7—Dangerous Corner Hewlett Street and High Street—The Town Clerk reported that the respective Owners had agreed to the proposed improvement to this corner.

8—Land, Corner St. George's Place and Manchester Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and recommended that a strip of frontage should be at once added to the footpath as shewn on the plan. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and that the fence be set back to the improved line at the cost of the Corporation and the remainder of the land included in the sale to St. Paul's Training College, and that they be allowed to build up to the improved frontage line.

9—Kerbside Pumps—(a) Norwood Road—Sue-01k Street Corner—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. B. Blissett had agreed to fix a " Shell " pump, with self-contained door, in Suffolk Street at the point suggested by the View Committee, viz., 'oft. from the corner. Resolved, That permission be granted for the erection of the pump, subject to an Agreement being entered into containing similar terms as in the case of the other applications granted.

(b) Applications were also received from the Cheltenham Car Mart (Pittville Mews) and Mr. O. H. Goulding (Lansdown Place Garage) for permission to erect pumps at their respective premises. Resolved, That the proposed positions of the pumps be viewed.

10—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th December : Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Illuminated Advertisement Screen—That permission be granted to the International Advertising Agency to place an Illuminated Advertisement Screen at the second floor window at 369, High Street, subject to the condition that the same shall not project more than 3 feet 9 inches at foot, and 3 feet at the top thereof, and to an undertaking being given to remove the screen on three months' notice from the Corporation, but such notice shall not be given so as to require its removal before expiration of twelve months from date of erection.

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(b) Kerbside Pump, Warwick Place—That the application of Mr. T. Brunskill for permission to erect a Bowser kerbside pump in front of his premises be granted, subject to his entering into an agreement containing similar terms as in the case of the other applications granted.

(c) Grafton Road--Trees—That the application of Colonel Bennet for removal of two chestnuts near Mossborough be not acceded to.

(d) Rowan field Road—That no action be taken in regard to this road at the present time.

(e) Tivoli Circus—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the kerbing of the footpath repaired where necessary.

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

11—**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 confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 18th December, 1922: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, 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.
1652	Miss Gaultier	Motor House at 34, Imperial Square (Amended Plan).
1662	O. H. Goulding	Extension of Garage in lane at rear of Lansdown Place.
1663	A. E. Scott	Temporary Motor House, Church Road, St. Marks.
1664	A. W. Lewis	Temporary Motor House at rear of 2, North Parade, Winchcomb Street.
1665	Miss R.	Eamonsen Bungalow at Whaddon Lane.
1666	C. S. Brookes	Temporary Workshop at Swindon Road.
1667	Education Committee	New Schools, (St. Peter's) Swindon Road.

Resolved, That plans Nos. 1665 and 1667 be approved; That plans Nos. 1652, 1663, 1664 and 1666 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. 1652 and 1664 be subject to the further condition that a proper crossing shall be provided over the public footpath ; and that plan No. 1662 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th December, 1922: Present : Councillors Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, application from the Secretary, Cheltenham United Services Club, for the provision of a bowling green for the use of ex-Service men belonging to the Club. Resolved, That the Cheltenham United Services Club be granted the use of this green for next season upon the following terms :—

- (1) The Club to pay a rent of £10 (to include the use of a room for the storage of the woods).
- (2) To pay the usual rate for any water used.
- (3) To keep the green in good order during the season and until the commencement of the following season.
- (4) No tent or other structure to be erected on the green.
- (5) To allow non-members the use of the green on payment of reasonable green fees.
- (6) The Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the green at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Club.
- (7) The Council to also have the right to terminate the letting by one month's notice if the ground is required for the purpose of any scheme of improvement, in which case a proportional abatement shall be made in the rent.

2-Town Hall—Resolved, That a long mirror be purchased for the ladies' cloak room at a cost of £2 10s.

3—Alstone Baths —Badminton—The Town Clerk reported that the Badminton Club had asked for some additional lamps to be provided and had agreed to contribute £20 towards the cost of the electrical installation, on condition that if their tenancy was not renewed for the 1923-24 season two-thirds of this amount should be returned, and if not renewed for the 1924-25 season, one-third of this amount should be refunded. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to and that the additional lights asked for be installed at an estimated cost of £25.

4—Montpellier Garden—Resolved, That on completion of the hard tennis court a board be placed advertising the court, and that an opening match be arranged.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st December, 1922: Present—The Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

5—Sunday Evening Orchestral Concerts—Resolved That the Sunday Evening Orchestral Concerts be not continued after the 31st instant.

6—Montpellier Baths—Christmas Holidays—Resolved. That, in view of the small number of bookings for medical baths, the baths be not open this year on the day after Boxing Day.

7—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 28th ult., and 12th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows:—

Town Hall—Boxing Morning Concert—That the services of Mr. Jack Dainton and his Marionettes be engaged at a charge of £2 2s., plus portorage expenses.

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Children's Thé Dansants—That Thé Dansants for Children be held on the 23rd and 28th December, 3rd and 10th January. Admission 2s 6d, inclusive of tea and dancing.

Dances—That a Fancy Dress Ball be held on Boxing Night. Admission 5s 6d, including refreshments ; and that a Cinderella Dance be held on the 27th December, Admission 3s

Piano—That the upright piano be repaired at a cost not exceeding £5 5s.

Sunday Concert—That hand-bell ringers be engaged for the Sunday Concert on the 31st instant.

Ticket Collector—That a man be engaged to take tickets, etc., at the Thé Dansants during the Winter Season, in place of A. MacGregor, who is leaving. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

8—Mineral Waters -Sales--The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows —Central Spa 691 ; Montpellier Baths 14 ; Pittville Chalet 33 ; and Pittville Pump Room

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th December, 1922. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Trye and Whitaker, (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electric Lamp Standards—Painting—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for painting about 100 of the original lamp standards.

2-Extension of Mains—Swindon Road New Schools—Resolved, That the Cable be extended from High Street for a supply to the new schools in Swindon Road, subject to the Education Committee paying for the cost of the extension, not exceeding £150.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of applications for supplies in Swindon Road and Arle Road. He estimated the cost of the extension required in Swindon Road at £138, and the extension in Arle Road at £386. Resolved, that the extensions be made, subject to the applicants making the contributions towards the cost, or giving the guarantees of revenue recommended by the Engineer.

3—Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the street lamps should remain alight until 1-30 a. m. on the 31st December —1st January. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on Monday, 18th instant : Present--The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

PUBLIC LIGHTING-The Committee visited the localities in respect of which complaints had been received, and recommended as follows :—

Lane from London Road to Upper Park Street—That an additional lamp be placed in the lane near Upper Park Street.

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Cleeve View Road—That the bracket on the lamp the corner of Hewlett Road be replaced by one having a projection of about eighteen inches.

St. Margaret's Road—That consideration of the lighting at this position be deferred.

Hatherley Road—That, in view of the heavy cost of extending the public lighting to the Borough Boundary, consideration be deferred until next summer, and that in the meantime the district be canvassed for private consumers.

Merestones Road—That no additional lighting be provided.

Lane at back of Great Norwood Street—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to try the effect of fixing a reflector on the premises at the corner of Suffolk Road.

Pilley Lane—That the present lamp be moved to the other side of Old Bath Road.

Sandford Mill Road—That two new lamps be fixed in the portion of the road recently re-made.

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

5—Electric Lamp Standard—St, Margaret's Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an offer to pay half the cost of reinstating this lamp (£3 4s. 4d.) Resolved, That this be accepted.

6—Gas Tests—Examiner's Periodical Reports.—Read, Reports of Gas Examiner of tests made on the 30th November, 7th, 12th and 19th, December, which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 483.3, 476.0, 489.5, 485.3.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th December, 1922 : Present-The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Green ; Councillors 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 11th Dec., 1922.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	523,000 gallons	105,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	524,000	422,000
Leckhampton Springs	37,000	<u>33,000</u>
Total	586,000	560,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th December, 1922.		11th December, 1921.	
Hewletts		25,177,000 gallons		12,563,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft 6in.	39,037,000	7ft. 0in.	7,497,000
Leckhampton	10ft 0in.	1,350,000	1ft. 0in.	135,000
Total Storage		65,564,000		20,195,000

Pumping had been continued day and night at Tewkesbury and daily at Sandford.

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

No. of house-to-house inspections	During November.	Total for past 8 months.
	825	5650
" taps found leaking ..	126	588
" defective flushing boxes	52	290
" defective stop taps ..	6	34
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	116	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>67</u>		
" notices served re fittings .	183	1034
	91	525
" meters changed .	9	166
" houses connected ..	59	508
" burst pipes discovered ..	21	79

The Borough Engineer also reported that the Inspection of the whole of the Borough and out Parishes began in April,				
1921, and was completed in October, 1922. The Inspection had been made by the two Inspectors with occasional help				
from the Meter Inspector.				
Total number of houses inspected . . . 13275				
Number of taps found leaking 2095				
" " flush boxes found defective 852				
" " top taps found defective 152				
" " draw taps re-washed .. 2970				
" " notices served for defects .. 1842				

About one in four of the houses inspected had defective fittings.

A new system of direct service of notices was instituted and out of more than 1000 notices served more than 900 were complied with promptly without the necessity of any further communication being sent from the Office.

Apart from the prevention of waste effected by the discovery of leakages, the undertaking had benefited by the large number of charges for additional fittings, including 186 baths ; 37 garden taps; 38 hose pipes; and 35 motor cars. The additional revenue obtained as a result of the inspection amounted to between £150, and £175.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th December, 1922. Present — The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Bendall and Steel; Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever which had broken out at Williams' Allotments, Gardner's Lane, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

The premises in the occupation of Mr. William Peart at Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, were declared "free" on the 30th ult.

(b) Regulation of Movement of Swine (Amendment) Order, 1922 (No. 1)—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding copy of this Order. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider publication thereof necessary.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 30th ult. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 15, Priory Terrace. Cause--defective fire grate. Damage about £50. Brigade expenses £6 12s. 6d.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Saturday, 16th inst. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Sawyer and Stewart.

They recommended as follows :

Chairman—That Alderman Steel be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Fire Engine—That enquiries be made as to the present cost of a Motor Fire Engine.

That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to consider the question of replacing the two horses now used by the Fire Brigade by younger horses.

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

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Cyril F. Mann, 12, Swindon Street, for a licence in respect of Motor-cab D.J. 270, be granted, subject to the requirements mentioned in the report of Messrs. Mills & Sons, being complied with.

Licences Issued—The Town Clerk submitted the following comparative statement of Hackney Carriage Licences issued in the years 1914, 1920, and 1922.

	1914	1920	1922
Motor Cabs	18	55	63
Pony Carriages	11	4	3
One Horse Fly	51	28	28

Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to Albert H. Chandler, 36, Montpellier Villas, and B. Mann, 14, Clarence Street.

4—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—(a) Read, application of the 6th inst., from Shell-Mex Ltd., for a licence to store 26,000 gallons of petroleum at Depot to be erected in Tewkesbury Road in accordance with plans approved by the Council on the 4th inst. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the places of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

(b) An application was also received from Mr. J. A. Gilchrist, 2, Silverton Buildings, Great Norwood Street, for a licence to store 10 gallons of petroleum at St. James' Garage, rear Montpellier Terrace. The Inspector reported that a place of storage had been provided in the open yard to his satisfaction. Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly.

(c) Applications were also received from the Cheltenham Car Mart (Mr. J. Allen) and Mr. O. H. Goulding for licences to store 500 gallons of petroleum at the Pittville Mews, Winchcomb Street and

Lansdown Garage, respectively, to be distributed from pumps. The Inspector reported that there was no objection to the applications being acceded to. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly, but that the applications in regard to the pumps be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

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5—Licences —The Town Clerk reported that in some cases Licences applied for were not taken up by applicants. Resolved, That any Licence not taken up by the applicant within 14 days of notice that the Licence is ready for issue be cancelled.

6—Taxi. Cab Service--Fares—Read letter of the 13th inst., from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association asking the Committee to receive a Deputation with regard to the taxi cab service and fares. Resolved, That the Deputation be received at the next meeting of the Committee.

7—Three Counties Show, 1924--Resolved, That the Three Counties Show Committee be invited to hold their 1924 Show in Cheltenham, provided a suitable site can be obtained, and that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the provision of a site.

8—Relief of Unemployment—Read, circular letter of the 7th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Government had had under consideration the question of granting further financial assistance to local authorities in respect of works expressly put in hand for the purpose of providing employment. It was proposed to continue the scheme in operation under which assistance was confined to works financed by means of loans on the lines laid down in previous circulars, and also to revive the percentage of wages grant, viz., 60 per cent. of the wages bill of unemployed men taken on for approved new works financed out of revenue or otherwise than by means of loans and put in hand specifically for the relief of unemployment.

9—Market—Assistant Superintendent—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to engage Mr. E. E. Woodward on terms to be arranged, to assist in regulating the traffic and keeping order at the Market on Thursdays, and such other days as may be necessary.

10—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed to the undermentioned Committees opposite which their names are respectively set

Street and Highway Committee...

Councillor Capt. Trye.

Finance Committee Public Health Committee.. Education Committee

Councillor St. Clair.

11—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920 -- Resolved, That Mr. H. G. Massey be included in the Certificate of Exception as he has now completed three years service.

12-Fairs-(a) Athletic Ground—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club acknowledging copy of Memorial from residents in the St. John's District, protesting against Fairs being held on the Athletic Ground, Albion Street.

(b) St. Margaret's Road—Read, Memorial of the 15th inst., signed by residents in Monson Avenue and neighbourhood protesting against a piece of ground at the corner of St. Margaret's Road and

Dunalley Street, being used for Fairs. Resolved, That the attention of Messrs. White Bros. be called to the bye-laws in force in regard to the use of Organs driven by steam, etc.

13—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Cheltenham and District Allotments Society asking for the use of the Soup Kitchen for a few days during February for the distribution of seeds to members of the Society. Resolved, That the same be granted.

14—Council Meetings—Prayer—The Mayor submitted form of Prayers to be offered at meetings of the Council. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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15—Christmas Holidays—(a) Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Home Office stating that an Order had been made under Section 1 (1) of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, suspending the operation of the General Early Closing Order for shops from Monday, 18th December to Saturday, 23rd December (both days inclusive).

(b) Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Postmaster, stating that as the shops were to be closed on Wednesday, the 27th inst., he proposed that the Town Sub Post Offices should also be closed, and asking whether the Council would agree. Resolved, That no objection be offered.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. (Joint Meeting).

At a Meeting of the joint Committee held on Tuesday, 19th December, 1922: Present— The Mayor; Tire Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

1—Water Department—Read a resolution of the Water Committee recommending that the salary of Mr. J. S. Pickering as Water Engineer be increased to £350. Resolved, That this be approved.

2—Bath Superintendents—Read a resolution of the Town Improvement Committee recommending that the salaries of the Superintendents of the Montpellier and Alstone Baths be £175. Resolved, That this be approved and that the recommendation No. 3 of the Joint Committee approved at the last Meeting of the Town Council be varied accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, .1922 Present — The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead ; Messrs. E. Taylor, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

1—Allotments—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gateway entrances to the Allotments repaired with clinker where necessary. Creamery Piece—Resolved, That the entrance gate be repaired.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1922: Present — The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead. (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

1—Pittville Estate-5, Pittville Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for a new kitchen. Resolved, That this be approved so far as concerns the Pittville Estate.

2-Recreation Grounds—(a) Agg-Gardner—Read, application of 1st inst. from the Principal, Technical Schools, for per-mission for Organised Games on Thursday afternoons during the next term from 11th January to 29th March next. Resolved, That this be granted.

Read, also, letter of the 8th inst. from the Secretary, Cheltenham Technical Schools, asking that the Pittville Gardener be authorised to supply seasonable flowers and tree and shrub cuttings for the use of Students at the Art School. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(b) Whaddon Lane—(1) Resolved, On the recommendation of the Visitors that the second row of poplar trees and every alternate tree in the fourth row, be removed.

(2) Resolved, That the attention of Mrs. Chester of " Oakbank " be called to the nuisance caused by the seeds from weeds in her garden, and that she be asked to have the weeds cut before seeding.

W. SAWYER,

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th December, 1922: Chairman.

Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers and Captain Trye ; and Dr. R. Davies. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 2,285 (against 2,429). Sale of postcards 8s. 4d., and two reproductions of the painting of the Gloucester Regiment two guineas.

The outstanding event of the month was the Private View and opening of the third Annual Exhibition of works by the "Cheltenham Group of Artists," on the 27th November, when 395 persons attended. There were fifteen Artists represented in the Exhibition, all having connections with Cheltenham and District, and in all 133 separate works were on view. The daily average number of visitors had been 125 ; 355 catalogues at 3d. each had been sold (£4 8s. 9d.), and 11 pictures to a total value of £55 45. 0d., in respect of which 5 per cent. is payable to the funds of the Art Gallery.

During the month the three small War Trophies—Dervish, South African and Egyptian—secured by Colonel G. O. Welch C.B., whilst on active service, had been hung in the Armour Room on the walls which had been plugged and railed a: the Colonel's expense. The collection of Cornish and Lizard Rocks, purchased by members of the Cheltenham Science Society and presented to the Museum, had been placed on exhibition in a separate case.

A grant in aid of 50 per cent. (£7 17s. 6d.) had been sanctioned by the Victoria and Albert Museum towards the purchase of preparations of Insects, which had been ordered.

A brass latch on one of the mineral cases in the Museum had its screws extracted recently, apparently by someone who thought that access could be gained to the case by this means, omitting to notice that there was also a lock.

The following gifts had been received:—

Mr. J. W. Gray, F.G.S., Reproductions of ancient writing from Knossus in Crete : Specimens of lava from Mount Erebus, found on Scott's last expedition, March, 1912. The Exors of the late T. W. Harvey of Worcester, per Mrs. Wood of Hale's Road, 1 case of stuffed birds and squirrels, and 1 case containing a stuffed fox. Mrs. Davison, Cleeve Hill House, 1 pair of Buffalo horns and 2 skeleton heads of Crocodiles. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2-Chinese Porcelain Room—The Curator submitted tenders for distempering and other work required. Resolved, That

Messrs. Miles & Hooper's tender of £40 (being the lowest) be accepted. (£18 only from rate)

3 —Christmas Holidays—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Christmas day only.

4—Art Exhibition—Rowley Panels—Resolved, That the Chairman and Curator be asked to arrange for a formal opening of this Exhibition, and that 500 Catalogues be printed for sale.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, 21st December, 1922 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 24th November to 21st December, 1922 (both dates inclusive). Interments, 45 ; Exclusive Rights in 9 graves sold (third class, 2 and fourth class, 7), Memorials erected, 14 ; Inscriptions on Monuments 8.

Memorials—Resolved, That no brick or stonework, nor any memorial or monument, other than a tablet not exceeding 12 inches square, be allowed to be erected or placed on any grave unless the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity in such grave has previously been purchased, and that Regulation No. 28 be varied accordingly.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6655 to 6659 (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.: Monument and kerbing to the grave of Ida M. and Theodora H. Elmslie ; Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Colonel Francis Boyd Garfit and Margaret Slater ; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Edw. Pearce Kerbing to the graves of Robert and Catherine Anderson, and Mary Ann Mitchell.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th December, 1922: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Regan, Captain Trye ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, Dr. R. Davies, and A. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for November Receipts, £7 14s. 6d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 3,969 (last year 4,592). Lending Library, 11,344 (against 11,288). Children's Library, 5,745 (against 2,411)

Books too dirty for further circulation, or needing re-binding, continue to be withdrawn. In future a member of the administrative staff will remain on duty in the Reference Library from 8 to 9 p.m. The question re opening the Lending Library from 1-15 to 2-15 p.m. was deferred for report and further consideration. The work of stocktaking was reported as in progress—The first occasion since the system was re-organised three years ago.

Presentations—Messrs. E. J. Burrow, Ltd. (22 guides), Master W. Paddock (1 vol.), Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S. (19 vols. and 18 papers), Miss Whateley (4 vols.), Mr. L. S. Wood, M.A., (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 7th inst. Present : Alderman Green ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Green in the chair).

They recommended :—(a) That Kelly's Directory of Gloucestershire, etc., be purchased at a cost of £2.

(b) That Alderman Bendall and Mr. A Miles be asked to inspect the roof, with the Borough Surveyor, and to advise as to repairs and painting which may be necessary in the near future.

(c) That the Librarian's office be distempered at a cost of £1 15s.

(d) That the Libraries and Newspaper Room be closed on 25th, 26th and 27th December.

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

3—Attendance at Lectures—It was reported that 275 persons attended the second, and 250 the third of the Winter Lectures given by the Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson, M.A., F.S.A., and Dr. G. F. Edwards, respectively.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st December, 1922: Present — Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen and Whitaker. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 21st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £10,805 10s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £26,469 15s. 10d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £5806 8s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £13,693 0s. 10d.

3—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £550 and £2000 Corporation Stock at 66 per cent. and 65 7/8ths per cent. respectively, plus expenses £1 8s. 6d. and £5 3s. 3d. Resolved, That the sum of £2,550 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.

4—St. Peter's Girls' and Infants' Schools—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £8,000 for the erection of a section of these schools.

5—Expenditure—Resolved, That this Committee desires to emphasize the importance of making a reduction in the Rates for next year, and they hope the various Committees, including the Education Committee, in considering new estimates, will have regard to the reduced cost of living, which should make such a reduction possible.

6—Borough Accountant's Retirement—Read, letter from Mr. Richard Minett resigning his appointments as Borough Accountant and Registrar of Housing Bonds, to take effect on the 31st inst. Resolved, That in accepting Mr. Minett's resignation the Committee desire to record their warm appreciation of the able and faithful services rendered by him during the 45 years he has held the office of Borough Accountant.

7—Housing Bonds—Registrar—Resolved, That Mr. E. W. Deacon be appointed Registrar of Housing Bonds as from the 1st prox., when he will take up his duties as Borough Accountant.

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 1st January, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present

The Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, And Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th 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—Election of Councillor for the East Ward — The Town Clerk reported the election on the 6th December of Mr. Alexander St. Clair as Councillor for the East Ward, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3—Cheltenham and District Light Railway — The Town Clerk reported receipt of Notice, dated the 19th ult., from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company of their intention to make application, under the Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920, for an Order modifying their Statutory maximum fares and charges on and after the 16th February next. Resolved, That the following representations be made to the Ministry of Transport : —

(1) That the Order applied for should be conditional upon the Company entering into an agreement similar in terms to the Memorandum dated the 4th March, 1921, with regard to the limitation of fares and that the Order should also contain a similar condition as in Clause 2 of the present Order with regard to such Agreement.

(2) That the period for which an order is granted should not extend beyond the 31st March, 1924.

(3) That a further condition should be inserted in the Order requiring the Company, within a definite time, to carry out repairs and renewals to put the track in a proper state of repair.

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4—Railway Track between Cheltenham and Cirencester—Read, Resolution from the Cirencester Urban District Council asking the Council to support a representation made to the Great Western Railway Company that the line from Cirencester to Swindon should be doubled, and a junction made at Rushey Platt (Swindon) with the G.W.R. Main line. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

5—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 11

Housing Meeting held December 12

Street and Highway Meeting held December 18

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held December 15 & 21

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held December 20

Water Meeting held December 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 19

General Purposes and Watch, and Finance (Joint Meeting) Meeting held December 19

Allotments Meeting held December 11

Parks, and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 13

Burial Board Meeting held December 21

Public Library Meeting held December 12

Finance Meeting held December 21*

*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.

6—Salaries, etc.—Moved by Councillor Whitaker, seconded by Councillor Capt. Tree, and Resolved, That in future when any matter is being discussed in Committee, with respect to salary or wages of any official or employee or any private matter re same, that full details be placed before the Committee, and that such discussion is held without any official being present unless requested.

7—Houses unfit for Human habitation—Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye, and Resolved, That in view of the Housing' difficulty. the Public Health Committee be asked to give as much time as possible to Tenants who are required to vacate premises on Closing Orders being made.

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 5th February, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1923: Present-The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas, 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.:,-80, Stanhope Street; 35, 47, 72, 122, 123, and 139, Tewkesbury Road; Victoria House and "Virden," Tewkesbury Road ; St. Anne's Cottage, Mitre Street ; 18, Imperial Square ; 4, Whitecross Square, Naunton Lane ; and 27, Sandford, 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 movable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at 3, Powell's Cottages Grove Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 80, Stanhope Street; 73, Queen Street ; 1, 2, 3, and 4, Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road; 35, Tewkesbury Road ; 15, Albert Street, St. Peters ; 27, Sandford Street; 2, St. Anne's Cottages, St. Anne's Terrace ; and St. Anne's Cottage, Mitre 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) 2, Southfield Villas, Bath Road ; Quarrycroft, Pilley Lane; Fairford Lawn, Leckhampton Road ; 34, Francis Street; 28, Hermitage Street ; 13 and 15, Bath Terrace ; 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street; and 122, Fairview Road. The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 4f 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) 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 Town Clerk reported that two of the Owners disputed their liability for the cost of the combined drain recently laid by the Corporation for these premises, and that, subject to approval of the Committee, he had agreed that Counsel's opinion should be taken on the legal points in dispute and accepted by all parties, the losers paying Counsel's fee but otherwise each party bearing their own costs. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(c) 17, Bath Terrace ; 4, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; and 20, Great Norwood 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.

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(d) 57, St. James' Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Notice 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. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates.

(e) 7, Northfield Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee, at their Meeting on 9th October last (Minute No. 4 (b)), the work specified to be done to the drains belonging to the above premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £19 18s. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

(f) 8, Alstone Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee, at their Meeting on 13th November last (Minute No. 7 (b)) the work specified to be done to the drains belonging to the above premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. Eager & Co., at a cost of £17 17s. 6d. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

5—insanitary Property—Nos. 1 to 7, Burton Terrace; 80, Stanhope Street; 1 to 4 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road; 35, Tewkesbury Road; 27, Sandford Street; and 2, St. Anne's Cottages, St. Anne's Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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—Cellar Dwelling-21, All Saints' Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the cellar of these premises was being used by a man, wife and three children as a living and sleeping room, in contravention of Section 71 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as the cellar did not comply with the requisitions of Section 72 of the said Act. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner and occupier, under Section 73.

7—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

8—Premises without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation –Land in Rutland Street—It appearing, on the report of the Sanitary Inspector, that the living vans on the sites of 8 and 9, Rutland Street, were without sufficient water closet accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given, under Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to provide the same.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—No. 1, Limbrick Cottages—Resolved, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be further adjourned for two months.

1 and 2, Higgs Cottages, Alstone—The Town Clerk reported, with reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of the Committee at their last Meeting, That Demolition Orders were made by the Council in respect of Nos. 1 and 2, Higgs Cottages, respectively, on the 4th February and 1st July, 1918. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the premises demolished.

10—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 17 lbs. of pork ; 9 tins of meat ; 44 tins of fruit; 9 tins of fish ; 4 tins of milk; and 120 turban puddings, etc.

11—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, application from Mr. Ernest Frank Winters, Cambray Dairy, to be registered as a purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

12—Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter 356, of the 12th ult., from the Ministry of Health forwarding copy of the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1922, made under this Act, and the Amendment Order, dated 18th December, 1922. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report, and that he be authorised to distribute leaflets to milk traders in the town, calling their attention to the provisions of the Orders.

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13—Storm Water Carrier at Hayden—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. G. Villar had made, a claim for compensation on behalf of Mr. Arkell in respect of discharge from the new storm water carrier into the watercourse through his land. The construction of the carrier only provided an alternative channel for the water now finding its way into the water-course from the existing channels, and he did not consider the claim could be sustained, Resolved, That the claim be not entertained.

14—Cancer Research—Read, circular letter, of 7th ult., from the Town Clerk, Salisbury, forwarding the following Resolution adopted by the Salisbury Town Council:—

" That the Ministry of Health be informed that this Council view with grave concern the large increase in the number of cases of Cancer in the Country and urge upon them either to establish and maintain a Cancer Research Department or to render adequate financial assistance to any approved Institutions already engaged in investigating-the causes of this malignant disease."

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to support the same.

15—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee** --Reported Meeting on 8th inst. Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 8th inst. was 8 horses (6 at Depot), 4 colts, 63 head of cattle, 1 calf, 98 tegs and 48 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting of the Committee 1 calf and 28 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 1 cart horse, 1 cow, 12 heifers, 2 heifers in calf, 1 calf, 16 sheep and 12 pigs had been sold for £521 2s. 7d.

Valuation of Farms- Resolved, That Mr. J. G. Villar be instructed to make a valuation of the live and dead stock at the Farms.

Sand Common Field—Drainage—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase pipes at a cost not exceeding £15 for draining this field, the work to be undertaken by the farm labourers.

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 January, 1923 Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1- 8, Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Frank Griffiths, tenant of this house, was desirous of obtaining possession of 14, Oaklands Avenue, of which he was owner, and had enquired whether the Corporation would agree to let this house to the present tenant of 14, Oaklands Avenue. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

2-Three Counties Show--Resolved, That the three fields numbered 395, 396, and 440, be offered as a site for the Show in 1924, and that if the site is approved by the Show Committee arrangements be made with Mr. Brown for laying down the arable land to pasture.

3—Fields 395, 396, and 440—Read, a letter from Mr. C. Harris, applying for the tenancy of this land on the termination of Mr. Brown's tenancy in September next. Resolved, That Mr. Harris be informed that the Corporation are prepared to let the land to him, subject to satisfactory terms being arranged as to rent, etc., including the use of the land for the Show, if required.

4—Building Land—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. John E. Deane, enquiring as to the price of land for building. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Mr. Deane what class of house he proposed to build, and that consideration of the matter be adjourned pending his reply. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to approach Mr. Unwin with a view to the modification of the restrictions as to Gloucester Road frontage.

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5-National Housing and Town planning Council—Resolved, That Councillor Dicks and the Town Clerk be appointed Delegates to attend a conference of West of England Local Authorities to be held at Bristol on the 6th and 7th, March next.

6—Housing Accounts—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Health, raising no objection to the cost of a guarantee on the usual conditions of ten per cent. on the cost of laying water mains being charged to the Assisted Scheme but intimating that certain items of expenditure for electricity supply could not be allowed. Resolved, That the Town' Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry, urging the inclusion of the items objected to.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 31st January, 1923 : Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Regan and Rogers. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

7—Three Counties Show—Read, letter from Mr. J. R. Brown offering to give up the whole of the arable land on the following terms (1) No rent or rates to be charged on the same from September, 1922. (2) No claim to be made against him for dilapidations. (3) In the event of cattle getting upon the land given up from the pasture field retained by him no claim to be made for damage. (4) The Corporation to compensate for work done in preparation of the land for wheat crop sown and for work done on the remainder of the land in preparation for spring crop amounting to a sum of £90 9s. 6d. (5) The offer to remain open for 14 days. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept these terms.

8—Selection of Tenants—Resolved, That Councillor Bastin be appointed a Member of this Sub-Committee in place of Ex-Councillor Edith Geddes.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th January, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Regan, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. D. H. Willoughby and Miss H. B. Foster (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

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

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (12 meetings)	30.4	35.6
At Clare Street (11 meetings)	13.6	19.6
At Baker Street (12 meetings)	33.3	21.9

The Society regretted that there was no likelihood of a Centre being started in St. Mark's district.

Miss Lefroy had now undertaken the weighing at Highbury and Baker Street Centres in place of Miss De Peyer who had left Cheltenham.

2-Health Visitors—(a) Annual Report—Read, the Annual Report from 1st January to 31st December, 1922. The following is a summary of the work for the year :—

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under	1,054
(b) over one year	<u>1,696</u>
Total	2,750
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	7,788

3—Anti-Natal Centre—Read, letter of 7th ult., from the Secretary, District Nursing Association, submitting the following proposals :—

(1) That a room at the Home be set apart for this purpose on one afternoon in each month---or more frequently if required—with a Nurse in attendance, at an inclusive fee of 5s per afternoon.

(2) That a member of the medical staff be in attendance on these afternoons when required at a fee of £1 1s. 0d. per time, such fee to be paid by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of the Town Council. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain further information as to the proposals and report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

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J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1923. Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye 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 December to 21st January (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 five weeks ended 11th inst., 882 loads collected, 823 consumed, and 69 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,144 ½ tons).

2-Libertus Road-Private Improvement Works-The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works in this Road had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £2,150 6s. 1d. including £579 19s. 8d, chargeable to the Assisted Housing Scheme in accordance with the Agreement entered into between the respective Owners of property abutting on the road and the Corporation) and submitted apportionment based on degree of benefit derived. Resolved, That the apportionment, as submitted, be approved and that notice thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners of the premises mentioned therein.

3-Depot-Sheds-Resolved, That the extension of shedding at the Depot be deferred until the next financial year.

4- Horses -(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the bay gelding taken over from the Farms Sub-Committee had been passed as sound by the Veterinary Surgeon.

(b) Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Farms Manager offering another horse. Resolved, That the Horse Sub-Committee be authorised to take over same at a value to be agreed upon, subject to 14 days trial and to the receipt of a certificate of soundness from the Veterinary Surgeon.

5-Kew Place-The Borough Surveyor reported that repairs to Kew Place had been carried out by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. on behalf of Mr. Morgan.

6-High Street Seat-Read, application of 4th inst., from Mrs. Ashton, for a seat to be placed in High Street by College Road, Resolved, That consideration of same be adjourned for view.

7-Post Office Trenches-The Borough Surveyor reported that a large number of openings in roads and footpaths had recently been made by the Post Office Engineering Dept. for drawing in cables, of which no specific notice had been received so that he had not been able to supervise the work. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the Super-intendent Engineer calling attention to this.

8-Leckhampton Quarries Railway-The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 11th inst., from the Engineer to the Leckhampton Quarries Company with plan showing bridge proposed to be constructed over the new branch Railway for passengers using the two field paths leading from Daisy Bank to Pilford Road and Sandy Lane respectively instead of the two level crossings as approved by the Committee on the 30th May, 1921 (Minute No. 3). Resolved, That no objection be made thereto.

9---Dangerous Corner-(a) Beth Road and Montpellier Terrace -The Borough Surveyor submitted plan shewing the pro-posed improvement of this corner at an estimated cost of £32 Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Owner to see if terms can be arranged for making this improvement,

(b) Hewlett Street-Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Ministry of Transport stating that the application of the Corporation for a Grant towards the cost of this improvement could not be acceded to.

10 -Sandford Mill Road -(a) Watercourse-The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 20th ult. and 6th inst., this road was flooded, on the former occasion for its full width and for a distance of about 30 yards, rendering it impassable by pedestrians, and that the flooding was due to a natural water course having been blocked by Mr. Hanson Powell, who had been previously warned that this would be the result of the watercourse being blocked. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceeding if necessary, to have the obstruction removed.

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(b) P.I.W. Expenses—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Hanson Powell had not given the undertaking to pay off £260 2s. 3d due in respect of the land belonging to his son at the rate of £50 per annum by quarterly instalments as approved by the Committee at their meeting on the 18th September last, and nothing had been paid. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the amount.

11—Light Railway—Repairs—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., with reference to the maintenance of the track and stating that they would not be unwilling to consider suggestions for the maintenance of the margins and surface of the permanent way being undertaken by the Corporation and asking for a schedule of prices, and the Borough Surveyor reported receipt of an Order from the General Manager of the Company to repair the track

in Leckhampton Road near Halland Road, at the cost of the Company, but as the rails were loose at that point he did not consider any paving laid would prove satisfactory. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work, but that before doing so, he call the Company's attention to the desirability of first anchoring the rails.

12—Workmen—Hours—Resolved, That the hour for ceasing work on Saturdays be 1 p.m. instead of 12 noon as at present.

13—Street Projections—Rear 23 and 21, Regent Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. L. Paynter for permission to fix an illuminated sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions. 27, Clarence Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Jacobs & D'Rane Ltd., for permission to fix an illuminated sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

14—College Road Tip—Read, Memorial from Residents in College Road and neighbourhood asking that the deposit of road materials, etc., on the ground be discontinued. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

15—Brooklyn Road—Brooke Boote's Tenancy—The Town Clerk reported that consequent on the letter of the 27th November, submitted to the Committee at their last meeting, he had arranged with Mr. Brooke Boote for the rent of this land to be reduced from £30 to £27 10s. 0d. per annum. Resolved, That this be approved.

16—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th January, 1923 :—Councillors Dicks, Pates and Yarnold. (Councillor Pates in the chair).

They recommended as follows : --

Dunalley Street- -That the proposal for widening this road be not proceeded with in view of the estimated cost, viz. £1,300 exclusive of cost of land required.

Kerbside Pumps----That permission be granted for the erection of the following pumps, subject in each case, to an agreement being entered into containing similar terms as in the case of other applications granted, and also subject to the pumps being " Bowser " pumps or pumps of similar construction and dimensions with self-contained doors : -

Applicant.	Situation of Pump.
Cheltenham Car Mart (J. Allen)	Pittville Mews, Winchcomb Street.
O. H. Goulding	Lansdown Place Garage.
Service (Cheltenham) Ltd.	The Tourists' Garage, High Street.

Montpellier Spa Road—Tree—That the tree near " Glensand " be not removed.

Lansdown Place —That this road be patched.

Royal Well Lane—(a) That the proposed widening of this road is not considered necessary.

(b) That the proposed paving of the footpath on the East side of this road be adjourned for further consideration.

Albion Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the respective Owners with a view to the proposed widening being carried out at an estimated cost of £470, exclusive of the cost of land required.

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

17—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1923 : 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.
1668	S. Goburn	Motor House at Segrave Villa, Park Place
1669	G. F. Ticehurst	Motor House at 7, Hatherley Road
1670	E. Green	Bungalow Hester's Way
1671	Mrs. Tuck	Motor House at " Somerton," St. George's Road
1672	J. J. Banks and Son	Motor House in Regent Street, rear of 17, Promenade Villas
1673	T. H. Fuller	Motor House at Bramery Cottage, London Road

Resolved, That Plan No. 1670 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1665. 1669, 1671 and 1673 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. 1671 and 1673 be subject to the further condition that a proper crossing shall be provided over the public footpaths, and that Plan No. 1672 be disapproved and that the Sub-Committee view the site.

JOHN BENDALL. Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, .19th January, 1923 Present—Councillors Dick:. Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

Montpellier Baths—Painting—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of painting the front of Montpellier Baths (including. provision of a dado) at £30. Resolved, That this be approved. Resolved. also. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of painting the interior of the Swimming Bath, and that, in the meantime, the members of the Committee be asked to inspect the interior of the Baths.

2---Tennis Courts—Charges—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain from other towns the charges made for the hire of Tennis Courts.

3—Town Hall—Bureau Lock -- Read, letter of the 17th inst. from the Secretary, Traders' Association, stating that the restoration of lock on the door of the Information Bureau had now been attended to.

4--Montpellier Gardens—Archery Ground—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. F. Lloyd Oswell, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Archery Club, asking for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens for the 1923 Season. Resolved, That the use of the Ground be granted on the same terms as last year, viz.—Up to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and up to 6 p.m. on other days, from the 1st April to the 1st October next, at a charge of £14 14s. 0d. for the season, including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

5—Bowling Green at Winter Gardens—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, United Services Club, provisionally accepting the terms offered by the Corporation for the use of a Bowling Green at the Winter Garden, and asking if the Green could be used for tennis if the Club decide to do so. Resolved, That no objection be offered to this.

J AMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1923: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

6—Town Hall—Read letter of 19th inst., from Lieut.-Colonel C. Lloyd Harford, Secretary Cotswold Hunt Ball, asking for the use of the Kitchen, Supper and Refreshment rooms, at 9 a m., on the 26th inst. to enable arrangements for this Ball to be made. Resolved, that this be agreed to, subject to the Morning Concert not being interfered with, and that the Thé Dansant arranged for that day be held on the 27th instead of the 26th inst.

7—Long Night Ball—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a Long Night Ball to be held on the 7th February next.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th January, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of interior painting and repairs amounting to £180. Resolved, That this amount be included in the estimates to enable the work to be carried out during the ensuing financial year.

9—Tennis and Croquet Courts --The Borough Surveyor submitted replies received from 16 other towns as to the charges made for the use of Tennis Courts. Resolved, That the present charges for Courts at Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens (not including Wellington Square, Clarence

Square and Pittville Crescent) be increased by £2 2s. 0d. a Court, except that the 4 best Courts at Montpellier Gardens be increased to £10 10s. 0d. per Court.

Resolved, also, That the charges for Croquet Courts be increased by £2 2s. 0d. per Court.

10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 9th and 23rd inst., were read.

They recommended as follows:—

Chairs—That 144 garden chairs be lent to the Rev. L. E. Goddard for use at a Concert in aid of the General Hospital, subject to the Rev. Goddard undertaking the cartage of the chairs and payment for any damage that may be done thereto.

Town Hall,—That the prescribed fee be not charged in respect of the cancellation of the booking of the Town Hall on the 26th November last for a Concert in aid of St. Dunstons.

Good Friday Sacred Concert—That the Musical Director be granted the use of the Large Hall on Good Friday for a Sacred Concert free of charge except cost of cleaning, heating and lighting and out of pocket expenses.

Montpellier Gardens—Hard Tennis Court—(a) That arrangements be made for this Court to be opened on the 1st prox.

(b) That the charge for use of the Hard Court include admission to the Gardens. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

11—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Gardens be let for a Fete and Sale of Work in aid of Christ Church Vicarage Fund, to be held on a date to be arranged, on payment to the Corporation of ten per cent. of the receipts for admission (minimum £10),

Band Concerts—Read, letter of 24th, inst., from Mr. T. B. Phillips asking terms for hire of the Gardens for Band Concerts.

Resolved, That the following terms be quoted:—

One day (afternoon and evening) 25 per cent. of gross receipts (minimum £10).

Two consecutive days (afternoon and evening) 20 per cent. do. do. (minimum £20.)

Three consecutive days £30.

13—Alstone Mill Premises—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise these premises.

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13-Films of Local Events— Read, Letter of the 25th inst., from the Industrial and Educational Film Co., Ltd., asking to be informed of local events, to enable them to send a Cinema Photographer to take a film. Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed to send particulars of local events, arranged from time to time, to the Company.

14 -Medical Baths—Resolved, That the Medical Advisory Committee be asked to make a Report to the Committee, in regard to the Spa and Medical Baths.

15—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 537 ; Montpellier Baths 14 ; Pittville Chalet 80 ; and Pittville Pump Room 63.

16-1, Oriel Road—Read, letter from Mrs. Newcombe asking to be released from her tenancy. Resolved, That she be released as from the 24th June next subject to her agreeing to pay the Agents Commission for obtaining another tenant.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th January, 1923. Present : Alderman Taylor, Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Stanley (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Public Lighting —Read, letters from Mr. J. Spencer and Mr. G. Whitby with reference to lighting in Brunswick Street and The Park. Resolved, That these be referred for view.

2-Housing Estate—Read, letter from Ministry of Health stating the items for high pressure mains and sub-stations amounting to a total of £1,548 15s. 4d., could not be allowed for the purpose of the revenue to be guaranteed by the Ministry and charged against the Assisted Housing Account, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask that an allowance should be made in respect of this expenditure.

3—Insurance of Railway Wagons—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised in conjunction with the Borough Surveyor to insure the Railway Wagons against accident and third party claims at a rate of 1s per wagon with a minimum of 20s per annum.

4—Lamp Standards-19 tenders were received for painting lamp standards. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. S. O'Brien of 49, Townsend Street be accepted for painting 113 lamp standards at following rates :—

Centre Lamps ..	9s. 6d.
Ordinary Lamps	8s. 6d.
Small Lamps	3s. 6d.

5—Valuation of Stock----Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to value the stock at the end of the Financial year at current prices instead of at cost in view of reduction of values.

6—Coal Supply—Resolved, That the Contract with Messrs. E. Sheppard & Son be extended from the 31st March to the 30th September next.

7—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer made a general report as to the requirements in the immediate future in regard to plant and mains.

8—Mechanical Stoker —The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tender from Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox for supplying mechanical stokers for Nos. 6 and 7 Boilers similar to those previously supplied for Boilers Nos. 4 and 5 for the sum of £725, excluding cost of erection and brickwork, which he estimated at £196. Resolved, That the tender be accepted subject to a contract being entered into.

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9—Cooling Ponds—He submitted estimate for extending the present cooling ponds at a cost of £1,174 and recommended that the work should be carried out by direct labour. Resolved, That this be approved, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the pipes, valves and fittings required.

10—National Joint Industrial Council —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the alteration of the sliding scale Agreement suggested by the Employers side of the Council had been referred to the District Councils, and that the District Council for the West of England (No. 6) Area had decided to retain the present scale.

11—Gas Tests—(a) Examiner's Periodical Reports.—Read, Reports of Gas Examiner of tests made on the 29th December, 5th, 9th, 15th and 24th January last, which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 478.1, 484.5, 484.4, 484.2, and 479.4.

(b) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st December last, which shewed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 478.1 B.T.U.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th January, 1923 Present The Deputy Mayor ; 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 15th Jan., 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	389,000 gallons	238,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	3,033,000 “	1,692,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	74,000	53,000
Total	3,496,000	1,983,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th January, 1923.		15th January, 1922.	
Hewletts		30,665,000 gallons		13,041,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft 0in.	100,000,000	7ft. 0in.	7,497,000 “
Leckhampton	10ft 0in.	1,350,000	2ft. 0in.	270,000
Total Storage		132,015,000		20,808,000

Pumping ceased at Tewkesbury and Sandford on the 24th ult. 2-Inspections — The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during December had been as follows

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	December.	9 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	840	6490
" taps found leaking ..	110	698
" defective flushing boxes	40	330
" defective stop taps ..	7	41
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	110	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>44</u>	
	154	1188
" notices served re fittings ..	67	592
" meters changed ..	20	186
" houses connected ..	38	546
" burst pipes discovered	11	90

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks —The Borough Engineer reported that it was necessary to overhaul the large pumping engine and electric lighting set. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the work and submitted to the next meeting.

4—Sandford Mead Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the rent of one of the Allotments was in arrear for 18 months viz., 30s Resolved, That unless the amount due is paid on or before the 24th inst., the Town Clerk be instructed to re-enter and take possession of the Allotment and let the same to another applicant, and also to take proceedings for the recovery of the amount due, and that the tenant be notified accordingly.

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 Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Railway Track between Cheltenham and Gloucester—The Committee considered Resolutions of the Cirencester Urban District Council and Traders' Association, urging the necessity of doubling the line from Cirencester to Swindon, and of putting in a junction at Rushey Platt (Swindon) with the main line, with a view to providing work for the unemployed and to accelerate and shorten the train

service to London from Cheltenham and Cirencester, which matter was referred to the Committee by the Council at their last meeting. Resolved, That no action be taken thereon.

Resolved, That a representation be made to the Great Western Railway Company, urging that the quadrupling of the railway track between Gloucester and Cheltenham should be put in hand which was required to accommodate the increased traffic and would provide work for the unemployed in Cheltenham, Gloucester and District.

Resolved, also, That the County Council, the Gloucester Corporation, and the Gloucester and Cheltenham Chambers of Commerce be asked to support this representation.

2-Three Counties Show, 1924—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported that, in company with Messrs. L. W. Bayley, J. G. Villar, and L. C. Wrigley, they had that day viewed Charlton Park and land on the Housing Estate with a view to providing a site for this Show, and recommended that arrangements be made for the Show to be held on part of the Housing Estate (including land adjoining, in the occupation of Mr. Harris), if this site is approved of by the Three Counties Show Committee.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1923: Present — The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

3—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of two cases of swine fever, viz. : at Williams' Allotments, Gardner's Lane, and Benhall Farm, Gloucester Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Glanders or Farcy Order, 1920—Read, circular letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking that the Veterinary Inspector be instructed that small portions of the organs of any animal slaughtered under this Order, should be sent to the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry. The Town Clerk reported that he had instructed the Veterinary Inspector accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 31st ult. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at " Montrose," Wellington Street. Cause—fusing of electric wire. Damage slight. Brigade expenses £2 17s. 0d.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Friday, the 19th inst : Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Steel in the chair).

Motor Fire Engine—The Town Clerk submitted estimates (ranging from £450 to £1,490) received from 6 firms for the supply of a Motor Fire Engine.

The Captain reported that from particulars given in the Specification of the "Stanley" Fire Engine, the price of which was £495, it appeared that this engine would meet the immediate needs of the Borough. The Sub-Committee recommended that consideration of the question of providing a Motor Fire Engine be deferred for the present, and that the Street and Highway Committee be asked to have the 2 horses now used for the Fire Engine replaced by younger horses. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the local authorities of surrounding districts to ascertain if these districts were willing to contribute towards the cost of providing a Motor Fire Engine.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Arthur Driver for a licence in respect of Motor-cab 4333 be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

Drivers --Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to Arthur Driver and J. Morand respectively.

6—Taxi-Cab Service—Fares—Messrs. E. W. Bishop, G. W. Bridges and C. Thornber attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association and made the following representations :—

Inspection of Cabs—That there should be stricter inspection of Motor Cabs before Licences were issued, several cabs had been passed which in the opinion of the Association were unsuitable and they asked for a strict inspection before the Licences were renewed.

Hackney Carriage Stands—That a stand for 20 Motor Hackney Carriages be appointed in Royal Well Lane, and that the number of Hackney Carriages allowed to stand in Crescent Terrace be increased from 2 to 3.

Limitation of Licences—They asked that no additional Licences be granted as the present supply exceeded the demand.

Regulation of Traffic—They asked that there should be a stricter enforcement of the byelaws particularly at the Railway Stations, and in respect of Theatre traffic in Regent Street.

Fares—They were unable to agree to a reduction of fares. They pointed out that they were only charging from the point of picking up passengers and not from the point of hiring, as they were entitled to do, and they also did not charge an additional fare outside the Borough if within a radius of 2 miles from Crescent Terrace.

Resolved, That the part of Royal Well Lane now used as a stand be appointed a stand for 20 motor cabs, and the stand in Crescent Terrace be appointed for 3 motor cabs instead of 2.

Resolved, That the attention of Superintendent Hopkins be called to the representation made as to the regulation of traffic.

7--Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, applications from Messrs. H. G. Beard, Shakspeare Sher and F. Sims and the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., for renewal of licences in respect of the Coliseum Theatre—The Picture House, North Street ; The Palace ; The Daffodil Picture House, and the Winter Garden. Resolved, That licences be renewed for one year from the 7th February, 1923, subject to the same conditions as contained in previous licences.

8—Licences to Store Petroleum—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Manager of the- Queen's Hotel, stating that he was deferring construction of the underground tank for which application for a licence had been made for storage of 700 gallons. Resolved, That the licence be cancelled.

9—Railway Track between Cheltenham and Gloucester—The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded a representation to the Great Western Railway Co., urging the desirability of quadrupling the railway track between Cheltenham and Gloucester, as instructed by the Committee at Their last meeting and submitted a reply dated the 10th inst., stating that consideration was being given thereto. He also reported that the proposal had received the support of the Cotes Council and the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce.

10—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Transport acknowledging the representations of the Corporation with reference to the application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., for an Order modifying their statutory maximum fares and charges and stating that the representations would be forwarded to the Advisory Committee to whom the application of the Company would be referred for consideration and report.

11—Three Counties' Show, 1924—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Secretary, Three Counties' Show Committee stating that a General Meeting of Members was fixed for 29th inst.. when the matter of the 1924 Show would be definitely settled. The Town Clerk reported that on the 22nd inst., Representatives of the Three Counties' Show Committee inspected the site proposed for the Show on the Housing Estate and expressed themselves as satisfied therewith.

12-Railways Act, 1921—Read, circular letter of 16th inst., from the National Association of Railway Travellers inviting the attendance of Representatives of the Corporation at a Conference of Associations interested in passenger transit to be held in London on the 3rd prox. Resolved, That no action be taken.

13—Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the Special Committee of the Association of Municipal Corporations on this Act which was adopted by the Council of the Association at their last meeting. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

14—Bridge over Severn at Newnham—Read, Resolution adopted by the East Dean and United Parished R.D.C. expressing the opinion that in view of the Grants being made by the Government to find work for the unemployed, the Council should take immediate steps to obtain financial assistance for the building of a Bridge across the Severn a Newnham, and asking for the support of the Corporation to the Resolution. Resolved, That no action be taken.

15—Holy Trinity Church Endowment Fund—Read, Notice from the Charity Commission of draft Scheme for the administration of this Charity.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman,

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, - 1923: Present—Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Regan in the Chair).

2—Allotments— Resolved, that the Chairman and the three Visitors be asked to inspect the allotments with the Borough Surveyor and submit estimate of expenditure required for repair of roads, etc., for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

The Town Clerk submitted report as to the position of the Allotments and as to number of applicants on the waiting list, showing that there were now only seven unsatisfied applicants in respect of the North Ward Allotments, seven in respect of the Hall Road and Asquith Road Allotments, none for the East Ward, and twenty on the list for the College Road Tip and Turner's Field Allotments.

North Ward---The Borough Accountant submitted statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ended the 31st March, 1922, in respect of the Allotment Ground in the North Ward, owned by the Corporation. Resolved, That a copy of the Statement be furnished to each Member of the Committee.

D. REGAN, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen Regan, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

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

Cricket—Read, application from United Services Club for a cricket pitch in one of the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That this be considered when the other applications are dealt with.

2-Pittville Estate—Read Report from Superintendent of the Police with regard to four boys found trespassing in the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys.

W. SAWYER,

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th January, 1923: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; 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, 2,591 (against 2,439). Sale of postcards £1 0s. 11d.

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The following gift had been received:—

Capt. T. R. Alston—Certificate, signed by the Prince Consort and presented to George Russell, High Bailiff of Cheltenham from 1850-1861—Great Grandfather of the donor.

The following loan had been received :—

Capt. R. P. Wild—Case of Birds.

Ethnographical Specimens—The Curator reported that Capt. Wild had forwarded a case of Ethnographical Specimens from the Gold Coast and that he would repay the shipping charges and carriage from Liverpool on his return to England this year. Resolved, That these charges be paid in the meantime.

A. J. De Havilland Bushnell's Portrait--The Curator reported that a Pastel Portrait of the late Mr. A. J. De Havilland Bushnell had been subscribed for privately and had been purchased for £5 5s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved and that the balance of the subscription, viz. 15s 6d be applied in binding the second series in MS. of the late Mr. Bushnell's " Storied Windows," presented by his brother.

Corridor leading to Chinese Porcelain Room—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Henry Hooper for providing picture rails and cleaning walls for £6 10s. 0d. be accepted.

Local Art Craft Work Exhibition—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to organise an Exhibition of Local Art Work to follow the Exhibition of Rowley Panels to be on exhibition for two months from 20th March.

Art Lecture—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for an Art Lecture to be delivered by Mr. Richards, A.R.C.A., R.E., early in February.

Cheltenham Group of Artists Exhibition—The Curator submitted statement of receipts. Sales (18 pictures) £83 18s. 6d. (553 Catalogues) £6 18s. 3d. Total sales, £90 16s. 9d., less commission to Corporation £4. 10s. 9d. Balance paid by Curator to Group Treasurer £86 6s. 0d. The result was regarded by the Committee as extremely satisfactory.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 26th January, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 22nd December, 1922 to 26th January, 1923 (both dates inclusive). Interments, 69 ; Exclusive Rights in 18 graves sold (first class 4, second class 2, third class 2, fourth class 10). Memorials erected, 5 ; Inscriptions on Monuments 7.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6660 to 6680 (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.: Marble Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Lt.-Col. T. H. Sweeny, Mary C. Perry and John J. Wood, Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of John T. Ireland ; Head-stones to the graves of H. J. Cannop and John J. Brain ; Scroll and Kerbing to the grave of Frederick W. Leacy, and Kerbing to the grave of Lucy A. Barrow.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th January, 1923: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for December Receipts, £8 10s 9d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 3,757 (last year 4,440). Lending Library, 10,389 (against 10,987). Children's Library, 1,531 (against 2,097). Total issue from all Departments 15,677 (against 17,524). Daily average 776 (against 782). Having regard to the condition of Stock and the lack of modern and up-to-date books for home reading, the result was considered satisfactory. The work of rebinding had ceased, as had, also, the addition of new books, except the few received as donations. The work of stock-taking was reported to be nearing completion.

2-Sub-Committee's Report---The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst. Present : Alderman Steel; Councillor Regan ; Dr. R. Davies, and Mr. J. R. Claridge. They recommended :- --

(a) That the " Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries Year Book for 1923" be purchased at the special subscription price of £1.

(b) That authority be given to the Librarian, if necessary, to arrange for a Lecture in substitution for that arranged for 5th February, owing to illness of Lecturer.

(c) That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect Reference Library floor and report to next Meeting on the cost of making good worn portion near entrance. (d) That a control switch be fixed in staff lavatory at a cost of 5s. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Cleaning and Repairs Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Mann), Alderman Steel and Councillor Captain Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect and report to the next meeting as to necessary cleaning and repairs.

4—Attendance at Lectures—It was reported that 210 persons attended the fourth of the Winter Lectures given by the Rev. E. C. Childs, M.A., B.D., Lecturer in Education to the Bristol University, on the 8th inst., on the subject of " Dream and Phantasy—Byeways of the Mind," when the Mayor presided.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th January, 1923: Present — Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, St. Clair and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 30th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £19,563 10s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £6,906 5s. 4d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected 414,065 2S. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,527 4s. 3d.

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3 —Loans--(a) The Borough Accountant reported offers amounting to £450 on loan. Resolved, That these be accepted and that Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures, amounting to £1,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) The Borough Accountant reported that the following loan periods having expired, the undermentioned loans were being redeemed out of the Sinking Fund: —

Purpose.	Amount.
College Road Street Improvement	£235
Electricity	£7590
Pittville	£1722

4—Banking Account—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to arrange for the Sinking Fund Account at the Bank to be merged into the General Account. Resolved, also, That the Chairman (Alderman Steel), Councillor Pruen, with the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant, be asked to interview the Bank with a view to more favourable terms being obtained for keeping the Account.

5—Farms and Main Roads Expenditure—The Borough Accountant made suggestions with regard to Farms Stock and Main Roads Expenditure. Resolved, That the same be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration.

6—Corporation Stock—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Borough Accountant, that £4,000 five per cent. War Loan be sold and the proceeds utilised for the purchase of Corporation Stock, as opportunity offers.

7—General Hospital—Employee's Contribution —The Borough Accountant reported that £135, contributed by the Employees of the Corporation, had been paid to the Hon: Treasurer, General Hospital. Contributions by the Staff at the Electricity Works (£37 14s. 3d.) and from the Municipal Offices Staff (£42 2s. 4d.), brought the grand total contributed in two years to £214 16s. 7d.

8—Accounts (Payment into Bank) Order, 1922—Read, circular 361, of the 5th inst., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding copy of this Order. The Town Clerk reported that a copy had been furnished to the Borough Accountant and the Assistant Overseers.

9—St. Peter's Schools. Loan £8,000—The Town Clerk reported receipt, from the Ministry of Health, of sanction to the borrowing of £8,000 for the erection of new buildings to replace St. Peter's Girls' and Infants' Church of England School, repayable in twenty years. Resolved, That the Ministry be asked to extend the period of repayment to thirty years.

10—Arterial Roads—Loan—Resolved, That application be made for sanction to a loan of £1,000 for the lands purchased in connection with the continuation of Brooklyn Road.

11—Loan Balances—Resolved, That the several small unexpended balances of loans raised, amounting to £84 15s 5d., be paid into the respective Sinking Funds and the over-expenditure on several loans, amounting to £130 18s. 2d. be charged to revenue.

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 5th February, 1923, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green and Councillor Stanley.

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

2—Leckhampton Quarries Railway—Read, the following Report of interview with Major Fawcett and Mr. Coke, as representatives of the Leckhampton Quarries Company, Ltd., with a Deputation from the Local Employment Committee, held on the 4th January, 1923, at the Municipal Offices :—

The following members attended as the Deputation .. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, The Manager, Local Employment Exchange, and Mr. A. J. Thompson—(a member of the Local Employment Committee).

A letter was read from Sir James Agg Gardner, M.P., regretting his inability to attend, and an apology was also received from Mr. O. J. Williams who was also prevented from being present.

The question of the labour engaged for the constructional work being carried out by the Quarries Company was discussed at length and the Representatives of the Quarries Company promised that in future any labour required. should, as far as possible, be engaged through the Local Employment Exchange, and they also agreed that particulars of the men already

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engaged should be given to the Manager of the Local Employment Exchange, to enable him to check how many of the men already engaged on the work, and who had been engaged as Cheltenham men, really belonged to Cheltenham.

Read, also, letter of 3rd inst., from the Manager, Local Employment Exchange, stating that he had received from the Company a list sheaving that 82 men were in their employ on the work, of whom only 29 had been registered at the Exchange.

3—Unemployment—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Manager, Local Employment Exchange, giving the following statistics as to persons out of employment in the Borough and district at the present :—

Men	Total number unemployed...	1306
Women	“ “	308
Juveniles	“ “	<u>141</u>
	Total ...	1755

4—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that the County Council were prepared to re-delegate their powers to the Town Council, the previous delegation having expired. Resolved, That application be made for the re-delegation of the powers to the Town Council.

5—Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp—Read, letter of the 3rd ult., from the Secretary, Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association, conveying the thanks of the Association, to the Corporation and inhabitants of the Borough for their many kind acts during the Cadet Camp held at Up-Hatherley, in August last.

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 January 8

Housing ... Meetings held January 9 & 31

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held January 29

Street and Highway Meeting held January 22*

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Subject to the following amendments, viz. :— That Minute No. 11 be amended to read as follows: Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work if the Company at the same time anchor the rails, but that if the Company do not before the 1st March, 1923, commence to anchor the rails then the Ministry of Transport, or other proper Government Office, be requested to inspect the Company's track and Property throughout the Borough, and the Town Clerk be authorised to take such steps as he thinks fit to ensure that such track and property shall be put in proper order at the earliest possible moment.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 19, 22 & 26

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 24

Water Meeting held January 18

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held January 9 & 23

Game Licence—Read, application of the 3rd inst. from Mr. V. Dymond for a licence to deal in game at No. 3, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the application be granted, the licence to expire on 1st July, 1923.

Allotments Meeting held January 8

Parks, and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 8

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 10

Burial Board Meeting held January 26

Public Library Meeting held January 16

Finance Meeting held January 30*

*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.

The Deputy Mayor in the Chair.

7—Salaries and Wages —Councillor Captain Trye moved, in accordance with notice :— That every Committee of the Council be directed to make recommendations to the Council at the next monthly meeting for a reduction from the maximum salary attained of every grade of employee and every employee of the Council based on the reduction in the cost of living. The reduction in the case of

employees who have been advanced to a higher grade to be based on the advance in salary made to that particular grade. The rate of wages or salary paid in July, 1914, to be taken as the basis rate.

Councillor St. Clair seconded.

On the Motion being put to the Meeting, only the Mover and Seconder voted therefor, and the Deputy Mayor declared the same to be lost.

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 5th March, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1923: Present-The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, 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.:-18, Columbia Street ; 21, Rosehill Street ; 13, Hill View Terrace ; 81, Stanhope Street ; 19, Hamilton Place, St. Paul's ; 4, 5 and 6, Swindon Terrace ; Alfellanda, Swindon Road ; Stone Cottage, Swindon Road ; 42, 43 and 44, Malvern Street ; 3, Park View, Albany Road, and 2, Witcomb 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 movable 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 47, 91, 93 and 121, Tewkesbury Road; " Brandon," " Virden," and " Swinton," Tewkesbury Road ; 5, Albert Street, St. Paul's ; 18, Columbia Street ; 12, Oxford Place ; 4, Queen Street ; 81, Stanhope Street ; and 2, Witcomb 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 (a) 30, 31 and 32, Elm Street ; 34 and 45, Bloomsbury Street ; 13 (and Stables adjoining), and 16, Andover Street ; and 5 and 6, Berkeley Avenue. 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) " Quarry Croft," Pilley Lane ; " Fairford Lawn," Leckhampton Road ; 122, Fairview Road ; 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, 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 work within 28 days.

(c) 9, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Notice under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring certain works of drainage to be done, had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates.

4—Insanitary Property—(a) 22, 23, 80 and 81, Stanhope Street ; 4, Queen Street ; 47, 91, 93, and 121, Tewkesbury Road ; 1 and 2, Witcomb Place ; 12, Oxford Parade ; 15, 16 and 17, Rosehill Street ; 18, Columbia Street ; and 8 and 9, Pittville 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.

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(b) 15 and 16, Tivoli Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee, at their meeting on 11th September last (Minute No. 5 (b)) the works of repair specified to be done to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. C. T. Clark & Son at cost of £25 3s. 6d. and £8 5s. 0d. respectively. Resolved, That application be made to the Owners for payment

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. of pork; 2 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. fish ; 2 ½ cwt. cauliflowers ; 85 lbs. beef ; 3 tins beef and 2 tins ox tongue.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order — Read, applications from Cecil H. Taunt, 84, Fairview Road, and H. G. Ballinger, Fairview Street, to be registered as purveyors of Milk. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

7—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

8—Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act. 1922 The Medical Officer of Health reported on the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1922, made under this Act, and the Amendment Order, as follows : -

Ordinary Milk—Would be sold without licence or special designation as hitherto.

Specially Designated Milk—Would be sold under one or other of five special designations, viz.:—(1) Certified; (2) Grade "A"; (3) Grade " A " Tuberculin Tested ; (4) Grade " A " Pasteurised ; (5) Pasteurised.

To enable milk distributors to sell under either of the special designations a licence, issuable by the Town Council, would be necessary, a fee for such licence to be charged according to scale prescribed by the Ministry of Health.

Milk producers, as distinguished from distributors, would be licenced by the County Council.

The sale of milk under special designations would involve considerable labour and cost in inspection of premises and apparatus, and the collection and bacteriological examinations of samples of milk at periodic intervals in every case ; the bacteriological examinations were to be conducted at an approved laboratory. The Ministry of Health would, subject to arrangements being made to the satisfaction of the Ministry as to the laboratory, and subject also to the estimated cost being approved by the Ministry, repay the cost of bacteriological examinations of " Certified Milk."

The Order came into force on the 1st January, 1923, except the provisions with regard to Pasteurised Milk, the operation of which had been postponed until the 1st July next to enable milk traders to provide the special apparatus required.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—17, etc., Stanhope Street—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that the Inquiry into the Appeal of Mr. H. Stroud against the demolition orders made would be held on the 20th inst.

10—Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health—Read, circular letter (359) of 10th ult., from the Ministry of Health as to contents and arrangement of Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11--Barn Farm—Sewer—Read, letter of the 16th ult., from the Clerk, Cheltenham R.D.C. with reference to sewer to the Barn Farm which had burst in the road leading from the main road to Swindon. The Borough Surveyor reported that the matter was receiving attention.

12-Storm Water Carrier Hayden—The Borough Surveyor reported that the effluent carrier was commenced on the 19th December last and that half the length was completed.

13—Loan Balances— Resolved, That the balances of £70 and £200 raised in respect of Gloucester Road sewer and Abattoir, respectively, be applied to the Sinking Funds.

14—Aged Tankman—Resolved, That the Baker Memorial Fund Trustees be recommended to make further grants of 2s 6d per week to T. A. Morris.

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15—Public Conveniences—Weighing Machines—Read, letter of the 31st ult., from the British Automatic Co. Ltd., applying for permission to place weighing machines in the public conveniences and offering £3 per annum per machine for the right to do so. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

16—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, 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 12th inst. was 12 horses (and 6 at Depot) ; 74 head of cattle ; 98 tegs and 36 pigs, all doing very well.

Since the last meeting 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 5 cows in calf, 5 barren cows, 11 heifers and 4 steers had been purchased for £494 15s. 0d, 6 bullocks, 2 cows, 2 heifers in calf, 2 calves and 12 store pigs had been sold for £363 3s. 4d.

Stock—The Sub-Committee considered reference from the Finance Committee as to the possibility of reducing the livestock on the Farms. The Farms Manager reported that there was 74 head of cattle now on the Farms as compared with 89 in 1922 and 115 in 1921, and that the stock could not be further reduced if the grazing was to be kept down. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be informed accordingly.

Shooting at Farms—The Sub-Committee considered the advisability of inviting tenders for the shooting at the Farms for the 1923-24 Season. Resolved, That Mr. W. Unwin be invited to submit an offer for the shooting and sporting rights over Barn Farm and Mr. G. McIlquham for the shooting at Hayden Farm.

Cottage Roof--Resolved. That the Farms Manager be authorised to have the roof of Harper's Cottage repaired at an estimated cost of £4.

Fencing Posts—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 100 larch fencing posts at estimated cost of 1s 3d each.

Valuation of Farms—Read, letter of 11th ult., from Mr. J. G. Villar quoting £5 5s. 0d. as his fee for making valuation of the live and dead stock at the Farms.

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

E. ROGERS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th February, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold. (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

17—Small Pox—The Medical officer of Health reported that four cases of Small Pox had occurred in a street near the Junction of Gloucester Road and High Street. The cases were of a mild type and difficult to distinguish from Chicken Pox but the diagnosis had been confirmed by Dr. Shaw of the Ministry of Health. The cases had been removed to the Isolation Hospital and he had taken steps to trace contacts and prevent spread of infection. He recommended that the Board of Guardians be asked to arrange for the appointment of Deputy Vaccination Officers to attend at suitable centres, and that he be authorised to issue a poster urging the danger of infection and importance of vaccination and to issue a statement to the Press, and that Chicken Pox be made a notifiable disease. Resolved, That the steps taken by the Medical Officer be approved. Resolved, Also, That the Board of Guardians be asked to have a special Meeting for the appointment of Deputy Vaccination Officers to attend centres in the populous districts in the North, East and South Wards. Resolved, Also, That the Council be recommended to make an Emergency Order making Chicken Pox a notifiable disease.

E. ROGERS, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th February, 1923. Present: Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, Regan, and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-50, Milton Road—Trees—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the tenant of this house (Mr. A. J. Sheldrick) applying for permission to remove four out of eight Plum trees at the rear of this house, which retarded the growth of crops. Resolved, That permission be granted.

2-4, Tennyson Road—Wire Netting—Read letter of the 23rd ult., from the tenant of this house (Mr. T. F. Hough) applying for permission to fix wire netting to the fence of the front garden of this house. Resolved, That no objection be offered.

3—Building Land—(a) Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Ministry of health, suggesting the Corporation should take over the surplus land on the Housing Estate, comprising 83.33 acres, at a value of £23,000, and assume responsibility for payment of loan charges on this amount, any further expenditure on road construction or fencing not to be charged to the Scheme. Resolved, That the Ministry be asked to arrange for the District Valuer to meet the Committee to discuss the matter.

(b) Read letter of the 17th ult., from Mr. H. Unwin, stating that he could not agree to a modification of the restrictions as to Gloucester Road frontage as he was anxious to have crescent shape shrubberies planted and houses set back to inner drives behind the shrubberies.

4—Selection of Tenants—(a) The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 2nd inst. Present: Alderman Taylor and Councillor Regan. The Sub-Committee considered list of applicants submitted by the Town Clerk and allocated the next eighteen Parlour type and six Non-parlour type houses to become vacant, subject to the receipt of the satisfactory references.

(b) Read, letters of the 29th and 30th ult., from Mr. R. Stubbs with reference to his application for a Non-parlour type house. Resolved, That a Non-parlour type house be let to Mr. R. Stubbs after the applications of Messrs. H. H. Burridge and P. T. Allen, who had already been promised houses had been disposed of.

(c) Read letter of the 11th inst., from Mr. R. Jones, the tenant of No. 39, Byron Road, asking to be allowed to transfer to a Non-parlour type house in view of the lower rent. Resolved, that the application be granted, and a Non-parlour type house let to Mr. Jones after the application of Mr. R. Stubbs has been disposed of.

5—Fields 395, 396 and 440 Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice board put up, forbidding trespass on the occupation road from Arle to the arable fields, and also to have barbed wire fixed to prevent trespass.

6—Building Contracts—Final Account—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Ministry of Health, intimating that the final Statement of Account, amounting to £31,456 1s. 8d. in respect of erection of thirty Parlour-type houses by A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., had been examined and, on the information available, the Minister had no observations to make thereon, but the account would be subject to review by the District Auditor in due course.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th February, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye 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 22nd January to 15th February, 1923 (both dates inclusive), including particulars of roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees planted and pruned during the period, and also the number of slabs made during the period. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th inst., 770 loads collected, 745 consumed, and 25 tipped away (Weight consumed 1,017 tons 144 cwts).

2-Tenders The Committee considered the advisability of inviting tenders for a six months supply of Stores. Resolved. That the present system of obtaining quotations for goods as required be continued for the present.

3 -Brooklyn Road Allotments -- Pig Sty — Read, application from Mr. G. F. Tibbets for permission to erect a pig sty on Allotment No. 5. Resolved. That permission be not granted.

Eldorado Road and Eldorado Crescent—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works at these roads had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £299 18s. and £44 15s. 3d. respectively. Resolved. That the apportionments as submitted be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners or the premises mentioned therein.

5—Road from Ewlyn Road to Langdon Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works at this road had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £130 17s. 4d., and submitted provisional apportionment based on degree of benefit derived. Resolved, That the apportionment as now amended be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners mentioned therein.

6—Albion Street Widening—Resolved That plans be submitted to the respective Owners, of the proposed widening of Albion Street.

7—Railway Wagons—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised, in conjunction with the Borough Electrical Engineer, to insure the Railway Wagons belonging to the Highways Department against accidents and third party claims, at a rate of per wagon with a minimum of £1 per annum.

8—Harp Hill—Surface Water Drain—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. James Villar had called attention on behalf of the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth to damage caused to the garden of Battledown Court by surface water from Harp Hill and Oakley Road, and that a surface water drain along the public footpath (which he estimated would cost about £70) was required. Resolved, That Mr. Villar be informed that the Corporation are prepared to co-operate with the Owners of property affected on the Battledown Estate in the provision of a surface water drain.

9—Dangerous Corner—Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owner of Hawthornden had been interviewed but declined to consider the proposal for improving this corner.

10—Post Office Trenches—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, stating that it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should be notified of any disturbance of the roads or footways and that intimation of the Department's operations would be given.

11—Street Projection — Warwick Hall, Warwick Place--Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Company to erect a fixed sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

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12—Streamer across Colonnade—Read, application of the 2nd inst., 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, during the coming season. Resolved, That the Club be informed that the Committee will be prepared to consider applications for permission to place a streamer in connection with individual Galas as hitherto.

13—Horses —The Town Clerk reported that the General Purposes Committee had asked that the two horses now used for the Fire Engine be replaced by younger horses. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Horse Sub-Committee.

14—Main Roads Expenditure—The Committee considered reference from the Finance Committee regarding Main Roads Expenditure. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be informed that so far as possible the Committee keep within the estimated annual expenditure on Main Roads.

15—Bayshill Road—Read, Police report as to damage to a seat in Bayshill Road, caused by a taxi-cab skidding on to the foot-path. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim in respect of the damage.

16—Borough Surveyor's Salary--Grant—Read, letter of the 5th inst. from the Ministry of Transport stating that, subject to the conditions and stipulations therein contained, a contribution of £150 per annum would be paid towards so much of the salary of the Borough Surveyor as is apportioned in respect of his duties in connection with the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways.

17— Whaddon Lane --Private Improvement Works—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mr. R. M. Mills complaining of the bad condition of Whaddon Lane. Resolved, 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 works included in the specification submitted by the Borough Surveyor and approved by the Committee at their meeting on the 20th February, 1922, 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—View Meeting -The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th inst. :—

They recommended as follows : —

Regent Street--That the plan of Messrs. Banks' Motor house be approved.

No. 1, Winchcomb Street—That the plan shewing the cornice projection be approved.

Berkeley Place Garden—Tree—That the tree outside 4, Oxford Buildings, be not removed.

College Road—Seat—That a seat be placed against the fence of " Sunningend " in College Road.

Upper High Street—That shrubs be planted in the garden of " Belle Vue House," but that no further painting of railings be done.

Keynsham Road—Tip—That the Water Committee be asked to allow the land in Keynsham Road (now occupied by Messrs Bass & Co.) to be used as a tip for road material as from the 23th March next at a rent of per annum and that the use of the land in Turner's Field, College Road, as a tip be discontinued as from that date.

Depot—Horse—That the horse offered by the Farms Sub-Committee be purchased for £50 (Veterinary Surgeon's certificate of soundness submitted).

Kerbside Pump, Midland Garage, Queen's Road—That permission be granted to Mr. J. Preston to erect a " Shell " pump on the kerb outside these premises, subject to the same being within a distance of 3 to 4 ft. of the lamp outside the Garage, and to an Agreement being entered into containing similar terms as in the case of other applications granted.

Swindon Road—Footpath--That a footpath be not made by St. Peter's Schools.

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 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th February, 1923: Present The Mayor Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James 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.
1672	J. J. Banks & Son	Motor House in Regent Street, rear of 17, Promenade Villas
1674	C. F. Hall	Detached House, Moorend Park Road
1675	J. C. Holyoake	Alterations and additions to Imperial House, Bath Road
1676	Mills and Co.	New Store Building, Berkeley Avenue
1677	J. N. Brown Co.	Alterations to No. 154, High Street
1678	F. G. Fildes	Alterations to Bayshill Lodge, Montpellier Street
1679	Dunn & Co.	Alterations to No. 108, High Street and No. 1, Winchcomb Street
1680	Major Brierley	Electric Light Power House, Arle Road
1681	A. J. Barker	Temporary Shed, Charlton Lane
1682	— Field	Motor House, at Belle Vue, Old Bath Road
1683	J. T. Bendall	Four Semi-detached Villas, Old Bath Road
1684	J. H. Strich	Temporary Motor House at " Lanesfield," Lansdown Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680 and 1683 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1672, 1682, and 1684, 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; that Plans Nos. 1674 and 1675 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plan No. 1681 be disapproved and that the Sub-Committee view the shed already erected. 108, High Street, and 1, Winchcomb Street, Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owners of this property to ascertain if terms could be arranged for setting back the frontage in Winchcomb Street.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th February, 1923. Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Summer Orchestra—Resolved. That tenders be invited by advertisement for the provision of a Summer Orchestra, and that the Chairman and the Chairman of the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to open tenders and make a Schedule thereof. Resolved, also, That arrangements be made for the Orchestra to play as follows:—

Winter Garden—Each week-day morning for one hour and a half. Thursday afternoons, and Tuesday and Saturday evenings for two hours. Sunday evenings for one hour and a half.

Montpellier Gardens—Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for two hours.

2-Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the Gardens and Pump Room be let for a Fete in connection with Holy Trinity Church. to be held on a date to be arranged, on payment to the Corporation of ten per cent. of the receipts for admission, excluding tax (minimum £10).

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th, February, 1923: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

3—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted proposals for advertising during the ensuing year. Resolved, That, in addition to the contribution of £100 to the Federated Spa Advertising Scheme, a sum of £400 be provided for the Advertising Scheme of which the main items were for " Daily Telegraph " £78 " Times " £60 ; " Daily Mail" £75 ; and in other Spas preceding the Cheltenham Season £30 ; for " Invitation to Cheltenham Brochure" £25, and contribution for guides for tourists agencies £15, the remainder to be applied for advertisements approved by the Committee as may appear desirable according to circumstances.

4-1, Oriel Road —Resolved, That this house be let on a yearly tenancy to the Misses E. McSheehy and E. L. Walsh, as joint tenants, as from the first of March next, at an annual rent of £36, plus rates and taxes, and that Mrs. E. A. Newcombe be released from her tenancy as from that date.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd February, 1923. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5—Summer Orchestra—Engagement— Eighteen tenders were received for the provision of a Summer Orchestra. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Leo. Dawes to provide an Orchestra of sixteen performers (and Conductor) in the mornings and twenty performers (and Conductor) in the afternoons and/or evenings at £91 10s. per week, from the 14th May to 15th 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 £94 10s. per week to cover additional cost of four extra musicians for Flannel Dances, when these are held.

6-- Montpellier Gardens— Motor Lawn Mower----The Committee considered offer from R. E. and C. Marshall, Ltd, to supply a motor lawn mower at £51 nett, and the Borough Surveyor reported that the provision of the machine would effect an economy as it would obviate the necessity of an extra man being employed at the Gardens during the Summer. Resolved, That the machine be purchased, subject to a satisfactory report on a fortnight's trial and to Messrs. Marshall Ltd., undertaking to instruct one of the gardeners in the use of the machine.

7—Alstone Baths—Swimming and Mixed Bathing -- Read, application of the 2nd 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; also for Galas on nights deemed suitable by the Superintendent. Resolved, That the use of the Bath be granted on the same terms as last year, except that the charge for Galas be £1 1s. per Gala, plus cost of lighting as registered by the meter.

8 —Montpellier Baths -Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the interior painting and repairs and that the work be carried out during April.

9—Hospitals' Carnival Week—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from Mrs. E. H. Bisset, stating that the Chamber of Commerce with Representatives of the Local Hospitals proposed to organise a Hospital, Carnival Week from :5th to 23rd June, and asking for the co-operation of the Corporation with regard to entertainments, and that three Members of the Town Council be nominated to serve on the Hospitals' Executive Committee. Resolved. That the Council be recommended to nominate the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Rogers and Stewart.

10—**Concerts Sub-Committee—Reports**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 6th and 20th inst., were read.

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They recommended as follows:—

Town Hall (a) Piano—That the tender of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., Ltd., to repair this piano for £13 13s. be accepted.

(b) Sale of Work—That the use of the Large Hall, Supper and Refreshment Rooms be granted to the S.P.G. for a Sale of Work on a date to be arranged at a charge of £25, plus lighting.

(c) That the Town Hall be let to Mr. Lyn Rainger for a Concert on the evening of Saturday, March 31st, and Sunday, April 1st, at a charge of £15 plus lighting, subject to payment being guaranteed.

Montpellier Gardens—Punch & Judy Show—That Mr. H. E. Mould be granted permission to perform with a Punch and Judy Show in Montpellier Gardens on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons during the Summer months, and that the Show be advertised in the Spa Programme.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

11—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 504 ; Montpellier Baths 27 ; Pittville Chalet 57 ; and Pittville Pump Room 35.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st February, 1923. Present : Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead. (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Cooling Ponds—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the supply of pipes, valves and spray jets required for the extension of the Cooling Ponds, Resolved, That the under-mentioned tenders be accepted :—

88 cast iron pipes	Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd. .	£142 12s. 6d.
Cast iron tees, valves, etc.	Shaw Glasgow Ltd.	£109 2s. 6d.
Spray jets	Cameron Spray Co.	£62 0s. 0d.

2 Condenser—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the provision of a separate 4 H.P. direct current motor to drive the extraction pump, and submitted tenders therefor. Resolved, That the tender of Cutting Bros., Ltd. to supply a motor for £28 17s. 6d. be accepted.

3 -Roof Alterations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that when the provision of new generating plant became desirable it would be necessary for alterations to be made to the roof of the Engine Room in order to avoid the extension of the building, and he recommended that the work should be put in hand as soon as may be necessary. The Borough Surveyor estimated that the cost of alteration to the roof would amount to £140, and submitted tenders for the supply of 2 roof principals which would be required. Resolved, That the tender of John Such & Sons Ltd. (Cheltenham) to supply the principals for £24 18s. 0d. be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the alteration to the roof by direct labour as soon as may be necessary.

4—Prestbury Road—Damaged Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the cables in Prestbury Road were damaged in two or three places when pipes were being laid by the Post Office Engineering Department last year. The faults had been located and repaired. Resolved, That a claim be made against the department as soon as the total cost is ascertained.

5-- Extension of Mains—Windsor Street--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of application from a number of Occupiers for a supply in Windsor Street, and that the cost of the necessary extension would be £84. Resolved, That the extension be made.

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6—Housing Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that check meters installed to control groups of houses on the Estate shewed that the average consumption per house had been excessive, and recommended that a meter be installed in every house and that the tenants be charged for current consumed at the ordinary rates. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

7—Meter Department—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the growth of the Meter Department with the addition of the Hired Cooker Department had rendered the accommodation occupied by these Departments (one room in the basement of the Municipal Offices) inadequate. Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to approve of the small room adjoining the Meter Room (now used as a Cleaners' Store Room) and the passage at the side thereof being converted into one room for the use of the Meter Department, and for another passage in the basement to be enclosed for use as a Cleaners' Store Room, these alterations to be carried out at the expense of the Electricity Department.

8—Boiler Insurance—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. stating that the cover under the existing policies (£3,000 and £1,000 covering Electricity boilers and economiser respectively ; and £2,000 covering Refuse Destructor boilers) was insufficient to safeguard the interests of the Undertaking in the event of an explosion, Resolved, That the insurance be increased to £10,000, the policy to cover both the Electricity and Refuse Destructor plant.

9-Education Conference-Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for domestic electrical appliances to be exhibited at the Education Conference to be held in Cheltenham at Easter at an estimated cost of £10

10—Lamp Standards—The Town Clerk reported that the tender of Mr. S. O'Brien for painting 113 lamp standards had been withdrawn. Resolved, That the under-mentioned tender of Mr. W. E. V. Godsell, 29, Brunswick Street, being the next lowest tender, be accepted :—

Centre lamps	13s 6d
Ordinary lamps	11s 6d
Small lamps	4s 6d

11—Public Lighting—Lane at Back of Great Norwood Street—Resolved, That a bracket lamp be fixed in this Lane at an estimated cost of £5.

Estimate, 1923—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the revenue for the December quarter shewed an increase for the corresponding quarter last year of about £1,000. Resolved, That the charge for street lighting during the ensuing year be £10,000 as against the estimate for the current year which was £11,750.

12-I.M.E.A.-convention, 1923—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 Scarborough from the 18th to 22nd June next.

13—British Industries Fair—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the British Industries Fair to be held in Birmingham on the 23rd inst.

14—National Joint Industrial Council (Electricity Supply Industry)—Representation—Resolved, That the re-appointment of the Borough Electrical Engineer as a Municipal Representative of the Employers in the Number Six (West of England) Area on the National Joint Industrial Council be approved.

15—Gas Tests—Gas Examiner's Periodical Reports.—Read, Reports of Gas Examiner of tests made on the 1st, 8th, nth and 20th inst., which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 472.1, 466.5, 478.5 and 471.0.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th February, 1923: Present — The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Moore, Pates, 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 36 days, ended 12th Feb., 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	340,000 gallons	251,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,448,000 "	1,215,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	101,000
Total	1,932,000	1,567,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th February, 1923.		12th February, 1922.	
Hewletts		29,254,000 gallons		16,869,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft 0in.	100,000,000	13ft. 0in.	21,250,000 "
Leckhampton	13ft 0in.	1,756,000	4ft. 0in.	540,000 "
Total Storage		131,010,000		38,659,000

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

	During January.	Total for past 10 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	1050	7540
" taps found leaking ..	111	809
" defective flushing boxes	48	378
" defective stop taps ..	6	47
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) 96 (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>55</u>	
	151	1339
" notices served re fittings .. .	81	673
" meters changed	23	209
" houses connected	50	596
" burst pipes discovered	4	94

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) Pump and Generating Set—Repairs—Tenders were received for repairs to pump and steam generating set Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Teague & Chew Ltd., Cinderford, to carry out the work at a cost of £27 8s. 6d. be accepted.

(b) Electricity Supply—The Borough Engineer recommended that the existing electric lighting installation at the Pumping Station be connected with the system of the Tewkesbury Electric Light Co., as an auxiliary supply for use when the steam boilers were not working, at a cost of £6 10s. 0d. ; the charge for energy to be 1s per unit. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted on the understanding that the supply to the Manager's House will be used for lighting purposes only.

(c) Superheaters—Read, Report of the 24th ult., from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. stating that the superheater to each of the two boilers required replacing. Resolved That consideration of the matter

be deferred pending a further report of the Borough Engineer thereon and that in the meantime he be instructed to have the defective tubes in one of the superheaters repaired.

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3—Leakage—Resolved, That the claim of Cavendish House Co, Ltd. amounting to 19s 6d for the cost incurred in connection with a leakage in the water main at Cavendish House be paid.

4—Keynsham Road Tip—Resolved, That the use of three chains of land in Keynsham Road be granted to the Street and Highway Committee for depositing road material, etc., as from the 25th March next, at a rent of £ 6 per annum.

5—Tredington Water Supply—The Town Clerk reported that he had settled terms of Agreement with the Tewkesbury R.D.C. for a bulk supply of water to the Parish of Tredington in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee at their meeting on the 12th August, 1920 (Minute No. 2). Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

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, 20th February, 1923: Present— The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Sawyer, Captain Trye, and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals (a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that swine fever existed at three premises in the Borough, viz.: Williams' Allotments, Gardner's Lane; Benhall Farm, Gloucester Road, and East Ward allotments, Whaddon Lane. With these exceptions the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) The Town Clerk reported outbreak of foot and mouth disease at Northleach, which was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture on the 10th inst. He submitted copy of the Gloucester and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order, 1923, (No. 2) and reported that the same had been published. Resolved, That this be approved.

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

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab--Read, application of 16th inst., from Mr. T. H. Houghton, for a licence in respect of Motor-cab AE1835. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

Drivers—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to E. H. Loud, 45, Francis Street, and C. F. Mann, 1a, Swindon Street.

4—Races—(a) Regulation of Traffic—Resolved, That the Traffic Regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, recommended by Superintendent Hopkins. be adopted.

(b) Special Licences—Read application of 16th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., for special licences in respect of eight motor omnibuses for the National Hunt Meeting on the 6th, 7th and 8th prox.

Read, also, letter of 13th inst, from the Honorary Secretary, Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association, urging that hackney carriages licenced were sufficient to deal with traffic on Race Days, and that no special licences be issued. The Association submitted the following special Scale of Fares for passengers to and from the Race Course:—

For Motor Hackney Carriages—From the Midland Railway Station and special stands adjoining, per passenger, 1s 6d

(Maximum fare for hire of cab for journey, 7s 6d).

From the Promenade and Town stands, per passenger, 1s

(Maximum fare for hire of cab for journey, 5s)

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For Motor Char-a-bancs—From the Midland Railway Station and special stands adjoining, per passenger, li. Point the Promenade and Town stands, per passenger, 6d.

Resolved, That the special Scale of Fares submitted be approved, subject to the Association undertaking to exhibit the same in easily legible, type in a prominent position on each vehicle.

Resolved, That no special licences be issued for the first day of the Races, but that the Chairman and Town Clerk be authorised to issue special licences for the remaining days, if, from the experience of the first day's traffic, this may appear to be necessary to meet the requirements of the traffic

5—Licences to Store Petroleum —Read, the following applications for licences to store petroleum :—

Name of Applicant.	Place of Garage.	Quantity.
Poynter, Leslie ..	23 and 24, Regent Street	150 gallons.
Jotter, Hugh Spencer	Suffolk Garage, Suffolk Parade ..	80 gallons

The Inspector reported that proper places of storage had been provided and recommended that the applications be granted. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

An application was also received from Mr. J. Preston for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in an underground installation at the Midland Garage, Queens Road, the petroleum to be distributed from a kerbside pump. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and subject also to the application in regard to the pump being approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee.

6 —Three Counties Show, 1924---Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Secretary, Three Counties Agricultural Society, stating that the Society had received an invitation to hold this show at Worcester, and after carefully considering the matter in all its bearings, the Committee had decided

to accept the same. In arriving at this decision, the Committee were influenced by the fact that at the time of the amalgamation of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Societies with Gloucestershire, it was definitely laid down as one of the conditions of amalgamation that the Show should in future be held in the three chief towns, Hereford, Worcester and Gloucester, unless there was some special reason to the contrary. The Committee thanked the Corporation for the invitation extended to the Society to hold the 1924 Show in Cheltenham and for the trouble already taken in the matter, and expressed the hope that at some future date it would be found possible to hold the Show in Cheltenham.

A letter of the same date was also read from Mr. L. C. Wrigley, one of the Gloucestershire Representatives, expressing his regret at the decision of the Committee. Resolved, That a representation be made to the Society that the next Show to be held in Gloucestershire should be held at Cheltenham.

7—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920 Resolved, That Mr. T. B. K. Deavall be included in the Certificate of Exception, as he completed three years' service on the 31st ult.

8—Market—Annual Mops and Fairs—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Messrs. Ernest G. Hill & Son, for use of the Market for two week-ends in October in connection with the Annual Mops and Fairs. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned.

9—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, Report of the Rat Executive Officer on the work done under this Act during 1922, together with Report on the steps taken during the National Rat Week.

10—School Clinic—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Secretary, Education Committee, asking that the School Clinic be redecorated. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for the work, that the Chairman be authorised to accept .t suitable estimate, and that, subject thereto, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to put the work in hand.

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. —

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General Hospital ..	£51 11 4
Female Refuge ..	4 19 2
Female Orphan Asylum	5 19 0
Blind Asylum ..	5 19 0
Nazareth House ..	62 9 6
Victoria Home for Nurses.	16 17 0
Provident Dispensary ..	5 19 0
Eye, ear and throat Hospital	15 17 4
Boys' Orphan Asylum.. ..	3 19 4
Hospital for sick Children	11 18 0
Home for aged Pensioners ..	3 14 8
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray ..	5 19 0

St. John's Ambulance Association .. 15 17 4
 £210 19 10

General Hospital—Annual contributions due 1st January, 1923, in lieu of free supply of water £87 12s.

12—Estimates—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be asked to invite the Chairman of the various Committees to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee when the Estimates for rates are considered.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1923; Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Taylor, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Asquith Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence damaged by the Gale repaired.

2—**Allotments Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported they met on the 12th January last. Present: Councillor Regan and Messrs Taylor and Vizard. They recommended as follows:

North Ward —(a) That a new notice board be provided at the entrance to these allotments.

(b) That notice be given to allotment holders adjoining the brook course, that the land must not be dug or cultivated within four feet of the brook, and that Mr. H. C. Locke be required to remove manure deposited close to the brook,

Baylis's Field—That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Johnson, who had erected a pigstye without permission and was encroaching on the adjoining allotment.

Gapper's Field—That the Owner be asked to remove the trees which overshadow this ground.

3—Allotment Roads—Resolved, That £70 be provided in the estimates for repairs to roads.

4—Dogs—Resolved, That notice be put up at each of the allotments that dogs must be kept under control if brought into the allotments.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th February, 1923 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, and Welstead Messrs. F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Regan in the Chair).

5—Income and Expenditure—The Borough Accountant submitted Statement showing estimated Income and Expenditure to the 31st March, 1923, of which the following is a Summary:—

Income.	
Rents	£774 5 10
Deficiency	<u>1 13 6</u>
	£775 19 4

Expenditure.	
Rents, Rates, etc. .	£562 54 7
Loan Charges .	146 7 11
Roads, etc. ..	<u>66 16 10</u>
	£775 19 4

Resolved, That the Education Committee be requested to ask the teachers to point out to the children in attendance at the Elementary Schools, that cuttings, etc., for Nature Study Lessons must not be taken from the Allotments.

DANIEL REGAN, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 12th February, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

1 —Recreation Grounds—(a) Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That four more poplar trees be removed.

(b) Cricket—The Committee considered applications for permission to play cricket at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1923 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 C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Templar Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.
Whaddon Lane ..	Holy Trinity Church Lads C.C.	Tuesday Evenings.
“	Co-operative Employees C.C.	Wednesday afternoons 2-3 p.m.
“	All Saints' Old Boys C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	United Services Club ..	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park	G. P. O. Cricket Club ..	Alternate Saturdays.

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

Organised Games—Read, application of the 13th inst., from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursdays from 2 till 4-15 p.m., from 19th April to 26th July, next inclusive, for organised games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

2—Pittville Estate—Read, Report from Pittville Park Constable, with regard to two boys found cycling in the Pump Room Gardens. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys.

Clarence Square—Trees—Read, Memorial from three residents in Clarence Square, asking that a large Ilex tree in the square be removed—Resolved, That the same be viewed.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th February, 1923: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Pruett, Regan, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

3—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating —Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. H. G. Healey, stating that two boats, two canoes, and ten pairs of sculls were required, but that if the Committee would grant him a lease of three or five years, he would provide the necessary boats and sculls, etc., and the Committee, having interviewed Mr. Healey, Resolved, That he be granted the boating rights for the seasons, 1923, 1924, and 1925, at a rent of £20 per season, subject to his entering into a formal agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, to include the following conditions:----

1. The right to include use of lake while the annexe is open to the public (except no boating to be allowed on Sundays before 2 p.m.)

2. The charges for boats not to exceed 9d. per hour for canoes, 9d. per hour per head for single sculling boats (with a minimum charge of 2s), and 6d. per head per hour for family boats (with a minimum charge of 3s per hour.

3. That he shall be responsible for keeping the lake free of weeds for boating, but shall not apply any copperas or other chemical for killing the weeds except with the approval and under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

4. Provide any additional boats he may require at his own cost.

Opening Time-- Resolved, That Pittville Park be kept open until half an hour after sunset.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th February, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Captain Trye and Whitaker ; and Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez. The Mayor in the chair)

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 3,295 (against 1,657). Sale of postcards realised 6s 8d One reproduction of the picture of the Glo'ster Regiment £1 1s., and two pamphlets on " Rock Specimens" 1s.

The exhibition of the Rowley Panels was opened on the 10th January, and has been visited by 2,922 persons during the thirty days which it had been opened. Catalogues sold realised £2 11s. 2d., and the Collection Box a further sum of £1 0s. 11d.

Mr. H. A. Kennedy, the head of the Department controlling the Circulation Collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum, with Mr. A. E. J. Torrens, visited the Gallery on the 23rd and 24th January, and permission had been now given for two of the South Kensington cases to be moved to the Decorative Art Room and one placed in the Dutch Gallery, and one, because of the need for having a connection for electric light in its interior, had been retained in the long gallery. The gallery was now more suitable for the uninterrupted display of pictures, and at the same time made available for occasional lectures, etc.

As to the collections received on loan for eighteen months from the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Committee had been very fortunate in receiving such a valuable set of objects. The Stained Glass case, for instance, was one of two which the State Collections are circulating. The case containing English Pottery and Porcelain, 45 objects in all, was of value, not so much for the monetary value of the specimens, but for the fact that the examples were of the type met with in very many homes. The case of tiles was considered by those who have a special interest in these subjects to be very good indeed. The fourth case contained Chinese Porcelain, and included specimens upon which art students and lovers of such arts in general would find of quite exceptional merit.

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To make way for the change of location of the South Kensington cases, the collection of objects from Pompeii, shown for many years in a large case in the Dutch Gallery, have been removed to a suitable position, near like objects, in the Decorative Art Room. The opportunity had been taken of cleaning the specimens, and of taking out two of the large examples, suitable for standing on pedestals, and re-arranging the remaining objects, which had a pleasing effect.

The case of twelve specimens of Ravenscourt Pottery, lent to the Gallery last August, had been returned to the maker Miss Dora Lunn, of London,

He had attended a meeting of the Society of Antiquaries in London on the 25th January, and exhibited the Neolithic specimens from the long barrow at Notgrove, and on the following day took the examples to the British Museum, where one of the Artists on the permanent staff took drawings of many of the pieces for illustration in the Journal of the Society. A vote of thanks by the Society was passed to this Committee for their kindness in thus contributing to promote the objects for which the Society is incorporated.

The following gifts had been received :--

Captain R. P. Wild: Eighteen Ethnographical Specimens from West Africa.

Director of Geological Survey: Geological Map of Cheltenham and district, revised in 1922.

Mr. E. J. Burrow: Fifteen framed pen and ink drawings, illustrating his book " The Ancient Earthworks of Gloucestershire," which he requested should be hung in a reasonable position on the walls of the Museum near the cases containing prehistoric remains, implements, etc.

In view of the visit of the National Association of Manual Training Teachers at Easter he had arranged for the insertion of a brief article, descriptive of the Art Gallery and Museum Collections in

the Conference Handbook, and the work of organising the exhibition of Local Arts and Crafts, already agreed to, was being pushed forward with a view to opening it about the 20th March.

2—Mineral Room —Resolved, That the estimate of Mr. Henry Hooper for distemping walls with wallpamur for £3 10s to be accepted.

3—Estimates—The estimates for the forthcoming year were submitted and approved.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 23rd February, 1923 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 27th January to 23rd February, 1923 (both dates inclusive). Interments, 46 ; Exclusive Rights in 13 graves sold (first class 2, and fourth class u). Monuments erected, 8 ; Inscriptions on Monuments, 4.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6681 to 6693 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Barbara Bower, Blacker C. Powell, Henry A. Dean, Frances M. Macloskey and Annie I. Wood Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of John T. M. Symons ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to the grave of Kate F. Thompson ; Memorial Scroll to grave of George C. Collier ; Memorial Cross to grave of Clara M. Commin and Memorial to grave of George M. H. Thornton.

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4—Fees—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor recommended that the fees for Interments, Grants of purchased grave spaces, erection of Memorials, etc., should be paid direct to the Borough Accountant's Department, and submitted particulars of the arrangements and forms to be adopted for complying with this recommendation.

Resolved, That these be approved. Resolved, also, That in future no deduction or allowance be made from the fee for purchase of a grave space in respect of a previous interment in the grave.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th February, 1923: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Regan and Yarnold; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for January. Receipts, £11 11s. 11d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 5,211 (last year 4,296). Lending Library, 12,122 (against 11,939). Children's Library, 1,805 (against 2,093). Total issue from all Departments 19,138 (against 18,328).

Presentations—E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., 19 Guides to various towns ; Miss G. Newcombe, 8 volumes; Secretary of State for India, 1 volume. 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 8th inst. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillor Mann; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnston ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge. and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair). They considered the reports of the Minor Committees and approved their recommendations, viz.:—

(1) That the roof be repaired where necessary at an estimated cost of

(2) That the Newspaper Room and the Annexe be distempered and cleaned during the forthcoming financial year, at an estimated cost of £30.

(3) That the lobby and lavatory between the Art Gallery and Library be distempered. at an estimated cost of 15s. The Sub-Committee also recommend

(a) That the Reference Library floor be repaired, at an estimated cost of £2 10s.

(b) That the wages of Miss E. M. Clark, Senior Assistant, be increased from £1 5s. to £1 10s. per week.

(c) That the Librarian be authorised to obtain second-hand juvenile books to the value of £8 15s, 9d., and submit same for the approval of the Committee.

(d) That the offer of the Conservative Women's Association to present " Home and Politics" monthly be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

3—Attendance at Lectures—It was reported that 190 persons attended the fifth of the Winter Lectures given by Mr. T. C. Weatherhead, M.A., on the subject of " Matthew Arnold."

4—Tablets re Local Celebrities--Mr. Alfred J. Miles, Hon. Treasurer, reported promises of a number of subscriptions towards the cost of providing tablets.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th February, 1923: Present — Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, St. Clair and Welstead. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £34,841 10s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £2,433 16s. 2d.

2- Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £16,268 12s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £4,323 13s. 8d.

2 —Distress Warrants—Read, letter of 27th inst., from the Assistant Overseers complaining of the delay in execution of Distress Warrants. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Supt. of Police with regard to the matter.

3 —Loans--(a) The Borough Accountant reported that Debentures for £235, £20 and £300 had been repaid as the term of the loans in respect of which the Debentures were issued had expired. The lenders were willing to take new Debentures under more recently sanctioned loans, and, in the first two cases, to increase their loans to £250 and £50 respectively, Resolved, That new debentures be sealed and issued accordingly. Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £1,300 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4--Housing Bonds—(a) Repayment—Resolved, That the following 6 per cent. Housing Bonds, repayable in 1925, be repaid forthwith :—Certificate Nos. 182 (£15) and 715 (£50).

(b) Registrar—Resolved, That £75 be paid to Mr. R. Minett in respect of the registration of Housing Bonds up to the 31st December last, it being understood that 9-20ths. of this amount will be paid by him to the Staff in respect of their services.

5--Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £480 Corporation Stock at 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. plus expenses £1 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £480 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.

6—Insurance—Cash in Transit, etc.—Three quotations were received for insurance of cash in transit and custody (including fidelity of Staff). Resolved, That the quotation of the Fine Art and General Insurance Co. Ltd., amounting to £19 13s. 3d. being at rate of 1s 9d per £1,000 for cash in transit and 5s per cent. for cash in custody, be accepted.

7—Farms Stock and Wages --Resolved, That the separate accounts now kept at the Bank for the purchase of livestock for the Farms, and payment of general Corporation wages be closed at the end of the current financial year, and that authority be given in the Monthly Order on the Borough Treasurer to pay cheques for stock and wages up to a fixed amount in each case.

8--St. Peters' Schools Loan £8,000—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of fresh Sanction to the borrowing of £8,000 for the erection of new buildings at these Schools, repayable in 30 years.

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 5th March, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present

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

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker, and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 5th 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—Railway Track between Cheltenham and Gloucester—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the General Manager, Great Western Railway Co., stating that the Company were unable at present to entertain the proposal that the Railway between Cheltenham and Gloucester should be quadrupled.

3—Unemployment—Read, letter of the 15th ult., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, forwarding the following Resolutions passed by that Committee on the 14th ult. :—

(a) " That the Town Council be urged to consider the position of Relief Workers as affected by inclement weather.

Having regard to the fact that the men receive special rates of pay on Relief Schemes, the Committee recommend to the Council, that, when men report for work on any day upon which the weather prevents work, not less than 75 per cent. of the day's wages should be paid."

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(b) " That this Committee note with concern that the total number of men employed weekly on Relief Schemes is now 58, which represents work for 116 men in alternate weeks. In view of the fact that there are at present 1,247 men un-employed, the Committee consider that the number of men on Relief Schemes is very small. The Committee would draw the attention of the Town Council to the fact that in increasing numbers weekly, men will cease to draw Unemployment Insurance Benefit. The position will accordingly become seriously aggravated in the near future, and the Committee desire to urge upon the Council the need of the early provision of further Relief Schemes to cope with the situation which is likely to arise."

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

4—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Terrace, 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.

5—Allotments Committee—Resolved, That Mr. F. W. Clarkson, The Union Inn, Union Street, be appointed a Representative Member of the Allotments Committee, in place of Mr. E. Taylor, resigned.

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 ... Meetings held February 12* & 27

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

" That the Minute of the Farms Sub-Committee referring to the shooting at the Barn Farm and Hayden Farm be referred back with instructions to invite offers for same by advertisement."

Housing ... Meeting held February 13

Street and Highway Meeting held February 19

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held February 9,16 & 23

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held February 21

Water Meeting held February 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 20*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

" That the undermentioned Resolution be substituted for the second Resolution to Minute No. 4, viz. :—That Special Licences for the Races be granted to the Bristol Tram-ways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for 5 motor char-a-bancs, and to Mr. F. Martin for 3 motor char-a-bancs."

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Allotments ... Meetings held February 12 & 16

Parks, and Recreation Grounds ... Meetings held February 12 & 16

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 14

Burial Board Meeting held February 23

Public Library Meeting held February 13

Finance Meeting held February 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.

CLARA F. WINTER BOTHAM,

Mayor.

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 Monday, 5th March, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present;

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

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

7—Chicken Pox—Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of section 7 sub-section 6 of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, and in view of the emergency arising from the outbreak of cases of Small-Pox in the Borough of Cheltenham, it is hereby ordered that the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Acts, 1889 and 1899, shall apply in the said Borough to the infectious disease known as Chicken-Pox, and that this Order shall come into operation on the 14th day of March, 1923, and shall continue in force for a period of six calendar months from that date.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Mayor.

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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 Tuesday, 20th March, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

8—Proceedings of Finance Committee—Estimate for Rate—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 136 March inst., be approved and confirmed, that a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared, that the Owners instead of the Occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10s., and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one half.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees or the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting or- the Council to be held on Thursday, the 5th April, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1923: Present—The Mayor : The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas, 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, Leighton Road ; 18, Commercial Street ; Brown Jug Inn and 10 Bells Inn, Bath Road ; 68, Rutland Street ; Mitre Inn, Sandford Street ; Garrick Inn, Bath Street ; 3 and 4, Moor's Parade, Tewkesbury Road ; 7 and 12, St. Paul's Street South ; 40 and 42, Roman Road ; and 225, High Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1839, requiring them in each case to provide a movable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

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2-Overcrowding at 105, Tennyson 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 g- of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 16, Clare Place, Bath Road; 2, Southfield Villas, Old Bath Road ; 2, Leighton Road ; 4, 5 and 6, Upper Paley ; 18, Commercial Street ; and 14, Courtenay 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) 1, 2, 3 and 4, St. Anne's Terrace ; Hill View Cottage, Hewlett Street ; 8, Exmouth Street ; 42, 43, 44 and 45, Bloomsbury Street ; 11, Sidney Street ; Douro Lodge ; 2, 3 and 5, Douro Villas ; Douro House ; 11 and 12, Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road ; and 4, Berkeley Avenue, 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) 9, Alstone Place-----The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee at their meeting on 13th November last (Minute No. 7 (b)) 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 £17 17s. 6d. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

(c) Quebec House, Albion Street ; 30, 31 and 32, Elm Street ; 31 and 35, Bloomsbury 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 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

5-Insanitary Property--34, 40 and 50 Upper Park Street ; 16, Clare Place ; 2, Southfield Villas, Old Bath Road ; 4, 5 and 6, Upper Pilley ; 18, Commercial Street ; 14, Courtenay Street ; and Victoria douse, Charlton Lane. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &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-Houses unfit for Human Habitation-No. 1 Limbrick Cottages-Resolved, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be further adjourned for three months.

7-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. of beef; 56 lbs. mutton ; 28 lbs. pork ; 15 lb. tripe ; and 49 lbs. lamb's livers.

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

9-Small Pox-The Medical Officer of Health reported that active measures had been taken in connection with the four cases of Small Pox reported at the last meeting. Contacts had been watched and all cases of Chicken Pox reported had been seen by him. Dr. Shaw had again visited Cheltenham and accompanied him to Isolation Hospital and to the several homes of contacts and Chicken Pox cases. No further case of Small Pox had been reported.

10-Chicken Pox-Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Ministry of Health approving the Order made by the Council on the 5th inst., extending the application of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, in the Borough to Chicken Pox for a period of six calendar months.

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Milk Special Designations Order 1922—Licences--(a) Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that a provisional scheme had been drawn up for the of " Certified " milk, and also of " Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" milk in those cases in which licences to bottle the latter grade had been issued by the Ministry, and asking that, subject to any modifications in the scheme which might be necessary, arrangements should be made by the Council during the present year for samples to be taken from licenced distributors obtaining their supplies from Mr. S. G. Wood, to whom a producer's licence had been granted, for bacteriological examination. The Ministry should be

informed before any arrangements are completed of the Laboratory to which it is proposed to send samples and of the proposed charge.

(b) Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Cheltenham Creamery, Ltd., forwarding applications for licences to use the Designation "Certified" milk to be sold at (1) North Place Milk Depot, (2) 4, Montpellier Avenue, and (3) 4, Pittville Street. Resolved, That the licences be granted. Resolved, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report what arrangements can be made for making the bacteriological examinations required and the cost thereof.

12— Storm Water Carrier, Hayden--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work in connection with the storm water carrier had been delayed by bad weather, but that, instead of stopping the men, work had been found for them at the Sewage Works and Farms. Resolved, That this be approved.

13—Sewer--Hall Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to lack of fall a length of sewer in Hall Road, adjoining Church Road, had been found to be blocked, and he recommended that a new 6 inch. sewer, 55 yards in length be laid at an estimated cost of £35. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and the Borough Surveyor instructed to have the work carried out.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 12th inst. was is horses (and 6 at Depot) ; 93 head of cattle ; 1 calf ; 86 sheep and 45 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 barren cows and 1 bull had been purchased for £60. 3 calves and 9 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 4 bullocks, 2 cows, 3 heifers (1 dead), 2 calves, 14 tegs and 1 cart horse had been sold for £361 15s. 0d.

Valuation of Farms—Read, Repot of the 27th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, on his valuation of the stock, implements, etc., on the Farms on that date, of which the following is a summary

	£ s. d.
99 Cattle	2359 0 0
98 Sheep	402 17 0
36 Pigs	132 0 0
17 Horses ..	491 0 0
Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Feeding Stuffs and Manures	431 0 0
Corn in stack not yet thrashed out	115 8 6
Acts of Husbandry, Seeds, etc.	161 1 6
Implements, Tools, Harness, etc.	<u>645 19 6</u>
	£4738 6 6

Shooting at Farms—The following offers were received for the shooting and sporting rights. For both Farms, J. Hedley, £10. For Barn Farm, W. D. Wadham, £7; J. Smith, £6 ; and W. C. Unwin, £4. For Hayden, G. McIlquham, £5. Resolved, That as the maintenance of the Harriers by Mr. Unwin is an attraction to the Town and neighbourhood his offer be accepted for Barn Farm and that Mr. McIlquham's offer be accepted for Hayden Farm.

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 Wednesday, 14th March, 1923. Present: Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Regan, Rogers and Thomas (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Site for Almshouses - Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Hon. Secretary, Charity Organization Society, stating that the alternative site suggested for the Jessie Mary Chambers Almshouses at the corner of Brooklyn Road and Tennyson Road would be suitable, but that an area of 2904 square yards would be required. The District Valuer reported that he valued the site required at £440 but that the Ministry would require an undertaking from the Corporation that no part of the cost (if any) of completing the abutting roads would be charged to the Assisted Housing Scheme. The Borough Surveyor reported that the construction of the road, including footpath abutting the site, was complete except that for a length (not quite half the frontage of the site (the footpath was only a gravel footpath with grass verge. Resolved, That (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) the site be offered for the Almshouses for £440, free from liability to kerb, channel and pave the footpath, and that this be done at the cost of the Corporation, if and when the Corporation consider it necessary, and that the undertaking required by the Ministry of Health be given.

2-House for Police—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Chief Constable, asking that one of the Non-parlour type houses be allocated to him for the occupation of married Constables in succession. Resolved, That a Non parlour type house be let to the Chief Constable after the four applicants who had been definitely promised a house had been satisfied.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th March, 1923, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye 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 16th February to 15th March, 1923 (both dates inclusive), including particulars of roads coated, patched and tarsprayed, and of trenches reinstated and trees planted and pruned during the period, and also the number of slabs made during the period.

Refuse Collection and Disposal---During the four weeks ended 8th inst., 767 loads collected, 750 consumed, and 17 tipped away (Weight consumed 1,050 tons 15 ½ cwts).

2 -Promenade—Rooks' Nests—The Borough Surveyor asked for instructions as to reducing the number of Rooks' Nests. Resolved, That no action be taken this Season.

3—Alma Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Owners of properties abutting on this road (which had not been taken over by the Corporation) wished to repair the same and had made application for a supply of clinker, and as the Corporation were the owners of the Allotments in the road, he recommended that a supply be given. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4— Chelt Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fencing between Barrett's Mill and Keynsham Road was again in bad condition. He had met the agents for the Harford Trustees (Messrs. Young & Gilling) who would advise the Trustees to erect a more substantial fence if the Corporation would at the same time build up the retaining wall of the footpath. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed accordingly.

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5-Cement —Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Oxford Portland Cement Co. Ltd., offering to supply cement at 50s per ton, plus railway carriage at rate of 13s 4d. per ton for deliveries to the Slab Factory, and 10s 5d. per ton for deliveries to the Central Depot. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into for the supply of cement for the year ending 31st March, 1924, the Contract to provide that if the Company reduce the price below 50s or if there be any reduction in railway rates, the Corporation shall be entitled to a corresponding reduction.

6--Road from Ewlyn Road to Langdon Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted for approval an amended apportionment of the cost of Private Improvement Works in this Road amounting to £130 17s. 4d. (including supervision). Resolved, That the same be approved, that Notice thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners mentioned therein and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 19th ult., be rescinded.

7 —Whaddon Lane--Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That in view of the building operations in this Road, the service of Notices authorised by Minute No. 17 of this Committee at their Meeting on the 19th ult., be postponed for the present.

8—Bayshill Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had enquired into the circumstances in which the seat in this Road had been damaged and it appeared that this was not due to any negligence on the part of the driver of the taxi-cab. Resolved, That no action be taken and that the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of the Committee at their Meeting on the 19th ult., be rescinded.

9---Harp Hill Surface Water Drain—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth, stating that he would be responsible for half the cost, up to £35, of the new surface water drain in Harp Hill. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the surface water drain laid at an estimated cost of £70.

10—Main Roads—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the County Council providing for the payment by the County Council to the Corporation of the annual sum of £7,000 for a period of three years from the 31st March, 1923, towards the cost of maintenance, repair and reasonable

improvement of Main Roads within the Borough, and also the sum of £3,400 as an annual contribution by the County Council towards the cost of the maintenance, repair and improvement of Contribution Roads for the same period. Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto,

11—Gloucester Road—Re-coating—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary that the re-coating of Gloucester Road should be carried out as soon as weather permitted. He recommended that some form of asphalt or bitumastic macadam construction should be adopted, that in the first place the portion of the road from Tennyson Road to Hatherley Lane (an area of about 13,000 sq. yds.) should be re-coated, and that provision should be made in the Contract for any further area decided upon to be constructed at the same price per sq. yd. Resolved, That tenders for the work be invited by advertisement and that the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect roads of similar construction in Swansea and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

12---Royal Well Lane Footpath—Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath on the East side of Royal Well Lane by the abutting owners.

13—Kerbside Pump—Pittville Street—Read, application of 19th inst., from Messrs. A. Hughes and Sons, for permission to erect a kerbside pump in front of 21, Pittville Street. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for view.

14—Albion Street Widening—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Owner of Eardington House, consenting to give up the land belonging to her, required for the widening of this road; and letter of 7th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Conservative Club, stating that the Club were not willing to give up more than five feet of their frontage, and objecting to consent being given to the buildings on either side being brought forward. Read, also, letter of the 16th inst., from the Owner of Pemberton House, stating that he did not wish to give up any of his frontage. Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter.

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15—Unemployment—Read, letter of 15th ult., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, with reference to the payment of wages to relief workers during inclement weather, -and the necessity of providing further Relief Schemes, referred to the Committee by the Council at their last meeting. Resolved, (1) That the Committee cannot recommend the payment of wages to men on relief work when they are unable to work by reason of inclement weather. (2) That the Committee are unable to recommend the provision of further Schemes for the relief of unemployment at present.

16--Rowanfield Road—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Secretary, Education Committee, with regard to the condition of this road, and suggesting that, if the Council were not prepared to require the Owners to put the same into proper condition, a gravel or cinder footpath should be made. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the adoption of this suggestion.

17—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 Leeds on 27th-30th June next.

18—St. George's Road—Tree—Read, letters of 11th and 13th inst., from Mr. A. Slater, applying for the removal of a chestnut tree in front of "Garron Dene," St. George's Road. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

19—St. Anne's Road—Trees—A complaint was received that the public lamps in this road were obscured by trees growing on private property. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

20—**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 confirmed.

A. MANN, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th March, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Mann and Rogers (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.
1685	F. H. Smith	Motor House at " Bramham," Christ Church Road.
1686	W. H. Mellersh	Motor House, at "The Gryphons," Pittville Circus Road.
1687	J. Wheway	Additions to " Rangemore," Montpellier Grove.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1685 and 1686 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 Plan No. 1687 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

2—Contravention of Bye-Laws—It was reported that the following buildings had been erected without plans having been submitted to and approved by the Corporation: —

Name.	Description.
J. C. Fisher	Motor House at rear of " Hillsborough Lawn," Cranham Road.
F. E. Smith	Motor House at " Newhurst," Hall Road.
Mrs. Tahourdine	Temporary Dwelling House, Alma Road.

Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Fisher and Smith and Mrs. Tahourdine to show cause why the buildings erected by them, respectively, should not be pulled down and removed as being in contravention of the Bye-Laws.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th March, 1923: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Motor Lawn Mower—Read, letter of 8th, inst., from R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., agreeing to instruct one of the Gardeners in the use of a motor lawn mower and to the machine being given a fortnight's trial, subject to the payment of 50s by the Corporation if the machine is not purchased. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(b) Christ Church Fete—Resolved, That arrangements be made for the Summer Orchestra to play at Montpellier Gardens on the 30th May during the morning and afternoon (or evening) on the occasion of the Christ Church Fete, subject to the payment of a sum equal to the estimated average takings.

2—Pittville Gardens—The Spa Manager reported receipt of application from Mrs. Atwell Lake for the Gardens to be closed to the public on the 13th June on the occasion of the Fete in connection with Holy Trinity Church. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3—Town Hall—Sunday (Wireless) Concert—The Spa Manager reported that the Wireless Association had offered to give a demonstration in the Town Hall with a wireless set on a Sunday evening to be arranged. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that charges for seats be as follows :-1s 3d, 8d. and 4d.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd March, 1923 : Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders for interior painting and renovation at the Swimming Bath and adjoining conveniences. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. John C. Pearce & Sons, Bishop's Cleeve, to carry out the work for £72, being the lowest tender, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

5--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 10s. per week.

Refreshment Buffet—Resolved, That permission be granted to Mr. E. G. Whitton, 45 Lansdown Crescent, for a motor Refreshment Buffet to stand in Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden ground during Orchestral performances, and in Montpellier Gardens on evenings when the Orchestra is not performing at either place, on payment to the Corporation of £1 per month.

6—Concerts and Gardens—Season Tickets—Resolved, That the following Scale of Charges for Season Tickets (commencing on 1st May, 1923, and expiring on 30th April, 1924) be approved and adopted :—

(1) Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—To admit Nurse or Child (not exceeding is 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

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Complimentary Tickets—Resolved, That Complimentary Tickets be issued to displayers of Corporation advertisements, etc., in accordance with List settled by this Committee.

7—Hospitals Carnival--An application was received from the Hospitals Carnival Committee for the use of (a) the Town Hall and Rooms for the week 18th-23rd June next, and (b) Montpellier Gardens for a Flower Show on 21st June and on the evening of the previous day for the necessary preparations to be made, and also for the services of the Summer Orchestra in connection with the Flower Show. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall and Rooms be granted free of charge, except for cleaning, heating, lighting and other out-of-pocket expenses, and that the use of Montpellier Gardens and the services of the Orchestra be granted, subject to the payment of a sum equal to the estimated average takings in respect of the latter.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 6th and 20th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Summer Orchestra—That arrangements be made for the Orchestra to play in the Winter Garden Bandstand on Wednesday and Saturday evenings for two hours, instead of Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and that the second resolution to Minute No. 1 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on 9th February last be varied accordingly.

Tennis Courts (a) Stop-Netting—That the Spa Manager be authorised to purchase 400 lineal yards of stop-netting, nine feet high, at £1 1s. per dozen yards, less ten per cent, discount.

(b) Courts Nos. 4 and .5, Pittville Chalet Gardens—That these Courts be let to St. Mary's Training College, on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (2 to 4 p.m.) from the commencement of the Season until the 29th June, inclusive, at a charge of £3 3s. per court, and that they be let to other applicants when not in use by the Training College and for the remainder of the Season at a charge of £5 5s. per court.

Pittville—Whit-Monday Municipal Fete----That arrangements be made by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for a Fete at Pittville on Whit-Monday, and that the following Sub-Committees be re-appointed:—

Sports Sub-Committee—Councillors Regan 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 ; with the addition of Mr. Geo. H. Phillips.

Secretary—Also, That the secretarial work in connection with the Fête be undertaken by the Spa Manager.

Concerts Chair attendant—That Alfred G. Harding be appointed Concerts Chair Attendant for the Summer Season at wages of £2 10s. per week, to include his services on Sundays and the cost of any additional labour required in the removal of chairs, etc., in connection with Band Concerts.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

9—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 466 ; Montpellier Baths 19 ; Pittville Chalet 37 ; and Pittville Pump Room 42.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 5th March 1923: Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Generating plant-The Committee considered a Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer, with reference to the provision of additional generating plant. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

2-Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that the December quarter' returns had now been completed and showed a satisfactory result, and he recommended that a reduction of £500 he made in the charge for Public Lighting for the current financial year. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 21st March, 1923 : Present : Councillors Bastin, Moore, Stanley, Captain Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3—Tender for Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the offer of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd., to renew their contract for cables on a new schedule of prices, which shewed a reduction of approximately ten per cent. on the previous year's prices and provided for variations in the cost of materials, be accepted. Resolved, That a Contract be entered into for the supply of cables for the ensuing twelve months on the terms offered.

4—Lamp Standards—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. E. V. Godsell had notified his inability to complete his contract for painting lamp standards : a number of standards had been

cleaned and the first coat of paint applied thereto. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the painting of these standards completed, and that the painting of the remaining standards be deferred.

5--Recording Voltmeter—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of a portable recording voltmeter to give graphic records of the pressure on any part of the system. Resolved. That he be authorised to obtain a suitable instrument at a cost of not exceeding £30.

6—Gas Regulation Act, 1920—Death of Gas Examiner--The Town Clerk reported the death of Mr. George Embrey and that pending the appointment of a successor he had arranged for the tests to be made by Mr. W. E. Deavin (Mr. Embrey's Assistant). Resolved. That this be approved.

Appointment—Resolved, That applications for the appointment of Gas Examiner be invited by advertisement, the applicants to state their qualifications and salary required.

7—Gas Tests—Gas Examiner's Periodical Reports.--Read, Reports of Gas Examiner of tests made on the 8th, and 16th inst., which shewed the calorific power on these dates to be 462.0 and 473.4 B.Th.U.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th March, 1923 : Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor ; Alderman 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 36 days, ended 12th March., 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	593,000 gallons	365,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	3,421,000 “	1,918,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	82,000
Total	4,158,000	2,365,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th March, 1923.		12th March, 1922.	
Hewletts		31,017,000 gallons		25,028,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft 0in.	100,000,000 “	26ft. 0in.	70,237,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft 6in.	1,687,000	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		132,704,000		96,615,000

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

	During February.	Total for past 11 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	950	8490
“ taps found leaking ..	110	919
“ defective flushing boxes	32	410
“ defective stop taps ..	5	52
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house-to- house inspections)	105 <u>27</u>	
	132	1471
“ notices served re fittings	66	739
“ meters changed ..	9	218
“ houses connected ..	64	660
“ burst pipes discovered	6	100

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Superheater—The Borough Engineer submitted tender of 25th ult., from Messrs. T. Sugden, Ltd., to supply and fix a superheater to one of the boilers at a cost of £173. Resolved, That the tender be accepted.

4--Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that supplies be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

5—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 March, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy mayor. Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Captain Trye, and Yarnold (The Deputy May in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that swine fever existed at three premises in the Borough, viz.: Williams' Allotments, Gardner's Lane; Benhall Farm, Gloucester Road ; and Orchard, Hatherley Road. With these exceptions the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) The Town Clerk submitted copies of the Gloucester and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Orders, 1923, (Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6), and reported that Nos. 3 and 4 had been published, as required by the Ministry of Agriculture.

(ii.) Read, circular letter of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, forwarding Warning Notices as to the risk of Foot and Mouth Disease being introduced by use of hay and straw used for the packing of imported goods, and the Town Clerk reported that the same had been posted at the Market and Police Stations and distributed to corn and hay dealers.

(c) Gloucester Swine Fever Infected Area Order, 1922—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the existence of Swine Fever in the County, and forwarding copy of this Order. The Town Clerk reported that the Order had been published.

(d) Importation of Canadian Cattle, and Canadian Cattle (Marking) Orders, 1923--Read, circular letter of 13th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, forwarding copies of these Orders containing detailed regulations for dealing with Canadian Store Cattle landed in Great Britain in accordance with the provisions of the Importation of Animals Act, 1922, and the marking of Canadian Cattle. Resolved, That the first-named Order be published as required by the Ministry.

(e) Importation of Dogs from Ireland and the Isle of Man Orders (Nos. 1264 and 1273)-----The Town Clerk submitted copies of these Orders.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.
26th February	3, Andover Terrace, Ashford Road	£50
7th March	Zion Cottage, Albion Street	£25

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab--Resolved. That the applications of Messrs. John Oates and J. H. Williams, for licences in respect of Motor-cabs Nos. C8899 and 2776, be granted, subject to the requirements mentioned in the Reports of Mess's. Mills and Sons being complied with.

Transfer—Resolved, That Licence No. 62, held by J. H. Williams, in respect of Motor Cab No. AD1605 be transferred to E. H. Loud, 45, Francis Street.

4—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—(a) Read, application of the 6th inst., from the Wycliffe Cycle Co., for a licence to store 40 gallons of petroleum at the rear of No. 88 High Street. The Inspector reported that a proper place of storage had been provided and recommended that the application be granted. Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly.

(b) An application was also received from Messrs. A. Hughes & Sons for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in an underground installation at 21, Pittville Street, the petroleum to be distributed from a kerbside pump. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector, but that the application in regard to the pump be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

(c) An application, was also received from Mr. Leslie Paynter, for a licence to store 150 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium at Nos. 23 and 24, Regent Street. Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, That a licence be granted,

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5—Pawnbroker's Licence—Read, application of 15th inst., from Messrs. H. Higgins, Ltd., for a renewal of their Pawnbroker's licence which expired on the 9th November last. Resolved, That a Certificate of Renewal as for one year from the 9th November, 1922, be granted.

6 —Three Counties Show, 1926—The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last Meeting, he had written to the Secretary, Three Counties Agricultural Society, inviting the Society to hold at Cheltenham the next Show to be held in Gloucestershire. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Market—Shed—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Mr. C. C. Castle for the provision of a shed at the Market for the sale of poultry, butter and eggs, on the following terms ;—

(1) The Shed to be erected by Mr. Castle at an estimated cost of not exceeding £250, in a position and in accordance with plans and specification to be first submitted to and approved by the Corporation. (2) The licence to be withdrawn by the Corporation at any time by notice in writing. (3) On the withdrawal of the licence the Corporation to take over the Shed and pay Mr. Castle an agreed sum therefor, or failing agreement, a sum to be determined by arbitration. (4) During the continuance of the licence Mr. Castle to pay to the Corporation a commission at the rate of £1 5s. per cent. on the gross sales of produce by him in the shed or elsewhere in the Market ; an account of sales to be rendered monthly and the commission thereon paid on the first of each month. (5) The Corporation to allow Mr Castle interest at the rate of 7 ½ per cent. per annum on the actual or estimated cost of the shed, whichever shall be the less, such interest to be payable by half-yearly instalments, the first instalment being payable at the expiration of six months from the date on which the shed is completed and ready for use. Resolved. That these terms be approved and the Common Seal affixed to be Agreement.

8—July Quarterly Council Meeting—Resolved, That the July Quarterly Council Meeting fixed for Friday. 3rd August next, be held on Tuesday, 31st July.

9—Mayor's Robe Case--Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. A. W. Newport to repair the Mayor's robe case for £1 1s. be accepted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 12th March, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Regan in the chair).

1—Gapper's Field—Trees—Read, letters, of 23rd and 26th ult., from Mr. E. L. Baylis. stating that he was prepared to meet the Committee, as far as possible, by allowing them to lop the trees to a reasonable extent at the Corporation's expense. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees lopped next season.

2-Vacant Allotments—The Town Clerk reported as to rents due and as to the number of Allotments vacant. Resolved, That a Notice be inserted in the " Echo" advertising the Allotments to let.

D. REGAN, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1923; Present —Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, 1 Regan, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

1—Promenade Long Garden- Painting—The Borough Surveyor reported that the railings of the Promenade Long Garden required painting, the cost of which was provided for in the estimate for the current year. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work forthwith.

2 —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, 1924. 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. A. Davis ..	330, High Street..	£10
Naunton Park	Do.	Do.	£12
Whaddon Lane	Waghorne Brothers	46, High Street	£8

(b) Cricket—The Committee considered an additional application to play cricket at one of the Recreation Grounds from the Junior Imperial League Cricket Club. Resolved, That permission be granted to the Club to play cricket at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground on alternate Saturdays, subject to the usual conditions.

3—Pittville Estate—Read, letters from Mrs. Daubeny and Lieut.-Colonel Longridge, objecting to barbed wire being used in the fences at Pittville. The Borough Surveyor reported that the wire was only being put in the centre of the hedge and could not damage anyone using the roads or grounds legitimately.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th March, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Rogers, Captain Trye and Whitaker ; Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 2062 (against 1,307), the daily average being 86 persons against 54 last year.

Rowley Panels—During the 54 days the Rowley Panels had been on exhibition 4,764 people had visited the Institution, a daily average of 88. 458 catalogues had been sold at 2d. each £3 16s. 4d. ; the Collecting Box had produced £1 13s. 4d. and sale of postcards 5s 2d.

Horticultural Insects—The 9 examples of Horticultural Insects ordered from Mr. A. H. Bastin, Reading, had been received, 6 of these being of injurious insects and 3 beneficial ones. They would provide a feature of very great interest. By special request he had secured these specimens without any charge for packing or carriage, an expense which usually has to be borne by the Museum, to which no part of the Grant-in-Aid is applicable.

Loans—(a) 4 Water-colours and 3 Oil Paintings which had been on loan from Mr. E. Udal, Clevedon, were about to be removed by the Owner.

(b) The three models of Nelson Ships, on loan from Major Mouat Biggs since 1911, had been removed.

(c) Councillor Captain Trye had lent a pair of Elizabethan gloves for exhibition.

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Natural History Room—The work of cleaning and re-labelling the cases of birds in the Natural History Room was in progress, as also the cataloguing of the collection of pewter, brass, copper, and steel, on loan from Mr. Isher. In this work Mr. Isher was giving every assistance and had agreed to construct metal supports for fixing inside the large case containing his material. Timber was required to construct a graduated stage, to display this collection to better advantage, and this would cost about 15s

Local Arts and Crafts Exhibition—He had been engaged in organising the forthcoming Exhibition of Local Arts and Crafts. It was intended to open the Exhibition with a Private View, on the afternoon of the 21st or 22nd inst. On this occasion, the four houses in Cheltenham contributing last year :— Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., R. L. Boulton & Sons, R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., and C. W. Hancock & Son were again contributing examples of their work in various materials. In addition, about a score of other individual workers from Prestbury, Sapperton, Campden and other places around the Cotswold Hills were sending in examples of arts and crafts work, so that there was a prospect on this occasion of showing exhibits which would indicate, that, notwithstanding the fact that the County was an agricultural one, there was a very considerable amount of art work being produced. He was preparing a catalogue which would take about 20 pages, but the cost thereof would be met by advertisements which he had secured from local firms.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and that the purchase of timber required for the graduated stage be authorised.

Resolved, also, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Councillor Captain Trye for his loan.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Cemetery on Friday, 23rd March, 1923: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Rogers, Thomas and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 24th February to 23rd March, 1923 (both dates inclusive). Interments, 54 ; Exclusive Rights in 17 graves sold (first class 1, second class 1, and fourth class 15). Monuments erected, 5 ; Inscriptions on Monuments, 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6694 to 6710 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Grave Spaces—The Superintendent reported that further 1st Class grave spaces were required. Resolved, That a footpath 5 feet wide with a grass verge 2 feet wide on either side thereof be made through Sections A.1. and B.1. on the site of grave spaces Nos. 1591 to 1650 and that the under mentioned spaces be allocated as 1st Class and 2nd Class grave spaces, viz :—

As 1st Class grave spaces (119)— Sections A.1. and B. 1. Spaces 1542 to 1600 and 1641 to 1700.

As 2nd Class grave spaces (113)—Sections A 1, and B. 1. Spaces 1493 to 1550 ; 1691 to 1729 and 1735 to 1750.

Resolved, Also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Plans of the Cemetery in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Cemetery Office altered accordingly –

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Elizabeth B. Leach, Atwell R. Porter and Grace G. Smith ; Memorial Cross to grave of Eliza R. Plumbridge and Memorial Kerbing to grave of Pattie Moles.

5—War Cross and Headstones--Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission forwarding designs of a War Cross proposed to be erected at the junction of Drives 2 and 3 and of Headstones to be erected on the individual graves of soldiers interred in the Cemetery. The Commission applied for the exclusive right of burial in all soldiers graves, for which those rights had not already been granted, and for the site of the War Cross, to be granted to them, and they asked if the existing laurel hedge at the corner of Section F. could remain in perpetuity as a background for the War Cross.

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The Superintendent reported that, allowing for a hedge of Laurustinus 4 feet thick as a background, the War Cross would occupy the site of 8 grave spaces, Section F. 7684 to 7688 (First Class) and F. 7724 to 7727 (Second Class). He also reported that the exclusive right of burial had already been granted in respect of 19 of the 78 soldiers graves in the Cemetery and that memorials had already been erected on as graves. Resolved, (r) That the design and site of the War Cross and the design and method of fixing the headstones be approved. (2) That the exclusive right of burial in all soldiers graves for which those rights have not already been purchased, be granted to the Commission, including the site of the War Cross (8 graves). (3) That a suitable evergreen hedge 4 feet in thickness be maintained in perpetuity to form a semi-circular background for the War Cross.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEES

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1923: Present--Alderman Green ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates and Captain Tyre; Messrs. E. Gridley, J. R. Claridge, and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair,).

1—Librarian's Report—Read. the Librarian's Report for February. Receipts, £7 17s. 7d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was 4,440 (last year 4,720). Lending Library 11,194 (against 11,514). Children's Library, 1,711 (against 1,972). Total issue from all Departments 17,345 (against 18,206).

Presentations—The Librarian reported that as a result of an appeal for books for the Juvenile Library in the " Echo " on the 15th ult., 125 volumes and 22 pamphlets (34 of which were suitable for the Juvenile Library) had been received from the following donors :—Mrs. Allen (39 vols.) ; Miss G. H. Ford (21 vols.) ; Mrs. M. G. Grimes (5 vols.) ; J. R. Hornby (11 vols.) ; W. H. Knowles (2 vols. and 22 pamphlets) ; Miss C. G. Lewis (7 vols.) ; Miss Pratt (1 vol.) ; H. M. Stationery Office (14 miscellaneous items) ; Mrs. E. T. Tavener (3 vols.) ; C. J. Teal (1 vol.) ; J. N. D. Tyler (9 vols.) ; Mrs. Waller (2 vols.) ; Mrs. Webb (11 vols.) ; Miss Wynne-Edwards (2 vols.). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

The Librarian also reported that he had applied to a number of publishers for free reading covers for periodicals and magazines and that as a result 20 reading covers had been supplied free of charge, and 5 at a nominal cost.

2--**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present : Alderman Steel; Councillor Mann; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. J. R. Claridge. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the Lending and Reference Departments be closed on Easter Saturday and Monday, the newsroom remaining open as usual.

(b) That the offers of Mr. F. J. Chambers and the Librarian to present the Auckland Weekly News and the " Rotary Wheel," respectively, be accepted.

(c) That the Librarian be authorised to obtain second-hand books to the value of £10, and submit same for the approval of the Committee.

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

3—Purchase of Books—The Librarian submitted 103 second-hand books offered for sale for £10. Resolved, That the same be purchased.

4—Attendance at Lectures—It was reported that too persons attended the sixth of the Winter Lectures given by Mr. H. E. Branch on the 5th inst., on the subject of " The Sage of Fleet Street : Dr. S.

Johnson," when the Deputy Mayor presided. This was the final Lecture of the Season. 1250 persons had attended the series, being an average of 208 per lecture.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th March, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Regan, Captain Tyre and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair.

5—Caretakers of Library and Art Gallery, etc.--It was Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien of their appointment as Caretakers of the Library, etc. to take effect on the 24th inst., be accepted, and that the Mayor and the Chairman (Councillor Mann) be authorised to make arrangements for the performance of the duties pending the appointment of new Caretakers.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th March, 1923: Present— Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, St. Clair, and Welstead. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £36,278 6s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £996 19s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th inst. Amount collected £19,406 8s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £2,185 18s. 3d.

3 —Loans- The Borough Accountant reported (idlers amounting to 4280 on loan. Resolved, That these be accepted and that Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Arterial Roads—Loan— Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,000 towards the general excess expenditure incurred in carrying out the construction of Brooklyn Road, and Cleeve View Road (continuation) and that Minute No. to of this Committee at their meeting on the 30th January last, be rescinded.

5—Employees Hospital Contributions—The Borough Accountant reported that 120 employees of the Corporation were making weekly contributions to the General Hospital, and that under the new arrangements made by the Board of Management it would be necessary for them to be credited with these payments so that they and their dependants might reap the advantages of such contributions. He asked for instructions as to dealing with the employees collectively. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to collect subscriptions from such of the Employees as consent to the weekly contribution being deducted from wages and account for same to the Hospital Authorities.

6—Electricity Accounts—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to arrange for monthly Reports on the collection of charges for electricity, to be submitted to this Committee.

7—Calculating Machine—Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Accountant be authorised to purchase a Burroughs Calculating Machine at a cost of not exceeding £75.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council or the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 5th April, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett).

Aldermen Bendall and Steel Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Green and Taylor and Councillor Moore.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th March last, and the Special Meetings on the 5th and 20th 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—Audit of Accounts — Resolved, That the Report of the District Auditor, dated the 28th ult., be referred to the Finance Committee.

3—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-FOUR THOUSAND 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

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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 therein, the said sum of sixty-four thousand 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, Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of August next, Two Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of November next, Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of December next, Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of January next, and Two Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of February 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.

1—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 FOURPENCE 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. 5—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 12

Housing ... Meeting held March 14

Street and Highway ... Meeting held March 19

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

" That Minute No. 16, with reference to the repair of Rowan field Road, be referred back for further consideration."

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Town Improvement and Spa Committee . Meetings held March 16 & 23

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held March 5 & 21

Water ... Meeting held March 15

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held March 20

Soup Kitchen—Resolved also, That subject to the terms of an Agreement submitted by the Town Clerk, the Soup Kitchen, New Street, be let to the St. Luke's B.P. Scouts, as from 25th ult., on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £1 5s. 0d. per quarter, plus rates and taxes, but that having regard to the expenses to be incurred by the tenants in glazing windows, sky lights and other repairs, no rent be charged until 25th March, 1925, if the tenancy so long continues.

Allotments	Meeting held March 12
Parks, and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held March 12
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held March 14
Burial Board ..	Meeting held March 23
Public Library ...	Meetings held 12 & 16
Finance ...	Meeting held March 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.

6—Visit of Princess Helena Victoria — Read, letter from the Lady in Waiting to Princess Helena Victoria expressing Her Highness's thanks for the loyal and kind reception received on the occasion of her recent visit to the Borough.

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 7th May, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th April, 1923: Present-The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, St. Clair, 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.:-36, Brunswick Street ; 21, 24 and 27, Naunton Crescent ; 44, Rosehill Street ; 5, Granley Cottages, St. Mark's ; 10, Russell Terrace ; 12, Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road ; 97, Tewkesbury Road ; and 20, Great Norwood 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 movable 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 36, Brunswick Street ; 24, 25, 27 and 29, Naunton Crescent ; 3, Cotswold View, Marsh Lane ; 44, Rosehill Street ; 21, Bath Terrace ; Bridge Inn, 12, Townsend Place, Cleaveland Inn, White Horse, Brandon and Swinton, Tewkesbury Road and 81, 94, 95 and 97, Tewkesbury 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.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Nos 10-19, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; 4, 5 and 6, Upper Paley and 12, Sidney 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) 4, 5 and 6, Berkeley Avenue and 13, 15 and 17, Bath Terrace-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 work within 28 days.

(c) Fountain Cottage and Fountain Inn, Upper Bath Road 9, 10, 10a and 11 Commercial Street ; 1-11, Victoria Place, Bath Road and 30, Upper Bath Road-The Town Clerk reported that as arranged a case had been laid before Counsel on the legal points in dispute in connection with the cost of the combined drain for these premises, and that the opinion was in favour of the Corporation and the amounts due had now been paid, together with Counsel's fee, by the Owners of the properties concerned.

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4—Insanitary Property-24, 25, 27 and 29, Naunton Crescent ; 5 and 6, Stanhope Street ; 44 and 45, Rosehill Street ; 55, Worcester Street ; 21, Bath Terrace ; 6 and 36, Brunswick Street ; 12, Townsend Place ; and 96, Tewkesbury 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 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 41 cwt. beef; 3 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. mutton ; 11 cwt. pork ; 3 ¼ cwt. fish ; 14 lbs. tripe ; 19 tins meat, milk, etc,

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

7 --Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-17 etc. Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of the Ministry of Health dated 27th ult., dismissing the Appeal of Mr. H. Stroud against the Demolition Orders made in respect of these premises, and directing the costs of the Enquiry to be paid by Mr. Stroud.

8— Small Pox--The Medical Officer of Health reported that three further cases of Small Pox of the mildest type had occurred in a locality not far from that before affected. The resignation of Dr. Allman Powell as Public Vaccinator had taken effect and he had written to the Ministry of Health urging them to expedite the ratification of the appointment of Dr. Atkinson to that post. Resolved, That the Medical Officer he authorised to write to the " Echo " informing the public of the further outbreak and drawing attention to the desirability of vaccination. Resolved, Also that the Guardians be asked to re-open Vaccination Stations.

9--Whooping Cough--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Infants' Departments of St. Peter's and Holy Trinity Schools had been closed owing to the prevalence of Whooping Cough.

10—Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report--The Medical Officer of Health submitted leading statistics for his Annual Report for the year ended 31st December last which would, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry, be an " ordinary " Report, and would not be printed.

11—Sewer-Hereford Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the 9 inch. branch sewer in Hereford Place was defective and recommended the same be replaced with 6 inch. pipes at an estimated cost of £75, including inspection chambers. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and the Borough Surveyor instructed to have the work carried out.

12-Six Chimney Lane--The Borough Surveyor reported that defects had been found to exist in the Chelt main sewer in Six Chimney Lane and that steps were being taken to remedy these. Resolved. That this be approved

13—Ladies' Lavatory, High Street—The Sub-Committee submitted Report as to the provision of a Ladies' Lavatory in a central position Resolved, On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the Common Seal be affixed to a lease to the Corporation of a rooms in the Arcade, High Street, now used as a Ladies' Lavatory and Cloak Room for a term of 10 years (determinable at the end of the 7th year) on the following terms :—(a) The Corporation to execute certain works of renovation and improvement at an estimated cost of about £120 and to keep interior of premises in repair. (b) Not to assign or underlet. (c) To provide services of an Attendant, to be in charge while the premises are open to public. (d) To pay charges for water, electricity and gas used on the premises. (e) To pay 50 per cent. of receipts to Lessors. (f) Lessors to pay all rates and taxes and to do external repairs. (g) Corporation to be at liberty at their own cost to arrange with Caretaker of Arcade to remain on duty so that entrance from Winchcomb Street may be kept open on half holidays etc. when Arcade would otherwise be closed to public.

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14—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 9th April. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker. (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 9th inst. was 11 horses (and 6 at Depot) ; 73 head of cattle ; 1 calf ; 83 sheep and 54 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting a barren cow and 1 cart horse had been purchased for £55 and other purchases amounted to £24 18s. 10d. Total purchases £79 18s. 10d. 3 calves and 9 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 1 cart horse, 3 cattle, 1 bull, 5 cows, 9 heifers in calf, 1 heifer and 3 calves had been sold for £592 19s. 5d. and produce for £182 0s. 2d. Total sales £775 9s. 7d.

Farms Valuation—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, with reference to his valuation of the stock on the 27th ult., stating that owing to a clerical error the figures for cattle were carried out at £2,359 instead of the correct valuation, viz., £2,259. 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 April, 1923. Present: Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair),

1—Building Land—The Committee further considered the proposals, submitted at the last meeting by the District Valuer on behalf of the Ministry of Health, as to the surplus land on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the passing of the new Housing Bill.

2—Housing Bill, 1923—Resolved, That a representation be made to the Ministry of Health that the subsidy under the new Housing Bill should not be limited to non-parlour houses.

3—Gloucester Road Land—Tennis Court—Read, application of 15th ult., from Mr. R. M. Smith, Hon. Secretary, Benhall Tennis Club, for the use of a piece of land near Gloucester Road as a tennis court. Resolved. That the land be let on the same terms as last year, viz., at a rent of £2 for the season, the tenants to undertake the preparation and maintenance of the land as a tennis court.

4—House for Police—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Chief Constable, asking that a further non-parlour type house be allocated to him for the occupation of married Constables in succession. Resolved. That the application be dealt with in order of rotation.

5—Selection of Tenants—Read, letter of 28th ult., from Mr. H. J. C. Vizard, asking for a house to be allocated to him as early as possible. Resolved, That Mr. Vizard's name be added to the list of applicants to whom houses have been allocated.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday 25th April, 1923: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Regan, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold, and Airs. Gurney. (Councillor Capt. Trye to the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Quarterly Report--Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1923. The attendances had been as follows :--

5—Grant—Read, letter of the 21st February last from the Ministry of Health stating that the Ministry had decided to make a Grant of £383 17s. 10d. for the financial year 1921-22, less £350 paid on account.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd April, 1923. Present—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye 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 March to 19th April, 1923 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 12th inst., 923 loads collected, 884 consumed, and 34 tipped away (Weight consumed 1,197 tons 17 cwts).

2—Depot—Sheds—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans for the extension of shedding at the Central Depot.

3—Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Horse Sub-Committee purchased two horses at Gloucester Market on the 23rd ult., for £48 and £45 3s. 0d., respectively, and that two of the horses hired from Mr. H. Newman would now be dispensed with. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Royal Well Lane -Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath on the East side of Royal Well Lane. He estimated the cost for paving with Slabs at £172 5s. 2d. and with asphalt at £111 16s. 4d. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for a year.

5—Dangerous Corner—Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owner of Hawthornden had now agreed to give up the land required for rounding off this corner as shown on the plan submitted by him in consideration of a sum of £5. He estimated the total cost of the improvement at £32. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost thereof. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the improvement carried out forthwith.

6—Light Railway- Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Light Railway Company had anchored the rails on a small section of the track in Leckhampton Road and had asked him to relay the wood blocks, but he had decided not to do so as he did not think it would be satisfactory, as the floating was not level. Another section was about to be anchored and the Company had agreed to the floating being done by the Corporation, as well as the relaying of the blocks. He considered that tram traffic should be stopped while the concrete and floating were setting. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work if the Company agree to suspend tram traffic.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the Company that they have only dealt with about eighty yards of the track and the contemplated work was only a short length, and to ask for an assurance that the whole of the defective portions within the Borough would be made good during the Summer.

7--Shoeing Horses—Read, letter of 21st inst., from Mr. T. J. Brain, agreeing to reduce the charge for shoeing Corporation horses from 12s to 11s per horse per month, from 1st May next

8—Gloucester Road--Re-coating—The Borough Surveyor submitted twelve tenders for the reconstruction of Gloucester Road from Tennyson Road to Hatherley Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, pending the inspection of roads of bitumastic construction at Swansea by the Chairman and Borough Surveyor.

9—Hospitals Carnival—Resolved, That consent be given to the Hospitals Carnival Committee, under Section 184 Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to use a motor car for advertising purposes on the 21st June next.

10—Kerbside Pump—(a) Pittville Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. A. Hughes & Sons for permission to erect a kerbside pump in front of 21, Pittville Street be granted, subject to an Agreement being entered into, containing similar terms as in the case of other applications granted, and to the pump being a " Bowser" pump or pump of similar construction and dimensions, with self-contained doors.

(b) Read, application of the 20th inst., from Messrs Haines & Strange, for permission to erect a " Bowser" kerbside pump in front of their garage in Albion Street. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for view.

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11—Street Projection-3, Montpellier Avenue—Resolved, That the application of Mr. H. Shufflebotham, of the 21st inst., for permission to erect a fixed sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

12—Classification of Roads—Plant—Read, Circular No. 185 (Roads), of the 20th ult., from the Ministry of Transport, setting out the charges allowable as Grant-earning expenditure for the use of heavy plant in connection with the maintenance and improvement of roads by Highway Authorities for the year ending 31st ult.

13—Architectural Work—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Gloucestershire Architectural Association, objecting to private architectural work being undertaken by Surveyors to Local Authorities. Resolved, That they be informed that no such work is carried out by the officials of the Corporation.

14—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th April, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Captain Trye. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

15— Sandford Mill Road and Lane —The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of Sandford Mill Lane proposed to be stopped up on the application of Mr. J. H. Hanson Powell as being unnecessary. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council the portion of the highway coloured brown on the plan is unnecessary and it is expedient that the same should be stopped up in manner shown on the said plan and that the Mayor do by order in writing direct the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council, acting as Surveyors of Highways, to apply to two Justices to view the portion of the said high. way, the expenses of attending such view and of the stopping up of the portion of the said highway to be repaid by the applicant to the Council.

The Town Clerk submitted Agreement between Mr. J. H. Hanson Powell and the Council to pay the costs of an Application for an Order to stop up Sandford Mill Lane as unnecessary and also to pay the sum of £262 2s. 3d. (being the expenses of making Sandford Mill Road (Continuation) apportioned against the land belonging to his son, a minor) by annual payments of £25, payable by half yearly instalments, together with interest at 5 per cent. on the balances owing. Resolved, That the Agreement be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

16—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on an inspection of roads constructed by the Western Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co. Ltd. at Swansea where 110000 sq. yds. of road had been laid over 8 years ago and was wearing satisfactorily, and the Swansea Corporation were now having 102,000 sq. yds. of the same construction carried out Resolved, That (subject to a formal Contract being entered into) the tender of the Western Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co. Ltd. be accepted for coating at 12s a sq. yd. the portion of Gloucester Road from Tennyson Road to Hatherley Lane, comprising about 13,000 sq. yds. with bitumastic compound material 4 inches thick, payment to be made by three equal instalments over a period of 2 ½ years from completion. The Company to maintain the carriage way free of further cost for a term of 7 years after completion. The price to be reduced by 3d. per sq. yd. if other roads in Cheltenham or neighbouring Districts were coated with the same material so as to bring up the total area executed to not less than 20,000 sq. yds.

17-Greenhills Road--Resolved, That the portion of Charlton Lane from the Borough Boundary to its junction with Old Bath Road be called Greenhills Road.

18—Streamer across Colonnade—Resolved, That permission be granted to the Royal Geographical Society to place a streamer across the Colonnade, advertising Lecture on the Mount Everest Expedition on 3rd-5th May to obtain funds for further expedition.

JOHN D. BENDALL Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd April, 1923: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, 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.
1688	Tibbles, W. G.	Conversion of stables to dwelling, Priory Street.
1689	Sims, G.	Detached House, Hall Road
1690	Irving, Dr. R. J.	Motor House, 9, Priory Street.
1691	Ladies College Council	Temporary Shed, St. George's Road.
1692	Fisher, J. C.	Motor House, Hillsboro Lawn, Cranham Road.
1693	Bendall, J. T.	Two semi-detached Houses, Old Bath Road,
1694	Tahourdine, Mrs.	Temporary dwelling, Alma Road.
1695	Thompson, Colonel E. V.	Temporary Motor House, Cranham Road.
1696	Packer, H. and Co., Ltd.,	New Offices, Tewkesbury Road.
1697	Dobell, R.	Temporary Motor House, Brooklands, Gloucester Road.
1698	Smith, F. E.	Temporary Motor House, Newhurst, Hall Road.
1699	Wood, L. S.	Temporary Motor House, Boulton House, Christ Church Road,
1700	Leopold. F.	Temporary Store Shed, York Passage.
1701	Poynton, T. H.	Temporary Motor House, Bayshill Mansions, Bayshill Road.
1702	Trigg, C. F. & A. J.	2 semi-detached houses, Whaddon Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1689, 1693, 1696 and 1702 be approved ; and Plan 1690 be approved, subject to a proper crossing being provided over the public footpath ; that Plans Nos. 1691, 1692, 1694, 1697, 1698, 1699, and 1700 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 Plan No. 1692 be also subject to a proper crossing being provided over the public footpath, and that Plans Nos. 1688, 1695 and 1701 be disapproved.

2—Contravention of Bye-Laws—(a) Resolved, That Plans (Nos. 1692, 1694 and 1698), having been submitted and approved as temporary buildings no further action be taken in regard to the contraventions of the Bye-Laws reported at the last meeting of the Sub Committee.

(b) It was reported that a wooden building had been erected by Mr. O. Willis at 13, Great Norwood Street, without plans having been submitted to and approved by the Corporation. Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. Willis to show cause why the building erected by him 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 Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th April, 1923: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

1—Borough Meteorologist—Annual Report—The Annual Report of the Borough Meteorologist was submitted. Observations had been taken twice daily and the Sunshine Recorder at Pittville had been constantly attended. During the year the Inspector from the Meteorological Office examined the stations and instruments, but his report had not been received. Weekly Reports had been rendered to the Medical Officer of Health and forwarded to the " Echo " and " Cheltenham Chronicle." Monthly Reports and Sunshine Cards had been sent regularly to the Meteorological Office. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain alternative estimates for printing 100, 250 or 500 copies of the Report.

(b) Honorarium— Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Borough Meteorologist (Lieut. J. Orgee) stating that he found much more time was entailed in carrying out the duties of the Office than had been anticipated. The Monthly Records sent to the Meteorological Office, London, were in such detail as to make them the most complete forwarded from Cheltenham during the 46 years observations had been taken, which records were quite necessary to keep the town in line with other climatological stations. In view of these facts be applied for an increase of honorarium. Resolved, That the honorarium be increased from £15 to £25 per annum.

2—Montpellier Gardens—Harriers' Annual Athletic Festival—Read, application of the 20th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham and County Harriers' Annual Athletic and C.C. Club for the use of Montpellier Gardens for the Annual Athletic Festival on August Bank Holiday, and a Whist Drive and Dance, or similar entertainment in the evening. Resolved, That the Gardens be let at a charge of £25, subject to an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Key—Read, application of 23rd inst., from General Abbott for a key to Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That a key be granted on payment of £1 1s. 0d. subject to General Abbott and members of his family taking out annual Subscription Tickets for admission to the Gardens.

3—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, letter of the 19th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, United Services Club, submitting wording of proposed Notice re charges, and asking permission to protect the Green on Sundays by a wire strand fence with iron supports 2 ft. high, which could be easily removed, if required. Resolved, That no objection be offered thereto.

4—Summer Orchestra—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd. regretting that it was proposed to arrange Band Concerts in the Winter Garden Bandstand on Wednesday and Saturday as this would seriously affect their undertaking and might necessitate closing down for the Summer months.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th April, 1923 : Present—Councillors Ducks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5—Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—The following candidates, selected by the Concerts Sub-Committee, out of 59 applicants, were interviewed :—Bunker, W. F., Clifford, J., Cripps, A. C., Hopkins, D., Knight, F. W., Rotundo, and Sadler, F. E. Resolved, That William F. Bunker of 4, Suffolk Square, be appointed at wages of £1 10s. 0d. per week, clear of deductions for Health and

Unemployment Insurances ; duties to commence Sunday, 6th May, the appointment to be determinable by one week's notice in writing on either side.

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6--Town Hall—Railings—The Committee further considered railings proposed to be fixed to the east and west wing walls in accordance with sketch submitted by the Borough Surveyor on 20th July last. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the work.

Platform Approach—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of platform approach proposed to be provided at an estimated cost of £30. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Borough Surveyor authorised to have the work carried out.

7—Winter Garden—Railings—Resolved, That tenders be invited for painting the railings and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to repair same where necessary.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Ladies' Lavatory—Read, Police Report of 23rd ult., as to wilful damage to a door and tampering with slot machine by Reginald Jackson, age 14 and Cyril Brace, aged 15. Resolved. That Supt. Hopkins be asked to prosecute for wilful damage.

9 —Meteorological Report—Resolved. That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole to print 250 copies of the Annual Report, being the lowest tender received, be accepted, and that the Spa Manager be instructed to distribute same amongst medical practitioners when received.

10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 4th and 17th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens—(a) Band Concerts—That the terms quoted to Mr. T. B. Phillips by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on the 26th January last, for the hire of the Gardens for Band Concerts, be revised as follows :—

(1) The sum of £10 to be paid to the Corporation in advance at the time of booking an engagement.

(2) Not more than one engagement per month to be arranged.

(3) Engagements to be on Thursdays for preference, that being the day on which the Municipal Orchestra does not play.

(4) The letting of the Gardens to include the use of seats but not staff.

(b) Charges—That the following be the charges for admission to the Gardens after 1 p.m. and for chairs :—Admission, 2d., Deck Chairs, 3d., and Wooden Chairs 2d.

Summer Orchestra—That the Summer Orchestra play at Montpellier Gardens in the mornings during the Season.

Flannel Dances—That any Flannel Dances arranged be held on Wednesday evenings during the Summer Season.

Sunday Concerts—That Sunday Concerts be held at the Town Hall in inclement weather, admission to the Hall to be free, and the charge for seats 4d. and 2d. including tax.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

11—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 998 ; Montpellier Baths 15 ; Pittville Chalet 42 ; and Pittville Pump Room 59.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 25th April, 1923: Present: Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Trye and Welstead. (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Public Lighting—(a) Bath Road--Shurdington Road Corner—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Police had asked for the lamp at the corner of Bath and Shurdington Roads to be kept alight all night. He recommended this and that the lamp be changed from the public to the private supply and controlled by an automatic time switch. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

(b) Promenade Long Garden—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 23rd November last, a lamp had been fixed at each corner of the Promenade Long Garden.

(c) Bennington Street—Resolved, That the lighting of Bennington Street be viewed in the Autumn.

2 Whaddon Lane—Letter Box - Resolved, That permission be given to the Postmaster to fix a letter box to a lamp standard in Whaddon Lane.

3—Motor Car —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the motor car was recently damaged by collision and that the damage (about £20) was being paid for by the Insurance Company.

4—Education Conference —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Corporation Stand at the Exhibition held at the Grammar School during the Easter Holidays in connection with the Practical Education Conference aroused considerable interest amongst a large number of visitors and had resulted in a satisfactory list of enquiries. 224 units had been consumed in the demonstration of apparatus. Resolved, That no charge be made for the energy consumed.

5—Consumers' Monthly Accounts—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that monthly accounts be rendered to consumers, where desired. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6 —Electricity Accounts—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted form of Monthly Report on the collection of charges for Electricity, to be submitted to the Finance Committee in accordance with instructions at their Meeting on the 27th ult. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Service Cable—Revised Scale of Charges—Resolved, That in view of the recent reduction in the costs of cable and labour, the charges for service cable be further reduced, and the following Scale of Charges approved and, adopted :—

	Present Charge.	Revised Charge.
	Per Yard.	Per Yard.
0.022 sq. in. ..	7s 6d ..	6s-
0.06 sq. in. ..	10s	8s
0.10 sq. in. .	12s 6d	10s

8—Supplementary Loans—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that sanctions were required to loans for excess expenditure on new generating set and public lighting installation in 1919. The original estimates were based on the Contractors' tenders, but the tendered pries had been increased in accordance with the terms of the Contracts owing to increased cost of labour and materials and also in the case of the Lighting Installation by the provision of additional lamps and switch pillars. Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to supplementary loans to cover excess expenditure shewn as follows :—

Loan No.	Purpose.	Amount.		
		Sanctioned.	Expended.	Excess.
25	Public Lighting Cables	£20,686	£25,727	£5,041
26	Public Lighting Pillars	£5,214	£8,064	£2,850
28	Generating Plant	£29,000	£31,643	£2,643

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9—Railway Wagons—Resolved. That in order to comply with the Board of Trade Regulation the six wagons be fitted with a double set of brakework in place of the existing single set at a cost of £5 5s. 0d per wagon.

10—Gas Regulation Act, 1920— Gas Examiner—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Clerk, Charlton Kings U.D.C. approving of the proposal to invite applications for this appointment by advertisement. Read, also, letters of the 28th ult. and 17th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council asking that action be deferred pending the appointment of a County Analyst in place of the late Mr. George Embrey. Resolved. That action be deferred accordingly.

11—Gas Tests—Gas Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Acting Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st March last, which shewed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 474 B.T.H.U. Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of the Acting Gas Examiner of tests made on the 21st and 27th ult., and 5th, 11th and 17th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 473.3., 474., 474.3., 475.8 and 474.4 B.T.H.U.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th April, 1923: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and 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 36 days, ended 16th April, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	436,000 gallons	293,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,492,000	1,053,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	106,000
Total	2,072,000	1,452,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 16th April, 1923.	Contents	Depth 16th April, 1922.	Contents
Hewletts		29,597,000 gallons		30,574,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,090,000 „	29ft. 3in.	85,883,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	1,687,000	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		131,284,000		117,807,000

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2-Inspections — The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during March						
had been as follows :—				During	Total for past	
				March	11 months,	
No. of house-to-house inspections				1039	9529	
" taps found leaking				92	1011	
" defective flushing boxes				31	441	
" defective stop taps ..				1	53	
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)				84		
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)				<u>43</u>		
				127	1598	
" notices served re fittings				57	796	
" meters changed .				26	244	
" houses connected ..				62	722	
" burst pipes discovered				8	108	

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Sandwasher—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 14th inst., from Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy, Ltd., offering on approval a new sandwasher, at the price of £120

(reduced from £150 on the understanding that the Corporation would allow Water Engineers and other intending purchasers to see the washer in operation). Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th April, 1923: Present — The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Stewart. Captain Trye and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals--(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, viz. :-at Benhall Farm, Gloucester Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Importation of Animals Act, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted Order of the Ministry of Agriculture dated the 27th ult., altering and modifying the Regulations contained in the Schedule to this Act.

(c) Irish Animals (Marking) Order, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order.

(d) Animals (Landing from Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man) Order, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order consolidating the provisions of the existing Order relating to the landing of cattle, sheep, goats and swine brought to Great Britain from Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and modifying the Regulations contained in the Schedule of the Importation of Animals Act, 1922, controlling the movement of animals from the landing places.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
31st March	6, Pittville Terrace	Slight	£4 11s. 6d.
7th April "	Fernihurst, Parabola Road "	£50	£2 13s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab—Resolved. That the application of W. W. Withers for a licence in respect of Motor-cab No. AE. 3354 be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

Transfers—Resolved, That Licence No. 56, held by G. W. Bridges in respect of Motor Cab No. XC. 5186, be transferred to A. D. Mundy, 32, Alstone Avenue ; that Licence No. 3, held by J. Oates in respect of Motor Cab No. LE. 3239, be transferred to A. R. Chick, Pineville, Church Road, and that

Licence No. 63, held by G. W. Bridges in respect of Motor Cab No. AD. 6122, be transferred to A. A. Stevens, Anchor House, Warwick Place.

Drivers—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to C. W. Moxey, 8, Fairhaven Road and W. W. Withers, Somerset House, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.

Annual Inspection and Licencing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages etc. be held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 8th May at 10 a.m.

4—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—(a) Read, application of the 21st inst., from Service (Cheltenham) Ltd., for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in an underground storage tank in the Royal Hotel yard, connected to a kerbside pump already erected in High Street. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

(b) An application of the 9th inst. was also received from Messrs. Sharpe Fisher, Ltd., for a licence to store 3360 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium at Regent Yard, Swindon Road. The Inspector reported that a proper place of storage had been provided, Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly.

5—National Health Insurance Acts, 1911-20 and Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—(a) Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Ministry of Labour forwarding Certificate of Exception to have effect up to the 3rd July, 1927, and authorising the Corporation to identify with the employees included in the Certificate other permanent employees in any of the classes specified in the Schedule thereto, on completion of three years' service, the Certificate to apply to such employees as from the date of the identification.

(b) National Health Insurance—Resolved, That the following employees be added to the Certificate of Exception under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911---1920 :—Messrs. A. G. Bailey, R. Board, H. J. Bosworth, G. Brown, C. J. Pearce, and T. H. K. Woolhouse ; Mrs. A. G. Richli ; Misses V. Partridge, D. Newman, N. Paish, W. G. Constable and I. Burnett.

The Town Clerk reported that an Inspector of the Ministry had pointed out that in the case of the Superintendents of the Baths and the Caretakers of the Municipal Offices, both husband and wife were insurable as they were joint appointments. Resolved, That Mrs. Stretton and Mrs. Pilkington and Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield be added to the Certificate of Exception under the National Health Insurance Acts, but that none of the holders of these appointments be included in the Certificate of Exception under the Unemployment Insurance Acts.

Insurances—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cover under the existing Boiler Insurance Policies was insufficient to safeguard the interests of the Corporation in the event of explosions, and recommended that the boilers be insured as follows :—

Situation.	No. of Boilers.	Amount of Insurance.	Rate of Premium,	Premium.
Alstone Baths..	2}			
Montpellier Baths	2}	£5,000	£4 5s. 0d. each	£21 5s. 0d
Sandford Waterworks	1}			
Tewkesbury Water Works	2}			
	1} economiser	£5,000	£4 5s. 0d. each.	£12 15s 0d.
	2 superheaters ..		15s each.	£1 10s. 0d.
Heating Boilers.				
Town Hall ..	6			
Winter Garden	2			
Municipal Offices	2			
Cemetery	1			
Pittville	<u>1</u>			
	12	£2,000	£2 5s. 0d. each.	<u>£27 0s. 0d.</u>
				£62 10s 0d.

Resolved. That the recommendation be adopted and the Borough Accountant instructed to arrange for increased insurances accordingly,

7—Municipal Offices—(a) Electricity Meter Department- -The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed alterations in the basement of the Municipal Offices to provide further accommodation for the Electricity Meter Department, the work to be carried out at the expense of that Department.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

(b) School Clinic- The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the redecoration of the School Clinic. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. H. Stone, 28, Grosvenor Place South, to carry out the work for £15, being the lowest tender received, be accepted.

8—Royal Commission on Local Government- Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain copies of the Evidence taken by the Royal Commission on Local Government.

9—Market—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle had asked that the commission in lieu of tolls payable by him on gross sales of produce and sundries should be 1 per cent instead of 1 ¼ per cent being the same rate as paid by the Cheltenham Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society in lieu of tolls on sundry sales. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th April, 1923: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart and Captain Trye ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

Curator's Report---Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 2,574 (against 1,378), the daily average being 99 as against 51.

The sale of postcards realised 3s 2d and 2 " Rock Specimen " pamphlets 1s-.

Rowley Panels—This Exhibition was closed on 17th ult. During the 58 days it was open there were 5,100 visits, a daily average of 88. Two panels were sold No. 23 (£4 14s. 6d.), and No. 73 (£3 3s. 0d.). The net cost of the Exhibition was £4. 7s. 6d.

Local Arts and Crafts Exhibition--This Exhibition was opened on the 22nd ult. There was a large attendance at the private view, and a record number of visitors during the Easter holidays. On Easter Monday visitors numbered 507, the highest number on record for one day. 1,000 copies of the catalogue were published and were nearly exhausted, and the question of publishing a second edition was under consideration. A collecting box had not been resorted to, as it was felt that donations in this way should only be sought from the public for exhibitions of other than a local character. It was a pleasing feature, however, that many enquiries for the collecting box were made by people wishing to help the work forward in a small way. A number of letters had been received congratulating the Committee on their effort, including one from the Director, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, who expressed his interest in the movement, and hoped that the Exhibition had proved a success, and who had asked the head of the Department concerned, to mention to the Committee that grants-in-aid for purchases by local Museums were available to a limited extent during the current year. Of special interest, too was the fact which the Director reported, that one of the Exhibitors, Miss Ramsay, had been asked to submit a necklet, similar to those which were on view, for purchase for circulation in the State Collections.

The Exhibition was visited officially by the President and members of the Conference of the Institute of Handicraft Teachers on the 6th inst., when the party were conducted over the Institution, after which their pleasure and surprise at the variety of art objects brought together from this district, was expressed.

Pewter—The case of Pewter on loan to the Museum had been rearranged, and in large part named. The staging had been erected, Mr. Isher supplying the iron framework gratuitously, and in order to get the work through before Easter, it had been found necessary to employ a carpenter for two days.

Donations—An important gift had been received from the Executors of the late Miss Jarratt, " The Moorings " Tivoli Road, viz :—Two mahogany cabinets, veneered in rosewood, containing 195 reproductions of Ivory Carvings, of dates between the 2nd and 16th century. These reproductions were issued by the Arundel Society in 1855, in a specially prepared material, which gives a very close imitation of the original ivories. The collection was originally issued at 25 guineas, and he estimated that the 2 cabinets apart from the specimens they contain, were worth another 25 guineas. A collection of 33 specimens of fictile ivories were already in the Museum.

A gift had also been received from Dr. N. L. Sheldon, Ph.D., F.I.C., " Granleigh," Montpellier Drive, of a geological specimen of the Inferior Oolite, from Sudeley Hill.

The total number of visitors for the past year had broken all previous records, being 31,906 as against 26,745 for the preceding year, an increase of 5,161. Proof was thereby established of the growing interest which was being taken in the collections and Institution.

Resolved, That the Report be approved. Resolved, also, That the special thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Executors of the late Miss Jarratt for their donation.

2—Exhibition of Coutts' Paintings—The Curator reported an offer to lend for Exhibition, Coutts' paintings of Tanjiers on payment of carriage from Burton-on-Trent, which he estimated at £2 10s. 0d. Resolved, That an exhibition be arranged to be held in May, 1923.

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3-Natural History Specimens—The Curator reported an offer from Mr. J. A. Farmer to lend Natural History Specimens. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to accept suitable specimens.

4—Natural History Room—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Henry Hooper for distemping this room for £3 10s. 0d. be accepted.

5—Conference and Exhibition on Practical Education—The Curator submitted copy of the Handbook issued to delegates attending this Conference which contained an article on the Art Gallery and Museum written by him. He reported that photographs of Local Arts and Crafts Exhibits had been taken for reproduction in " Manual Training " the official Journal of the National Association of Manual Training Teachers.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th April, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

1—Recreation Grounds —Cricket—The Committee considered an application from the Y.M.C.A. Cricket Club, to play cricket at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on Wednesday afternoons. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

2—Pittville Estate—The Committee considered a letter, received from Dr. E. A. Dent, complaining of Motor Omnibuses passing through the Pittville Gates on their way to and from the Races. Resolved, That no action be taken in the matter.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th April, 1923, :- Present—Alderman Steel: Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold; Messrs. P. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Regan in the chair).

1—Whaddon Lane—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. H. C. Grimwade, complaining of damage to the allotments by fowls from the adjoining fields belonging to Mr. Holborow of Whaddon Farm. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Holborow with regard thereto.

2—Agreements of Tenancy—Resolved, That a notice setting out the conditions of the Allotment tenancies be posted on the notice board at the entrance to the Allotments.

D. REGAN, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 27th April, 1923 : Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the (hair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 24th March to 27th April, (both dates inclusive). Interments, 62; Exclusive Rights in 17 graves sold (second class 1, third class 3, and fourth class 13). Monuments erected 9; Inscriptions on Monuments, 10.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6711 to 6726 (both 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 Edgar P. Barnett ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of William H. N. Jones and William J. Malvern; and Memorial Kerbing to graves of Douglas K. Homan, Henry Fryer and Alfred C. Wheeler.

4—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell-3134 Q.— Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain tenders for cleaning the memorial and painting the iron railings on this grave.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th April, 1923 ; Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Regan, Stanley, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1- Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for March. Receipts. £7 13s. 9d. Number of volumes consulted in Reference Library, 4,701 (last year 1,722). Lending Library 10,849 (against 12,307). Children's Library. 1,677 (against 2,087). Total issue from all Departments 17,227 (against 19,116). The Library was open two days less than during the corresponding -month last year, which would account in some measure for the decrease in the of volumes issued.

Presentations—Trustees of Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (1 vol.) ; Dr. G. F. Edwards (32 vols.) ; Mrs. Griffiths is John Hogg, Esq. (1 vol.); U.S.A. Library of Congress (1 vol.) ; Leonard Mott, Esq. (6 vols. and miscellaneous unbound vols.) ; C. Sauerwein, Esq. (6 vols.) ; S. D. Scott, Esq. (3 vols.) : A. H.

Stockwell, Esq. (5 vols.) ; Mrs. Swinton (9 vols.); The late Miss Tinson, bequest (176 vols. including 28 adult and 10 juvenile); Councillor Captain Trye it numbers of " Atlantic Monthly " and 6 numbers of " The World's Work ") ; Mrs. Willoughby (33 vols. 19 pamphlets); and Mrs. E. M. Marsden (23 miscellaneous Juvenile vols.) 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 12th inst. Present ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillor Mann; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

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They recommended :—

(a) That 93 new volumes and secondhand replacements, published at £46, be purchased for £23 9s. 1d.

(b) That 10 new reference volumes be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £16 15s.

(c) That 200 volumes be dispatched for rebinding at an estimated cost of £25

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

3—Caretakers of Library and Art Gallery, etc.—The Curator reported that he had engaged Mr. E. E. Woodward as temporary Caretaker. Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Mann), Captain Trye and Mr. J. R. Claridge be appointed as representatives of this Committee on a joint Sub-Committee of the Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees, to consider the appointment of Caretakers

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st May, 1923: Present— Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate--Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 1st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £37,353 11s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £136 17s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 31st March last. Amount collected £18,802 12s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £4,145 17s. 3d.

3—Assistant Overseers— Read, letter from the Clerk to the Guardians enclosing correspondence with Ministry of Health in which the Ministry expressed the opinion that under Section 61 of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1844, it was the duty of the Guardians to require every Assistant

Overseer to give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of his duties. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to suggest that the Board of Guardians should be made parties to the Indemnity Policies taken out by the Corporation in respect of the Assistant Overseers, and pay a proportion of the premium thereon in respect of the amount of the Poor Rate collected. Resolved, also, That the Electricity and Water Departments be charged with a proportion of the premium on the Indemnity Policies in respect of the Electricity Accounts and Water Accounts collected.

4— Statutory Return re Highways and Bridges—Read, Circular letter No. 385 from the Ministry of Health, dated the 28th ult., stating that it was desired that the highway expenditure for the current year be allocated as between Class I Roads Class II Roads and other roads, in addition to any classification required as between main roads and district roads. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Accountant.

5—Stock Redemption Fund--The Borough Accountant reported that there was £5,371 0s. 1d in hand available for investment. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a consent order for the application of this sum towards the new loans for the Electricity Undertaking for which application is about to be made to the Electricity Commissioners.

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6—Library, Museum and Art Gallery— The Borough Accountant reported that he had claimed exemption for these buildings from Assessment to Property Tax under Schedule A and the Assessments had now been discharged.

7—Winter Garden—Read, letter from the Inspector of Taxes as to the Assessment of this property. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Company for an adjustment of the Account in regard to the amount deducted for property tax, also in regard to the inclusion of an item charged in the Account for goodwill.

S--Third Party Insurance—The Borough Accountant reported that the premium on this Policy had now been reduced from 2s to 1s 6d per cent. which would reduce the premium for the current year from £88 to £56.

9--Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the Auditor's report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1922.

Orders on Treasurer—The Town Clerk reported that he was complying with the Auditor's direction that the Order on the Treasurer should be taken charge of by him and sent direct to the Treasurer.

Corporation Properties—Resolved. That a terrier be prepared of Corporation properties.

Rates Office—Resolved, That the Committee do not think it is desirable at present to adopt the Auditor's suggestion that the Borough Accountant be appointed Superintendent Assistant Overseer.

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 7th May, 1923, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett). Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th April last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Duke and Duchess of York—The Mayor read telegram of thanks from the Duke and Duchess of York for the kind congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of their marriage, sent on behalf of the inhabitants of Cheltenham.

3—Unemployment—Read, letter of 30th ult, from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, asking that a Deputation, representing that Committee and the Board of Guardians, be received with reference to the provision of further Schemes for the relief of unemployment. Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to receive the Deputation.

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 :—

Public Health... Meeting held April 9

Housing Meeting held April 10

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 25

Street and Highway ... Meetings held April 23 & 30*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz. :— That Minute No. 17, with reference to Greenhills Road, be referred back for further consideration.

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Town Improvement and Spa Committee ... Meetings held April 20 & 27

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held April 25*

*District Point Board—Representation—Resolved, also, That the Chairman of this Committee (Councillor J. Moore) be re-appointed the representative of the Electricity Undertaking on the District joint Board, Electricity Supply Industry, No. 6 (West of England) Area.

Water	Meeting held April 19
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held April 24
Allotments	Meeting held April 9
Parks, and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held April 9
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held April 11
Burial Board	Meeting held April 27
Public Library	Meeting held April 17
Finance	Meeting held May 1

*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.

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 June, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 14th May, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, 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.:—Willoughby Cottage, 1, Swindon Terrace, 2, Elm View Terrace, Archville, Daisynook, and 2, Rehoboth Place, Swindon Road ; 42, 43, 41, Malvern Street ; and Gladstone Arms, Sherborne Street, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1373, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a movable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

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2 -Cleansing and Whitewashing at Gladstone Arms, Sherborne Street; 110, 111 and 136, Tewkesbury Road; 9, Russell Place 3, Elm View Terrace, Swindon Road ; 42, 4,1 and 44, Malvern Street ; Glyndon Villa, Carlton Street and 3, Nelson Buildings, Wellington Passage. 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 (a) Hayesfield," Hall Road; 62, Stanhope Street ; 7, 8, 10 and 12, St. Anne's Terrace and 1 and 2, St. Anne's Cottages. The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named homes, 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) 9 to 19, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; 4, 5 and 6, Upper Pilley, and 12, Sidney 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 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4-Overcrowding at 21, Bath Terrace, off Bath 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.

5-Insanitary Property-(a) 110, 111 and 236, Tewkesbury Road ; 2, Ambrose Place ; 9, Russell Place ; 1, 2 and 3, Elm View Terrace ; 1, Swindon Terrace. 42 43 and 44, Malvern Street; 3, Nelson Buildings, Wellington Passage ; Gladstone Arms, Sherborne Street; 11, Burton Cottages and 38 and 40, Winstonian 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 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, Burton Street-The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz.,-

H. Howlett ..	£13 0 0
E. D. Welch ..	£11 10 0
Daffurn & Tombs .	£9 17 6

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Daffurn & Tombs be accepted.

(c) Nos. 2 and 3, Powell's Cottages-Read, letter of the 27th ult., from Mr. J. H. Hanson Powell with reference to the bricking up by him of the doorways to these premises. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to have the obstructions removed.

6 -Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-(a) Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 9, King Street Gardens-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made in October, 1921, had not been rendered fit for human habitation and should be demolished. Resolved, That

notice be given to the Owner of the premises that it is the intention of the Committee at their next meeting to consider the question of making Demolition Orders.

(b) 2, 4 and 5, Providence Place, Portland Street ; and 20, 21 and 22, Malvern 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 Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

7--House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation-Gladstone Arms, Sherborne 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.

8-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

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9—Surrender of Diseased Meat —The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs beef; 8 cwt. 3 qrs. pork; 3 qrs. mutton; 2 qrs. 5 lbs. veal; 15 ox tails ; 5 tins beef and 1 tin liquid eggs.

10 -Small Pox --The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases of Small Pox to date was 30. Very active measures had been taken to control the outbreak and these had been assisted by the fact that the number of Centres affected at one time had not been so numerous but that a keen supervision of known contacts could be exercised. The adoption of notification of Chicken Pox, vaccination and the visitation of contacts, especially children contacts, had been effective in lessening the number of cases. In order to keep certain contacts under daily observation and control to prevent spread of the disease, he had had to advise the withdrawal of several persons temporarily from their work and in two cases it had been necessary to give temporary supplies of food and other necessary commodities, stints, for which he submitted amounting to a total of £6 13s. 9d., and he had received four applications for a monetary allowance for loss of employment. Resolved, That the accounts for food and other necessary commodities be passed for payment. Resolved, Also, That no allowance be made in respect of loss of employment where precautions by vaccination are not taken.

11—Sanitary Inspectors Association—Read, circular letter of 24th ult., from this Association inviting the agenda: of Delegates at the 36th Annual Conference to be held at Rhyl on September 4th-7th next. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend the Conference.

12-Ladies' Lavatory—High Street--(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted arrangements as to hours of opening and attendants (including remuneration to the latter).

Hours of Opening—The Lavatory and Cloak Room to be opened 9 a.m. daily (except Sundays) and to remain open until 7 p.m. on Mondays (including Bank Holidays), Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays ; until 3 p.m. on Fridays and until 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

Attendants—Mrs. Barber (Arcade Caretaker's Wife) to be in attendance during opening hours except for three hours daily when she will be relieved by Miss Neale (Cleaner at the Municipal Offices).

Cleaning—Mr. Barber (Arcade Caretaker) to clean down Lavatory and Cloak Room before opening as necessary. Resolved, That the arrangements be approved.

(b) Charges—Resolved. That the charges for the use of the Lavatory and Cloak be as follows :—Use of Lavatory, 1d. Wash and Brush-up, 2d. Use of Cloak Room, 2d. per article.

13—Sewer—The Granleys—The Borough Surveyor reported that the 9 in. pipe sewer in lane of Gloucester Road leading to " The Granleys " was defective and should be reconstructed. Resolved. That the matter be adjourned.

14--Hayden Sewage Farm- The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Cock & Son, Down Hatherley, had applied for a cast iron main to be laid to their land for the delivery of sludge at an estimated cost of £40 which amount had been deposited by them, and that Mr. Unwin had given his consent to the main crossing his land, subject to the Corporation paying an acknowledgment of one shilling per annum. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to lay the main and that the proposed acknowledgment rent be agreed to.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report. Live Stock on Farms on 14th inst. 11 horses (6 at Depot) ; 85 head of cattle ; 121 sheep ; 58 lambs, and 31 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 3 cows in calf; 2 heifers in calf; 24 barren heifers ; 38 ewes and 59 lambs had been purchased for £753, and other purchases amounted to £39 16s. 5d. Total purchases £827 16s. 5d. 6 calves and 7 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 13 cows (s barren). 3 heifers, 7 calves, 1 teg and 30 store pigs had been sold for £553 7s. 4d., and produce for £20 8s. 7d. Total sales £373 15s. 11d.

Elm Hill —Drainage—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase pipes at a cost not exceeding £4 for draining this land, the work to be undertaken by the Farm Labourers. 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. 15th May, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Regan, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair.)

1—Re-decoration of Houses—Applications were received from three tenants for re-decoration of rooms. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to Resolved, Also. That applications for the re-decoration of houses, in the case of original tenants, be not entertained until after the third year of tenancy.

2—Protection of Lawns and Verges—The Borough Surveyor submitted copy circular which he had addressed to tenants urging the prevention of damage of lawns and verges and also to the wire fences round the gardens. Resolved, That the same be approved.

3—Gardens—Prize Scheme—Resolved. That the following prizes be offered in connection with the Gardens Prize Scheme:— Parlour type houses : 1st £1 10s. 0d., 2nd £1, 3rd 10s, 4th 5s Non-Parlour type houses : 1st £1, 2nd 15s

4—Selection of Tenants—(a) Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. E. J. Sheldon, asking for his name to be reinstated in the List of applicants. Resolved. That Mr. Sheldon's name be added to the List of Applicants to whom Parlour type houses have been allocated.

(b) Applications were received from Messrs. G. P. Robbins, W. H. Nicholls, T. R. R. Smith, tenants of Parlour type houses, for permission to transfer to Non-Parlour type houses, and an application was also received from Mr. H. VV. Foster for his name to be reinstated in the list of applicants for Non-Parlour type houses. Resolved, That the next twelve Non-Parlour type houses be allocated as follows, subject to the receipt of satisfactory references : (1) P. T. Allen, (2) R. Stubbs, (3) T. E. Jones, (4) Chief Constable, (5) W. H. Nicholls, (6) G. P. Robbins, (7) T. R. R. Smith, (8) F. H. A. Pow, (9) W. A. Hartland, (10) H. W. Foster, (11) W. H. Bedford, (12) R. S. Maxfield.

5—Housing Scheme—Read. letter of 12th inst., from the Secretary, Women's Co-operative Guild, forwarding the following Resolution adopted at a Public Meeting at the Town Hall on 13th March last :—

" That this Meeting. realising that private enterprise has failed to build houses for the working classes, requests the Government to proceed with an adequate housing scheme on national lines, to co-operate with local authorities with a view to promoting the building of houses by direct labour, and take the necessary steps to control prices of all building material required for this purpose. We further request the Government to give local authorities power to take over all unoccupied houses, with the alternative of compelling payment of full rates as assessed."

Resolved, That no action be taken.

6—Housing Bill, 1923--The Town Clerk submitted Circular 388, of the 27th ult., from the Ministry of Health, with regard to the provisions of the Housing Bill now before Parliament. The Ministry were prepared forthwith to consider schemes which, if approved, and subject to the passage of the Bill, would be eligible for financial assistance from the Government which would take the form of an annual contribution on each house of £6 a year for a period of twenty years towards the expenses incurred by Local Authorities for the assistance of private enterprise. Where an Authority could satisfy the Minister that houses could best be provided by the Authority themselves, financial assistance would be available in respect of houses erected with the approval of the Ministry on a flat rate annual contribution on each house of £6 per year for a period of twenty years. Resolved, That Messrs Chatters, Smithson and Rainger be instructed to prepare plans for two pairs of Non-Parlour

houses (of different type), and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the erection of ten pairs of Non-Parlour houses.

7—Site for Almshouses—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the disposal of site for Almshouses to the Charity Organisation Society offering no objection to the purchase money being applied to the reduction of the Loan of £237,500.

JOHN D. BENDALL Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th May, 1923. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, and Captain Trye. (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 20th April to 17th May, 1923 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 10th inst., 762 loads collected, 741 consumed, and 21 tipped away (Weight consumed 959 tons, 4 cwts.)

2-Cement —The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 3rd inst., from the Oxford Portland Cement Co. Ltd., notifying a reduction of 1s 2d per ton in the price of cement delivered to the Slab Factory and 11d. per ton delivered to the Central Depot.

3—St. Anne's Road—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that the trees growing on private property in this road, of which complaint had been made, had been pruned with the Owner's consent.

4—Depot —Sheds—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the extension of shedding at the Central Depot at an estimated cost of £200, provided for in the Estimates. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Borough Surveyor authorised to proceed with the work

5-Tenders for Coal--The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of coal during the ensuing 3, 6, and 12 months, alternatively. Resolved, (a) That the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son to supply Princess Royal rough small steam coal for boilers for 12 months at 23s 7d. per ton, be accepted. (b) That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to order one truck of Birch Coppice deep lump house coal from Messrs. J. Williams & Co. at 29s 3d per ton, and one truck of Timpentwys Welsh Smokeless steam coal for Fire Engine, Foden Wagons and Rollers from Messrs. Stockwell & Son at 36s 3d. per ton, as per tenders. (c) That the tender of Messrs. Crook & Greenway to supply about 10 tons of Kingsbury Best Ryder Nuts for the Abattoir at 28s 9d. per ton be accepted.

6—Price of Slabs—The Borough Accountant submitted Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March last. Resolved, That the same be approved- Resolved, Also, That in view of the further decrease in the cost of manufacturing slabs, the sale price thereof be reduced from 6s to 5s 6d. per square yard.

7—Street Projections--Resolved, That the following applications for permission to fix signs outside the premises named be granted, subject to the usual conditions :—

Address.	Name of Applicant.	Description of Sign.
3, Montpellier Avenue	H. Shufflebotham	Fixed sign (additional.)
Normal Passage (rear of 188, High Street)	D. S. Davis	Fixed sign.
202, High Street	E. H. Mouldsdale	Barber's Pole
Regent Chambers, Regent Street	Leishman & Copeland	Fixed sign.

Resolved, Also, That the following applications be not granted :—

Address.	Name of Applicant.	Description of Sign.
129 —130, High Street	Boots, Ltd.	Kodak Advertising Flag.
23, Clarence Street	L. Cantrill	Ices, etc. Advertising Flag.

8—Dangerous Corners—Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted 3 alternative plans for the improvement of this corner. Resolved, That plan No 2 be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Ministry of Transport stating that a grant could not be made at present, but that the application had been noted for further consideration in the event of funds being available during the current financial year.

9—Andover Road and Park Place Junction—Warning Signs—Read, letters of 11th and 15th inst., from Mr. W. Lock Mellersh urging the desirability of warning signs being placed at this junction. Resolved, That if the Royal Automobile Club are willing to provide Warning Notices the Council be recommended to agree to the same being fixed, subject to the signs and the positions thereof being approved.

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10—Road, Bridge and Street Improvements—Read, circular No. 186 (Roads) of 23rd ult., from the Ministry of Transport, stating that before negotiations for the acquisition of land for Road, etc., improvements, where it is proposed to apply for a Grant, are entered into, the District Valuer should first be consulted upon the question of compensation payable and his report transmitted in duplicate to the Ministry or the Unemployment Grants Committee with the application for Grant.

11—Pollution of Fisheries—Read, circular No. 187A (Roads) of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, forwarding copy of Report of the **Roads Dressing Sub-Committee** appointed to study the influence on fish and other forms of stream life of washings from bituminous roads.

12—St. George's Place and Manchester Street Corner—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan shewing proposed alteration of footpaths at this corner. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Borough Surveyor instructed to have the work carried out.

13—Hatherley Street Footpath—Read, letter of 23th ult., from Mr. F. W. Painter complaining of the condition of the footpath outside the Royal Union Inn, Hatherley Street. Resolved. That the same be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

14—Eldorado Road and Crescent--Footpath—Private Improvement Works—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Rev. Frederick Tearle calling attention to the condition of the footpath from Queen's Road to "

Ocala." Resolved, That the Rev. Tearle be informed that the Owners will be called upon to pave this footpath in due course.

15—Greenhills Road —The Committee considered reference from the Council at their last meeting as to calling the portion of Charlton Lane, from the Borough Boundary to its junction with Old Bath Road, " Greenhills Road." Resolved, That a representation be made to the Charlton King's U.D.C. that the portion of the road in their District be called Charlton Lane as previously.

16—Evesham Road—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. C. E. Barratt with reference to the condition of this road. Resolved, That a representation be made to the County Council urging them to have the road put into good condition.

17—Road from Ewlyn Road to Langdon Road--Read, Memorial, of 12th inst., from the Owners of property abutting on this Road asking that the same be taken over by the Corporation. Resolved, That as the road is a back road the request be not acceded to.

18—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th inst ;—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold, when the matters referred to in Minutes Nos. 19 to 25 were adjourned for consideration by the Street and Highway Committee.

19—Kerbside Pumps—(a) Albion Street—Resolved. That the application of Messrs. Haines & Strange for permission to erect a " Bowser " Kerbside Pump in front of their Garage in Albion Street be not granted, but that they be informed that the Committee will consider an application for permission to erect a pump on their own premises with an arm to swing over the footpath at a height to be approved by the Committee.

(b) Resolved, That the applications of Mr. Alfred Miles for erection of a pump in Albion Street (opposite St. John's) and of Mr. G. W. Midwinter for erection of a pump at Beaufort Garage, London Road, be granted, subject to agreements containing similar conditions as in other cases.

Resolved, That the application of Mr. T. H. Houghton for permission to erect a pump on his premises at St. Paul's Garage with delivery arm over the pavement be granted subject to an agreement containing the usual conditions.

(c) An application was received from the Anglo American Oil Co. Ltd. for permission to erect another Kerbside pump at the Tourists' Garage (Royal Hotel Yard), High Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

20—Light Railway—The General Manager of the Light Railway (Mr. H. J. McCormick) attended the meeting with reference to the second Resolution to Minute No 6 of the Committee at their meeting on the 23rd ult., and stated that the Company were doing all that was possible having regard to the time involved in the work of repairing the tram track and the expenditure entailed. It was arranged that the track should be inspected by the Committee in company with the General Manager on the 24th inst.

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21-Albion Street —Tree— Resolved, That the tree by " Alconbury " be not removed.

22-Chelt Footpath—The View Committee reported that they had met Mr. J. Evans, representing the Agents for the Harford Trustees (Messrs. Young and Gilling) and that it was proposed to erect a one bar fence 3 feet high with concrete posts. Resolved, That this be approved.

23-Montpellier Spa Road—Tree—Resolved. That the application of Dr. Claye Shaw for a tree to be planted at the corner of Vittoria Walk, be not acceded to.

24 Lansdown Crescent-Motor Warning Sign--The l30rough Surveyor submitted letters of the 23rd. ult., and 15th inst., from J. L. L. Goss, stating that several motor accidents had occurred at the junction of Lansdown Crescent and the road wining at the back thereof, and asking that a Warning notice be provided. Resolved, That, subject to the consent of Ow proprietors of the Lansdown Hotel, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice " Drive slowly " affixed to the wall of the Hotel premises.

25-St.. George's Road—Tree—Resolved, That the tree by " Garron-Dene " be not removed.

26-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 confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 18th May, 1923: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, 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.
1681	Barker, A. J.	Temporary shed, Charlton Lane.
1688	Tibbles, W. G.	Conversion of Stables into Dwelling, Priory Street.
1695	Thompson, Col. E. V.	Temporary Motor House, Cranham Road.
1701	Poynton, T. H.	Temporary Motor House, Bayshill Mansions.
1702	Charity Organisation Society	Jessie Mary Chambers Almshouses, Tennyson and Brooklyn Roads,
1703	Fulcher, P.	6 semi-detached houses, Pilford Road.
1704	Corpus Christi College, Oxford	Alterations to rear of No. 191 High Street.
1705	Cheltenham Original Brewery	Alterations to New Inn, Hewlett Street.
1706	Hailing, A. G. W.	Additions to Bradwell Lodge, Sandford Mill Road.
1707	Allen, Miss M.	Additions to rev. of " Glengar," Leckhampton Road.
1708	Ursell, Mrs.	Additions to Belgrave House, Imperial Square.
1709	Eager, H.	New Porch, Nibley House, North Place.
1710	Sanders, R.	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1688, 1703, 1704, 1706, 1707, 1705 and 1709 be approved, that Plans No. 1681 and 1701 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. 1695, 1702, 1705 and 1710 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 May, 1923: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Montpellier Baths—Lift—The Borough Surveyor reported that the hydraulic lift could not be used as the cylinder was broken, but that since the staircase had been provided the lift was not necessary. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the same removed.

2-Bowling Green at Winter Garden --Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide materials for colouring the room used by the United Services Bowling Club at the Winter Garden.

3—Town Hall —(a) Railings—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd. to fix railings on the east and west wing walls at a cost of £51 be accepted.

(b) Catering Utensils—Resolved, That the surplus utensils at the Town Hall be transferred to the Municipal Offices.

(c) Charges—Resolved, That the scale of charges for the hire of the Town Hall and Rooms for entertainments be reduced during the Summer season (from 1st June to 31st August) by 20 per cent.

4—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Harriers' Annual Athletic Festival—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham and County Harriers A.A. and C.C. Club asking upon what terms the Corporation would grant the use of Montpellier Gardens to the Club on August Bank Holiday if 50 per cent, of the proceeds were given to the General Hospital. Resolved, That no reduction be made in the terms already offered.

(b) Hospitals Carnival—Resolved. That the use of the proscenium be granted free of charge to Mr A. H. Nealon on a date to be arranged for a Shakespearian Performance in aid of the Hospitals.

5 —Summer Orchestra—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., stating that playing of the Orchestra in the Winter Garden Bandstand on Wednesday evenings was detrimental to their business. Resolved. That arrangements be made as from the 1st June for the Orchestra to play in the Winter Garden Bandstand on Tuesday evenings instead of Wednesday evenings and that Minute No. 8 of the Committee at their meeting on the 23rd March last be varied accordingly.

6—Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted free of charge for a Mayoral Reception and Garden Party on 18th July next, in connection with the National Master Builders' Association Conference to be held in Gloucester, and also that arrangements be made for the Municipal Orchestra to play at the Reception from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. at a charge of £5.

7—Cinematograph Film--Read, letter of 8th inst, from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., offering to exhibit a non-flammable film showing local scenery on steamers from Canada to Liverpool. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Chamber of Commerce, and that the Council be recommended to contribute up to £10 towards the cost of making a non-flammable reproduction of the Cheltenham Film.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 1st and 15th inst., were read. They recommended as follows :—

Hard Tennis Court—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to level the west end of the Hard Court where a drain trench had been made.

Town Hall—Ladies' Lavatory—That two penny-in-the-slot locks be fixed to the Lavatory doors.

Sunday Concerts—Programme—That Mr. Leo Dawes be granted the right of providing and selling programmes in connection with Sunday Concerts, for a payment of 7s 6d per week to the Corporation.

Montpellier Gardens—That the free use of the Proscenium (including lighting) be granted to the " Cabaret Girls Concert Party on the 23rd prox., for a performance in aid of the General Hospital, and that the offer of the Party to give a similar performance and hand 80 per cent. of the proceeds to the Corporation in return, be accepted.

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Pittville Pump Room —That the use of Pittville Pump Room be granted to the Municipal Officers' Guild on a date to be arranged for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Hospitals Carnival.

Summer Orchestra—That arrangements be made for the Summer Orchestra to play at the 3 Recreation Grounds in turn during the Season.

9—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 606; Montpellier Baths 12 ; Montpellier Gardens 191 ; Pittville Chalet 51 ; and Pittville Pump Room 22.

Pittville Chalet—Resolved, That in order to reduce the hours of the Attendant, the Chalet be not opened until 9 a.m. and that arrangements be made for Waters to be taken at the Pump Room by anyone requiring same before that hour.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY & LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1923: Present—Councillors Bastin, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity Charges—Maximum Price--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Order made by the Board of Trade under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, increasing the maximum Statutory charge from 8d. to 10d. per unit, would expire on 31st

August next. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Electricity Commissioners for an extension of the Order.

2-Generating Plant—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain a tender from C. A. Parsons & Co. Ltd., for re-winding the rotor of No. 8 Turbo Alternator, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept such tender, if satisfactory.

3-- Coal Conveyor—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the provision of a Coal Conveyor. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deterred.

4—Extension of Mains—Newbarn Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of applications from a number of occupiers for a supply in Newbarn Lane, and that the cost of the necessary extension of cable from Albert Road would be £180. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to receipt of satisfactory guarantees.

5—Education Conference—Read, letter from Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., in appreciation of the remission of charges for energy consumed at the Exhibition held at Easter, and thanking the Borough Electrical Engineer and Staff for their assistance in connection with the Exhibition.

6—Gas Tests—Gas Examiner's Periodical Reports— Read, Reports of the Acting Gas Examiner of Tests made on the 28th ult., and 4th, 8th, 13th and 18th inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 480, 462.5, 472, 469.2 and 468.6 B.Th.U., and the Pressure 3.7, 3.8, 4.3, 5.1 and 3.7 inches.

7—Grafton Road Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Sub Station in Grafton Road was becoming too small, and he recommended that the Sub-Station be rebuilt in a larger size. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for the required alterations.

8—Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on the 13th June at 3 p.m.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th May, 1923: Present The Deputy Mayor, 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 36 days, ended 14th May, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	358,000 gallons	277,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,194,000 "	984,000 "

Leckhampton Springs	115,000 "	93,000
Total	1,667,000	1,354,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th May, 1923.		14th May, 1922.	
Hewletts		30,396,000 gallons		29,852,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31 ft. 6in.	97,389,000	31ft. 6in.	97,389,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		129,405,000		128,861,000

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

	April
No. of house-to-house inspections	1059
" taps found leaking ..	68
" defective flushing boxes	25
" defective stop taps ..	3
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	65
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>47</u>
	112
" notices served re fittings	44
" meters changed ..	24
" houses connected ..	62
" burst pipes discovered	3
" supplies disconnected (void houses, etc.)	22

3—British Waterworks Association—Conference—Read, circular letter of the 12th inst., from this Association inviting the attendance of Delegates at the 12th Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Cardiff on July 4th and 5th. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 8th May, 1923. Present; The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel : and Councillor Yarnold. (Alderman Bendall 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 4th prox. except licences Nos. 22 and 54, in respect of Motor Cabs CD2840 and AR8792, held by Messrs. J. W. Cripps and R. Joyner, respectively.

Driver Licences—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to Albert A. Stevens, Anchor Warwick Place, and that the existing licences be renewed for one year from the 4th prox.

JOHN BENHALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th May, 1923. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers and Capt. Trye. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Gloucester Swine Fever Infected Area Order. 1923 (No. 2)—The Town Clerk reported that this Order had been published. Resolved. That this be approved.

(c) Importation of Dogs (Amendment) Order, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which came into operation on the 8th inst., amending Para. 2 of Art. I. of the Importation of Dogs Order, 1914.

(d) Importation of Dogs from Ireland and the Isle of Man Orders —The Town Clerk submitted Order (No. 1310) of 21st ult., revoking Order (No. 1264) of 20th February last, restricting the importation of dogs from Ireland and the Isle of Man.

3—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 9th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at No 48, Upper Park Street. Cause- --Defective Gas fittings. Damage slight. Brigade expenses £3 17s. 6d.

(b) Motor Fire Engine—The Town Clerk submitted his reply to letter of the 15th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, urging the desirability of the provision of a Motor Fire Engine, informing the Chamber that this was under consideration, and the Corporation were in communication with adjoining districts with a view to arranging for a contribution towards the maintenance of the Brigade. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

4—Licences to store Petroleum—Read, application of the 7th inst., from the United Chemists Association Ltd., for a licence to store 400 gallons of petroleum in an underground storage tank at the "Ucal Works." High Street. The Inspector recommended that the application be granted. Resolved. That a licence be granted accordingly.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cycle and Side Car ---Resolved, That the application of Miss R. Wood for a licence in respect of a motor cycle and side car and a driver's licence be adjourned.

6-27, Promenade—Assignment of Lease—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowe had applied for the consent of the Corporation to the Assignment of the Lease of these premises to Mr. George Sarsfield Walsh of " Normanhurst," Christ Church Road, for use as Stock Broker's Offices. and also for permission to hold an auction sale of furniture, etc., on the premises. Resolved, That

permission be given for the auction sale. and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign a consent on behalf of the Council to an assignment of the lease to Mr. Walsh.

7- 21, Promenade--The Town Clerk reported that he had appealed against the assessment of these premises. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—War Memorial—Cleaning—The Town Clerk submitted estimate of the 27th ult., from Messrs. R. L. Boulton Sons, for cleaning the four name panels of the War Memorial three times a year (including all material and labour for £5 per annum, and an offer from Ex-Corpl. J. L. Mitchell, 269, High Street, to clean and generally attend to the Memorial as often as may be necessary, without charge. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the War Memorial kept clean by Corporation workmen.

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9—Athletic Ground—Fairs—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mr. W. Jewell, on behalf of residents in Grosvenor Street, protesting against the use of the Athletic Ground, Albion Street, for Fairs. Resolved, That Mr. Jewell be informed that the nuisance complained of was a matter for the Owners and occupiers concerned to deal with.

10—Contracts— Read, Circular (No. 400) of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that the Government had decided that, as regards all works in respect of which grants are given expressly because of unemployment by the Unemployment Grants Committee or other Government Department, it shall be a condition of the grant that all contracts for or incidental to the works are to be placed in this Country. The Government also urge that in view of the present conditions the same principle should also be adopted, in the absence of special circumstances, in the case of contracts in respect of works carried out by Local Authorities.

11—Unemployment—Mr. J. Monro Briggs, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, and Mr. A. E. South, representing the Board of Guardians, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle, H. W. Gill, A. J. Thompson, and C. T. Wonnacott (Secretary), representing the Local Employment Committee, attended and urged the necessity of the provision of further Schemes for the relief of unemployment during the coming Winter. The following statistics were submitted as to men out of employment in the Borough and District at the present time

Skilled Workers—Building trades, 145; Engineering trades, um ; Road workers, 27; Horsemen, carters, etc., 74; Hotel workers 47; Shop assistants, 34; and other trades, 176.

Unskilled Workers--Building trades, 129; Engineering trades, 34 ; General labourers, 144 ; and other labourers, 147. The Deputation were informed that their representations would receive careful consideration by the several Committees of the Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th May, 1923: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Regan, Sawyer and Stanley ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. 'lizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Regan in the chair).

1—Head Gardener's Quarterly Report—Read, the Head Gardener's Quarterly Report on the various Allotments, All the plots were clean and cultivated, with the exception of the following: Numbers 58 and 59, Albert Road; numbers 7, 8, to, 21, 23, and 27, Alma Road; numbers 8, 10, 23 and 38, Turner's Field, and numbers 36 and 53, Whaddon Lane (1920). Resolved, That notice be given to these tenants to terminate their tenancies.

2-Arrears-The Town Clerk submitted list of arrears of rent. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Allotment holders in arrear to terminate their tenancies, and to take proceedings, if necessary, for recovery of the arrears.

D. REGAN, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th May, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That three Poplar trees opposite the Hay Cottage Homes be cut down.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th May, 1923: Present — The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers, Stewart and Whitaker ; and Mr. Geo. Dimmer. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visits to the Art Gallery and Museum, 4,674 (against 3,849), the daily average being 587 (against 560.)

Local Arts and Crafts Exhibition—This Exhibition, having been open on 33 days, was closed on the 30th ult. Visitors numbered 6,069, daily average 184. Expenditure—Printing and Advertising, £20 8s. 0d. Receipts—Advertisements and Sale of Catalogues, £27 1s. 0d. Surplus—£6 13s. 0d. 25 Artists and Firms contributed to the Exhibition which from every point of view was a success.

Exhibition of Coutt's Paintings—This Exhibition was opened on 5th inst., and would remain open until 9th prox.

Illuminated Manuscripts—A circulating series of Illuminated Manuscripts, forming part of loans from the Victoria and Albert Museum, was placed on view on 5th inst., and would remain until 31st July.

Cotswold Scenery Water-colours—Arrangements had been made with the Artist (Mr. Nicholls) for these water-colours to remain on view for a few weeks longer.

Donations—The following gifts had been received :--(1) Lady Hartland--Life-size plaster bust of Dean Close ; (2) Mr. A. E. W. Paine—Cast of Bisley Trephined Skull (Neolithic), discovered in a Long Barrow near Bisley, Glos., in 5863 by late Dr. W. H. Paine ; (3) Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S., a rock specimen, and

(4) Mr. T. Wilson Parry, M.A., M.D., 5 pamphlets on " Prehistoric Trephining." Resolved, That the Report be approved. Resolved, Also, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2-Typist-—Salary —Resolved, That the salary of Miss W. G. Constable be increased from 25s to 30s per week, such increase to be charged to this Committee's accounts,

3—Caretakers of Library and Art Gallery, etc.—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillor Rogers be appointed as Representatives of this Committee on the joint Sub-Committee to consider the appointment of Caretakers.

4—Donation—Resolved, That the over conveyed through Mr. W. Gerald Gurney to present two pictures to the Art Gallery be accepted with thanks.

5—Loan—Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. C. W. Hancock for his loan of Art Metal work for Exhibition.

6—Exhibitions—Resolved, That arrangements be made for the exhibition of works by Mr. L. Burleigh Bruhl, R.B.A., etc., and Walter S. Stacey in October and November, and that the carriage thereon to Cheltenham be paid.

7—Museum Lectures--Resolved, That arrangements be made for a series of Lectures in connection with the Museum to be held in the Art Gallery during next Winter.

8—Museums Association Conference -- Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Museums Association to be held in Hull from 9th to 13th July next.

9---Natural History Room—It was reported that Mr. Henry Hooper had withdrawn his tender for distemping this room. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to have the work done by another decorator.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At 4 Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 25th May, 1923 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 28th April to 25th May, (both dates inclusive). Interments, 62 ; Exclusive Rights in 13 graves sold (second class 3, third class 1, and fourth class 9). Monuments erected 6; Inscriptions on Monuments, 7.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6727 to 6745 (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 graves of J. H. Florence Jones and James C. Kennedy ; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of John J. Day ; Memorial Kerbing to graves of Ernest W. Mulliner, Amanda J. Gummer, Mary A. Batchelor and Blossie P. Clarke ; Memorial Cross to grave of William Ballinger and Memorial Scroll to grave of Winifred O. Jones.

4—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell—The Tenders (4) received for cleaning the stone, and painting the iron railings round this grave were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Boulton & Co. (the lowest) of £3 10s. 0d. be accepted.

5—War Graves—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Imperial War Graves Commission enclosing list of 22 additional graves which had been classified as War graves and asking that such of these as were unpurchased might be included in the grant to the Commission. The Town Clerk reported that only one of these graves was unpurchased. Resolved, That this grave (No. K. 850) be included in the grant to the Commission.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th May, 1923: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Regan and Stanley ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and A. J. Miles. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Librarian's Report for April. Receipts£10 17s. 7d. Number of volumes consulted in Reference Library, 4,695 (last year 3,910). Lending Library 10,297 (against 11,193). Children's Library, 1,522 (against 1,875). Total issue from all Departments 16,514 (against 17,008).

Presentations—Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., (3 vols.) ; Miss Rand, (1 vol.) ; Miss Selway, (5 vols.) ; Miss M. F. Wilcox, (4 vols.) ; G. A. Williams, Esq., (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Windiate, (44 vols.) Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

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2—**Sub-Committee's Report** The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present;- Alderman Steel; Councillor Mann ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair.)

They recommended :— (a) That Dog volumes published at £50, be purchased for £21 17s. 4d.

(b) That second-hand replacements be purchased to the value of £20.

(c) That 200 volumes be re-bound ;it an estimated cost of £25.

(d) That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the necessary repairs to the Art Gallery Roof carried out at an estimated cost of £25 to £30.

(e) That the Lending, Reference and Children's Departments be closed on Whit-Monday; the Newsroom remaining open as usual.

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

3—Newsroom Cleaning—Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. Walter East to distemper and paint the newspaper room and annexe for £18 10s. 0d., being the lowest quotation received, be accepted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th May, 1923: Present— Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Pruen, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker. (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 £4,975 5s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £29,908 6s. 8d.

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 £3,020 12s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £16,510 4s. 11d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £175 on loan.

Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, Also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £5,500 be approved and the Debentures Endorsed accordingly.

4—Housing Repairs Fund— The Borough Accountant reported there was a balance of £766 14s. 8d. on the Repairs Fund for the Housing Estate and recommended that £700 of this be invested. Resolved, That this sum be invested in War Loan.

5—Arterial Roads—Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to the borrowing of £1,000 towards the general excess expenditure incurred in the construction of Brooklyn Road and Cleeve View Road (continuation) repayable in 20 years.

6—Housing Bonds—The Town Clerk submitted General Housing Memorandum No. 63 from the Ministry of Health stating that the rate of interest payable on Housing Bonds issued on or after the 7th inst. shall be 4 ½ per cent. unless the Ministry could be satisfied by Local Authorities that such rate of interest should be increased.

7—Third party Risk Insurance—The Borough Accountant reported that the Fine Art and General Insurance Co. had offered to cover any third party risk in respect of Hired team Drivers for 7s 6d. per Driver (less 15 per cent) making £1 18s 3d. for the six team Drivers (being the average number engaged). Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the Said Borough, on Monday, the 4th June, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present;

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

Aldermen Bendall, -Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Regan, Rogers, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Sawyer and Stanley.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 7th 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 18th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the provision of works for the relief of unemployment during the Winter, 1923-24, was under consideration by the Government and asking that a preliminary statement of works which could be put in hand locally, if required, be submitted before the end of July. The terms of assistance proposed by the Government were as follows :—

I—Capital Works .financed by Loan—(a) Revenue Producing Schemes—Grants equal to 50 per cent of the interest on loans raised by Local Authorities for a period of not less than ten years, in respect of expenditure on approved schemes, would be paid by the State for a period of five years.

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(b) Schemes for work undertaken in connection with or as part of a revenue producing undertaking which, in the view of the competent department, would not themselves directly produce revenue or were not likely to produce revenue for a considerable number of years. Grants equal to 50 per cent of the interest on loans raised for a period of not less than ten years, in respect of expenditure on approved schemes, would be paid by the State for a period of fifteen years or for the period of the loan, whichever was the less.

(c) 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 would be paid by the State for a period of one-half the term of the loan, subject to a maximum of fifteen years.

II— Works financed otherwise than by Loan—Grants would be paid by the State on the basis of 60 per cent of the wages bill for unemployed men taken on for the work.

The general conditions previously laid down would continue to apply. It would be optional for Local Authorities to carry out schemes by direct labour or through contractors, but the view of the Government was that the contract system should be adopted to the utmost possible extent.

Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Public Health, Housing, Street and Highway, and Water Committees for consideration and report.

3—Hospitals' Carnival—(a) Read, letters of 30th ult., and 4th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Hospitals' Carnival Week applying for (i.) the free use of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room on the 23rd inst., for a Gymkhana and Fete, and (ii.) the loan of flags and bunting, coloured lights and glow lamps, for use in connection with the Carnival. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

(b) Resolved, That no objection be offered to live stock to be offered for sale at the Cotswold Hunt Stall, being tied to the railings inside the Winter Garden, subject to the Carnival Committee being responsible for any damage.

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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 :—

Public Health	Meeting held May 14
Housing	Meeting held May 15
Street and Highway	Meeting held May 18
Town Improvement and Spa	Meeting held May 17
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held May 23
Water	Meeting held May 17
General Purposes and Watch	Meetings held May 8 & 18*

*Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, Also, That renewal of licences under this Act be granted to the following applicants for one year :—J. J. Cypher, A. Drakeford, G. B. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall and W. Yates.

Allotments ...	Meeting held May 14
Parks, and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held May 14
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held May 15
Burial Board	Meeting held May 25
Public Library	Meeting held May 15
Finance	Meeting held May 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. 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 held on Monday, the 2nd July, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 11th June, 1923 : Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, 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. :-44, Waterloo Street ; 21, Edward Street ; 4, Imperial Square ; 13 and 14, Grosvenor Terrace ; 11, Northfield Terrace ; and 22, Gloucester 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 movable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at 5a, St. Anne's 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 occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 62, Roman Road ; and 10, Grosvenor Terrace ; 3, Grosvenor Cottages ; 23, Rutland Street ; and 1, Tanner's Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 2, Jersey Place ; On Hewlett Street and 10, Sidney Street ; and 2, Bayshill Lawn. 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) 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, St. Anne's Terrace and 1, 2 and 3, St. Anne's Cottages, St. Anne's Terrace -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 work within 28 days.

(c) 11, Sidney Street and 38 and 40, Winstonian Roan-Read, letters from the Owners that they were not in a position to execute the works required and asking the Corporation to do same and make the cost repayable by instalments. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates.

5-Insanitary Property-(a) 69, Roman Road ; 2 and 10, Grosvenor Terrace ; 3, Grosvenor Cottages ; 20 and 23, Rutland Street ; 1, Tanner's Cottages, Arle; and 11, Victoria Place, Bath Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a

nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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.

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(b) 15, Burton Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the works specified had now been completed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Daffurn Tombs at a cost of £9 17s. 6d. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

(c) 15, Tivoli Street—Read, letter from Miss Spring asking if the £25 3s. 6d. due for sanitary repairs could be made payable by instalments. Resolved, That an Order be made under Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, etc., Act, declaring these expenses to be payable by annual instalments within a period of 8 years with interest at 5 per cent.

6—Notices not complied with —The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances, etc., 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 steps to compel compliance.

7—Sanitary condition of Theatres, etc.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had visited all the public places of entertainment and found the sanitary condition of the several premises to be satisfactory with the following exceptions :—The Coliseum, The Montpellier Rotunda and the Theatre, at which various sanitary defects were found, and notices had been given to the Managers of these places to have these remedied.

8—Storm Water Carrier, Hayden—The Borough Surveyor reported that this work would be completed in a few days.

9—Unemployment—Relief Work—The Committee considered circular letter of the 18th ult. from the Unemployment Grants Committee, The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of works which might be put in hand. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimates for the construction of a Storm Water Carrier to replace an old and defective Carrier round the Knoll at Hayden Knoll Farm and for cleaning out the Barn Farm Outfall Sewer.

10—Small Pox—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last Meeting four cases of Small Pox of the mildest type had occurred.

11 —Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) No. 1, Limbrick Cottages--Resolved, 'That consideration of making a Demolition Order be adjourned until September.

(b) 2, 4 and 5, Providence Place, Portland Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners 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.

(c) 20, 21 and 22, Malvern Street- Resolved, That the question of making a Closing Order be adjourned at the request of the Owners until September.

12-Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwts. 1 qr. 12 lbs. beef; 76 lbs. mutton ; and 75 tins fruit.

13--Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order--Read, application from Mr. J. Lithbridge, 27, Grosvenor Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

14— Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923--(a) The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order revoking the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1922 and the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order, 1922. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

(b) Bacteriological Examinations—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Ministry of Health stating that the fee of 15s per sample proposed to be charged by the University of Bristol was too high, having regard to the routine character of the examination and that an endeavour should be made to get the work done for a fee of 5s a sample. The Town Clerk reported that he was in communication with the County Analyst on the matter.

15—Barn Farm—Water Main—The Borough Surveyor reported that the if inch main to the Barn Farm was defective and in order to secure an adequate supply to Long Hill Hospital supplied from an extension of this main the Delancey Trustees had given an order for the defective main to be replaced with a 2 inch main at an estimated cost of about £500 and asked the Corporation to contribute towards this cost, Resolved, That a contribution of 20 per cent. of the cost be made.

16—National Association -for the Prevention of Tuberculosis —Read, circular letter of math inst. from this Association inviting attendance of Delegates at the Annual Conference to be held at Birmingham on the 12th—14th July. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report. Live Stock on Farms on 11th inst. 11 horses (6 at Depot) ; 6 calves; 97 head of cattle ; 58 lambs; 74 sheep, and 37 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 11 heifers in calf; 5 heifers and 5 calves and 8 heifers (barren) had been purchased for £582 10s. 0d., and other purchases amounted to £32 4t.ad. Total purchases £614 14s. 2d. 3 calves and 7 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 47 sheep, 7 heifers (4 barren), 5 cows (2 in calf) and 2 calves had been sold for £548 9s. 2d., and produce for £7 16s. 6d. Total sales £556 5s. 8d.

Forty Acres Orchard—The Town Clerk reported that the Owners had agreed to sell this piece of freehold land for £65. Vacant possession could be given on completion. Resolved, That the offer be accepted. 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 Friday, 15th June, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Tennyson Road—Land—Read, letter from Miss D. Freeman, Hon Secretary, Cheltenham Technical Schools Old Girls' Hockey Club, applying for the use of the land in Gloucester Road, used for hockey, on the same terms as last season. Resolved, That the Club be granted the use of the ground for £3 for the season.

2—Building Contracts—Final Accounts—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Ministry of Health, intimating that the final statement of accounts, amounting to £20,998 10s. 11d. and £31,632 5s. 9d. in respect of twenty houses erected by Mr. W. Drew and thirty houses by Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, had been examined and on the information available the Minister had no observations to make, but that the accounts would be subject to review by the District Auditor in due Course.

3—Site for Almshouses--The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now issued their formal sanction to the sale to the Charity Organization Society.

4—Relief of Unemployment —The Committee considered circular letter of 18th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, with regard to relief works for the unemployed during winter 1923-24, Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the Ministry of Health with a view to the shrubberies, to be made on Gloucester Road frontage, being now laid out and charged to the Housing Scheme.

5—Temporary Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 31st ult., from Mr. E. H. S. Wetherstone, protesting against the use of temporary recreation ground being restricted to residents on the Housing Estate and their children. Resolved, That the use of the ground be restricted to children in the District only and that the notice board be altered accordingly.

6—Selection of Tenants—Resolved. That the application of Mr. James McAlister of Kidderminster be not entertained, in view of the number of local applicants.

7—Housing Scheme—Read, letter of 31st ult, from Messrs. Chatters, Smithson, and Rainger, offering to undertake the erection of additional houses as a continuation of the State aided Housing Scheme, so as to give the Corporation the benefit of the reduced fees payable under that Scheme. They recommended that working drawings should be prepared for one design only for the purpose of tendering, and that, if a tender was accepted, the builder might then be asked to erect houses of varied design at a corresponding price per foot. Resolved, That Messrs. Chatters, Smithson, and Rainger be asked to submit sketch designs for approval and that they be instructed to prepare working drawings according to a design approved of by this Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th June, 1923. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Captain Trye. (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 18th May to 14th June, 1923 (both dates inclusive). Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th inst., 734 loads collected, 707 consumed, and 27 tipped away (Weight consumed, 880 tons 6 ½ cwts.)

2-Cement- The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst., from the Oxford Portland Cement Company, Ltd., stating that the railway rates were penny per ton less than reported at the last meeting.

3—Depot Sidings—The Borough Surveyor reported that these sidings required immediate repairs, which it was estimated would cost about £75 Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the Company to have the repairs executed.

4—Ash Vans and Carts--Covers—The Borough Surveyor reported that two of the vans and three of the carts were not provided with covers, he recommended that the two vans be provided with covers, and he submitted an offer from the Birmingham Corporation of some second-hand Ash-vans for £30 each. Resolved, that the two vans be provided with covers, and that the Chairman, Councillor Sawyer, and the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the vans offered, with authority to purchase three vans if satisfactory, at a cost not exceeding £30 each.

5—Stable Manure—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for stable manure for the ensuing year. Resolved, That the tenders of Mr. A. H. Sindrey of 10s per ton for the manure from the Central Depot ; and of Messrs. T. Carey & Sons of 10s 6d per ton for manure from the Leckhampton Depot ; and of Mr. A. W. Smith of 2s 6d per ton for sweepings from the Central Depot be accepted.

6—Colonnade—Wood Paving—The Borough Surveyor reported that the wood paving in the Colonnade was worn out and should be renewed, and recommended that it be paved with creosoted deal blocks, at a cost of £600. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the same.

7—Andover Road and Park Place Junction— Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Automobile Association and Motor Union, declining to supply signs for this crossing, as they were of opinion that the erection of warning signs in towns is undesirable, because to give warning at every point at which special caution is necessary would result in such a multiplicity of signs as to seriously effect their utility, and the erection of signs at this crossing would not be any more justified than at a considerable number of other crossings in the town. Resolved. That no further steps be taken in the matter.

8--Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of removing waste paper from business premises had considerably increased, and recommended that the present system of collecting the paper should be changed. He submitted a tender from the Meadow Mills, Ltd.,

offering £2 per ton for the paper, put into bags and loaded into trucks at Cheltenham. Resolved, That the business premises from which waste paper is collected be supplied with bags, to be collected when full by the Corporation, and that the tender of Messrs. Meadow Mills, Ltd., be accepted for a period of twelve months, determinable thereafter by three months notice on either side.

9—Building Bye Laws--The Town Clerk reported that draft of the revised bye-laws was ready for consideration. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the Chairman (Alderman Bendall), Councillors Dicks, Mann, Captain Trye and Yarnold, to consider the revision of the Bye-Laws.

10—Unemployment— Relief Works—The Committee considered circular letter of 18th ult. from the Unemployment Grants Committee referred to Committee by the Council at their last Meeting. Resolved, That this Committee is unable to suggest any Schemes suitable for the relief of unemployment.

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11—The Town Clerk reported that no one had been appointed Street Inspector since Superintendent Griffin resigned. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to arrange for Mr. H. J. Holbourn 'o undertake this work.

12—Road from Lypiatt Terrace to Tivoli Road—Councillor Mann complained of the state of this road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

13—Street Projections—(a) 23 Clarence Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Cantrill to fix an illuminated sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions and to a plan being submitted to and approved by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Portland Mews, Portland Square—Resolved, That the application of Mr. E. Bishop for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

14---Kerbside Petrol Pump—Montpellier Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. J. Bullock for permission to fix a second pump outside these premises be not granted. Sunningend, High Street—Resolved. That the application of Mr. W. J. Tibbles for permission to erect a Pump outside these premises be adjourned for view

15—Dangerous Crossing —Moorend Park Road and Shurdington Road—The Town Clerk reported that General Quill had urged the need of improving this Crossing. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

16—Tree—Leckhampton Road—Read, Report of Superintendent Hopkins as to damage to a tree in this road caused by a Tractor truck running down Leckhampton Hill.

17—Public Works, Road and Transport Congress--Exhibition—Read, circular letter from the Hon. Secretary inviting Delegates to a Conference to be held in London in November next. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

18—Water Trough—Resolved. That the application of the R.S.P.C.A. for permission to erect a Water Trough at the junction of Hewlett Road and Harp Hill be adjourned for view.

19—Greenhills Road—Read, letter from the Clerk, Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that as this road appeared as Greenhills Road on the Ordnance Map and the portion of the road in Charlton Kings had always been so called it could not now be altered. Resolved, That the portion of the road in the Borough continue to be called Charlton Lane.

20-Montpellier Villas—Tree—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. A. J. Cox tenant of No. 43 Montpellier Villas, complaining of a tree. Resolved, That this be viewed.

21 —Chelt Footpath—Read, letter from Mr. W. C. Robson calling attention to this footpath.

22-Brooklyn Road—Football Field—Read, application from the Christ Church Football Club for the use of the five acre field on the north-west side of Brooklyn Road as a football ground for the 1923-24 Season. The Borough Surveyor reported that the field was used for grazing. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

23 —Borough Surveyor's Department—Typewriter—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a new typewriter at a cost of £20, and that the Water Committee be asked to bear half the cost.

24 **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 confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th June, 1923: Present—The Mayor : Alderman Bendall Councillors Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

25—Streamers across Colonnade—Read, application from the Cheltenham and County Harriers for permission to place a streamer advertising the Club's August Sports across the Colonnade, and also application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for similar permission for their galas on the 6th and 20th July. Resolved, That permission be granted to place a streamer for 2 days prior to the respective events subject to the usual conditions.

26—Kerbside Pump—Near Lansdown Inn—Read, application from Mr. R. C. Hall for permission to erect a Bowser Kerbside Pump in front of his premises in Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for view.

27—Road Fund Grants—Read, circular letter from Ministry of Transport that it had been decided to devote a part of the Road Fund revenues for the year 1923-4 to assisting road improvement works in Rural areas. Grants would be made (a) To enable District Roads now Class 1 or Class 2 to be brought up to main road standard with a view to being taken over as main roads ; (b) To enable the more important district roads, neither Class 1 nor Class 2 (but carrying heavy motor traffic) to be reconditioned and made fit for traffic passing over them. Applications for grants must be received before the 30th September. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

28—Ash Vans—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had inspected and purchased 3 ash vans from the Birmingham Corporation at a cost of £77, Resolved, That the purchase be approved.

29—Plan 1711--The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plans for the conversion of stable premises at Selkirk Street into a dwelling house. Resolved, That the same be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

30—Direction Sign—Lilleybrook Hotel—An application was received from the Manager of the Lilleybrook Hotel for permission to transfer a direction sign from a tramway pole in the Charlton Kings portion of the London Road to a pole in the Borough. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to the consent of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company being obtained.

31—Workmen's Wages- -A Statement of the wages paid to the workmen in all departments was considered by the Committee. Resolved, That the following reductions be made to take effect as from the week beginning 6th July. Roller and Foden Drivers, 7s 6d ; Destructor Stokers, 6s; Road Foreman, District Foreman, Road Gangers, General Labourers in all Departments (including Gardeners), Sweepers, Slab Factory Men, Sewer Foreman and Ganger, Drain Tester, Sewage Works Labourers, Urinal Cleaner, Blacksmith, Plumber's Assistant, Horse Drivers and one Horse Keeper (with house), 4s ; Other Horse Keeper, 3s 6d; Ashmen, Striker, Chauffeur and St. George's Square Attendant, 3s; Wheelwright, 2s 6d ; Tree Foreman, Plasterer and 2nd Class Painters, 2s -Resolved, also, That the employees not dealt with by this Committee be referred for consideration of the Committees under whom they are respectively employed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1923: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James 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.
1702	Charity Organisation Society	Jessie Mary Chambers Almshouses, Tennyson and Brooklyn Roads.
1705	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co.	Alterations to New Inn, Hewlett Street.
1711	Thoyts, Col. H.	Conversion of stable premises in Selkirk Street into Cottage.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1712	Adamson, Miss,	Additions to Cleeve View, Harp Hill,
1713	Webb, H.	Alterations to Cottage at rear of 187 High Street
1714	Lethbridge, J..	Additions to 27 Grosvenor Street,
1715	Sheppard, E. J.	Additions and Temporary Motor House, 4, Victoria Cottages (off Bath Parade),

1716	Berryman, G.	Two semi-detached houses Old Bath Road,
1717	Jordan, Mrs. E.	Temporary Shed, Henrville, Fairfield Parade,
1718	Waite, W. T.	Temporary Motor House at rear of Ware's Private Hotel, Suffolk Parade.
1719	Marks & Spencer	Additions to 110 High Street.
1720	Sanders, R.	Temporary Motor House, The Homestead, Old Bath Road.
1721	Thornhill, A. T.	Temporary Motor House, Moorend Road.
1722	Tibbles, W. G.	Additions to Sunningend Garage, College Road.
1723	Pearce, W.	Additions to shed, Nags Head Yard, High Street.
1724	Holman, J.	Additions to 13 Great Norwood Street.
1725	Carter, Col.	Temporary Motor House. Heighthorne, Park Place.
1726	Chadwick, A.	Timber Bungalow, Alma Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1702, 1716, 1722, 1723 and 1726 be approved, that Plans Nos. 1717, 1718, 1720, 1721 and 1725 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. 1705, 1712 and 1719 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plans Nos. 1711, 1713, 1714, 1715 and 1724 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL. Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 1,5th June, 1923 : Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths —Resolved, That a Joint Sub-Committee consisting of three members of this Committee, three members of the Medical Advisory Committee and three members of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to consider and report upon a Scheme for advertising the medical baths.

2—Winter Garden and Town Hall—Railings—The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders for painting the railings and gates around the Winter Garden and Town Hall, Resolved, That the tender of Mr. H. E. Bardwell of Hewlett Street for £49 15s. 0d. be accepted.

3—Winter Garden—Bandstand—Resolved, That the application of the Salvation Army for permission to play in the bandstand on the 30th June be granted.

4 —Art Gallery, etc.—Notice Boards—Resolved, That permission be given for a notice board to be fixed in a suitable position at the Winter Garden entrance near Town Hall and Montpellier Gardens for displaying posters in connection with the Art Gallery and Museum.

5—Spa Federation—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Committee that future meetings of this Federation be attended by a member of this Committee instead of one of the Medical Advisory Committee.

6-Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That these gardens be closed to the public on Sunday the 24th inst., owing to the large number of show properties which will be on the ground in connection with the Hospitals Fete.

7-Alstone Mill Cottage—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Mr. P. R. Tyrrell asking for Sanitary repairs at these premises. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the same.

8-Concerts Sub-Committee—Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 29th May and 12th June were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Alstone Baths—That permission be given to the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club to erect a platform for the referee at their Polo matches, subject to this being erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Hospitals Fete—(a) That the Hospitals Fete Committee be granted the loan of the boxing platform boards, etc., and also about four hundred chairs (subject to payment of cartage).

(b) That the music of the Roundabouts, etc., at the Fête be stopped at 9 p.m.

9-Municipal Orchestra—(a) That the performance of the Orchestra at Whaddon Lane on the 30th inst. and the Sunday Evening concerts be advertised in the " Echo."

(b) That the Orchestra be allowed to play at Pittville Gardens on the 23rd. inst. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the Hospitals Fete and also at the Children's Athletic Sports at the Athletic ground on the 7th July.

10--Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Stop-netting—That four lengths of stop-netting be purchased for the Montpellier Gardens and two lengths for No. 3 Court, Pittville Gardens at a total cost of £4 18s. 0d.

Pittville Gardens—That the use of these Gardens on the 3rd September be allowed for a Mothers' Clinic Tea at a charge of 1d. per head for admission.

Sunday Evening Concerts--That the gates of Imperial Square be closed and that a Policeman be engaged to assist the Custodian in keeping order and that children under 12 be not admitted unless in charge of a parent.

Advertising—That a half page advertisement be taken in the July issue of the " Landmark " at a cost of £7 10s. 0d.subject to a special article on Cheltenham being inserted in the issue, the " Landmark " being the paper published by the English Speaking Union.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd June, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

11—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That one month's notice be given to the Assistant Masseuse terminating her engagement and that Nurse G. Stone be appointed to fill the vacancy at a salary of £2 per week to be increased to £2 10s. when she becomes efficient in the special work at the Baths, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice on either side except that Miss Stone shall remain with the Corporation for twelve months.

12—Pittville Pump Room—Read, letter of the 18th inst. from Union of Post Office Workers (Cheltenham Branch) applying for a reduction of the charge for the hire of the Pump Room on the 11th inst. Resolved, That no reduction in the charge be made.

13—Mineral Waters --Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows ;-- Central Spa 719 ; Montpellier Baths 39 ; Montpellier Gardens 213 ; Pittville Chalet 98 ; and Pittville Pump Room 64.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY & LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th June, 1923: Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Hospitals Fête—Resolved, That a free supply of electric energy be granted for illuminations in the Promenade.

2—Education Conference—Resolved, That a payment of £2 2s. be made for the space occupied by the Corporation electricity stand at this exhibition.

3—Coal Conveyor--Resolved, That consideration of this be further adjourned.

4—Electricity Charges—Maximum Price—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Electricity Commissioners, stating that the Minister of Transport had no power to extend the Cheltenham Electricity (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1919 for a further period after the 31st August next, but an application for a revision of price could now be made under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1922. Resolved, That an application for such an Order be deferred for the present.

5—Electric Light Standard--Winchcombe Street—Read, Report of Superintendent Hopkins, that on the 3rd inst. a standard outside 45, Winchcombe Street was damaged by a collision with a milk cart belonging to G. Adcock, of Yew Tree Farm Prestbury. Resolved, That a claim be made for the damage done.

6—Electricity Works--Resolved, That a bath be provided at the works for the use of the men employed on dirty work.

7—Accounts, 1922-1923—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the Borough Accountant's Statement of Accounts, which showed a net profit for the year of £7,515 5s. 4d. which, after making good the deficit for last year and replacing the amount drawn from the Reserve Fund, left a balance of £795 15s. 9d. Resolved, That this balance be carried forward.

8 —Gas Tests— -Examiner's Periodical Reports-- Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th May and 6th June, which skewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 474 and 472 B.Th.U., and the Pressure 3.7 and 3.8 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th June, 1913 : Present—Alderman Green; Councillors Moore, Pates and Stewart. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

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

	For 30 days, ended 11th June, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	265,000 gallons	210,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	578,000	458,000
Leckhampton Springs	102,000 "	88,000
Total	945,000	756,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th June, 1923.		11th June, 1922.	
Hewletts		27,380,000 gallons		26,844,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 0in.	84,588,000	27ft. 6in.	77,291,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	9ft, 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		113,453,000		105,350,000

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

	During May	Total for last two months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1061	2120
" taps found leaking ..	95	163
" defective flushing boxes	31	56
" defective stop taps	6	9
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	92	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>52</u>	
	44	256

" notices served re fittings	59	103
" meters changed	23	47
" houses connected	84	146
" supplies disconnected (void houses, etc.)	31	53
" burst pipes discovered	8	11

3—Unemployment--Relief Works—The Committee considered circular letter of 18th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, with regard to relief works during winter of 1923.24. Resolved, That this Committee have no work to suggest which would be suitable for relief of unemployment.

4—Horse Trough, Hewlett Road—Read, application of 9th inst. from the local Hon. Secretary, R.S.P.C.A., for permission to erect a horse trough in Hewlett Road, and for a free supply of water thereto. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the position of the trough being approved of by the Street and Highway Committee.

5—Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell Waterworks.

6—Water Accounts-1922-23—The Borough Accountant submitted Statement of Accounts, which sheaved a net profit of £4737 5s. 8d. on the year, which would reduce the deficit on the Revenue of the Undertaking to £4615 2s. 8d.

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

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th June, 1923. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Captain Trye. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals. (b) Gloucester Swine Fever Infected Area Order (No. 3)—The Town Clerk reported receipt and publication of this Order, which excluded Cheltenham from the infected area.

2—Wart Disease of Potatoes Order of 1923—The Town Clerk reported receipt and publication of this Order.

3—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 17th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at " The Meat Kings," High Street. Cause--Not apparent Damage slight. Brigade expenses £4 11s. 0d.

(b) Motor Fire Engine—Read, letter of 17th ult., from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, that out of 21 Parishes in his district only one Parish had offered to make a contribution

towards the purchase of a motor fire engine, viz., Overton, £2 2s. Resolved, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be asked to again consider and report upon the matter.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a)—Motor Cab —Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. Wheway for a licence in respect of motor cab No. FH1121 be granted, subject to a satisfactory report from Messrs. Mills and Sons.

(b)—Motor Cycle and Side Car—Resolved. That the application of Miss R. Wood, of Hove, Sussex, be granted.

(c) Driver Licences—Resolved, That driver's licences be granted to Mr. F. Wheway and Miss R. Wood.

5--Local Government, etc., Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—Read. circular letter, No. 403, from Ministry of Health upon this Act.

6---Petrol Licences—Resolved, That the following applications for licences to store petrol be granted :—

W. G. Tibbles, 500 gallons at Sunningend, High Street.

Alfred Miles, 500 gallons at his premises in Albion Street.

G. W. Midwinter, 500 gallons at Beaufort Garage, London Road.

7—Game Licences—Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. H. F. Barnett, C. Barnett & Son (two licences), H. St. C. Hall (late W. Hall & Son), Olive & Olive, W. T. Morris, V. Dymond, F. Panzer, (late Bowles & Dymond), and Miss F. Woodard be granted.

8—Harriers' Sports—Prize—Resolved, That a donation of £5 be given to the prize fund of these sports, to be allowed off the rent for the Montpellier Gardens.

9—Celluloid Act—Read letter of 9th inst., from Mr. F. Unwin that the arrangements for providing the cases for storing film negatives was being complied with that week. Resolved, That Mr. H. J. Holbourn be instructed to inspect other Photographer's premises to see if celluloid and film negatives are being properly stored in accordance with the Act.

10—Borough Arms—Read, application from the Cheltenham Bowling Club for permission to incorporate the coat of arms in a design for a club badge. Resolved, That permission be given.

11—Minutes -Printing—Resolved, That the Committee Minutes be printed in closer type, which, it is estimated, will effect an economy of about £30 per annum.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Regan in the chair).

1—Arrears, etc.—The Town Clerk reported on the collection of arrears. There were now three allotments in Alma Road vacant, one in Whaddon Lane and three allotments in Turners Field, recently used as a stone tip.

2—North Ward Allotments —Resolved, That the three visitors and the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the road repairs carried out at these allotments.

3—Turner's Field—Read application from the Rev. C. Cousens Petch for half chain of an allotment, near the entrance gate, for the erection thereon of an army hut as a Parish Room for boys' and girls' work under the direction of the Vicar. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

D. REGAN, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate —(a) Lakes - The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of a water weed cutter, costing £15. Resolved, That he be asked to make further enquiries and report thereon.

(b) Resolved, That permission be given to the Art Gallery Committee for a notice board 30 inches by 20 inches to be placed at the entrance to the Gardens for the display of Notices relating to the Art Gallery and Museum.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th June, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Captain Trye, and Whitaker; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. de Sausmarez. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 3,235 (against 3,005) ; daily average 120 (against 111). The visitors included 13 girls from the Ladies' College ; 27 from the Grammar School, in two classes on separate days; and 40 boys from St. John's School. All these were accompanied by teachers.

The sale of postcards 4s 4d, and one pamphlet on Rock Specimens 6d.

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Exhibition of Coult's Paintings—He had arranged for this Exhibition to remain until the end of the month.

Donations—The following gifts had been received :—(1) Mrs. Rolfe, a portrait of L. Arnoux, a cast in Terracotta by L. Solon in 1884 ; (2) Miss Willoughby, three examples of Egyptian pottery, and other sundries.

Since the last meeting the Mineral Room had been distempered and cleaned. Resolved, That the report be approved. Resolved, also, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2—Renovations— Resolved, That the offer of Mr. East for distempering staircase and providing dado for £3 5s. 0d. and also for cleaning the outside of the windows of the Museum for 27s 6d be accepted.

3—Painting—Resolved, That the offer for sale of an old painting of Prestbury be refused.

4—Heaton Cooper Exhibition—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. A. Heaton Cooper for an exhibition of about fifty Water Colour drawings in February next be accepted, on the usual terms as to carriage and commission on sales.

5—Cheltenham High Street—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. W. Gerald Gurney to be responsible for the initial cost of reproduction of an old Drawing of the High Street in 1804 be accepted with thanks.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 22nd June, 1923 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 26th May to 22nd June. Interments, 46; Exclusive Rights in 8 graves sold (first class, 1 ; second class, 2 ; and fourth class 5). Monuments erected, 10. Inscriptions, 4.

2 --Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6746 to 6817 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross and Kerbing to the graves of Kate Holman, Emily M. Cochrane, Thomas Wilkins and Margaret Henley ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Kate E. S. de Grey and Catherine S. Wilson; Memorial Kerbing to graves of Henry Jenkins, Julia Cottrell, Edward T. Mills, Walter Davis and Henry Holman ; and Memorial Slab to grave of Henry J. Cook.

4—War Graves—Read letter of 13th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission, thanking the Corporation for the gift of the exclusive rights of burial in these graves and in the area required for the erection of the War Cross.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 1st June, 1933: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Regan, Stanley and Capt. Trye ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Caretaker of Library and Art Gallery, etc.,—The Joint Sub-Committee of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee and the Public Library Committee reported that they met on the 29th ult. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers and Capt. Trye, and Mr. J. R. Claridge, (Councillor Mann in the chair), when the duties and terms of appointment of Caretaker were considered.

They recommended :—

(a) Duties—That the list of duties submitted by the Librarian and Curator, be approved.

(b) Salary and Terms of Appointment—That applications for the appointment be invited by advertisement on the following terms:—salary 45s per week, plus rooms, fuel, light and uniform (one suit with additional pair of trousers every 18 months), the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

(c) Rooms—That the Caretaker's rooms be re-decorated and the floor of the passage leading thereto levelled. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2-Rooms--Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. East to re-decorate the rooms and concrete the floor of the passage leading thereto for £8 15s. 0d. be accepted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th June, 1923 —Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; and Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair.)

3—Librarian's Report—Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,356 (last year 4,092). Lending Library 9,392 (last year 10,694). Children's Library 1,400 (last year 1,604). The Library was open one day less owing to Whitsuntide which, added to fear of infection, explained the decrease in issues 242 volumes had been returned from the Bookbinders and a further consignment was being sent for binding.

The work of distempering and cleaning the Caretaker's quarters, etc. was being satisfactorily carried out by Mr. East, and would be completed that evening. The total cost was £8 15s, 0d.

Presentations--Anonymous, payment for book up to value of £1 11s. 0d. ; Miss Bostock, (1 vol.) ; Miss Critchley, (1 vol.) ; Mr. J. S. C. Morris, " Business Directory," 1923 ; The Secretary, Board of Deputies of British Jews, London, E.C. 2 (1 vol.) ; The London Directory Co., Ltd., " London Directory," 1923; Chas. H. Tolley, A.C.I.S., L.A.A., (1 vol.); Miss M. F. Wilcox, (12 vols.) ; The Worshipful the Mayor, (60 vols.) Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Regan ; and Mr. J. R. Claridge. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:-

(a) That 68 volumes published at £26 1s. 0d. be purchased for £12 15s. 1d.

(b) That before distempering the Newspaper room the Librarian be authorised to try 5 100w Gas-filled lamps with Holophane shades in place of 17 ceiling pendants and small brackets which if found satisfactory would cost £1 19s. 6d.

(c) That 1 cwt. of " Dusmo " Sweeping powder at 14s be obtained.

5—Caretaker—The Town Clerk reported that 50 applications had been sent in. Resolved, That they be referred to the Joint Sub-Committee to select about three or four applicants for interview by the Committee.

A. MANN, Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd June, 1923: Present— The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin Mann, Pates, Regan, Stanley and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

6—Appointment of Caretaker of Public Library and Art Gallery, etc.—The Joint Sub-Committee reported that they met on Thursday the 14th inst. The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers and Captain Trye and Mr. J. R. Claridge. Fifty applications for this appointment were considered and the following Candidates selected for interview : A. H. Drinkwater of 2 Trye's Cottages, S. A. Gibbins of Milton House, St. George's Street, F. D. W. Smith of if Lansdown Crescent, W. J. Stocker of 1 Pittville Lawn and T. H. Weaving of 33 Swindon Street.

The five candidates attended for interview by the Committee. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. F. D. W. Smith at wages of £2 5s. per week with rooms, fuel, light and uniform, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th June, 1923. Present-- Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, St. Clair and Welstead (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 £10,896 3s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £23,990 9s. 0d.

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 next. Amount collected £7,448 13s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £12,082 3s. 10d.

3—Loans--Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of a Debenture for £100 be approved and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

4-- Financial Regulations--Draft Regulations were submitted. Resolved, That consideration of same be adjourned.

5--Winter Garden—Read, letter from Mr. H. F. Midwinter that the tax deducted from the £100 guarantee share of profits would be forwarded to the Borough Accountant and explaining that the item of £50 charged for goodwill was the expenses in regard to the negotiations for the lease of the premises.

6- Typewriter— The Borough Accountant reported that the Bar-Lock Typewriter Co. had offered to supply a new All British mode: machine, list price £31 and allow £19 for the old machine, reducing the cost of the new machine to £12. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

7—Abstract of Accounts--Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing of 6s 8d per page, plus 12s 6d for cloth cover, be accepted, making a total of £32 19s. 2d.

8—Victoria Home—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to arrange for a quarterly collection from Corporation employees in aid of this Institution.

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9—Form of Cheque—Resolved, That the present form of cheque be altered by printing the receipt on the back of the cheque so that the signature thereto may serve as an endorsement as well as receipt.

10—**Accounts Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That a rota of this Committee, consisting of the Chairman, and two members, be appointed as an Accounts Sub-Committee, to meet at 2.30 p.m. prior to the meeting of this Committee, and go through the accounts and report thereon to the Committee and that in future this Committee meet at 3.30 p.m.

11—Rayden Sewage Farms—(a) Humus Tanks (b) Storm Water and Effluent Carrier—The Borough Accountant reported that there was an over expenditure of £435 on the loan of £1,700 sanctioned for the Storm Water and Effluent Carrier and an over expenditure of £478 on the loan of £7,000 sanctioned for Humus Tanks. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to loan for these amounts and that application be also made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 65 per cent. towards payment of Interest and Sinking Fund charges on such loan for a term of 15 years.

Resolved, also, That this Committee views with alarm this over-expenditure on loans and recommends that in future the Official responsible for expenditure on works should report to this Committee before any over expenditure is incurred, so that this Committee may be satisfied that the over expenditure is unavoidable.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th July, 1923.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on TUESDAY, the 31st day of July, 1923, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“ HOUSING COMMITTEE

“ MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

“ STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“ TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

“ ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

“ WATER COMMITTEE

“ GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

“ ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

“ PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

“ ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

“ BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“ PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“ FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, tic.

Yours faithfully,

NOTE.—DATE OF MEETING.

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

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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 July, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present:

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

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th 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—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 11

Housing .. Meeting held June 15

Street and Highway Meetings held June 18* & 25

* Subject to the amendment of Minute No. 14 as follows :—

Sunningend, High Street—That the application of Mr. W. G. Tibbles for permission to erect a pump outside these premises be left to the Street and Highway Committee with power to act.

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Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 15 & 22

Town Hall—Resolved, also, That the use of the large Hall, the Supper Room and Refreshment Room be granted for the Builder's Conference on the 16th, 17th and 18th inst., free of charge, except payment of the cost of gas, electricity, cleaning and other out-of-pocket expenses.

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held June 13

Water Meeting held June 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 19

Game Licences—Resolved, also, That renewal of Game Licences be granted to Mac Fisheries Ltd. (G. N. Crisford, General Manager)-2 Licence.

Allotments Meeting held June 11

Parks, and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 13

Burial Board Meeting held June 22

Public Library Meetings held June 1, 12 & 22

Finance Meeting held June 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.

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 Tuesday, the 31st July, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 9th July, 1923: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, 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.:-Ash Cottage, Dunalley Parade ; 8, Leicester Terrace ; 3, 4, and 32, Francis Street; 2, Hermitage Street ; and 122 and 123, 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 movable 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 122 and 123, Tewkesbury Road ; 14, Fairview Road ; 3, Kew Place ; Ash Cottage, Vine Cottage and Brunswick Cottage, Dunalley Parade ; 8, Leicester Terrace ; 4, 5, 7, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28, and 29, Francis Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 125, 127, 129 and 131, Fairview Road-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) 2, Jersey Place ; 9a Hewlett Street and 10, Sidney 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 work within 28 days.

4-Insanitary Property-(a) 14. Fairview Road ; 13, Kew Place ; 15, Ewlyn Terrace ; Ash Cottage, Vine Cottage and Brunswick Cottage, Dunalley Parade ; 8, Leicester Terrace ; 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 20, 21 and 28, Francis Street ; 122 and 123, Tewkesbury Road and 17, Burton Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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) 38 and 40, Winstonian Road-The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz. :-

Edw. Eager ..	£20 0 0
Daffurn and Tombs	10 5 0
A. J. Hyatt	9 12 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. J. Hyatt be accepted.

5 -Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-(a) 5, 6, 7 and 9, King Street Gardens-Read, letter of 21st ult., from Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles, stating that no objection would be offered to Demolition Orders being made in respect of these premises. 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 the 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.

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(b) Providence Place, Portland Street—Read, Memorial, signed by 27 residents in Portland Street and vicinity thereof, asking that all the cottages in Providence Place be closed. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he could not recommend that Closing Orders should be made at present against any of the other houses in addition to those recently made in respect of Nos. 2, 4 and 5. Resolved, That no further action be taken at present.

6—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923-Read, letter of 4th inst., from the County Analyst, agreeing to undertake the bacteriological examination of milk at 5s per sample. Resolved, That this be approved.

7- Health Week—Read, circular letter of 22nd ult., from Secretary, Health Week Committee, asking that a Committee be formed to promote a Health Week from 7th to 13th October. Resolved, That no action be taken,

S—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 10 cwt, 1 qr. 21 lbs. beef: cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. pork ; 16 tins meat ; 52 tins fish and 8 tins fruit, etc.

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—Sewer—High Street to Roebuck Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported that the reconstruction of this branch sewer with 6 inch pipes had been completed, and that an inspection and flushing chamber had also been provided. Resolved. That this be approved.

11--Unemployment Relief Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following estimates of Schemes for the relief of unemployment :—

(a) Hayden Knoll Storm Water Carrier— Reconstruction £1,000.

(b) Barn Farm Outfall Sewer— Cleaning out and repairs £200.

(c) Additional Humus Tank— £2000.

He also reported that cleaning out tree trunks, undergrowth and other obstructions in the Chelt and Hatherley Brook below the town would be useful and suitable work for the unemployed. Resolved, That the works included in the foregoing items (a), (b) and (c) be submitted to the Unemployment Grants Committee, as works which might be put in hand. it found necessary, to provide work for relief of unemployment. Resolved, Also, That a representation be made to the County Council that the cleaning of the Chelt and Hatherley Brook should be undertaken as recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

12-Ladies' Lavatory—Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, a notice as to the situation of the Ladies' Lavatory, High Street, be affixed to the Clarence lamp.

Heating--Resolved, That a gas meter be installed for the geyser and gas stove at an estimated cost, including fitting of £4

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report. Live Stock on Farms on 9th inst. 11 horses (6 at Depot) ; 117 head of cattle 6 calves ; 63 sheep ; 58 lambs and 59 pigs, all doing very well Since the last meeting 20 heifers and 1 steer had been purchased for £346 10s. 0d., and other purchases amounted to £23 16s. 2d. Total purchases £370 6s. 2d. a calves and 26 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 1 cow ; 2 calves, 11 fat sheep and 4 store pigs had been sold for £92 12s. and produce for £1 17s. 6d. Total sales £94 9s. 6d.

Wagon Repairs----Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have repairs to a wagon carried out at an estimate-1. cost of 414.

Workmen's Wages—It was reported that the following wages were being paid :—Carters 37s 6d and Labourers 32s per week. Resolved, That the same be not altered at present.

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 Wednesday, 4th July, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore and Thomas. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Housing Scheme--Messrs. Chatters, Smithson & Ranger, submitted six sketch designs for houses with particulars of their respective capacity. Resolved, That design No. 1 be approved being for a pair of semi-detached houses having a superficial area of 806 feet each and containing on the ground floor Living Room, Kitchen, Wash-house (including Bath) and Coal-house and on the upper floor 3 bedrooms and W.C.

Resolved, also, That Messrs. Chatters & Co. be instructed to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and obtain tenders for the erection of 10 pairs of houses, on frontages in Milton and Byron Roads, to be submitted at a special meeting of the Committee to be held on the 26th inst.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the erection of these houses under the provisions of the Housing Bill.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the District Valuer for his valuation of the land on which it is proposed to erect the houses and that he be also asked to furnish his valuation of the remaining building frontages on the Housing Estate so that the Committee may be in a position to inform intending buyers the price at which the land can be purchased.

2-Fields 395, 396 and 440—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. Charles Harris, Benhall Farm, for the tenancy of this land on the termination of Mr. J. R. Brown's tenancy in September next. Resolved, That offers for the tenancy of the land be invited by advertisement.

3-32, Milton Road—The Committee considered application from Mr. B. A. Finlason for consent to the subletting of this house furnished for three months, during absence from Cheltenham on business, to Mr. J. Dyer. Resolved, That no objection be offered, subject to his undertaking to give up the house at the end of that period if not required for his own occupation.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th July, 1923: Present —The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

4—Housing Scheme—(a) Additional Houses—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that, provided reasonable tenders were received and satisfactory arrangements made for the transfer of the land from the Assisted Housing Scheme, in accordance with Paragraph 13 of Circular 388, the Minister would be prepared to agree to the erection of 10 pairs of semi-detached Non-

Parlour type houses and, in the event of Housing (No. a) Bill becoming law, to recognise such houses as eligible for state financial assistance granted thereunder.

(b) Land—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the District Valuer stating that the area of the proposed site of the houses was approximately 8,000 sq. yds. and the value thereof, as freehold, subject to the liability to complete the portion of the unfinished road adjoining the northern frontage, was £1,200, i.e., £60 per plot.

5—Tenders for Houses—Tenders for the erection of 10 pairs of Non-Parlour type houses in accordance with sketch design and particulars of capacity approved by the Committee at their last meeting were received from 10 firms. Resolved, That, subject to Contracts, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, the following offers be accepted :—

Name.	No. of houses to be erected.	Description.	Cost per pair. £ s. d.
Drew, William	5 pairs	Brick walls	850 0 0
Wilson, Amos & Sons	5 pairs	Brick walls	850 0 0

Loan—Resolved, Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £9,045 for the cost of the houses (including Architects' fees and 5 per cent for contingencies).

6—Fields 395, 396 and 440--The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee he had advertised this 11nd containing 39a. 3r. and lop, or thereabouts, and submitted the following offers :—Mr. Brook Boote, for Pasture Field 440 ; Rent £4 per acre per annum. Mr. C. Harris, for all the land ; Rent for first year £90 and for subsequent years (i.e. when sown) £120 per annum. Resolved, That the land be let to Mr. C. Harris, Benhall Farm, on the following terms :—Tenancy, 3 years from 29th September next. Rent first year £90, subsequent years £120 per annum, plus rates and taxes in each case; the Tenant to pay incoming valuation, and to sow arable land next March; the Corpora; ion to provide the necessary seeds.

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7—Subsidy House-Hall Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. G. Sims of 2, Fairmead, Hall Road, had applied for a subsidy in respect of a house, being erected for his own occupation, in Hall Road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned pending the Housing Bill becoming law.

8-Gardens—Prize Scheme—Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Bendall); Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the Gardens on the 27th inst, and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

9-7, Tennyson Road—Cycle Sized—Read, application of 11th inst., from the tenant of this house (Mr. W. T. Saunders) for permission to erect a motor-cycle shed at the rear thereof, and to use the back road as an approach thereto. Resolved, That this be referred to the Gardens Sub-Committee for view.

10-37, Tennyson Road—Re-decoration—Read, application of 5th inst., from the Tenant (Mr. B. H. Sparrow) for pet mission to his having the parlour and living room distempered at his own cost.

Resolved, That no objection be offered, subject to the work being executed by a competent decorator.

11-123, Tennyson Road—Read, application of 10th inst., from Mr. A. S. Cypher of 125, Tennyson Road, for permission to transfer to No. 123, on the termination of Mr. E. L. Denby's tenancy
Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to the stamp duty on the new Agreement being paid by Mr. Cypher.

12— Selection of Tenants—Resolved, That the names of the following applicants be added to the list of those to whom houses have been allocated, viz :—" Parlour type," H. A. Hodson and " Non-Parlour type," A. W. Wylie.

13—National Housing, Rating and Railway Rates Conference—Read, circular from the National Labour Housing Association inviting Representatives of the Corporation to attend this Conference to be held at Plymouth on the 1st September next. Resolved, That Representatives be not appointed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th July, 1923: Present—Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Stewart and Capt. Trye, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Willoughby and Miss Foster (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society— (a) Annual Report—Read, the 14th Annual Report (1st April, 1922 to 31st March, 1923), The attendances had been as follows :—

	No. of Children attending.	Attendances.		
		Infants.	Toddlers.	Total.
At Highbury (44 meetings)	412	1213	1525	2738
At Baker Street (42 meetings)	434	1284	1004	2288
At Clare Street (44 meetings)	262	596	867	1463

Visits paid by the Club Visitor : 1577.

Owing to the various epidemics the general standard of health had not been quite so good as previously.

Children suffering from the following complaints had been examined by the medical officers at the Centres : Impetigo 10 Glands 6, Bronchitis 16. Stomatitis 4, Asthma 2, Ringworm 6, Eczema 3, Jaundice 3, Blepharitis 2, Umbilical Hernia 3, Urticaria, Enuresis, Scabies, and Rickets. Several minor treatments had been undertaken, such as tongue cutting, scalds, and accidents to eyes, hands, and heads. There were eight deaths recorded. to cases were taken to the General Hospital ; 3 to the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, 1 to Battledown and 5 to the Delancey Fever Hospital. The proportion of breast-fed babies was still very high, and in consequence less dried milk was being sold at the Dispensary.

Statements of Accounts showed balances in hand of £33 5s. 4d. on General Account and £5 8s. 4d. on Needlework Guild Account.

(b) Quarterly Report--Read, the Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, last. The attendances had been as follows:—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	22.6	28
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	18.3	17.7
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ..	21.4	16.3

There was a slight increase in the attendances at Highbury and Clare Street.

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(c) Infant Welfare Exhibit—An Infant, Welfare Exhibit, consisting of a stall, the special feature of which was diets for babies from one to three years old, was held at the Grammar School during the Education Conference in April last.

2-Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 30th June last :

No. of Children on Register ..	2,715
No. of Children visited (a) one year and under	813
(b) over one year	555 .
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,894
Un-notified Births, discovered	14
Children remitted to Hospital	13
Ante-natal Cases visited ..	39
Whooping Cough Cases visited	90
Chicken Pox	“ 9
Measles	“ 22
Scarlet Fever	“ 1
Attendance of Health Visitors at Centres	64

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	37
New Orders	16
Stopped ..	28
Continuing ..	25
Nursing and Expectant Mothers	28
Infants and Children (under 3 years)	25

3—Winter School for Health Visitors—Read, Circular letter of the 15th inst., from the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association, inviting the attendance of Health Visitors to a two weeks Winter School, to be held in London after Christmas. The expenses, including Lecture Fee,

would be approximately kg, in addition to return railway fare, per Visitor. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the Ministry of Health if the expenses incurred by the attendance of Visitors at the School would be allowed in the annual grant made by the Ministry.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th July, 1923. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Captain Trye 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 June to 12th July, 1923 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 5th inst., 721 loads collected, 686 consumed and 35 tipped away. (Weight consumed 757 1/5th tons).

2—Classification of Roads—Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 30th ult., from the County Surveyor asking for points on second class roads at which a traffic census could be taken on 13th---19th August next, and reported that the work would be undertaken by the Corporation and the cost thereof recovered from the County Council, and that he had suggested that the census be taken in (a) Gloucester Road, near its junction with High Street and (b) Hales Road, near London Road. Resolved, That this be approved.

3--Road Fund Grants—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 10th inst., from the County Surveyor convening a meeting at the Bristol Office of the Ministry of Transport on the 23rd inst., when the works to be put in hand for improvement of roads in Rural areas would be discussed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Conference.

4—Municipal and County Engineers—The Chairman and Borough Surveyor submitted Report of the Annual Conference of this Institution held at Leeds on 27th--30th June. (Copy accompanies Minutes).

5--Fairhaven Road—Hay-rick—Read, Police Report of 15th inst., with reference to the erection of a hay-rick by Mr. John Pearce against his house 1, Fairhaven Road. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk.

6—Kerbside Pumps—(a) London Road and Albion Street—The Town Clerk reported that the kerbside pumps erected by Messrs G. W. Midwinter and A. J. Miles in London Road and Albion Street, respectively, did not comply with the terms of their Agreements and submitted letters from them stating that these would be replaced by pumps as specified. Resolved, That unless the pumps are altered to comply with the Agreements within one month, the Town Clerk be instructed to require the removal thereof.

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(b) Pittville Street—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mr. H. Rawlings, 20, Pittville Street, complaining of the obstruction to the entrance to his premises caused by the pump erected at No. 21. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply thereto.

7—Street Refuges—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Miss T. Mills on behalf of Miss Baumann, urging that street refuges should be provided in busy thoroughfares. Resolved, That no action be taken.

8—Bunting, etc.—An application was received for the hire of bunting, etc., belonging to the Corporation for use in connection with a Garden Fete to be held at Ascott-under-Wychwood, on the 28th inst. Resolved. That the application be not granted.

9—Streamers across Colonnade—Resolved, That permission be granted for a streamer advertising the following shows, etc. to be placed across the Colonnade for two days prior to the respective events, subject to the usual conditions :— Leckhampton Flower, etc.. Show, 8th August ; Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club Galas, 25th August, 7th and 21st September ; and Prestbury Flower Show, 22nd August.

10—St. George's Road—Tree—Read, letter from Mr. A. Slater again asking that the tree by " Garron Dene " be removed. Resolved, That the decision of the Council not to remove the tree be adhered to

11—Unemployment—Relief Works —Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee.

12--Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor submitted circular of 30th ult., from the Standing Joint Committee of the Coal Trade recommending private wagon owners to pay a commuted charge of 1s per wagon per annum in lieu of the present charge of 1s for shunting and 6d. a day for siding rent, together with a letter of 10th inst., from Wagon Repairs Ltd., agreeing that the Corporation should re-debit them with the commuted charge. Resolved, That this course be adopted.

13—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th inst :—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Capt. Trye. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

That the carriageway of the Colonnade be tar-sprayed and the question of renewing the wood-paving deferred for a year.

Knapp Road--That the offer of the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd., to remove the building adjoining the "New Inn," for the purpose of improving Knapp Road, be accepted with thanks.

Petrol Pumps—(a) Lansdown Inn—That no objection be made to the erection by Mr. R. C. Hall of a pump on his premises outside the Lansdown Inn, provided the pump is placed at least 13 feet back from the line of kerb so as to avoid obstruction of the footpath.

(b) Montpellier Street- That the application of Messrs. Bullock & Co, for permission to erect a pump on their premises in Montpellier Street with delivery arm over the pavement, be granted, subject to an Agreement containing the usual conditions.

Road from Lypiatt Terrace to back of Tivoli Place—That no action be taken in regard to this road.

Dangerous Crossing—Moorend Park Road—Shurdington Road—That the Owners of the four properties at the junction of these roads be approached with a view to removal of trees and shrubs (including provision of iron railing on wall at one corner) so as to make the corners open to view.

Old Bath Road—Tree—That the tree by "Nostra" be removed and two new trees planted.

Kew Place—Tree—That the Owner of "Karenza" be asked to remove some of the trees, and prune the other trees.

Montpellier Villas—Tree—That the Owner of No. 17 Montpellier Terrace be asked to remove or prune the tree complained of.

Cemetery Road—That permission be granted to the N.S.P.C.A. to erect a water trough on the north side of Cemetery Road, near its junction with Hewlett Road. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

4—**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.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th July, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Captain Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

15—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to order one truck of Powell Duffryn best large steam coal for Foden Wagons, etc., from Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., that, if the same be found satisfactory, their tender to supply eighty tons during the ensuing twelve months at £2 0s. 10d. per ton be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

16—Andover Road and Park Place Junction, etc.—Warning Signs- Read, Memorial dated the 8th inst., signed by eight residents in the neighbourhood of this junction urging the need of " dangerous corner " notices being provided. The Borough Surveyor reported that, as an experiment, he had had a Cross marked on the carriageway in Park Lane as a warning to motorists. Resolved. That this be viewed.

17—Overhead Telegraph Line—Lane of Fairview Road—Read application of 10th inst., throth the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line and one pole in lane off Fairview Road, as shown on plan submitted. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

18—Road Fund Grants—The Borough Surveyor reported that he attended meeting convened by the Ministry of Transport at Bristol, on the 23rd inst., and that it appeared that grants would only be made to the authorities of Rural Districts.

19—Plan 1733 —Resolved. That this plan be approved, subject to the provision of means of light and ventilation to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

20-Petrol Pump--Sunningend, High Street:—Resolved. That the application of Mr. W. G. Tibbles to erect a pump on these premises, with delivery arm over the pavement, be granted, subject to an Agreement containing the usual conditions, and to the position of the pump being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

21-15, Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of these premises, Mrs. Brown, died on the 19th inst., and that her daughter had applied for the tenancy to be transferred to Mr. Pratley (who was prepared to take over the furniture) at a rent of 12s 6d per week, inclusive. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 16th July, 1923: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, 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.
1713	Webb, H.	Alterations to Cottage at rear of 187 High Street.
1714	Lethbridge, J.	Additions to 27 Grosvenor Street.
1715	Sheppard. E. J.	Additions to and Temporary Motor House, 4 Victoria Cottages (off Bath Parade).
1724	Holman, J.	Additions to 13 Great Norwood Street.
1727	Courteen, Mrs. E.	Detached house, Leckhampton Road.
1728	Acock, Miss F.	Detached house, Whaddon Lane
1729	Edwards. A.	Motor House, Old Bath Road.
1730	Haddock, P.	Temporary Motor House, Pittville Court.
1731	Mortlock, Miss	Detached house,. Whaddon Lane.
1732	Greaves, H.	Motor House, Donabate, St. George's Road.
1733	Roberts, G. H.	Alterations and additions to stables at rear of Alexandra Villas, Hewlett Road
1734	Robinson, Miss E. M.	Temporary Motor House, Costello, Eldorado Crescent.
1735	Sharpe & Fisher, Limited	Store Building, Swindon Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1727, 1728, 1729, 1731 and 1735 be approved, that Plans Nos. 1724 and 1732 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, that Plans Nos. 1713 and 1714 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plan No. 1730 be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee and that Plans Nos. 1715, 1733 and 1734 be disaproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th July, 1923 :—Present: Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Town Hall--C.M.S. Exhibition--An application was received from Rev. G. W. Boothroyd for use of the large hall, supper room, refreshment room, and card room from the 13th to 29th October, 1924, for the Church Missionary Society Exhibition. Resolved, That the same be let at £150 for the period, plus cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and other out-of-pocket expenses.

2.-Montpellier Baths—Joint Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Stewart) ; Councillors Dicks and Pates be appointed representatives of this Committee on the joint Sub-Committee, and that a preliminary meeting of the Sub-Committee be convened for the 27th inst, at 6 p.m.

3—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Dog Show—Resolved, That the Lawn and Auditorium be let for the Cheltenham Dog Show on August 30th next, at a charge of £3 3s.

(b) Cycling--Read, letter of 26th ult., from Mr. W. H. Denham, complaining of the practice of cycling along the footpaths. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice board put up at the entrance to the Gardens, that cycling is not allowed.

4—Winter Garden--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a socket and iron post at the Promenade Entrance to the Winter Garden grounds, to prevent entrance and exit of motor traffic.

5—Workmen's Wages—The Committee considered the wages of employees (not dealt with by the Street and Highway Committee) and adjusted same in view of the reductions made in the wages of other employees.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th July, 1923: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Alstone Baths—(a) Badminton—Read, applications from Miss Kelley and Rev. S. Jackson. The latter also enquired if the hours could be extended to include the mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the evenings up to 10 p.m., and the rent for such extensions. Resolved, That the Baths be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of 381 for the Season 1923-24 for six days a week for the same hours as included in the former agreement (subject to Miss Kelley being allowed the use of the premises on Tuesdays and Fridays for her Club), and that the rent be increased to £120 for the Season if the Club wish the extended hours included, the Corporation reserving the right to the use of the building from 6 p.m. on occasions when it is required for other purposes.

(b) Staff—Resolved, That during the Winter months the boiler man be transferred to the Water Department, to assist in the inspection of water fittings on Monday afternoons and all day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays,

7—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported interview with Messrs. J. H. Evans and F. R. Jefford who had asked, on behalf of the United Services Club, for the assistance of the Corporation in the protection of the Bowling Green by the erection of a fence. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of a suitable fence from the main entrance to the Winter Garden Building (including necessary gates) at £73. Resolved, That the fence be erected, subject to the Club agreeing to the rent being increased from £10 to £20

8—Pittville—Whit Monday Fete--A statement of income and expenditure in connection with the Fête was submitted, showing receipts amounting to £265 10s. 6d., and expenditure £44 8s 4d.; leaving a net surplus of £21 2s. 2d. (last year receipts £299 16s. 11d., expenditure £236 7s. 10d. ; net surplus £63 9s. 1d.).

9—Flannel Dances—A statement of income and expenditure in connection with Flannel Dances during the 1923 Season was submitted, showing receipts amounting to £31 8s. (average £5 4s. 8d. per dance) and expenditure £4 3s. (excluding advertising). Resolved, That the dances be suspended during August and that two be held during September.

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10—Montpellier Gardens—St. Hilda Band—Resolved, That the Gardens be let to Mr. E. W. Ewens for a performance by this Band on the evening of 4th August next, for the sum of £5, to include use of chairs but not Staff.

11—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 26th June and 10th July were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens--That the Gardens be let to Mr. Shakspeare Shenton for an afternoon and evening performance by the Royal Artillery Band on Tuesday, 24th July and Thursday, 9th August, for the sum of so for each of the said dates, to include the use of seats but not Staff.

Municipal Orchestra—That the Municipal Orchestra play on the evening of the 24th July at Marle Hill Annexe, and on the afternoon of 9th August in the Winter Garden Bandstand.

Pittville Gardens--That Pittville Gardens (excluding Pump Room) be let to Mr. Shakspeare Shenton for a Fête on August Bank Holiday, from 6 p.m., for the sum of £10, subscribers and tennis players to be admitted free of charge ; no mechanical music or objectionable side-shows to be allowed; and Mr. Shenton to under-take to make good any damage done to the Gardens. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

12-Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 788 ; Montpellier Baths 27 ; Montpellier Gardens 251 ; Pittville Chalet 37 ; and Pittville Pump Room 36.

JAMES STEWART,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th July, 1923: Present—Councillors Pates, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

13— 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 22nd October to 12th April next be accepted, subject to the terms of an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, such agreement to contain a proviso that if during the period of contract there shall be a reduction by the Musicians' Trade Union in the standard rates of pay, the price agreed upon shall be reduced proportionately.

14—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Wilful Damage—Resolved, That Supt. Hopkins be instructed to take proceedings against any persons found committing wilful damage at these Gardens.

(b) Charge for Admission—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council urging free admission to the Gardens during performances by the Municipal Orchestra together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

15—Cinematograph Film—The Town Clerk reported that a non-flammable reproduction of the Cheltenham Film had been obtained by the Chamber of Commerce. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make a contribution of £25 towards the cost thereof and that Minute No. 7 of this Committee at their Meeting on 27th May last be varied accordingly.

16—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Hon. Treasurer, United Services Bowling Club agreeing to the rent being increased from £10 to £20 for the Season.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY & LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 18th July, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electric Light Standards—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that damage had been caused to some electric light standards. Resolved, That a claim be made for the damage done in each case.

2—Public Lighting—(a) Hatherley District—The Committee further considered the extension of the public lighting along Hatherley Road to the Borough Boundary with a view to providing work for the unemployed during the coming Winter, if required. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of such extension and that the work be submitted to the Unemployment Grants Committee as suitable for the relief of unemployment.

(b) High Street-- Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Shakespere Shenton, The Palace, High Street, to permit the Corporation to use one of the existing brackets on his building for carrying a public lamp, in place of standard lamp knocked down, be accepted.

3—Office File—Resolved. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, that the quotation of Smiths Systems Ltd., to supply a new filing cabinet and accessories for £19, be accepted.

4—Mains and Services—Loans ---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 £2,000 for house services and £3,000 for mains. Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners accordingly.

5--Supplementary Loans— The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction from the Electricity Commissioners of loans amounting to £8,285 for excess expenditure on new generating set and public lighting installation in 1919, made up as follows :—

Purpose.	Amount.	Period. Years.
Mains	£5,457	twenty four
Transformers	£185	nine
Plant	<u>£2,643</u>	fifteen
	£8,285	

The Commissioners pointed out that as £2,002 part of the amount applied for was for lamps and lamp pillars, application for this should be made to the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for this sum.

6--Extension of Main, Swindon Road--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of applications from ten occupiers for a supply in Swindon Road. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to extend the main if a sufficient number of applications for supply are received to justify the outlay, and that the work be submitted to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant as suitable work for the relief of unemployment,

7—Railway Wagons—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter of 'loth inst., from Wagon Repairs Ltd., recommending the Corporation to agree to pay a commuted charge of 1s per wagon per annum in lieu of the present charge of 1s for shunting and 6d. a day for siding rent, such charge to be re-debited to Wagon Repairs Ltd. Resolved, That this course be adopted.

8— Electricity Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had made an estimate of the income and expenditure for the current year and recommended the Committee to make a further reduction in the charges for electricity. Resolved, That the following revised Scale of Charges be approved and adopted, such charges to come into effect after the reading of the meters for the September quarter :—

Lighting—Maximum Demand—	
For the first 125 hours' use per quarter of the Maximum Demand as shewn by the Demand Indicator,	8d, per unit.
For all additional units ..	4d.
Flat Rate—Ordinary Consumers (other than special supplies) ..	7d.
Large Consumers (subject to guarantee and discounts as before) ..	5 1/2 d.
Churches and Chapels	5 1/2 d.
Cinematograph Halls —Combined rate ..	3 1/2 d.

Power--(other than special Contracts) Meter Rents—9d. per quarter for each meter not exceeding 1,000 watts capacity. 1s per quarter for each meter above 1,000 watts capacity.	1 1/2 d.
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9—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to provide additional generating plant before the Winter 1924-25. He recommended the installation of a 2000 or 2500 K.W. generating set which including condensing plant, switchgear and other auxiliary plant, he estimated would cost about £18,364. Resolved' That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their sanction to a loan for this sum.

Resolved, also, That tenders be invited for the plant.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant on the basis of 50 per cent. of the interest on the loan for 15 years.

10—Insurance of Steam Pipes—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co. Ltd., suggesting that the steam and feed pipes at the works should be insured against explosion and quoting a premium of £6 10s. 0d. per annum for an insurance of £1,000. Resolved. That consideration be deferred.

11—Gas Regulation Act, 1920—Examiner—Read, letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that his Council had deferred consideration of this matter until the Corporation had selected a person for the appointment. Resolved, That an advertisement be issued inviting applications for the appointment, the applicants to state salary at which they were prepared to undertake the work,

12-Gas Tests—(a) Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of Acting Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th June last, which shewed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 471.5 B.T.U.

(b) Periodical Reports— Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 14th, 22nd and 27th June, 4th, 12th and 17th July last, which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 471.6, 471.7, 471.5, 479.4, 483.4, and 479.5, and the pressure 4.5, 4.5, 3.9, 3.9, 4.6 and 3.7 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Thursday, 12th July, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and 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 July, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	595,000 gallons	161,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	358,000	307,000
Leckhampton Springs	69,000	82,000
Total	622,000	550,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 10th July, 1923.	Contents	Depth 15th July, 1922.	Contents
Hewletts		20,985,000 gallons		22,570,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	24ft. 5in.	63,126,000 „	23ft. 0in.	56,952,000 “
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		85,461,000		80,472,000

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

	During June	Total for Past three months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	799	2919
“ taps found leaking ..	88	251
“ defective flushing boxes	29	85
“ defective stop taps ..	9	18
“ draw taps repaired in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	83 <u>51</u>	
	134	300
“ notices served re fittings	73	176
“ meters changed ..	19	66
“ houses connected ..	92	238
“ burst pipes discovered	10	21
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	19	72

3—Unemployment Relief Works—Read, circular letter of 6th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Government desired to stimulate employment of a normal character in industrial districts to assist revenue-producing schemes in which a substantial part of the expenditure would include material which would give employment in an industry seriously affected, though not necessarily in the area in which the work is to be carried out. For securing acceleration of revenue-producing works of this kind it was proposed to pay for 15 years, or for the period of the loan if less, grants on the basis of 50 per cent. of the interest on such loans with a currency not less

than 10 years. Preliminary proposals should be submitted in rough outline as soon as possible, and in any event not later than the end of the current month, and should include an estimate of the expenditure to be incurred and the value of the orders to be placed.

4—Dowdeswell and Hewlett Reservoirs—Mechanical Filters—The Borough Engineer strongly recommended the installation of mechanical filters at these Reservoirs. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for mechanical filters and to obtain tenders for same.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the interest on the loan for the cost of same as offered by the circular of 6th July, referred to in Minute No. 3.

5—Tewkesbury Flour Mills—The Borough Engineer reported that Messrs. Healing & Sons proposed to install water sprinklers for fire purposes and had asked for a 4-inch main to be laid from the Corporation pumping main to supply same. They had agreed to pay for the cost of the main and also £10 10s. 0d. per annum in respect of the sprinkler installation, and £1 1s. 0d, each per annum for all fire cocks or hydrants fixed. Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Tewkesbury Corporation, and to a formal agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, the application be granted.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Foreman's Cycle—Resolved, That an allowance of 30s per annum be made to the Foreman for repair of bicycle used in the service of the undertaking.

7—Salts Farm—An application was received from Mr. L. G. Dunn for an allowance to be made in the current year's rent in respect of the deposit of material on the Reservoir bank. Resolved, That an allowance of £5 be made in the rent for the current year ending 29th September next.

8—Workmen's Wages—The Committee considered the wages of employees (not dealt with by the Street and Highway Committee) and adjusted same in view of the reductions made in the wages of other employees.

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, 17th July, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor: Alderman Steel: Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Scab Order, 1923--Read, Circular (T.A. 1621/C.L.) of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copy of this Order which came into force on the 30th ult., and was in addition to the Sheep Scab Order, 1920. It required Sheep-Owners to take steps from time to time to secure the freedom of their sheep from Scab, and made them liable to a penalty if they failed to do so, and put the burden of proving compliance with the Order upon the person charged with non-compliance. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order.

(c) Exportation and Transit of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) Order, 1923--The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order and accompanying Memorandum (T.A. 1078) of the 28th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture. Resolved' That instructions be given to the Inspector to see that the requirements of the Order are complied with.

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.
9th July	3, Baker Street	Slight	£3 6s. 0d.
12th July	58, Upper Bath Road	Slight	£3 5s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a)—Motor Cabs --Resolved, That the applications of R. J. Payne and S. H. Swan for licences in respect of Motor Cabs Nos. L.B. 9210 and A.D. 6124, respectively, be granted, subject, in the case of the former, to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

(b) Transfer--Resolved, That licence No. 36 held by R. J. Payne, in respect of Motor Cab No. L.D. 1758, be transferred to J. W. Cripps, Charlton Mews.

(c) Horse Cab—Transfer—Resolved, That licence No. 13 held by E. Butler in respect of a horse cab be transferred to T. C. Tilling, 15, Lansdown Place Stables.

(d) Driver—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to R. Pickering, Nailsworth Cottage, Swindon Road.

(e) F. Wheway—Resolved. That the Resolutions to Minute No. 4 (a) and (c) of this Committee at their meeting on the 19th June last so far as they authorised the issue of a licence to Mr. F. Wheway for a Motor Cab F.H. 1121 and a driver's licence be rescinded.

4—Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages— Resolved, That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to Regulations for the inspection, supervision and licensing of Hackney Carriages.

5—Petrol Licence—Resolved, That the application of C. H. Reason for a licence to store 300 gallons of petrol in an under-ground storage tank at his Garage at rear of Lansdown Place be granted, subject to the place of storage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

6—Cheltenham Coburg Society and Dispensary for Women and Children—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Charity Commission enclosing Notice of approved Scheme for the administration of this Charity and Endowment thereof (consisting of £287 3s. 3d, consols) by transferring the said sum in

equal moieties to the credit of the Cheltenham and District Nursing Association and the Cheltenham Voluntary Health Society.

7—Railway Rates— Read, circular of 5th inst., from the Railway Clearing House enclosing copies of pamphlet chewing the relation between railway rates and the cost of food stuffs.

8—Corporation Year Book 1923-24—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain quotations for printing the Year Book.

9—Cinematograph Act. 1909—Model Conditions—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Home Office recommending the addition of the following new Model Conditions to the conditions contained in existing licences granted under this Act :—

“No film—other than photographs of current events—which has not been passed for " universal " or public " exhibition by the British Board of Film Censors shall be exhibited without the express consent of the Council.

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No film other than photographs of current events—which has not been passed for universal exhibition by the British Board of Film Censors shall be exhibited in the premises without the express consent of the Council during the time that any child under, or appearing to be under, the age of 16 years is therein. Provided that this condition shall not apply in the case of any child who is accompanied by a parent or bona fide adult guardian of such child. That the new Conditions be included in future Licences.

10- Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847—Resolved, That Superintendent K. H. Hopkins be appointed Officer for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act and any bye-laws made thereunder and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1923: Present—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Sawyer and Stanley ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1--Cultivation of Lands Order—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Minister of Agriculture, enclosing Order for £16 8s. 11d., balance of the deficit, in settlement of the claims of the Council against the Ministry in connection with the administration of these orders.

2-Horticultural and Poultry Show—Mr. Yeend stated that the Cheltenham and District Allotment and Smallholders Society, supported by the Local Poultry Breeders Society, had arranged a Horticultural and Poultry Show for September 5th. £60 had been subscribed for the Prize Fund, and he asked for a contribution from the Corporation. Resolved, That a sum of £6 be granted, to be divided so as to

provide First and Second prizes for the best cultivated allotment in each of the following districts :
 (1) North and West Ward Allotments. (2) East Ward Allotments. (3) South Ward Allotments.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1923: Present—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Sawyer and Stanley (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate--(a) Water Weed Cutter—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained the loan of a weed cutter from Messrs. King & Co., of Nailsworth, and would report further thereon at the next Meeting.

(b) Keys—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for issue of a new key to the gardens, to replace a lost key, where he is satisfied that a key should be issued.

2 —Workmens' Wages--The Committee considered the wages of employees (not dealt with by the Street and Highway Committee) and adjusted same in view of the reductions made in the wages of other employees.

3—Football in Recreation Grounds—The Committee considered applications received for permission to play football at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1923-24 Season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows:—

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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	" "
	Christ Church F.C. Association Football	" "
Naunton Park	Naunton Park A.F.C. " "	" "
	United Services Club Association & Rugby	" "
Whaddon Lane	All Saints (Old Boys) F.C. Association Football	" "
	Central School Old Boys' A.F.C. " "	" "
	Co-operative A.F.C. " "	Alternate Wednesdays

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th July, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers and Captain True; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 2,607 (against 1,875) ; daily average 100 (against 72). Three classes from local Schools and Colleges, accompanied by teachers, were among the visitors.

The sale of postcards amounted to 7s 2d, and one pamphlet on Rock Specimens 6d.

Coutts Exhibition—This Exhibition, which opened on the 5th May, closed on the 30th June. It was visited by 5,659 persons; a daily average of 113. Catalogues realised £5 10 8d. ; advertisements in catalogue £2 5s. ; and the collecting box yielded £2 10s. 8d., making a total of £10 7s. 4d Payments for carriage and printing amounted to £8 1s. 8d., leaving a profit of £2 2s. 8d.

Loan—Two very valuable pieces of Chinese Porcelain of Famille Verte decoration, (period 1662-1722) had been received from Mrs. Marsden, 11, Pittville Parade. Mrs. Marsden had not only lent these two beautiful vases, but had under-taken all responsibility as to insurance. The examples were being shewn under glass, in a locked case.

Since the last meeting the Natural History Room had been cleaned and distempered, and the collection of sporting trophies, on loan from Major Urquhart, had been treated to a thorough cleaning. The cleaning and distemping of the staircase had been completed very satisfactorily by Mr. East.

Resolved, That the report be approved and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Marsden for her loan.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th July, 1923: Present—Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 23rd June to 20th July. Interments, 38; Exclusive Rights in 14 graves sold (first class, 3; second class, 1 ; and fourth Class 10). Monuments erected, 12. Inscriptions, 11.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6518 to 68:8 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

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3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross and Kerbing to the graves of Hugh G. Thomas, Sarah Jones and Mary Elizabeth Paulley ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Mary A. Hogg ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to grave James Lewis ; and Memorial Kerbing to grave of Hilda Young.

4—Workmen's Wages—The Committee considered the wages of employees (not dealt with by the Street and Highway Committee) and adjusted same in view of the reductions made in the wages of other employees.

5—Water Pump —Resolved. That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase a force pump for drawing water from the brook to the lawns, shrubs, flower beds, etc., and also for pumping water out of newly-dug graves in the Winter, at a cost not exceeding £7.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th July, 1923: Present —Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Regan, Capt. Trye and Yarnold; Messrs J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley and A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £7 10s. 5d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,417 (last year 3,483), Lending Library 9,46 (last year 10,087), Children's Library 1,313 (last year 1,309). Fear of infection largely accounted for decrease in issues. Of the reduced issue of 941 in the Lending Department, 72 per cent of the decrease was in works of fiction.

Newsroom Cleaning--The work of cleaning and distempering the Newsroom and annexe had been commenced by Mr.-W. East, repairs to plastering had been made, electric wiring attended to and five new pendants fixed. Repairs to the roof of the Art Gallery were in progress.

Discarded Books cued Waste—He asked for authority to get rid of discarded books, and other waste material in the basement rooms.

Staff—Miss Clarke and Miss Burnett, to whom he gave special instruction last winter, had passed the examination Or the Library Association in Library routine. This was evidence of their serious desire to make themselves efficient in the work of the institution.

Presentations—Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (2 vols.), Mr. Baxter (1 vol.), Mr. C. W. Bell-Raisbeck (80 vols.), Mr. W. Blathwayt (3 vols.), Trustees of the British Museum (4. vols.), Miss Burton (3 vols.), Mrs. Griffiths (5 vols.), Kemps Publishing Co. (1 vol.), George Shann, Esq. (1 vol.), Town and County Directories Ltd. (1 vol.), Master F. Whittle (1 vol.)

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors. Resolved, Also, That the Report be approved and that the Librarian be authorised to dispose of the discarded books and waste referred to.

2—**Report of Sub-Committee** --The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. Present :—Councillor Mann, Dr. R. Davies and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 150 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £20.

(b) That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on August Bank-holiday.

(c) That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Eastbourne from 17th to 21st September next.

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

3—Lecture Programme—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Geo. Burr to print and supply 2,000 copies of the Programme of Lectures for the coming Winter and fifty crown posters free, subject to his right to retain income from advertisements, be accepted.

4—Local Literature Catalogue —Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to have the Author-Card Catalogue of local literature completed at an estimated cost of £5.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th July, 1923. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Welstead and Whitaker. (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 20th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £20,479 7s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £14,407 4s. 10d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £11,779 8s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £8,318 3s. 0d.

3 —Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £200 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Stock Redemption Fund—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that a Consent Order applied for by the Corporation for the application of £5,371 as. 0d., in hand and available for investment, towards the new loans for the Electricity Undertaking could not be issued. Resolved, That a portion amounting to £5,300 of the loans to the Boroughs of Acton and Rochdale be allocated as an investment of Stock Redemption Fund.

5—Workmen's Compensation Insurance—The Borough Accountant reported that he had made application to the County Fire Office, Ltd., for a reduction in the premium payable for Workmen's Compensation Insurance, and that they had agreed to make an allowance for the current year of £68 14s. 1d. plus agency commission, as hitherto. Resolved, That these terms be accepted and the Policy continued for another year.

6—Over-Expenditure on Loans—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Borough Surveyor with reference to the second Resolution to Minute No. 11 of the Committee at its Meeting on the 26th ult., and stating that arrangements had been made for the Borough Accountant to inform him when the expenditure is approaching the amount of the Estimate, and that any appreciable over-expenditure without the authority of the Council would thereby be avoided.

7—Report of Rota Committee—Reported meeting on 20th inst. Present : Councillor Dicks. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 30th August, 1923.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend **the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of September. 1923, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such. Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :-THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Education Committee —To appoint a Member of the Education Committee in place of Mr. A. J. Miles, whose term of office has expired.
5. ALDERMAN TAYLOR to move—That the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting on 19th July, 1923, recommending the Council to erect a fence from the main entrance to the Winter Garden building to keep the public out of part of the Grounds used as a bowling green, be rescinded.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each, Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

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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 Tuesday, the 31st July, 1923, at 3 p.m.

Present:

The Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.) Aldermen Kendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley. Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green and Councillor Pruen.

1--Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 2nd July inst., 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—Stansby's Charity—Head, letter of 25th inst., from the Charity Commission enclosing draft Scheme for the administration of this Charity. Resolved, That no objection be made thereto.

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3—Unemployment Relief Works—Read, letter of 27th inst., from the Local Employment Committee expressing the desire that every step should be taken to provide suitable schemes for the relief of unemployment during the coming winter.

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 continued :—

Public Health Meeting held July 9

Housing Meetings held July 4 & 26*

* Subject to the amendment of Minute No. 3 as follows

In moving the proceedings of the Housing Committee at their meeting on 26th inst., the Chairman reported that Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons had withdrawn their tender and that Mr. W. Drew was willing to undertake the whole of the 10 pairs of houses at the price of £844 per pair. Resolved, That the amended tender of Mr. Drew be accepted for the whole of the houses, subject to a formal contract being entered into. and to the approval of the price by the Ministry of Health.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 19

Street and Highway Meetings held July 16 & 24

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held July 13, 19 & 25

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 18

Water Meeting held July 12

General Purpose, and Watch Meeting held July 17

Motor Cycle Taxis----Read, letter of 21st inst., from the County Cycle and Motor Co. Ltd., asking if the Corporation would license their Motor Cycle Taxis to ply for public hire. Resolved, That the same be referred to the **Licensing Sub-Committee**.

Allotments Meeting held July 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meeting held July 9*

*Subject to the amendment of Minute No. 3 as follows.

That Christ Church F.C. be offered a Football pitch at Naunton Park instead of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and that permission be granted to Naunton Park R.F.C. to play at Naunton Park on Saturdays and to Holy Trinity A.F.C. to play at Whaddon Lane on alternate Wednesdays.

Pittville Luke—Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to spend £20 in the removal of growth and scum from Pittville Lake.

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Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held July 11

Burial Board ... Meeting held July 20

Public Library ... Meeting held July 17

Finance ... Meeting held July 20*

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.

5-Electricity Undertaking-Read, letter of 30th inst., from the Electricity Commission enclosing copy of a letter of 10th inst., from Mr. S. G. R. Holman to the Commissioners criticising the working of the Undertaking, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

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 September, 1923.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th August, 1923. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. True and Yarnold. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Dangerous Corner—Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace-Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Transport stating that a grant could not be made towards the cost of the improvement of this corner.

2—Kerbside Pumps—(a) Winchcomb Street—Read, application of 6th inst., from the Cheltenham Motor Garage and Repair Works for permission to erect a kerbside pump outside their premises. Resolved. That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

(b) London Road and Albion Street—Read, letters of 17th and 18th inst., from Messrs. G. W. Midwinter and A. J. Miles, respectively, stating that these pumps had been altered to comply with their Agreements, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the pumps and there was now no objection thereto.

3—High Street—Seat—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Dr. A. Barrett Cardew complaining of nuisance by children playing on the seat in front of his house, and asking that the same be removed, Resolved. That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

4—Streamer across High Street—Read, application of 18th inst., from the Cheltenham and District Allotment and Smallholders Society Ltd., for permission to place a streamer, advertising their Horticultural and Poultry Show, across High Street on the 3rd, 4th and 5th September. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

5—Street Projection-322 High Street-- Lamp- -Resolved, That the application of R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., of 15th for permission to fix a bracket lamp outside these premises, be granted subject to the usual conditions,

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

JOHN D. BENDALL.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday 20th August, 1923. Present The Mayor: Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

Chairman.

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

No. of Plan. Name. Description.

1715	Sheppard. E. J.	Additions and alterations and Motor House, No. 4, Victoria Cottages, off Bath Parade (Amended Plan).
1736	Booth, J. W. D.	Detached house, Tanner's Lane, Arle.
1737	Robinson, Miss E. M.	Temporary Motor House, 'Costello,' Eldorado Crescent (Amended Plan)

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1738	Teague, Horace	New Bath Room, St. Cloud, Leckhampton Road.
1739	Chamberlain, S. W.	Addition, to "Arosa," Leicester Terrace,
1740	Council of Cheltenham College	New larder etc. to Tuck Shop at College abutting on Thirlestaine Road.
1741	Hopwood & Son	Temporary Motor House at rear of Nurseries, High Street.
1742	Lewis. Mrs. Harry J.	Temporary Motor House, No. 2, Moorend Park Lawn, Moorend Park Road.
1743	Baker, W. J.	Temporary Motor House, " Lake View, Pittville Lawn.
1744	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Additions to " The Berkeley Arms," Albion Street.
1745	Chatters, Smithson & Rainger (Architects for applicant)	Site plans for lock-up shops at No. 1, Lypiatt Terrace, fronting on Lansdown Place Road.
1746	Broke Smith, Mrs.	Additions (glass conservatory), Tunstall House, Park Place.
1747	Gardner, Miss	Detached house, London Road.
1748	Witts. P.	2 houses, Old Bath Road.
1749	Perry. V.	New W.C. and temporary Motor House, " Greystones," Sydenham Road, N.
1750	Pates, W. T. & Sons	New bay window at premises fronting St. Anne's Road.
1751	Smiths Systems Ltd.	New Factory front. Offices and Show Rooms, Tennyson Road.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 1736, 1739, 1746, 1747, 170 and 175. be approved. that Plans Nos. 1737, 1741, 1742, 1749 (Motor House only) 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. (Plans Nos. 1742 and 1749 to be also subject in each case to a proper crossing being provided over the public footpath), that Plans Nos. 1715, 1738, 1740, 1744, 1749 (W.C. only) and 1751 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector (Plan No. 1744 to be also subject to the condition that the yard space shall lie permanently left uncovered), and that Plans Nos. 174 and 1745 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held Tuesday, 7th August, 1923 --Present: Councillors Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders from C. W. Hancock & Son and R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., to provide and fix a fence from the main entrance to the Winter Garden building (including gates) for £98 10s 0d. and £78 10s. 0d. respectively. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2---Winter Garden—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., objecting to the proposal of the Corporation to fix a socket and iron post at the Promenade entrance to the

Winter Garden grounds and stating that the entrance on the Imperial Square side was frequently blocked by vehicles delivering or removing goods to or from the Town Hall. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee at their meeting on the 13th ult., be adhered to and that the Spa Manager be instructed to obviate the alleged obstruction at the Town Hall as far as possible.

3-- Montpellier Baths-- (a) Masseuse. - Resolved. That Sister Godecharle be paid 10s per week for 4 weeks (30th July to 25th August) for instructing- Nurse Stone in bath treatment.

(b) Dalcroze Classes-- Read, application of ;loth ult., from the Cheltenham Froebel Society and Junior Schools' Association for the use of the Montpellier Baths for Dalcroze classes on Tuesday evenings from and October to 4th December next, inclusive (to weeks). Resolved. That the Baths be let to the Society for £7 10s. 0d. for the period and, if required, for a further period of 10 weeks from 15th January to 18th March at a like rent.

4--Municipal Orchestra -- Read, application of 27th ult., from the Cheltenham and District Allotment and Smallholders Society Ltd., for the free services of the Municipal Orchestra for two hours on the evening of the 5th prox. in connection with their Horticultural and Poultry Show. Resolved. That the application be granted.

JAMES STEWART.

Chairman

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th August, 1923: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pairs, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5--Alstone Mill Premises —The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. Reginald Cambridge Swabey of 26, Park Lane, Minworth, Birmingham. to take the upper floor of the building formerly used as a Rifle Range on the following terms, viz :—

1- --Lease -21 years, deter minable at the end of 7 or 14 years by either party.

2 —Rent £70 per annum. Lessee to pay rates and taxes,

3—Alterations—The Corporation to carry out the alterations required by Mr. Swabey at an estimated cost of £200.

4—Ground Floor—The Lease to contain a proviso giving Mr. Swabey an option of taking the ground floor at any time (subject to six months' notice in writing being given to the Corporation that he will require this) at an increased rent of £30 per annum. and the right to use the present entrance as an emergency exit.

Resolved, That the premises be leased to Mr. Swabey for 21 years from 29th September next, on the foregoing terms, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health.

Cottage—An offer was also received from Mr. Swabey to take the Cottage adjoining the premises on a three years' tenancy as front the 25th December next at a rent of £40 per annum, the tenant to pay rates and taxes, subject to the same being put into good repair and to the provision of a bath

which the Borough Surveyor estimated would cost £50. Resolved, That the Cottage be let to Mr. Swabey on these terms and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs to the same carried out (including the provision of a bath).

6--- Town Hall--Read, application of the 21st inst., from Mrs. Lewis Grist for the use of the Card Room on the 20th September next as a Central Office in connection with an Emblem Day in aid of the National Institute for the Blind. Resolved, That the application be granted.

JAMES STEWART.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th August, 1923, Present — Aldermen Steel and Taylor. Councillors Dicks, Moore, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1--General District Rate -Read. Report of the Borough Accountant dated 28th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £31,990 10s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £2,896 2s. 6d.

2--Water Rate -- Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 20th September next. Amount collected £16,782 17s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £3,314 13s. 9d.

3 —Loans --The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £675 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans,

4--- Corporation 3 per cent. Stock The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £300 Corporation Stock at 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. Resolved. That the sum of £300 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.

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5-Sanction to Loans— The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of sanction to the following loans:—

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period for re-payment.
1923.			
August 14th	Housing— Erection of 20 Non-Parlour type houses.	£9,045	60 years
24th	Sewage Farms — Storm Water, etc., Carrier at Hayden (Excess expenditure)	£434	26 years
27th	Sewage Farms-- Humus Tanks (Excess expenditure.)	£478	30 years

6—Farms Stock Expenditure—Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be asked to confer with this Committee at their next meeting on 25th September with reference to Farms Stock Expenditure.

7- -Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported meeting on 28th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Councillor St. Clair. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. Resolved. That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th September, 1923.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of October, 1923, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

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

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and to accept Tenders for supply of Coal. WATER COMMITTEE of GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

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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 September, 1923, at 3 p.m.

Present :

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

Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Leigh James, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apologies — Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green and Councillors Dicks and Sawyer.

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—Builders' Conference—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the President, South Western Federation of Building Trades Employers thanking the Council for the use of the Town Hall in connection with the Conference on the 16th-18th July last.

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3—Unemployment—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee; stating that they were prepared to proceed with detailed consideration, consultation with the Government Departments concerned, of the several schemes submitted for the relief of Unemployment and asking that formal application for State aid in respect thereof should be at once submitted, accompanied by plans, detailed estimates, etc. Resolved, That the letter be referred for the consideration of the respective Committees concerned.

4—Advertising Vehicle—Read, application of 21st ult., from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton for consent to the use of a vehicle with a tableau advertising " A voice from the Minaret " between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 8th, 10th and 11th inst. Resolved, That consent be given under Section 184 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

5—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 :—

Street and Highway Meeting held August 20

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings & held August 7 & 28

Finance Meeting held August 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.

6—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. A. J. Miles be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee, for a term of three years from this date.

7—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting on 19th July 1923, recommending the Council to

erect a fence from the main entrance to the Winter Garden building to keep the public out of part of the Grounds used as a bowling green, be rescinded.

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 1st October, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 10th September, 1923: Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker (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.:-3, Wolsley Villas and 5, St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road ; 290, High Street; 30, Elm Street ; 56, Queen Street ; 15 and 16, Townsend Street ; 26, Hermitage Street ; 15, Grosvenor Terrace ; and 1, Denmark Villas, St. Anne's Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a movable 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 15 and 16, Townsend Street ; 1, Elm Place, and Elm Cottage, Swindon Road ; 4, Cleeve Hill View ; 5 and 8, Selby Cottages, Swindon Road ; 2, Andover Street ; 1, Moor's Parade, Tewkesbury Road ; 6, Russell Place ; and 11 and 12, Queen Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 1 and 2, Belmont Cottages, Moorend Street ; 11, Albion Parade, Market Street ; 6.1 and 62, Marle Hill Parade ; and 210 and 290, High 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) 13 (and Stables adjoining) and 16 Andover Street ; and 42, 43, 44 and 45, Bloomsbury 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 work within 28 days. (c) Hill View Cottage ; 9a, Hewlett Street ; Keynsham House ; and 10 and 11, Sidney Street-In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on 11th June last, the Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz.:-

Edw. Eager	£140 5 0
Mark Williams & Co	£137 5 0
Mealing & Co. ..	£125 15 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.

4-Insanitary Property-1, Elm Gardens, Elm Cottage, 5, St. Peter's Place, and 1 and 2, Heath's Cottages, Swindon Road ; 10, 11 and 12, Queen Street ; 6, Russell Place ; 26, Sun Street ; 2, Andover Street ; and 10, 15, 16 and 36 ½, Townsend Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 23 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.

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5--Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation-11, Victoria Place and Elkstone House, Bath Road—It appearing on the report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation. Resolved, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwts. 3 qrs. beef; cwt. mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. bacon ; 1 ton 15 cwts 3 qrs. pears ; 1 box ox kidneys ; 14 tins beet and 4 ox tongues.

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—Abattoir —Offal Cart—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the Offal Cart repaired at an estimated cost of £22 5s. 0d.

9--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation----(a) 1, Limbrick Cottages—Resolved. That consideration of making a Demolition Order be adjourned until January next.

(b) 20, 21 and 22, Malvern Street—Resolved, That the question of making a Closing Order be adjourned at the request of the Owner until October

(c) 28, Rutland Street ; 21, Bath Terrace and 26a, York Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these 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 Owners of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders,

10—Unemployment Relief Works—(a) Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee referred from the Council at their last meeting, and the Borough Surveyor submitted plans and detailed estimates of Schemes for the relief of unemployment as follows :—

(a) Hayden Knoll Storm Water Carrier— reconstruction £1200

(b) Additional Humus Tank .. £2700

(c) Barn Farm Outfall Sewer—cleaning out and repairs £200

Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for sanction to a loan for £1200 and -2700 for the cost of the works (a) and (b), and also for a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on the loans for a period of one half of the term of the loan (not exceeding 15 years) in accordance with the terms offered by their Circular letter of 18th May last.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 60 per cent. of the wages bill for unemployed men engaged on the work of cleaning out and repairing the Barn Farm Outfall Sewer, in accordance with their Circular letter of 18th May last.

(b) Read, letter of 13th July last, from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the Ministry of Agriculture would not recognise for grant purposes any land drainage schemes which were not completed by the middle of June last, but that the renewal of such schemes for the alleviation of unemployment during the coming Winter was under consideration by the Ministry.

11—Smallpox—Read, Circular 422 of 17th July last from the Ministry of Health in regard to precautions to be taken in connection with the holding of annual training camps of the Territorial Army and Officers' Training Corps, in view of the prevalence of Smallpox in certain parts of the country. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

12—Tuberculosis—Read, Circular 425 of 2nd August last from the Ministry of Health urging prompt and regular notification of cases of tuberculosis to the Medical Officer of Health, and stating that the Minister had communicated direct with every Medical Practitioner on the subject.

13—Cancer— Read, Circular 426 of 14th August last from the Ministry of Health forwarding Memorandum with regard to the aetiology and incidence of cancer.

14—Slaughtering of Animals—Read, Letter of 23rd July last from the R.S.P.C.A. stating that as the result of the recommendations of the Cabinet Committee on the slaughtering of animals the Government did not propose to set up a Committee of Inquiry as to the effect of mechanical stunning instruments on meat.

15 —Annual Report of Medical Officer—A copy of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1922, being an " Ordinary " Report, was submitted.

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16-Report of the Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers and Whitaker. (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Reports of the Farms Manager for the months of August and September. Live Stock on Farms on 10th inst. 11 horses (6 at Depot) ; 106 head of cattle ; 7 calves ; 36 sheep 33 pigs all doing very well Since the last meeting 1 bull ; 10 heifers, 2 calves, 1 ram and 35 ewes had been purchased for £398 11s. 0d. and other : purchases amounted to £55 5s. 3d. 21 heifers (10 in calf) ; 1 cow ; 3 calves ; 25 fat sheep ; 38 ewes ; 58 store lambs ; 1 sow and 25 store pigs had been sold for £1,154 3s. 2d.

Fruit—It was reported that the sale of fruit on the Farms had realised £34 12s. 0d. after paying cost of advertising, printing and commission.

Implements—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase the following implements :—Portable smith's forge ; 2 wheel-barrows and field gate, and also to have 3 pairs of cart-wheel tyres cut and re-shut. 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 September, 1923. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Bendall; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Gas Mains—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 7th ult., from the Engineer to the Gas Company, forwarding Statutory Notice of intention to lay gas mains, and plan sheaving the proposed position thereof. Resolved, That the Council consent to the mains being laid in the position approximately shewn on the plan, subject to the exact position being approved by the Borough Surveyor and reserving to the Corporation the right to require the removal or alteration of any mains or services on their property, if at any time necessary owing to building development or for other reasons, and subject also to the Company undertaking to make good any damage that may be done to the property of the Corporation in laying any mains or services, and it being understood that the Corporation shall not be liable for any expenditure whatsoever in laying services or providing gas fittings or apparatus of any description to houses on the Estate.

2 — Gardens — Prize Scheme—**The Gardens Sub-Committee** reported that they inspected the Gardens on the 27th July last. Present: The Chairman (Alderman Bendall), Councillors Dicks and Moore. Prizes were awarded as follows:—

Parlour type Houses--First Prize, No. 23, Byron Road; Second Prize, No. 1, Tennyson Road; Third Prize, No. 7, Orchard Terrace, Libertus Road.

Non-Parlour type Houses—First Prize, 62, Milton Road; Second Prize, 56, Milton Road ; Third Prize, No 4, Milton Road.

Resolved, That this be approved.

3—Additional Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had given their consent to the acceptance of the amended tender of Mr. William Drew for the erection of ten pairs of Non-parlour type houses, at £844 per pair, and that the building of the houses was commenced on the 20th ult.

4 —7, Tennyson Road—Cycle Shed—Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. T. Saunders for permission to erect a motor cycle shed at the rear of this house be not granted.

5--Housing Act, 1923—The Town Clerk reported on the provisions of this Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a scheme for assisting building by private enterprise.

6—Subsidy House, Hall Road—The Town Clerk reported that the house in course of erection in Hall Road for Mr. G. Sims was not eligible for a subsidy.

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7—Fields No. 395, 396, and 440—The Town Clerk submitted draft lease of this land to Mr. C. Harris. Resolved, That the same be approved.

He also reported that he had instructed Mr. C. C. Castle to inspect and report on the condition of the land on the termination of Mr. J. R. Brown's tenancy at Michaelmas, to ascertain jibe had complied with the terms of his lease as to the proper cultivation of the land, Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Site for Almshouses --The Town Clerk reported that the Charity Organisation Society were unable to carry out their original scheme owing to restrictions imposed by the Charity Commissioners as to expenditure, which had necessitated the reduction of the size of the building and of the site. He submitted plan shewing the reduced site now required by the Society, and the District Valuer's report that he valued the reduced site (containing 2,100 square yards) at £345, free from liability on the purchasers for road making, kerbing and channelling charges, Resolved, That subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health the Council be recommended to agree to the area of the site, contracted to be purchased by the Charity Organisation Society, being reduced to 2,100 square yards, at the price of £345.

9--Gloucester Road Land--Shrubberies—The Town Clerk reported, that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had communicated with the Ministry of Health with a view to the shrubberies to be made on Gloucester Road frontage being now laid out and charged to the Housing Scheme, and submitted a letter of the 17th ult., from the Ministry asking to be furnished with an estimate of the cost, and stating that the Minister was advised that the land would be more readily saleable if the plots on this frontage were increased in size. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach Mr. Unwin with a view to the reduction of the footpaths between the shrubberies and the houses (when erected) from 10 feet to 7 feet 6 inches.

10—Quantity Surveyor's Fees- The Town Clerk submitted General Housing Memorandum, No. 64, herein, from the Ministry of Health.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th September, 1923. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Capt. Trye. (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 13th July to 13th September, 1923 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal--During the nine weeks ended 6th inst., 1533 loads collected, 1509 consumed and 24 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1507 tons 11 cwts, 2 qrs.)

2-Shoeing Horses- -Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for shoeing Corporation horses.

3—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. Williams & Co. to supply 80 tons Birch Coppice deep lump house coal at 29s 9d per ton be accepted.

4--Cemetery Road—Water Trough—The Borough Surveyor reported that the R.S.P.C.A. were not satisfied with the site for water trough selected by the View Committee, and wished to place it on the south side of Hewlett Road at the foot of Harp Hill. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee this position is unsuitable and that they be asked to suggest another site.

5—Dangerous Crossing—Moorend Park Road—Shurdington Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the Owners of the four properties at the junction of these roads with a view to the removal of trees and shrubs, so as to make the corners open to view, and that Mr. C. H. Reason of Leckhampton Hall had agreed to the Corporation removing a length of 6 ft. of iron sheeting attached to the railings on either side of the corner pier at his premises. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

6—Light Railway—Leckhampton Section— The Borough Surveyor reported that the Light Railway Co. had not completed the repairs to the Leckhampton Section and there were several places needing immediate attention. He submitted letter of 5th inst., from the General Manager stating that this work could not be done owing to his men being engaged on other parts of the track. Resolved, That the Company- be informed that immediate attention must be given to bad places in the track.

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7--Telegraph Lines—Park Drive --Read, application of 20th ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of overhead lines with one pole in Park Drive. Resolved, That the Department be asked if some other more suitable position can be selected for the pole.

Lansdown and Gloucester Roads, etc. -- Read, application of 21st ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of underground telegraph lines along Montpellier Street, Lansdown Place and Road and Gloucester Road to the Borough Boundary. Resolved, That consent be given, and that the reinstatement of the trenches be undertaken by the Corporation, subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office 'Telegraphs Department.

8—Classification of Roads—Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor submitted details of the census of traffic taken on the 2nd Class portion of Gloucester Road which had been forwarded to the Ministry of Transport. The average daily traffic (excluding Sundays) for all kinds of vehicles amounted to

2,465, and he had suggested to the County Surveyor that application should be made to the Ministry for this portion to be declared a First Class road.

9--Slab Factory--The Borough Surveyor reported that as no new footpath paving had been carried out for a considerable time a large stock of slabs and kerbs at the Factory had been accumulated. Resolved, That the factory be closed down for the time being.

10- College Road—Seat---The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. G. Tibbles proposed to move the railings round Sunningend and had suggested that the position of the seat should be altered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to fix the seat in a suitable position in College Road.

11—Clarence Parade—Footpath--Read, letter of 11th inst, from the Cheltenham Newspaper Co. Ltd., asking for the footpath opposite their premises to be repaved and the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the work would be £15. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out, subject to the Company agreeing to pay half the cost thereof.

12-Gloucester Road—Private Improvement Works--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate for Kerbing and Channelling the footpath on the South side of Gloucester Road fronting the Lansdown Inn, by the abutting Owners.

13- -St. George's Parade—Read, letter of 15th inst., from R. V. Meredith, complaining of the noise and damage to property by traffic in St. George's Parade. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

14—Petrol Pumps—Read, Circular letter of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Transport pointing out that local authorities had no power to sanction or even acquiesce in the erection of petrol pumps or similar installations on land dedicated to a public highway and that recently in private Bills promoted by three Corporations it was sought to obtain powers to enable them to licence the erection of these pumps on highways. The proposals had been fully investigated by the Local Legislation Committee of the House of Commons and the clauses were not allowed.

(b) Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Motor Garage and Repair Works for permission to erect a kerbside pump outside their premises, be not granted, but that the applicants be informed that the Committee will consider an application for permission to erect a pump on their own premises with an arm to swing over the footpath at a height to be approved of by the Committee.

15 —Road Fund Grants—(a) Read, Circular No. 192 (Roads) of the 12th inst., from the Ministry of Transport stating that the District Auditor would undertake on behalf of the Ministry of Transport examinations of records in respect of expenditure on which a grant from the Road Fund was claimed, and that the cost of such examination would be borne by the Road Fund.

(b) Read, letter of 4th inst., front the County Surveyor forwarding Form No. 96 (Roads) notifying grant of £814 in respect of the maintenance of Class 1 Roads in the Borough for the year 1923-24.

16—Brooklyn Road—Allotments—Resolved, That Allotments Nos. 9 and to be let to Mr. E. H. Wynn, the rent to commence as from the 1st April next in view of the uncultivated state of the ground.

17--**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on 17th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th September, 1923: Present Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1752	Hatch, Colonel	New Bay window at "Maryville, Tivoli Road.
1753	Kirkham, F.	Temporary Motor House, Fairfield Park Road.
1754	Hopwood, Mts.	Temporary Motor House, rear of Halkin House, London Road (abutting on Park Street).
1755	Williams, Mr.	New bath room at 15, Grosvenor Place, South.
1756	Metcalfe, Mrs. C.	New bedroom addition at Cintra Lawn, Gloucester Road.
1757	Sear, J. & Co.,	New shop front at 376, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1752, 1755, 1756, and 1757 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 1753 and 1754 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 each case to a proper crossing being provided over the public footpath and, in the case of Plan No. 1754, to the doors opening inwards.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th September, 1923 :----Present Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair

1—Winter Gardens —Kitchen—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Winter Garden Co. Ltd. had made application for the kitchen at the rear of the building to be slightly enlarged, which work, he estimated, would cost £15s. Resolved, That the work be carried out subject to the Company agreeing to pay 7 ½ per cent. on the outlay.

Banks----The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable damage had been done to the banks by children and that 350 to 400 sq. yards of turf would be required to repair same. Resolved, That the banks be viewed.

2-Tennis Courts—Re-turfing—The Borough Surveyor submitted list shewing turf required for repairing tennis courts in the several gardens at an estimated cost of £86. Resolved, That the re-turfing be carried out.

Restriction of Play—Resolved, That it be made a condition of future lettings of courts that the courts shall not be played upon when in the opinion of the Custodian they are not in a fit condition for play.

Charges—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed to include a specific condition in the terms for hire of courts that a player must obtain an annual subscription ticket or pay for admission in the ordinary way.

3—Montpellier Gardens—Bowling Green—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, United Services Bowling Club forwarding plan and scheme for the provision of a Municipal Bowling Green at Montpellier Gardens Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

4--Town Hall—Read, application of 11th inst, from the Charity Organisation Society for the free use of the Drawing Room for a Bazaar on a day in December to be arranged. Resolved, That the use of the Drawing Room be granted free of charge, excepting cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

5—Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the application of Mrs. Locke for the use of the Pump Room in the event of wet weather on the occasion of the use of the Gardens for the Nazareth House Childrens' Tea Party, be granted, free of charge, except out-of-pocket expenses.

6—Spa Federation—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Stewart) be appointed a Delegate to attend the Conference of the Spa Federation to be held at Buxton on the 23th and 29th inst.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st September, 1923 :—Present: Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—Alstone Baths—Badminton—Resolved, That the hours of letting the Baths to Rev. S. Jackson be extended to 10 p.m. each evening, and that the rent be increased to £100, but if Miss Kelley should not require the extension of hours for her two days, the rent be £93 13s. 4d. to cover the extension of hours on the other 4 days.

8 - Montpellier Baths —Masseuse—Read, application of 16th inst., from Sister Godecharle for an increase of salary. Resolved, That her salary be increased from 3 guineas to 3 ½ guineas per week as from 1st inst.

9—Municipal Concerts, etc.—Catering—Resolved, That the undermentioned tender of Cadena Cafes Ltd., for the right to provide teas and refreshments at Municipal Afternoon Concerts, Thé Dansants and Evening Dances, during the Winter Season 1923-24 (October 22nd to April 12th) be accepted

Afternoon Concerts (including extra concerts in place of Thé Dansants) & Teas a la Carte. — Corporation to receive 5 per cent. of gross takings.

Thé Dansants . . . Teas to be provided at 1s per head.

Municipal Evening Dances (including Long Nights) . . . Corporation to receive 7 ½ per cent of gross takings.

10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**- Reports—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 4th and 18th September were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Town Hall—Winter Orchestra—(a) That Season Tickets for Municipal Concerts and Thé Dansants be reduced from 12s to 6d. (including tax) and that the charge for admission to balcony at The Dansants be increased from 4d. to 6d. (including tax).

Exhibition Dances—That the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain terms for the engagement of Exhibition Dancers for the opening The Dansant on 2nd November.

(c) Artiste—That a lady Artiste be engaged for the opening Municipal Concert at a fee of £2 2s. 0d.

(d) That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to authorise this Sub-Committee to arrange details for Municipal Concerts and The Dansants

(e) That the opening Municipal Dance be held on the 3rd November. Sunday Concerts--That the use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Leo Dawes on the 23rd and 30th inst., for experimental Sunday Concerts, free of charge, excepting cost of cleaning, heating and lighting, Mr. Dawes to provide staff and pay 5s to the Corporation for services of Custodian.

Pittville Gardens—That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to move a small holly tree so as to provide an additional tennis court on the ground opposite the Chalet for hire by the hour.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

1—Mineral Waters--Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 756 ; Montpellier Baths 21 ; Montpellier Gardens 176 ; Pittville Chalet 39 ; and Pittville Pump Room 42.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY & LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th September, 1923: Present--Alderman Taylor Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Captain Try(and Welstead, (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Additions to Plant- - The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Chairman and he interviewed the Chief Electricity Commissioner on the 9th ult. with regard to the additions to plant, and the Town Clerk submitted letter of 21st ult., from the Commissioners forwarding their formal

sanction, under Section of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, to the extension of the Generating Plant.

Water Meter—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the provision of a larger water meter than the present one in connection with the new generating plant at a cost of £26 14s. 0d., plus £4 for alteration in pipe work. Resolved, That he be authorised to order the meter and have the work carried out.

2-Extension of Mains—With reference to Minutes Nos. 2 and 6 of the Committee at their last meeting the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in his opinion it would be more satisfactory to carry out these extensions by direct labour than under the Unemployment Grants Scheme. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to extend the mains by direct labour and that the Minutes referred to be varied accordingly.

He also submitted a list of other cable extensions which might be carried out during the coming Winter for the relief of unemployment. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to proceed with certain necessary extensions at once, and to canvass the other districts referred to and report the result at the next meeting.

3- -Stores, St. George's Place—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an offer from Mr. W. C. Freeman to let the remainder of the yard in St. George's Place now in the occupation of the Corporation as Stores at a total rental of £30 per annum for the whole yard, plus rates, the Corporation to continue to pay for the site of the ladder shed as at present. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

4—Electric Cookers—Hire Charge—Resolved, That the hire charge for electric cookers be reduced from 10s to 5s per quarter.

5—Tenders for Coal—Tenders were received for the supply of coal. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to order some coal for testing purposes and that consideration of the tenders be referred to the Council at their next meeting.

6—Grafton Road Sub-Station-5 tenders were received for the alterations required to this Sub-Station. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., to carry out the work for £188, being the lowest tender received, be accepted

7—Coal Conveyor- -6 tenders were received for the provision of a coal conveyor. Resolved. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the tender of the New Conveyor Co. to provide and fix a conveyor (Push plate type) for £591 2s. 6d. be accepted, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to carry out the excavation for and construction of the necessary underground coal bunker.

8—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Electricity Commissioners of sanction to the following loans :—

Date. Purpose. Amount, Period for re-payment.

August 21st Public Lighting £2,002 10 years. (Lamps and Pillars).

September 7th Mains and Services £5,000 25 years

September 12th Additions to Plant £15,000 (on account of £18,364) 15 years

9— Light Railway—Supply of Energy—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Light Railway - Co, giving three months' notice requiring a revision of the price charged for the supply of current.

10—Gas Regulation Act, 1920—Gas Examiner-12 applications were received for this appointment. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Keith Wilson of the Newlands, Evesham Road, Cheltenham, at a salary of £26 per annum, being the lowest offer, and that the County Council and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be asked to join in the appointment.

11-Gas Tests—(a) Gas Examiner's Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 25th and 30th July, 5th, 15th and 27th August, 4th and 11th September last, which sheaved the calorific value en these respectively, to be 475.3, 473.7, 474.0, 473.0, 471.7, and 473.2 and the pressure 3.9, 3.7, 4.9, 3.6, 3.9 and 3.8 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Tewkesbury on Thursday, 13th September, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Green; 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 :—

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 13th August, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	147,000 gallons	127,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	142,000	220,000
Leckhampton Springs	48,000	47,000
Total	337,000	394,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th August, 1923.		13th August, 1922.	
Hewletts		13,680,000 gallons		20,527,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	17ft. 0in.	33,700,000	18ft. 4in.	38,427,000
Leckhampton	4ft. 0in.	5,400,000	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000
Total Storage		47,920,000		60,034,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 10th September, 1923	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	122,000 gallons	113,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	182,000	262,000
Leckhampton Springs	37,000	50,000
Total	341,000	425,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th September, 1923		10th September 1922.	
Hewletts		14,270,000 gallons		19,009,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 5in.	25,389,000	16ft. 10in.	33,141,000
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	945,000	6ft. 0in.	810,000
Total Storage		40,604,000		52,950,000

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	During August.	During past 5 Months
No. of house-to-house inspections	853	762	4534
" taps found leaking ..	67	81	399
" defective flushing boxes	22	26	133
" defective stop taps ..	11	7	36
"draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	63	75	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>53</u>	<u>52</u>		
	116	127	633
" notices served re fittings	57	69	302
" meters changed ..	18	19	103
" houses connected	67	41	346
" burst pipes discovered	8	7	36
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	22	24	118

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3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Engineer reported that the new sandwasher was working quite satisfactorily. It washed the sand far better, at double the speed and with less than half the quantity of water as compared with the old process.

4—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Chimney Shaft—The Borough Engineer reported that new chimney shaft was required to provide a proper draught for the present pumping plant. This would effect

some economy in coal consumption, as it would enable the steam blowers to be dispensed with. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit plan and estimate for a new shaft.

Coal Supply —Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for 400 tons of coal, and that the Chairman and Councillors Moore and Pates be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider tenders, with authority to accept a satisfactory tender.

5—Salts Farm—Read, letter from Mr. L. G. Dunn, asking that the allowance made by the Committee at their Jut meeting should be increased to £10. Resolved, That this be not acceded to.

6—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that supplies be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

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, 18th September, 1923. Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of a case of Swine Fever at Hanover Allotments, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1923—Read, Circular (T.A. 1509/C.L.) of 20th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing copy of this Order, extending the powers of the Local Authority to make Regulations as to compulsory dipping of sheep. The Order provided for the continuance in force of existing Regulations made by Local Authorities under Article 12 of the Sheep Scab Order, 1920.

(c) Irish Animals (Marking) Order, 1923 (No. 2.)—The Town Clerk submitted Circular (T.A. 3097/C.L.) of 14th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding copies of this Order which would replace as from the 1st prox., the Irish Animals (Marking) Order, 1923. Resolved, That a copy of the Circular and of the Order be forwarded to Supt. Hopkins and the Veterinary Inspector.

(d) Gloucester Swine Fever Infected Orders, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted Order of 24th July last from the Ministry of Agriculture revoking these Orders as from the 26th July.

2—Poultry and Veterinary Inspection—Read, Circular (T.B. 312/C.L.) of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, asking the views of Local Authorities as to the desirability of requiring a veterinary inspection of poultry at markets. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply thereto after conferring with the Medical Officer of Health thereon.

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.
26th July	Windsorton, London Road	£50	£5 13s. 0d.
11th August	Yard of H. Packer & Co. Ltd., Tewkesbury Road	£200	£4 3s. 0d.
13th “	Rick at Kayte Farm, Southam.	£150	£16 18s. 0d.
15th “	Rick at Black Edge Farm, Leckhampton Brigade could not attend as suitable horses were not available.		
8th September	Rick at Shurdington, Burnt out (scarcity of water)	£4 7s. 0d.	
9th “	66-7 High Street	£50	£4 12s. 0d.

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Motor Fire Engine—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D.C. returning draft Agreement which he was submitting to the next meeting of his Council for approval as altered by him. Resolved, That the Agreement be approved and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed thereto.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Resolved. Also, That application be made to the Secretary of State for an Order declaring Part VIII. (Fire Brigade) of this Act to be in force in the Borough.

4 --Hackney Carriage Licences— (a)—Motor-Cycle Taxis— Resolved. On the recommendation of the **Licensing Sub-Committee**, that some licences be granted for motor-cycle taxis, subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on examination thereof.

(b) Driver's Licence—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to Henry George Weeks.

5—Hackney Carriage Stands—Read, Memorial of 16th July last from 10 Pony Carriage drivers asking that a Regulation be made providing for one taxi and one pony carriage to stand to the front on stands appointed for both classes of vehicles. Resolved, That Supt. Hopkins be asked to report on the matter.

6—Licences to Store Petrol, etc. — Renewals — Resolved, That the following applications for renewal of licences to store petrol and carbide of calcium be granted for one year from the 5th prox:—

Name.	Place of Storage	Pump Storage gallons	Petrol Brick Storage gallons	Carbide lbs
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	—	250	112 lbs
Brit. Petroleum Co. Ltd.	Leckhampton Station	—	41000	—
G. Bence & Sons	Sherborne Street	—	500	—
Queens Hotel Co.	Promenade	—	200	—
A. Hughes & Co.	21 Pittville Street	500	50	—
Halford Cycle Co.	North Street	—	—	300 lbs

H.E. Steel Ltd.		105, High Street	500	400	200 lbs
Do.		Plough Yard	1000	1500	60 lbs
H. G. Norton & Co. (1917) Ltd.		416 High Street	500	300	280 lbs
Do.		Regent Street	—	400	—
Do,		Regent Street	—	600	—
Jacobs Smith & Co.		104a High Street	—	50	—
D. Davies & Co.		149 "	—	50	—
" T. W. Harvey & Co.		180 "	—	100	—
Mr. L. Lusty		196 "	—	50	—
" S. A. Sperry		235 "	—	40	—
" F. Martin		11, Oxford Place	500	300	—
Messrs. Mid-West Motor Factors		334, High Street	—	—	112 lbs
Mr. A. H. Hamlen		201, High Street	—	—	150 lbs
Messrs. Cheltenham Cycle Company		82, High Street	—	25	224 lbs
Mr. W. Palmer		Belle Vue Hotel	—	50	—
Messrs. Wicliffe Cycle Co.		88, High Street	—	40	224 lbs
Do.		Bath Road	—	1000	336 lbs
Mr. C. J. Lord		29, Upper Bath Road	—	52	72 lbs
C Giles		18, Upper Bath Road	—	100	150 lbs
" F. J. Mills		8, Pittville Street	—	—	112 lbs
Messrs. Halliday & Maisey		Ormond Place	—	—	112 lbs
Mr. B. Blissett		Norwood Road	500	100	56 lbs
Messrs. Alan Evans Ltd.		Norwood Road	—	400	200 lbs
Mr. H. G. Swift		Lansdown Hotel Garage	—	100	—
G W. Midwinter		Beaufort Garage	500	150	60 lbs
Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons		34, Winchcomb Street	—	100	112 lbs
W. Mills & Sons		38 "	—	350	112 lbs
Mr. N. S. Tarr		50 "	—	500	—
Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd.		54 "	—	100	—
Victory Motor Co.		75-76 "	1000	200	—
Messrs. Alfred Miles & Co. Ltd.		117, High Street	500	500	112 lbs
"R. E. & C. Marshall		5, Clarence Street	—	450	224 lbs
Mr. E. S. Holloway		St. Mark's Emporium	—	100	—
Mrs. Shewell		"Cotswold," Thirlestaine Road	—	500	—
Mr. C. Thornber		Suffolk Road Garage	500	500	112 lbs
" W. T. Boggs		4, St. Luke's Road	500	20	—
Messrs. A. Williams & Co.		10, Portland Street	1000	200	224 lbs
Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd.		Spa Road	—	2250	112 lbs
Mr. W. G. Tibbles		Sunningend, High Street	500	—	112 lbs
Messrs. Cheltenham & District Light Rly. Co		St. Mark's Depot	—	250	—
The Gas Lighting Improvement Co.		New Street Wharf	—	2500	—
The Anglo-American Oil Co.		New Street Wharf	—	3500	—

Name.	Place of Storage	Pump Storage gallons	Petrol	
			Brick Storage gallons	Carbide
"C. J. Bullock	Montpellier Street			
Mr. T. A. Tovey	Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road	500	250	
Mr. R. C. Hall	Lansdown Cycle Works		24	112 lbs.
Mr. P. W. Vincent	St. Philip's Cottage, Grafton Road		20	
Mr. Ernest Viall	1a, Hewlett Street			112 "
Messrs. B. & W. L. Chinn	16-18, Bath Parade		100	50 "
" Mousell Bros.	2, Ambrose Street			112 "
" Winning & Stockwell	17, Upper Bath Road		40	
Mr. J. H. Horsman	3, Roman Road		40	
Mr. H. W. J. Little	142, Tewkesbury Road		40	56 "
Mr. A. J. Miles	St. Anne's Garage, Albion Street	500		
Messrs. Wiggett & Westborough	Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street		500	600 "
Mr. A. E. Tilley	Wellington Street		40	
Mr. F. E. Forge	St. George's Street		200	
Messrs. Tourist Garage Co.	Royal Hotel Yard	500	500	
Mr. W. C. Hulm	323a, High Street			112 "
Messrs. Shell-Mex, Ltd.	Tewkesbury Road		26000	
Mr. G. A. Gilchrist	St. James' Garage			
Mr. J. Allen	Pittville Mews	500		
Mr. O. H. Goulding	Lansdown Place Garage	500		
Mr. L. Paynter	23-24, Regent Street		150	150 "
Mr. H. Spencer Jones	Suffolk Parade Garage		80	
Mr. J. Preston	Queen's Road	500		
Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher	Pittville Street			3360 "
" United Chemists Association	Priory Court	500		
" R. D. Marshall & Co.	30, Winchcomb Street		40	75 "
Mr. Brunskill	Warwick Place	500		

(b) Resolved, That the following new applications be also granted :-

Messrs, C. Bullock & Co.. 500 gallons (Pump storage) at Montpellier Street, Mr. T. H. Houghton, 500 gallons (Pump storage) at 5 Dunalley Parade. Messrs. R. D. Marshall & Co. (Cheltenham Motor Garage and Repair Works) 300 gallons (Pump storage) at 30 Winchcomb Street. Mr. W. G. Tibbles, 100 gallons (Brick Store) at Sunningend, High Street, Messrs. B. & W. L. Chinn, 250 gallons (Pump store) at 16-18, Bath Parade. Mr. R. C. Hall, 500 gallons (Pump store) at Lansdown Cycle Depot, Gloucester Road. Provided that the issue of Licences for pump storage shall not be deemed in any way to authorise the erection of pumps on or affecting the highway which is a matter within the purview of the Street and Highway Committee.

(c) Resolved, That a licence to store 200 lbs. of Carbide at 167, High Street, be granted to Mr. A. E. Slocombe.

7—Shops Acts Read, circular letter of 14th ult., from the Home Office stating that, by the provisions of the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1923, the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, as amended by the Shops (Early Closing) Act (1920) Amendment Act, 1921, was continued in force until the 31st December, 1924.

Inspector's Report-- Read, Report of 11th ult., from the Shops Acts Inspector as to the non-provision of seats for female shop assistants, as required by Section 3 of the Shops Act, 1912, at the premises of Mr. E. L. Ward, 136-140, High Street, together with letter of 14th ult., from Mr. Ward stating that the seats were not in position when the Inspector called because shop-fitters were engaged at the premises Resolved, That no action be taken

8—Corporation Year Book, 1923-24—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Gillham & Son (being the only tender received) for printing this Year Book, be accepted, as follows :-50 copies (insets for leather cases) and 60 copies (cloth binding) for £36, additional matter (if required) 4s 9dd per page

9—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Mr. G. J. Brown (Clerk, Electricity Dept.), having completed three years' service on the 28th ult., be added to the Certificate of Exception.

10—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Parks Committee be recommended to provide geraniums and other suitable flowering plants on the balconies at the Municipal Offices during the Summer and suitable shrubs during the Winter.

11—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, Memorandum L.P. 526/C L. from the Ministry of Agriculture of the 12th inst, with suggestions for a National Rat Week beginning November 5th, together with the Rat Executive Officer's proposals for " Rat Week at a cost of £5. Resolved. That the latter be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer and Welstead; Messrs., F. W. Clarkson and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Head Gardener'. Quarterly Report-Read, the Head Gardener's quarterly report on the various allotments. All the plots were clean with the exception of No. 15, College Road Tip. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant about as to this.

2-Baglin's Piece Allotments-The Committee further considered application from Mr. W. Cocks, tenant of No. 22 allotment, for a rebate in the rent of this allotment owing to trees standing adjacent thereto, and Mr. Yeend reported as to his inspection, Resolved, That no rebate be made.

3—North Ward Allotments— Well Allotment No. 158—Read letters of 20th and 24th ult., from Messrs. Heath and Ekersall on behalf of Mr. J. Taylor, the tenant of this allotment, complaining of the well on this allotment being filled in by an adjoining tenant. It was reported that this well was sunk by a previous tenant and the matter only concerned the occupier of the allotment. Resolved, That the Town Clerk inform Messrs. Heath and Eckersall accordingly.

4—Turner's Field Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the Rev. C. Cousens Petch as to his application for a half chain of one of the allotments (recently used as a stone tip) for the erection thereon of a Parish Room. Resolved, That the three allotments be now offered to applicants, first year being rent free.

5—Horticultural and Poultry Show--Mr. Yeend reported that this Show was held on the 5th inst. and proved satisfactory, and that the Prizes given by the Corporation for the best two allotments in each of the three districts of the town had been greatly appreciated by the Allotment holders; The winners of the prizes were :— North Ward (1) R. W. Hilyer, (2) J. Belcher ; East and South Wards, W. Davies and A. J. Harding (Equal); West Ward (1) W. Higgs. 2) H. Kilbey.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1923 : Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Pittville Estate—(a) Lake View and Pittville Court---The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the erection of Motor Houses referred to this Committee by the Street and Highway Committee. Resolved, That the plans be approved so far as this Committee are concerned, subject in the case of "Lake View" to the structure being set back as required by the Street and Highway Committee.

(b) Key---Read, application of Mrs. Fletcher, of 9, Pittville Lawn for an extra key. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

(c) Tennis Court---The Committee considered recommendation from the Concerts Sub-Committee as to the removal of a Holly Tree near the Chalet so as to provide an additional tennis court for hire by the hour. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(d) Commemoration Tree--Resolved, That a Bronze Plate be fixed to the Fir Tree in Pittville Gardens, planted in 1918 by Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner to commemorate his Public Jubilee, and that a fence be placed around the tree for protection.

(e) Lakes— The Borough Surveyor reported that the weeds in the lakes had now died off, and experience showed that the weeds could be kept down by the use of Copperas, and he recommended that this should be done next year. Resolved, That this be approved, the work to be done by the Pittville Gardeners.

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2—Recreation Grounds -(a) Football -The Town Clerk reported that during the vacation, permission was granted by the Chairman to the Cheltenham Police Sports Club and the Cheltenham and County Harriers to play Association Football on Wednesdays at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, subject to the usual conditions. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) An application was received from Dale, Forty & Co's. Association Football Club for permission to play in Whaddon Lane on Saturdays. Resolved, That the application be not granted as there is no room for another Club.

(c) Whaddon Lane—Read, letters of 19th July and 13th ult., from Miss R. Eamonson, complaining of the damage done to her fence by boys climbing over to fetch balls from her garden. Resolved, That the Caretaker be instructed to endeavour to stop this.

(d) Organised Games—Read, application of 10th inst., from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursdays from 2 till 4.15 p.m., from 13th September to 20th December next, inclusive. Resolved, That permission be granted.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th September, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers Stewart and Whitaker; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. (The Mayor in the chair).

1 --Curator's Report—Number of visitors in July and August 5,998 (against 6,427) ; daily average 113 (against 121).

The sale of postcards amounted to £3 1s. 4d, and pamphlets 2s; Collection Box £2 15s. 9d.

On 14th July a party of 36 boys from Marlborough School, Fulham, visited the Museum.

He attended the 34th Annual Meeting of the Museums Association at Hull, from 9th to 13th July and submitted a Resume of the proceedings.

He had sent a parcel of 52 fossil insects to be named by Dr. F.. A. Bather of the British Museum, who had sent them on to Dr. R. J. Tillyard of Nelson, New Zealand, to be named by him.

Resolved, That the report be approved..

2-Donations and Loans—The following gifts had been received Mrs. Eden Metcalfe, Prehistoric Pottery from Village near Luxor ; Miss Knox Fletcher, Egyptian Bead Necklace from Kings Tombs, Luxor ; Mr. C. W. Bell-Raisbeck, Microscope and slides ; Mr. J. W. Barnett., Human remains from

Belas Knap ; Mr. A. W. Newport, Bronze Celt from Sussex ; The following pictures had been sent on loan : Landscape with Cattle, by J. Glover ; Portrait of Sir Charles Lucas, by Gasper Netscher ; Portrait of Oliver Cromwell, by same Artist, and Painting by W. Oliver.

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

3—Exhibitions —The Curator reported that the following Exhibitions had now been arranged :—

Cheltenham Group of Artists .. . December and January.

The Print Society .. February.

The New Society of Artists 8th March to 12th April.

4—Stained Glass—Read letter from Mr. H. J. Constance, asking for some pieces of old stained glass formerly belonging to Deerhurst Church, as it was intended to try and restore the window. Resolved, That the glass be returned to the Vicar of Deerhurst if wanted for such restoration.

5—Museum Corridor—Resolved. That the estimate of Mr. East for cleaning and distemping the corridor for £3 10s. be accepted.

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6—Cheltenham Knot—Resolved, That the " Cheltenham Knot " sword, presented to Sir J. Meredith in 1813, be purchased for £2.

7—Grant in Aid— Read letter from Victoria and Albert Museum, that funds were available for grants in aid for purchase of specimens. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to next meeting.

8—Berkeley Smith Collection—Resolved. That the following report be made to the Council : The Committee have pleasure in reporting that a valuable collection of Chinese Pottery and Porcelain and other Oriental Art objects has been permanently loaned to the Museum by Mr. S. Berkeley Smith of Karachi, India. The collection has been made by Mr. Berkeley Smith himself during the last twenty-one years, and includes specimens of porcelain dating back to the Ming dynasty and earlier periods. Mr. Berkeley Smith has not only defrayed all expenses of transit from India but also the cost of fitting up the room set apart for the collection, including the provision of steel framed glass cases and the expenditure already incurred, as above-mentioned, is over ;loo. The room containing the exhibits is to be opened on the 27th September by Mr. Bernard Rackham, M.A. Deputy Keeper of Ceramics at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Committee desire to express their warmest appreciation of the conspicuous generosity of Mr. Berkeley Smith in making this valuable and unique contribution to the Museum.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st September 1923 Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1— Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 21st July to 21st September. Interments, 81 ; Exclusive Rights in 25 graves sold (first class, 4; second class, 4 ; and fourth class 17). Monuments erected, 21. Inscriptions, 6.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6829 to 6854 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Mary K. Nesbit, Timothy O'Connor, Richard Bourke, Evelyn W. Leacock, Fanny Law, Bernard Lonsdale, Mabel Rogers and Charles H. Fowler ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth W. A. Pick, Alfred W. Barnfield, James Watt, Teresa Mancini and Lucy E. Stone ; Memorial Kerbing to graves of Lucy Aston, Charles S. Williams, George Loveday, Herbert R. Major, Edward C. Mills, Clara M. Waddy. Helen and Charles Foster, Thomas Waring, A. B. Hailing, Frederick A. F. Adams and Arthur C. Amery ; and Memorial Headstone to grave of Milza H. Letheren.

4—Maintenance of Grave 3451.R.—Read, Letter of 19th inst. from Messrs. McLaren and Jeens on behalf of a client enquiring for what sum the Burial Board would be prepared to undertake the upkeep of the above Grave in perpetuity which would involve cleaning Granite Cross, re-painting letters and railings when necessary and keeping the ivy trimmed. Resolved, That they be informed that the Burial Board would be willing to undertake this on a bequest of free of Duty being made to them.

5—War Graves—Read, Letter of 20th ult. from the Imperial War Graves Commission enclosing schedule of Inscriptions proposed to be engraved on the Commission headstones and asking for permission to erect a headstone at the foot of six graves on which private memorials are already erected as requested by the next of kin. Resolved, That the Inscriptions be approved and that no objection be offered to the erection of the headstones above mentioned.

6—Grave 1834 A.1.—Read, Letter of 31st ult. from Miss H. E. C. Grounds asking the Committee to re-purchase the exclusive right in this Space which she purchased on the 4th September, 1922. Resolved. That Miss Ground's request be not acceded to.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th September, 1923: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillor Stanley; Messrs. E. Gridley and A J. Miles (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Two months (July and August) Receipts £16 6s. 4d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 7,783 (last year 7813), tending Library 18,292 (last year 21,032). Children's Library 2,469 (last year 2,695). Total issue from all departments 28,544 (against 31,540). Seventy per cent. of this decrease took place in July, and mainly in works of fiction. Issues during August approximate to normal. Fear of infection has contributed largely to this reduced turnover.

Newsroom Cleaning—This department had been re-opened after cleaning and distempering, and users of the room had expressed satisfaction upon the change and improved lighting.

Card Catalogue--The Author Card Catalogue of local literature had been completed.

Presentations—Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (2 vols.), Anonymous (2 vols), Anonymous (5 vol.), Secretary, London Association of Accountants (1 vol.), Air Ministry Publication Depot (5 vol.), Mr. F. W. Chapman (2 vols.), Miss Gooding (ix vols.), Colonel J. C. Griffith (35 vols.), Mr. W. L. Mellersh vol.), Mrs. Amherst Morris (7 vols.), Mr. A. J. Moxon (2 vols.), Messrs. J. and J. Paton (1 vol.), Mr. A. H. Pearce (5 vols.), Colonel C. Swinton (3 vols.), (One of the anonymous donors sent the new edition of Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable," just published at 25s net, in recognition of the help he had received from the Library and the Staff).

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2-Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. Present : - Alderman Steel; Councillor Regan; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 532 volumes, published at £46 5s., be purchased for £16 11s. 6d.

(b) That 530 replacement volumes be purchased for £20

(c) That 60 reference volumes be bound at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) That the application of the Cheltenham Branch of the Trades and Labour Council that the "International Labour Review" (24s per annum), be taken for the Library, be not entertained.

(e) That the following periodicals be added to the number already taken :-

1. "Westminster Gazette," daily. £1 6s. per annum.

2. "Baxter Times," monthly. 15s 6d per annum.

3. "Present Truth," weekly. Presented.

(f) That the Lending Library be cleaned and distempered by Mr. W. East at an estimated cost of £18 10s.

(g) That the Librarian be authorised to obtain tenders for the Janitor's uniform.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that as to (g) the quotation of Messrs. Knight and Hutchings for Janitor's uniform and cap at £6 10s. 6d. be accepted

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th September, 1923. Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Pruen, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker. (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 at this Rate. Amount collected £33,579 1s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £1,307 10s. 8d.

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 inst. Amount collected £18,658 5s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,989 5s. 8d.

3 —Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £400 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, Also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £5,335 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) Resolved, That the terms offered for loans of £1,600 and £10,000 be accepted and Debentures sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £600 Corporation Stock at 67 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £600 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, 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.

5—Advertisements on Roll Tickets—Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. John Lance & Co. Ltd., of £17 10s. 0d. for the sole right of advertising on the backs of all roll tickets issued by the Corporation (except Government tax tickets) for one year, be accepted.

6—Agricultural Rates Act, 1923—Read, Circular 440 of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health with reference to this Act and the Order made thereunder.

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 25th inst. Present : Aldermen Steel (in the chair) and Taylor and Councillor Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. Resolved. That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL. Chairman.

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Sir,

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 25th October, 1923.

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 29th day of October, 1923, at THREE**

O'CLOCK in the Afternoon at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

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

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE t. TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and to accept a tender for a Generating Set and Condensing Plant. WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town, Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting or the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st October, 1923, at 3 p.m. Present;

The Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.)

Aldermen Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd September last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council, he taken as read, and that the same he adopted and confirmed.

2—W. F. Hicks Beach, Esq., J.P., deceased—Resolved, That the Council record their deep regret at the death of W. F. Hicks Beach, Esq., a Honorary Freeman of the Borough and for thirty-nine years Chairman of the Cheltenham Board of Guardians, and desire to express their appreciation of his many public services to Cheltenham and the County of Gloucester, and tender their sincere sympathy to his Widow and Family in their bereavement.

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3—Collection of Coins—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Mr. Alfred Miles, C.C. offering for the acceptance of the Corporation a Collection of Coins which he had made during the last 25 years. The Collection contained Coins of different parts of the World, including a number of English Coins. The Coins were mounted in a case which he would retain until a suitable place could be found for its exhibition in the Museum. Resolved, That the Council accept Mr. Miles' offer and tender to him their warmest thanks for his generous gift, and that the matter be referred to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee to arrange a suitable place in the Museum for the exhibition of the Collection.

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 :—

Public Health Meeting held September 10

Housing ... Meeting held September 11*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz.: That the words "or for other reasons," in Minute No. 1, be omitted.

Street and Highway ... Meeting held Sept. 17

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held Sept. 14 & 21

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held Sept. 19 *

*Gas Examiner--Resolved, also, That Mr. Keith Wilson be appointed Gas Examiner at a salary of £26 per annum, to carry out the gas examination in accordance with the Prescription made by the Gas Referees for the Cheltenham Undertaking, the appointment to be terminable on either side by three months' notice in writing.

Water Meeting held Sept. 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held Sept. 18

Allotments Meeting held Sept. 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held Sept. 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held Sept. 12

Burial Board Meeting held Sept. 21

Public Library Meeting held Sept. 11

Finance Meeting held Sept. 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.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Mayor.

MINUTES of the committees of the Town Council were submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 29th October, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 8th October, 1923: Present -The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (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.: -14, Commercial Street ; 322, High Street ; 1, Belle Vue Lawn, awl Devonshire Brewery, High Street ; 33, Rose and Crown Passage ; 16 and 33, Great Western Terrace ; Stone Cottage, 5, 7, 35, 47, 51 and .54, Sherborne Street ; 58, Sun Street ; 25, St. James' Street ; 26 and 27, Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road ; and "Springfield", and 2, Pelham Villas, Alstone Avenue. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a movable 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 Nos. 3 and 4, Richmond Cottages, Stone Cottage and No. 5, Sherborne Street ; Sherborne Arms, and 7, Fairhaven Cottages, Fairhaven Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 44 and 54, Fairview Street ; 30, 31, amid 32, Sidney Street ; and 22, St. James' 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) 22, Sidney Street ; 1 and 2, Belmont Cottages, Moorend Street, and 11, Albion Parade, Market 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 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4-Insanitary Property -(a) 58, Sun Street ; 1 and 2, Belmont Cottages, and 27, 35, 37, 61 and 61, Sherborne Street ; 2, Winstonian Villas ; and 322, and 322a, High Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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) 38 and 40, Winstonian Road-The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 9th July last (Minute No. 4 (b)), the works of repair specified to be done to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. A J. Hyatt at a cost of £10 8s. 1d. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the expenses of the sanitary work executed at these premises, amounting to £10 8s. 1d., to be Private Improvement Expenses chargeable on the premises, to be repayable by equal monthly instalments within a period not exceeding three years with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, until the whole amount is repaid.

5-Overcrowding at 106, Fairview 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 64 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

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6--Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—1, Green's Place, Tewkesbury Road—It appearing on the report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation Resolved, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, application from Edward W. Humphris, 6, Tivoli Street, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. beef, 2 cwt. 21 lbs. pork ; 2 qrs. 9 lbs. mutton ; 2 qrs. to lbs. veal ; 9 tins fruit ; 8 tins fish ; and 4 tins meat.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-17, 18, 48, 54, 57, and 82, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises in respect of which Demolition Orders were made in April, 1923, were in a ruinous condition and should be demolished. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition thereof, and purchase of materials.

2, 4 and 5, Providence Place, Portland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises in respect of which Orders were made in June, 1923, had not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the tenants thereof had failed to comply with notices to quit. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner of the premises that it is the intention of the Committee at their next meeting to consider the question of making Demolition Orders, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for ejectment against the tenants.

5, 6, 7 and 9, King Street Gardens--Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to proceed with the demolition of these premises.

28, Rutland Street ; 21, Bath Terrace ; 26 and 26a, York Street ; and 20, 21 and 22, Malvern Street — Read, letter from Mr. F. E. Townsend, Owner of 28, Rutland Street, stating that he offered 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 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 be given to the Owners.

10—Sanitary Inspectors' Association Conference— Read, Report of the Sanitary Inspector on the Conference of this Association held at Rhyl on the 4th-7th ult.

11—National Milk Conference--Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary, National Milk Conference inviting the appointment of Delegates to attend. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

12-Arle Outfall Sewer—Footpath Culvert—The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of complaints as to the defective condition of the culvert under the footpath in Arle Village and that the estimated cost of piping in the same was £140. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

13—Chelt—Read, letter of 19th ult., and 6th inst, from Mr. C. H. Rainger asking that the mud deposit in the Chelt by Barrett's Mill be removed and the Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of removing same was £70. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

14—**Report of the Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 8th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker. (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Report of the Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 8th inst. If horses (6 at Depot); 98 head of cattle ; 8 calves ; 136 sheep 43 pigs all doing very well Since the last meeting 100 yearling Cheviot Wether sheep and 5 heifers had been purchased for £401 18s. 6d., and other purchases amounted to £35 9s. 7d. Total purchases £437 8s. 1d. 3 calves and 21 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 9 heifers in calf, 4 heifers, 2 calves, and 8 store pigs had been sold for £446 0s. 7d. and produce for £59 17s. 0d. Total sales £505 17s. 7d.

Field Gates—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase two new field gates for Barn Farm.

Mason's Cottage—Resolved, That she Farms Manager be authorised to have the roof of this cottage thatched. 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, 9th October, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1--Gloucester Road Land—The Borough Surveyor reported MI. Unwin would not agree to any reduction of the width of the drive between the houses and the shrubberies. He had prepared estimates of cost of laying out 2 shrubberies and Inner Drive amounting to £952 14s. 0d., and these had been sent to the Ministry of Health for approval.

2 —Sewers —The Borough Surveyor reported that it was desirable to construct a larger and deeper sewer for the drainage of the houses being built in Byron and Milton Roads in order to take the drainage of any houses to be built on the adjoining land and submitted Mr. Drew's estimate of the cost of proposed sewer amounting to £569 17s. 8d., from which an allowance of £200 would be made for the drainage work included in his Contract. Resolved, That Mr. Drew's estimate be accepted, subject to the Architects being satisfied that the allowance of £200 was sufficient.

3—Tennyson Road—Land—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Technical Schools Old Girls' Hockey Club stating that the Agreement to take the land for this season had not been sanctioned by the Club and asking to be released therefrom. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

4—Housing Act, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted draft Scheme for assisting building by Private Enterprise. Resolved, That the Scheme as now settled be approved, and that the Ministry of Health be asked to approve of subsidies being granted in accordance with the Scheme for not exceeding 40 houses. (A copy of the Scheme accompanies the Minutes).

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the subsidies which may be granted not exceeding £4,000.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of the proposal to join as Guarantors of approved borrowers in mortgages of houses not exceeding £500 in value to the Building Society to cover the difference between an advance of and $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the value to enable a Borrower to obtain a loan on the Building Society's most favourable terms.

5--Additional Houses—Resolved. That tenders be invited for the erection of 15 pairs of semi-detached non-parlour type houses similar to those now in course of erection.

6—Orchard Rear of Tennyson Road —Read, Notice from Mr. A. R. Doxsey terminating his tenancy of this land on 29th September, 1924.

7—Gas Mains—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Gas Co., enclosing draft Agreement for wayleave for gas mains on the Housing Estate. The Company objected to the condition reserving the right to require removal or alteration of mains or services if necessary owing to building development. Resolved, That this condition be adhered to.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd October, 1923: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh 'James, Mann, Stewart and Capt. Frye ; Dr. G. A. Cardew ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. E. C. Gurney and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby. (Councillor Captain 'Frye in the chair).

4—Estimates 1923-21 and 1924-25—The estimated Expenditure for the second half year, 1923-24 and the year 1924-25 were considered and approved. Total estimate 1923-4 £806. Total estimate 1924-5 £820.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th October, 1923. Present—Th.- Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold. (Alderman Ben kill in the chair). –

1 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 14th September to 11th October. 1923 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 4th inst., 676 loads collected, 663 consumed and 13 tipped away. (Weight consumed 743 tons 19 cwts).

2-Dangerous Corner—Moorend Park Road and Shurdington Roof —The Borough Surveyor reported that with the consent of the Owner of Park Grange the ivy on each side of the corner pillar thereat had been removed, also the iron sheeting at Leckhampton Hall.

Pilley Lane —Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Royal Automobile Club drawing attention to the desirability, of the hedge at the corner of Leckhampton Road and Pilley Lane being cut down to .11,01t feet, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the hedge cut down if the Owner consents to this being done.

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3—Gloucester Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath on the South side of Gloucester Road fronting the Lansdown Inn. 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 repaired, 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—Shoeing Horses—Five tenders were received for shoeing Corporation horses. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. Carpenter, King Street, to do the work at 9s per horse per month, plus 2s per horse for frost nailing, when required, and 5s 3d per gross for supply of studs, be accepted for three months, the contract to be subject thereafter to one month's notice in writing on either side.

5—Malvern Road—Bridge Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Great Western Railway Company, were repairing this bridge which required the opening out of the carriageway and footpath, and that arrangements had been made for the reinstatement thereof on completion at the Companys' expense.

6—Reinstatement of Trenches - The Borough Surveyor reported that difficulty was experienced in connection with the repair of trenches opened in public roads by private individuals, that same were frequently left in dangerous condition and disputes arose as to cost of repairs thereto. He recommended that a Schedule of Prices for repairs should be made and payment obtained in advance. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a Schedule of Prices for approval.

7—Rotunda Terrace—Read, Application of 18th ult., from Mr. F. G. Fildes for permission to place a cycle stand outside No. Rotunda Terrace. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

8—Brooklyn Road—Land—Read, letter of 1st inst., from Mr. Brooke Boote applying for a reduction in the rent payable in respect of land in his occupation in this road. Resolved, That the rent be reduced from £27 10s. to £25 per annum, as from the 29th ult., plus rates and taxes as at present.

Allotment No. 1 —Read, application of 10th inst., from the tenant of this Allotment (Mr. J. L. Mitchell) for permission to keep pigs and poultry thereon. Resolved, That permission be given for poultry to be kept thereon, provided they are properly penned in, but that permission to keep pigs be not granted.

9—Promenade—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce asking that consideration be again given to the suggested widening of the carriageway from Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

10—Fairview Road—Read, letters from Messrs. Heath & Eckersall setting out the terms upon which their Client was prepared to give up a strip of land on the South side of this road for the improvement thereof. Resolved, That the proposed widening be not proceeded with.

11—Street Projections—Read, application of 10th inst., from the Postmaster for permission to place a Telephone Call Office sign outside the Head Post Office. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

12 —View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th inst. — The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks and Capt. Trye.

Light Railway—They reported that Mr. McCormick met the Committee and undertook to carry out the necessary repairs to the track in St. George's Place and Winchcomb Place before the end of December.

They recommended as follows :

Petrol Pump—Winchcomb Street--That the application of Messrs. Edwards and Marshall to erect a Petrol Pump on their own premises with arm to swing over the pavement at height indicated to the Committee, be granted.

Tewkesbury Road—Trees —That the trees on the North side of Tewkesbury Road from St. Peter's Church to the Railway Bridge be removed and suitable trees planted on each side.

High Street—Seat—That the seat by Keynsham Lawn be removed 40 feet nearer the Old Bath Road.

Grafton Road Footpath—That the footpath on the North side of this road be kerbed and paved at an estimated cost of £54, towards which £12 would be contributed by the Electricity Department for re-instatement of trenches, and that the kerb at the corner of Norwood Road be made good.

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

13--Petrol Pump—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd. for permission to erect a Petrol Pump in Swindon Road be not granted.

14—**Plans Sub-Committee**- The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on 15th 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 Monday, 15th October, 1923: Present : Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1743	Baker, W. J.	Temporary Motor House, Lake House, Pittville Lawn,
1758	Butler, B. F.	Additions to "Gabari," Parabola Road.
1759	Royal Insurance Company	Additions to 10, Promenade.
1760	Witts, P.	Four semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
1761	Parsons, C.	Temporary motor house, "Penshurst," St. Stephen's Road,
1762	Cheltenham College Council	New wing to " Southwood," Lypiatt Road.
1763	Newman, Mrs.	New window, " Deerhurst," Portland Street.
1764	Poynton, T. H.	New porch, Pittville Lodge, Pittville Lawn.
1765	Meakin, A.	Extension of glass porch, " St. Auvergne," Queen's Road.
1766	Messrs. Marks and Spencer	Addition to 110, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1760, 1765, and 1766 be approved, that Plan No. 1761 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 ; that Plans Nos. 1758, and 1762 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plan No. 1764 be approved, but that it be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for consideration and that Plans Nos. 1743, 1759 and 1763 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman,

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 5th October, 1923 :—Present : Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Assistant Masseuse—Two applications were received for this appointment. Resolved. That Miss A Richardson, The Baths, Grange-over-Sands, and Miss Ethel M. Silver, C.S.M.M.G. Royal Baths, Harrogate, be invited to attend for interview by the Committee on the 9th inst.

2—Town Hall—Read, application of the 1st inst., from Mr. J. Munro Briggs, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Philharmonic Society, for the use of the Town Hall for a concert on the 16th prox. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted at the usual charge of £10 0s. 0d., plus cost of cleaning, heating and lighting, but that a discount of 10 per cent. be allowed on payment within one month.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Montpellier Baths on Tuesday, 9th October, 1923 :—Present : Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

3—Montpellier Baths—Assistant Masseuse—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Miss A. Richardson stating that it was not possible for her to attend, and the Committee interviewed Miss Ethel M. Silver. Resolved, That Miss Silver be appointed Assistant Masseuse at a salary of £3 3s. 0d. per week as from the 29th inst., the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th October, 1923: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Alstone Mill Premises—The Town Clerk reported that the proposals for the lease of these premises as set out in Minute 5 of this Committee's Meeting on the 28th August last had fallen through. Resolved, That the premises be advertised to let.

5—No. 1 Oriel Road— Read, letter of 29th ult., from Miss Mc Sheehy and Miss Walsh giving Notice to terminate their tenancy on the 25th March next.

6—St. George's Square—(a) The Town Clerk submitted a Deed executed by all the other owners having rights in this Square by which the Square was made over to the Corporation as an open space (with the exception of a strip of 20 feet in front of the houses, reserved as a private garden for the owners of Nos. 2-6) subject to the following conditions:—

1. The Corporation to level and re-turf the ground, including the 20 feet strip, and to fence off this strip with a suitable iron fence and gate and paint the existing railings round this strip and make up the roadway in front of the houses.

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2. To construct a new footpath along the east side of the ground, the remainder of the land made over to the Corporation to be fenced and not to be open to the public but the Corporation to be at liberty to let the lawn for a Bowling Green or for Tennis or Croquet and to erect thereon a pavilion for use of any Club to whom the ground may be let Provided That if the ground is let as a Bowling Green the Corporation to make it a condition that any of the present Owners shall be entitled to be ex-officio members of the Club and if used for Tennis or Croquet, preference to be given to applications from occupiers of the houses Nos. 2--6 who may be willing to hire the ground on as good terms as obtainable from other applicants.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept the land on the terms offered and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Deed.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of laying the land out as a Bowling Green, and for the other works stipulated in the Deed. Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

7—Town Hall—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Rev. Canon P.M.C. Johnstone and the Rev. Philip H. Smith, applying for the use of the Town Hall on the 19th inst., for a meeting in connection with the Simultaneous Mission at a reduced charge. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted at a charge of inclusive.

C.M.S. Exhibition—The Town Clerk reported that the Rev. G. W. Boothroyd had notified him that the Town Hall would only be required for this Exhibition from the 13th to 25th October, 1924. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted at a charge of £120 for the period, plus cost of cleaning, heating and lighting, and that Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 13th July last be varied accordingly.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1923. Present: Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Montpellier Baths—The Committee considered the report of the Joint Sub-Committee, appointed in July last. The Sub-Committee submitted the following recommendations:—

1. That an illuminated projecting sign be fixed at these Baths at an estimated cost not exceeding £20.
2. That the description " Montpellier Baths " be altered to " Swimming Bath and Spa Medical Baths."
3. That an electrically illuminated plate glass case in mahogany frame, eight feet wide by five feet deep, be fixed in the central panel of the lobby entrance at the Town Hall, displaying seven transparent views of the Medical Baths, 24 inches by 15 inches each, at an estimated cost of £62.

4. That the following Scheme, prepared by Mr. H. W. Bennett, for advertising in local papers be carried out :

Estimated Cost.	s d.
Echo	8 6 per insertion.
Citizen ..	8 6 “
Gloucester Journal ..	8 6 “
Evesham Journal .	10 6 “
Stroud Journal ..	6 6 ”
Stroud News ..	6 6 “
Wilts. and Glos. Standard .	6 6 “
Hereford Times ..	15 0 “
Ross Gazette .. .	5 3 “
Dursley Gazette ..	<u>5 3 “</u>
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Cheltenham Graphic, half page monthly, £4 per insertion,.

Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and reported that he had considered these proposals and recommended their adoption.

Resolved, That recommendation No. 1 be not approved.

Resolved, also, That the other recommendations be approved, except that the first advertisement in the Cheltenham Graphic be for a full page at a cost of £7 and that copies of this be circulated among the Medical profession in the area covered by the Scheme.

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9—St. George's Square—Bowling Green—The Committee considered estimate of the cost of laying this land out as a Bowling Green and for the other work required to be done, amounting to £800. Resolved, That this be approved and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for Sanction to a Loan of £800 and also for a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan for a period of one half of the term of the loan (not exceeding 15 years) in accordance with the terms offered in their Circular letter of 18th May last.

Read. letter of 17th inst., from the Hon, Secretary, United Services Bowling Club submitting the following terms for the hire of the Bowling Green. An inclusive rent of £40 for the first year, £45 second year and £50 per annum for the third and subsequent years ; the Green to be open to Visitors at a charge to be approved by the Corporation and to be kept in good order and condition by the Club. Resolved, That the Green be let to the Club for 7 years, on these terms, including a provision that present Owners of Nos. 2-6, St. George's Square, shall be entitled to be Ex-officio members of the Club, subject to an Agreement being entered into with suitable guarantors for payment of the rent.

10—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—
Central Spa 829 ; Montpellier Baths 11 ; Montpellier Gardens 11 ; Pittville Chalet 44 ; and Pittville Pump Room 19.

JAMES STE WART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th October, 1923. Present : Councillors Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Welstead. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

11-Dance Teas--Read, application of 23rd inst., from a local firm for permission to hold a Manequin Parade during the interval at the Dance Tea on the 6th prox. Resolved, That permission be granted on payment of a sum of £5.

12-**Concerts Sub-Committee** — The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 23rd inst., was read. They recommended as follows :—

Dance Teas—That the arrangements made by the Spa Manager for Exhibition Dances at the opening Dance Tea on the 2nd prox., at a cost of £6 6s. 0d. be approved.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1928: Present—Alderman Taylor : Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Generating Plant—Tenders were received from eleven firms for a 2000 kilo-watt Turbo Generating Set and Condensing Plant. Resolved, That these be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report at the meeting of the Committee to be held on the 24th instant.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th October, 1923: Present—Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2--Hatherley Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a new Sub-Station was required by the extension of the supply to Hatherley and that Mr. Ride was willing for this to be constructed on land adjoining Rippledale on payment of an annual acknowledgement of 1s, the agreement to be determinable by twelve months notice. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

3-Extension of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the result of canvass of several districts and recommended that the following extensions be made.

District.	Estimated Cost.
Shaw Green Lane and Park Estate.	£769
Hale's Road.	£216
Francis Street and Naunton Crescent.	£301

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to extend the mains.

4—Typewriter --Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a new brief carriage typewriter at a cost of about £23.

5—Public Lighting----The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that one of the public lighting circuits be kept alight until 2 a.m., the other circuit to be switched of at midnight as at present.

He proposed to begin the usual lighting of the public lamps in the early morning during the winter months on 1st November.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and that no charge be made for the extended hours of lighting.

Moorend Crescent—Read, Memorial from residents in Moorend Crescent, asking for an additional lamp to be provided near the Bridge. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

6—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had not completed his consideration of the tenders received. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to accept a suitable tender.

7—Electric Light Standards—Reports were received as to damage caused to electric light standards in Marle Hill Road and Regent Street. Resolved, That a claim be made for the damage done in each case.

8—Gas Examiner—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Charlton King's Urban District Council approving of the appointment of Mr. Keith Wilson as Joint Gas Examiner.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of Acting Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th September last, which shewed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 474.B.Th.U.

Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 20th, 25th, and 30th September, and 13th and 19th October, which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 480.8., 475.0., 473.9., 480.0 and 462.0 B.Th.U. and the Pressure 3.9, 4.8, 4.9, 4.4, and 4.5 inches. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the high pressure of the Gas shown by the tests.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At 4 Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th October, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green; Councillors Moore, Pates 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 8th October, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	107,000 gallons	103,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	204,000 "	282,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	33,000	35,000
Total	344,000	420,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th October 1923.		8th October, 1922.	
Hewletts		17,066,000 gallons		20,395,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	11ft. 9in.	18,878,000	16ft. 4in.	31,415,000 "
Leckhampton	6ft. 0in.	810,000	7ft. 0in.	945,000 "
Total Storage		36,754,000		52,755,000

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	655	5159
" taps found leaking	40	439
„ defective flushing boxes	16	549
" defective stop taps	2	38
„ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)		37
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)		<u>61</u>
	98	731
" notices served re fittings	46	348
" meters changed	12	115
" houses connected ..	77	423
"burst pipes discovered	11	47
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	31	149

3—Tewkesbury Water Works —Coal Supply—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported meeting on 1st inst. Present: The Deputy Mayor in the chair); Councillors Moore and Pates.

Tenders were received from twelve firms for the supply of 400 tons of coal. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted: Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son, for 200 tons of Princess Royal steam coal at 22s 4d per ton; Messrs. J. Williams & Co., Ltd., for 200 tons of Norchard high delf rough small steam coal at 22s 8d per ton ; both prices to include delivery to Tewkesbury L. M. & S. Station.

4—Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. Peter Fulcher for a supply of water to three houses at the south end of Old Bath Road, outside the Borough, and reported that he estimated the cost of laying a new three inch main and providing a small tank at the Spring-head at £130. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to Mr. Fulcher paying the cost of the main and £15 for half cost of land.

5—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, 16th October, 1923. Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel: Councillors Mann, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Yarnold, (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except a case of Swine Fever at Hanover Allotments.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, Circular from the Ministry of Agriculture asking Local Authorities to see that the provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) Order, 1912, with regard to disinfection of railway trucks, etc., were strictly complied with. Resolved, That Supt. Hopkins be instructed accordingly.

(c) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1923—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council forwarding copy of Regulations made by the County Authority. Resolved, That similar Regulations be made for the Borough and forwarded to the Ministry for approval.

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.
9th October.	Ucal Works, High Street	£1,000	£7 7s. 6d.
12th October.	63, Brighton Road.	slight.	£3 10s. 6d.

Motor Fire Engine—The Report of the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** was considered and on their recommendation it was Resolved, That a 300/400 gallon Leyland Motor Fire Engine, including a 35

feet extension ladder, first-aid tank, hose reel and fittings and dynamo lighting set be purchased at a net cost of £1,332 and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a Loan for the amount of the purchase money.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Motor Cabs—Resolved. That the application of Mr. B. Mann for a licence in respect of motor cab No. F.C. 3498 be granted.

(b) Transfers—Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. V. T. Nicholls and W. Elliott for the licences held by Messrs. B. Mann and W. Eddies in respect of Motor Cabs Nos. A.B. 7760 and A.B. 1387 be transferred to them, respectively, be adjourned for the vehicles to be inspected by Messrs. Mills & Sons Ltd.

(c) Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be granted to Victor Thomas Nicholls of 3, Upper Pilley.

4 --Hackney Carriage Stands —Read, Report of 8th inst., from Superintendent Hopkins recommending the appointment of Hackney Carriage Stands as follows :-

Clarence Lamp Stand for 2 vehicles	2 Horse carriages.
Promenade (near Fountain) 2 vehicles ..	1 Horse and 1 Motor carriage.
St. George's Road (near Fountain) 1 vehicle	1 Horse Carriage.

Superintendent Hopkins also recommended that to prevent loitering two Horse carriages be allowed to stand in Clarence Parade near Salem Chapel. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

5—Relief of Unemployment—The Town Clerk reported that the Schemes which had been submitted to the Unemployment Grant Committee for approval would provide employment as follows :—

(a) Hayden Knoll Storm Water Carrier	To employ 15 men for about 3 months.
(b) Additional Humus Tank	“ 20 “ “ 4 or 5 months.
(c) Barn Farm Outfall Sewer	“ <u>10</u> “ “ 8 weeks.

45 or, if employed in alternate weeks, 90 men.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to the provision of additional works for the relief of unemployment.

6—Shops Acts—The Shops Acts Inspector reported a contravention of the Acts by Mr. Mouldsdale, High Street, in keeping his shop open during prohibited hours. Resolved, That Mr. Mouldsdale be warned that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken.

(b) Read letter of 24th ult., from the Secretaries, Grocers' Association. complaining of several shopkeepers keeping open during prohibited hours. Resolved, That this be referred to the Inspector.

7—Summer Time Act—(a) Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Town Clerk, Torquay, forwarding the following resolution passed by the Council of that Borough and asking the Council to adopt a similar resolution :—

"That in the interest of the health, well-being and recreation of the people the Government be requested to amend the Summer Time Act, 1922, so as to provide for an extension of the period of Summer Time until the first Saturday in October."

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to adopt the resolution and that a Copy thereof be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the Minister of Health and to the Borough Member.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Early Closing Association inviting the Council to appoint delegates to join in a Deputation to the Home Secretary on the 31st inst., to urge the extension of the period Summer Time. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

8—Elementary Education —Border Scholars—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement submitted, containing terms agreed upon between the County Council and the Education Committee for the mutual provision of Public Elementary School accommodation.

9—Town Clerk's Department—Staff—The Town Clerk reported that Miss I. E. May had resigned her appointment as short-hand-typist and general clerk. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to appoint a youth as Junior Clerk at wages of 10s per week.

10—Mayor's Chain—Case—Resolved, That a portable case be obtained for the Mayor's chain.

11—Railways Acts, 1921—Read, Circular letter from the National Association of Railway Travellers inviting Local Authorities to join with the Association in supporting the Objections lodged to the proposed Passenger Schedules under this Act. It was proposed that towns under 50,000 population should contribute £10 10s. 0d. towards the costs. Resolved, That no action be taken.

12—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Mr. F. Keene (Assistant Sanitary Inspector) who will complete three years' service on the 14th prox. be added to the Certificate of Exception.

13—Market—Fair—Resolved, That a portion of the Market be let to Mr. H. Studt for a Pleasure Fair from the 19th to 30th inst., at a rent of £25, half to be paid to the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Society Ltd.

14—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for fitting up a room in the Municipal Offices as a retiring room for use of Members of the Council while waiting between meetings, etc.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th October, 1923 at Pittville Chalet. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead ; Messrs. F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Albert Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the lease of this land would expire on the 25th March, 1925 and by the terms of the lease was to be seeded down before the 30th April next but the Lessors were willing that the tenancy should be continued as a yearly tenancy at the same rent and subject to the conditions of the lease so far as applicable with a provision enabling the tenancy to be determined by seven months' notice prior to any quarter day (except 24th June and 25th December) if the land is required for building purposes. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

2 —Turner's Field Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that tile lease of this land would expire on the 29th September, 1924, and by the terms of the lease was to be seeded down before the 30th April next ; he had therefore given notice to terminate the present allotment tenancies next March. The Owner was willing to continue the tenancy on a yearly tenancy at an increased rent of £37 0s. 0d. subject to a proviso enabling him to terminate the tenancy by six months' notice if the land was sold. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the Allotment holders ace willing to pay a rent of 22s 6d a chain.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th October, 1923, at Pittville Chalet : Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Lake—Cygnets —The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been unable to obtain any offers for the cygnets. Resolved, That he be authorised to dispose of them in the best way possible, and that in future the eggs be disposed of.

2—Land, Wellesley Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney and Co., asking the Corporation to retain this land until it has been put into proper order. Resolved, That the land be retained for another year from the 21st July last, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the further seeding required carried out in the Spring.

3—Municipal Offices—The Committee considered the proposal to provide flowers, etc., during the Summer and shrubs during the Winter on the balconies of these Offices. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost.

4—Pittville Estate—(a) Bungalow—The Committee considered application from Mr. T. B. Trotter to erect a Bungalow on the garden land at the rear of No. 1, Pittville Lawn. Resolved, That no objection be made to the erection of a Bungalow, subject to the Plans being approved by this Committee.

(b)—Clarence Square—Read. letter from Mrs. Mackenzie complaining of the nuisance caused by dogs in the Square garden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to stop the gaps in hedges with wire netting and fix springs to gates at a cost not exceeding £12.

5—Trees—The Committee inspected trees for the removal of which applications had been received. Resolved :—

Clarence Square—That an Ilex tree opposite No. 10 be not removed.

2, Pittville Villas—That the tree near this house be not removed.

Pittville Long Garden—That the Yew tree in this garden be not lopped.

Pittville Garden—That a Holly tree near the Chalet be removed, so as to provide an additional tennis court, as recommended by the Concerts Sub-Committee.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th October, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Rogers and Capt. Trye ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors in September 2,907 (against 2,592) ; daily average 116

The sale of postcards amounted to £1 14s. 4d. 1 Photogravure of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne £1 1s. 0d. Collection Box £1 1s. 1d.

150 of the elder scholars from the Elementary Schools had visited the Art Gallery on Saturday.

2—Exhibition—The Curator reported that the Exhibition of paintings on loan from Messrs. L. Burleigh Bruhl, R.B.A., P.B.W.S., and Walter S. Stacey would be opened on the 15th inst.

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3—Purchases—Resolved. That two Portraits of date about 1830 of Cheltenham Residents by Dighton, be purchased at 25s.

4—Leslie Young Benefaction— The Curator recommended the purchase out of this Fund of nine additional cases of specimens of fruit pests at a cost of £14 3s. 0d. Resolved. That application to the Victoria and Albert Museum for a grant-in-aid and that if obtained, specimen cases be purchased up to the value of £14 3s. 0d.

5—Museum Lecture—Resolved, That the offer of Dr. Oliver H. Wild to give a lantern lecture on Natural History on a date to be arranged, be accepted.

6—Coin Collection—The Curator reported that the Collection of Coins presented by Mr. Alfred Miles had been received and he recommended that this be placed on the wall in the upper landing. Resolved, That this be approved and the Collection exhibited after it has been covered by insurance.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1923: Present—Alderman Steel Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold. (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read. Report of Superintendent for the period from 22nd September to 19th October. Interments, 31 ; Exclusive Rights in 15 graves sold (first class, 3; second class, 5 ; third class 2 and fourth class 5). Monuments erected, 7. Inscriptions. 4.

2— Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6855 to 6870 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 Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Mary E. Bonnycastle ; Memorial Headstone to grave of Thomas Heslop ; Memorial Kerbing to graves of George O. Phipps, Alexander Fenn, Ellen Fryer and Elizabeth Brabazon.

4—Waste Paper Baskets—The Superintendent submitted two tenders received for large galvanised rubbish baskets. Resolved, That the tender of The Victory Wire Working Company, to supply four baskets at a cost of £1 10s. each be accepted.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1923 : Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Captain Trye; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report — Receipts £7 0s. 10d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,092 (last year 3,971). Lending Library 10,164 (last year 10,520). Children's Library 1,412 (last year 1,323). Total daily average issue 686 volumes (last year 680).

Lectures—There was an attendance of 190 at the first of the Winter Lectures given by Dr. G. F. Edwards on the 8th inst.

Library Association Conference—The Librarian submitted his report of this Conference, held at Eastbourne from 17th to 21st September.

Presentations--Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (1. vol.), Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (30 guides), Mr. J. A. Cickburn (1 vol.), Mr. J. Gillingham (1 vol.), Mr. St. George L. F. Pitt (1 vol.), Mr. H. Beresford Stevens (5 vols.), Mrs. Swinton (6 vols.) Mr. E. E. Taylor, (5 vols.), H. M. Stationery Office (4 vols. and 33 pamphlets). (Mr. Beresford Stevens in sending a donation of books wrote: " I should like to make a small gift of books to the Library, as a token of my appreciation of the help which you so readily give to students who go there for research work.")

Resolved, That the report be approved and the thanks of the Committee conveyed to the donors.

2 — **Report of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel; Councillor Mann; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:—

(a) That 47 new volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £16 2s. 6d.

(b) That 100 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £15.

(c) That 120 Lending Library books be rebound at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) That authority be given to the Librarian to close the Lending Library for the week beginning 15th October, for cleaning, distempering, and stocktaking.

(e) That the following periodicals be added to the number already taken :—

1. "Christian World," 2d. per week.

2. "British Weekly," 2d. per week.

3. "Loyalty" (quarterly). Presented.

(f) That a portable platform, in sections. 9 feet by 7 feet by 2 feet, be obtained for use in connection with the course of Lectures held in the Institution, at an estimated cost of £6.

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

3—The Librarian reported offer of a Lantern Lecture by Miss R. Weeden-Cooke (of Rome) on " The Roman Forum," and he was authorised to make arrangements for delivery of same on Wednesday, 17th October.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 19023. Present, Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel the chair).

1--General District Rate-Read, Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £33,943 4s. 7d. Excused, void and irrecoverable £783 12s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £18715s. 10d.

2- Water Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended. Amount collected £18,733 0s. 10d. Void re-coverable £9 1s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £4,170 2s. 9d.

3 —Loans-(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £225 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, That the following excess expenditure on Loans be charged to Rate Account. Arterial Roads £3 16s. 0d.; Albion Street wood paving £46 10s. 2d., and Promenade—wood paving 5s 2d Total, £50 11s. 4d.

4—Stores Ledgers—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing to supply six stores ledgers for £11 18s. 0d. be accepted.

5—Education Act, 1921--Scholarships—Read, letters of sod and 14th inst from the Clerk to the County Council stating that it was proposed to charge on the Parish of Cheltenham during the current half year the sum of £678 15s. 10d. in connection with the instruction of Scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar School. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

6—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 23rd inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the Chair) and Councillor Whitaker. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.