

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, November, 1923.

Sir,

You are hereby invited to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE'S, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of December, 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 Statutory Quarterly 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 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. To fill vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the expiration of the term of office of Rev. R. L. Hodson.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 9th November, 1923, at 12 noon. Present:

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

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett,

Aldermen Kendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

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

William David Farrar for the North Ward :

William Welstead for the Central Ward :

Alexander St. Clair for the East Ward :

James Moore for the South Ward :

Hugh William Thomas for the Middle Ward : and

Ernest Rogers 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 Walter James Manser Dicks be and he is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing Year. The Mayor then made the Declaration of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

Acceptance of Office and took the Oath

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

4—Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of the Council be given to Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., for the indefatigable, impartial and hospitable manner in which she has carried out the duties of Mayor during the past two years.

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, and
“ 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.

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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 Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel, 'Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : 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 1923, 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, as modified by Section 10 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923.

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 ()titbit 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.

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Housing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form Housing -Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor, Councillors Bastin, Moore, Pates, 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 Welfare Committee.— Resolved, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel, Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Boor, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. K. McArthur, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby.

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, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer Capt. Trye and Yarnold, 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

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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 1923.

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 :—The Mayor, Councillors 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.

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.

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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.

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 Farrar, Pruen, 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.

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Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Allotments Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Kendall and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, 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 :—Aldermen Green and 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 :—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Taylor, Councillors Moore, Pruen, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including, the

checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and Rates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of Loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Stanley, St. Clair, 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.

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Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, 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 Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor, Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

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, 1924, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

8—Appointment of Delancey Trustees — Resolved, That Alderman Steel ; Councillor Rogers ; Miss Edith M. H. Geddes ; Dr. R. Kirkland ; Messrs. W. Gerald Gurney and J. Wagborne be appointed Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital for a term of three years.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 31st December, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting, of this Committee held on Friday, 9th November, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas, 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 22th November, 1923: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

4—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillor St. Clair be appointed a Member of this Sub-Committee.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. viz.:—5, Marlborough Place and Nos. 48 and 54, Townsend Street ; 1, Burton Cottages, Great Western Road ; 16 and 17, Hermitage Street ; 51, Sherborne Street ; 58, Winstonian Road ; and Anchor House, Warwick 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.

6 - Cleansing and Whitewashing at 4, Richmond Cottages, and Sherborne Arms, Sherborne Street ; 58, Winstonian Road ; 41, Brunswick Street ; and 42, Townsend Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1873, 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 (a) 9, Upper Norwood Street ; and 40 and 41, Malvern 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, St. James' Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to these premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner of the premises, requiring him to do the specified work within 8 days.

8—Insanitary Property—44, 48 and 54, Townsend Street ; Moreton Cottage, Mitre Street ; 38 and 39, Francis Street ; 17, Hermitage Street ; 55, Upper Park Street ; 3, Richmond Cottages and 51, Sherburne Street ; Anchor House, Warwick Place ; 41, Brunswick Street and 1, Burton Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned

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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.

9—Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—28, Upper Norwood Street—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 Owner requiring him to provide the same.

10—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwts. 1 qr. 17 lbs. beef ; 1 cwt. 7 lbs. pork ; 26 lbs. veal ; 43 ox tails ; and 7 tins of meat and fish.

11—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) 1a, Winchcomb Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a Representation that the room over the Shop at these premises being used as a dwelling house, was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the same be closed. The Owner of the premises consented to an 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, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that Notice be given to the Owner and occupier.

(b) 17, 18, 48, 54, 57 and 82, Stanhope Street—Resolved, That consideration of putting into operation the Demolition Order made in respect of these premises be further adjourned to enable the Owner to obtain tenders for the demolition thereof.

12-Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice A. Evans in respect of Nelson Inn, High Street and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street. and Mr. Mickel Fortucci in respect of Nos. 20 and 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 instant.

13—Infectious Diseases—Paratyphoid Fever—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Ministry of Health asking for detailed information as to the occurrence of six cases of paratyphoid fever notified in the Town during the three weeks ended 27th ult., and the Medical Officer of Health submitted his draft Report thereon. Resolved, That the Report as submitted be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

14—Medical Officer of Health —Motor Car---The Committee considered application from the Medical Officer of Health for an allowance in respect of his Motor Car which he had used extensively on Corporation business, especially during the recent outbreak of smallpox, which had entailed a large number of visits, etc. Resolved, That an allowance of £60 up to the 31st December next, be granted towards the expenses incurred thereby.

15—Chelt— Read, letters of 17th and 22nd ult., from Mr. C. H. Rainger with regard to the accumulation of mud in the Chelt by Barrett's Mill, and the Borough Surveyor suggested that the weir might be removed, Resolved, That The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers and Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee to view and report.

16—Farms—Expenditure--The Committee considered recommendation of Finance and Public Health Joint Committee suggesting that the expenditure on Farms Stock should be limited. Resolved, That this Committee see no objection to a limit being fixed as working capital for carrying on the Farms.

17—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—Bacteriological Examinations— The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last Meeting an Inspector of the Ministry of Health had seen him with reference to these examinations, and had suggested that the samples should be sent to the National Research Institute for Dairying at Reading, who would be prepared to undertake such examinations at a charge of 5s per sample. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain and send them samples as often as required.

18—**Report of the Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Witaker be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Report of the Farms Manager, Live Stock on Farms on 12th inst. it horses (6 at Depot); 87 head of cattle ; 10 calves ; 124 sheep ; and 42 pigs all doing very well Since the last meeting 2 cow calves and 6 barren heifers had been purchased for £108 14s. 6d., and other purchases amounted to £50 7s. 11d. Total purchases £159 2s. 5d. 1 cow in calf, 16 heifers, 1 calf, and 12 sheep had been sold for £475 17s. 1d. and produce for £125 7s. 0d. Total sales £601 4s. 1d.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th November, 1923. Present — The Mayor ; Alderson Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Pates, and Rogers.

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 :—

Selection of Tenants—Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin and Pates.

Garden Prize Scheme—The Mayor : Aldermen Bendall and Taylor and Councillor Moore.

3 —Temporary Recreation Ground—Read, application from Messrs. Smiths Systems, Ltd., to rent a piece of this land adjoining the factory for football. Resolved, That this be not acceded to but that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to offer them the land adjoining Gloucester Road.

4—Nicholl's Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported interview with Mr. Nicholls- He did not admit any legal liability, but was willing to treat one pair of houses, at his own cost, without prejudice, with a wash of silicate and cement to see if this would prevent the dampness complained of, and also attend to the faulty roofs of one pair of houses.

5—Privet Hedges—The Borough Surveyor reported that portions of the privet hedges in front of the houses on the Estate were dead. mainly owing to the dry season when they were planted. Messrs. Hopwood & Sons were willing to supply the plants required at half cost viz.. 5.900 plants at £22 2s. 6d. and the builders' estimates for planting amounted to £30. Resolved, That the privet be provided if the Contractors will provide the labour for planting at their own cost.

6—Floors—The Borough Surveyor reported that several of the ground floors had developed dry rot which was due to the use of linoleum or similar floor covering. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to point out to Tenants the undesirability of using linoleum etc.. for these floors.

7—Building Land--Read. letter of 30th ult., from Ministry of Health suggesting that the Council should further discuss the question of price for taking over the remaining land with the District Valuer. Resolved, That the District Valuer be informed that the Committee will be pleased to confer with him on the matter.

8—Building Site—Read, letter of 24th ult.. from the District Valuer valuing the site, having a width of 33 ft. to Tennyson Road and a depth of 100 feet to Shakespeare Road, for which enquiry had been made from a prospective purchaser at A purchaser at this price would be under no liability for any road making charge.

9—Site for New Houses—Read. letter from the District Valuer stating that he had reduced his valuation made in July last, of the site for 10 pairs of houses from £1200 to £1000 having regard to the short length of sewer existing in Byron Road and that the water main was only laid along a portion of Milton Road and the Electricity main did not extend to the site in question. Resolved, That the amended Valuation be agreed to.

10—Housing Act. 1923—Read, letter from Ministry of Health of 12th inst., approving the proposals of the Council for affording financial assistance to private enterprise in the erection of houses by means of lump sum grants in respect of 40 houses during the next three months. Certificates should only be issued for houses to be commenced before the 31st March next and completed before the 31st September next, and, it was assumed that in administering the scheme it was the intention of the Council to exercise discrimination having regard to the value of the houses or otherwise with a view to ensuring that Certificates were issued only in respect of houses for the working classes and

not in respect of houses for which there is a market without the grant of assistance. The Ministry also approved the further proposals for guaranteeing advances by Building Societies on the lines submitted and also approved of the Council advertising tenders for a further 15 pairs of houses.

11—Spare Land—Resolved, That the Orchard adjoining, Messrs. Smiths Systems. Limited be let to Mr. Thomas Bassett of 23, Tennyson Road at a rent of £8 per annum plus rates and taxes, on the expiration of Mr. R. Doxsey's tenancy, subject to his entering into an Agreement containing similar terms as the present tenancy Agreement.

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12—Sewers—Read, letter from Messrs. Chatters, Smithson & Rainger that they had referred to Mr. Drew's original estimate and were satisfied that the allowance of £200 to be made by him from £569 17s. 8d. for the construction of a new sewer was a fair one. Resolved, That they be authorised to instruct Mr. Drew to have the sewer constructed.

13—Sale of Houses --Resolved, That the 10 pairs of houses now being erected be offered for sale at the price of £425 per house.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th November, 1923. Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, St. Clair, Stanley. Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Mrs. E. C. Gurney and Mrs. G. Mellersh.

1—Chairman - Resolved, That Councillor Captain 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 Wednesday, the 14th November, 1923 : Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold.

1—Appointment of 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—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; and Councillor Mann.

Requisitions (Stationery, etc.)—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Mann and Yarnold.

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

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

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th inst., 1923. Present--The Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Cap, Trye. Herman Bendall in the chair).

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways --The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 12th October to 15th November, 1923 inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 8th inst., 879 loads collected, 864 consumed and 15 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1136 tons 11 cwts).

4—Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tree at the back of No. 17, Montpellier Terrace had now been pollarded.

5—Dangerous Corner-- -Pilley Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that with the consent of the owner the hedge at the corner of Leckhampton Road and Pilley Lane had been cut down to about 4 feet.

6—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Meadow Mills Company objected to Billposting Strippings being included in the waste paper sent them. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the Billposting waste burnt at the Destructor.

7—Reinstatement of Trenches—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make the following fixed charges for reinstatement of trenches in roads opened by builders, unless there are special circumstances, viz in respect of water trench and 15s for a drain trench.

S--Street Projections—Read. application of 16th inst., from the United Chemists Association asking for permission to place three projecting signs at the premises of Mr. Cecil Norman, one on his shop frontage in Montpellier Walk, one on the back of the premises in Montpellier Street and one on shop frontage at his branch in Montpellier Street, also an application from Mr. W. H. Tandy of 14, Bennington Street for permission to erect a sign outside his premises. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the signs being fixed signs and not projecting more than 2 ft. 6 ins, from the main wall and being at least 12 feet clear above the pavement.

9--Petrol Pump--- Resolved, That Mr. W. Stockwell be granted permission to erect a pump on his premises at 17, Upper Bath Road with an arm over the pavement at a height, when in use, of at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and not extending beyond the edge of the footpath, subject to his entering into the usual Agreement.

10—Telegraph Line— Park Drive—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Superintending Engineer Post Office Telegraphs withdrawing his application for consent to the placing of an overhead line with a Pole in Park Drive.

11-Fairview Road--- Councillor Sawyer reported that the owners of the land adjoining this road were now willing to give up the strip of land containing about 650 square yards for widening this road on the following terms (a) £150 to be paid the Vendors together with their Solicitors' costs in respect of Conveyance and costs of their Surveyors, (b) the existing wall to be rebuilt and boarded on top to the satisfaction of the Vendors Surveyor, (c) pending completion of new wall the Vendors' land to be securely fenced to satisfaction of Lessees so as to prevent trespass on the Athletic ground, (d) the existing bank of the track to be made properly secure to satisfaction of their Surveyor after excavation of the road so as to prevent any possible damage to new wall by the slipping of the bank, (e) the Corporation to arrange terms with the Football Club and the Billposting Company in respect of their interests. Councillor Sawyer also reported that the Football Club would be willing to give up the land for a payment of £20 and the compensation required by the Billposting Company would be about £20. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept these offers. Resolved, Also, that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for their sanction to a loan for £160 for the cost of carrying out this improvement, 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 by their circular letter of 18th May last.

12—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th inst : Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold. (Alderman Bendall in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

Promenade-----That the request of the Memorialists for the widening of the Promenade Carriageway adjoining Nos. 1 to 13 be not acceded to.

Swindon Road —Footpath—That the Footpath in Swindon Road by Maud's Elm be gravelled for a length of about 160 yards.

Winchcomb Place—That the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company be asked to pave with tar macadam the whole area in Winchcomb Place between the outside rails and that the Corporation deal with the remainder.

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Pittville Circus—That a dangerous tree by Cotswold Grange, Pittville Circus Road be felled and replaced by a small chestnut tree.

London Road—Trees--That three trees near Ashling Villas be felled and replaced with silver birch trees.

Dangerous Corner—That the owner of the Garden at the junction of Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road be approached with a view to the corner being rounded off.

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

13—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on 19th 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, 19th November, 1923: Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Rogers and Sawyer.

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.
1759	Royal Insurance Company	New Office Front, to, Promenade.
1763	Newman, Mrs.	Amended Plan for extension of room at " Deerhurst," Portland Street,
1767	Millard, Mrs. E. J.	Addition to and new Bay Window at 22, Leicester Terrace, Naunton Lane.
1768	Bendall, J. T.	Cycle House, " Homefield," Old Bath Road.
1769	Bramwell, Mr.	Motor House " Lucerne," Andover Road.
1770	Fullers, Limited.	Alterations to Sa, Promenade,
1771	Bendall & Sons.	8 Semi Detached Houses, Old Bath Road.
1772	L. W. Barnard.	Motor House, 31, Promenade.
1773	Hill, A. C.	New Bay Windows, 7, Charlton Place, London Road..
1774	Hough, J. A.	Detached House, Gloucester Road
1775	Original Brewery Company	Temporary Motor Garage, Leckhampton Inn, Shurdington Road.
1776	Selley, H.	New Shop Front, 19 and 21, Fairview Road.
1777	Cheltenham Corporation.	20 Houses, Milton and Byron Roads,
1778	Bowles, Miss E. E.	Detached House, Swindon Road, North.
1779	Swabey, R. C.	Temporary Workshop, New Street rear of Soup Kitchen.

1780	Poynton, T. H.	New Entrance Porch, Pittville Lodge, Pittville Lawn.
1781	B. and W. L. Chinn.	Roofing over Yard, Bath Parade.
1782	Ladies' College Council	Temporary Building in the Playing Ground off Christ Church Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1763, 1767, 1769, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1781 and 1782 be approved, and that Plan No. 1768 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that the same shall be removed within three month alter notice requiring removal ; that Plan No 1770 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 1775, 1779, 1780 and 1759 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th November. 1923 : Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruet Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead.

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 Hail and Winter Garden—Councillors Pates and Stewart

Alstone Baths—The Mayor and Councillor Stewart.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th November, 1923 :—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Pates, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Alstone Mill Premises— Resolved, That Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter be instructed to let these premises, and that they be authorised to insert a week's advertisement in the " Echo" and also an advertisement in the "Evesham Journal."

5 —Masseuse--It was reported that Madame Godecharle had resigned her position as Sister-in Charge, and on the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Committee it was Resolved, That Miss Ethel M. Silver, C.S.M.M.G., be appointed Sister-in-Charge at £3 3s. per week, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

Assistant Masseuse—Resolved, also, That Miss Briand be appointed Assistant Masseuse at £2 15s. per week, the appointment to be determinable by the like notice.

Resolved, also, That none of the Staff be allowed to undertake private professional work.

Resolved, also, That in case of bath patients unable to attend at the Medical Baths for massage or other treatment, treatment be given at the house of the patients at a charge of 6s for local massage, and 8s 6d for full massage, plus travelling expenses, and that the Medical Advisory Committee fix the charge for other treatments having regard to the distance and other circumstances; the staff to receive fifty per cent. of the fee for treatment undertaken after ordinary hours of work.

6—Town Hall—Oil Painting—Resolved, That an oil painting entitled "The Return of the Corsairs," offered by the Art Gallery, be hung in the Drawing Room.

7—International Society of Medical Hydrology—Resolved, That an invitation be given to this Society to include Cheltenham in their Study Tour next year.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd November, 1923 : Present—Councillors Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Medical Baths--(a) Advertising Scheme—Resolved, That the advertisements in the Local Papers be deferred until the New Year and that in the meantime the Joint Sub-Committee be asked to arrange and submit for approval " copy " for same.

(b) Mr. Stretton (Superintendent of the Baths) attended and expressed his willingness to take a course of instruction in Massage. Resolved, That the Medical Advisory Committee be asked to report upon this proposal.

9—Town Hall—(a) Grand Piano--The Spa Manager reported an offer by Messrs. Crichton's, Ltd., of a second-hand grand piano by Collard and Collard at £45; it had been inspected by Mr. Dawes who recommended that it be purchased in place of the present piano, which is worn out, Resolved, That the purchase be approved and the present piano sold.

(b) Ventilation—The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to the regulation of the heating of the Town Hall. Resolved, That consideration of this be deferred until the next Meeting of the Committee and that this be held at the Town Hall.

10—St. George's Square—Bowling Green—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, approving of this scheme for the purpose of a grant of 50 per cent. of the interest on the loan of not exceeding £800, such grant to be operative for a period of fifteen years; the formal sanction to the loan would be issued in due course, and the work could now be commenced. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work. and the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to give any necessary instructions as to details of the laying out which may be required.

The Town Clerk submitted draft lease with the United Services Bowling Club, and list of names and addresses of the proposed guarantors. Resolved, That these be approved and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed to the lease.

11—Spa Federation —The Spa Manager submitted Report of the Hi-Annual Conference held at Buxton on the 28th and 29th September last, Resolved, That the Report be approved and referred to the Medical Advisory Committee for consideration.

12—**Concerts Sub-Committee** — The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 13th inst., was read.

They recommended as follows:—

Town Hall Lettings—(a) That any application for booking rooms at the Town Hall for any date more than four months in advance be referred to the Sub-Committee for sanction.

(b) That any person booking the hall must definitely book any supplementary rooms required at least 48 hours before the date of the event taking place.

(c) That the use of the Town Hall on the 13th December from 7.30 p.m., to 1 a.m. be granted to the Sunningend Entertainments Committee for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Unemployed Christmas Fund free of charge except the cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

(d) Cheltenham Orchestral Society--That a discount of so per cent. from the usual charges be allowed to the Cheltenham Orchestral Society on payment within one month of the date of the Concert. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

13-Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 907; Montpellier Baths 17 ; Pittville Chalet 54 ; and Pittville Pump Room 11.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th November, 1923. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Stanley, Capt. Trye and Whitaker.

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 Wednesday, 21st November, 1923: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2-Generating Plant -The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. W. R. Allen & Sons, Limited, who provided in the it tender for a larger condensing plant than that asked for in his specification had now reduced their tender by £600. They would provide a smaller condensing plant but this would still be larger than asked for ay his specification, and he recommended the acceptance of their revised tender amounting to £12,094 4s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

3—Motor Generator --The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to obtain tenders for a 150 K.W. motor generator to supply the direct current necessary for driving the condensing plant for the motors and other auxiliary machinery and tenders were also required for the necessary pipe work to connect the new plant with the existing plant. Resolved, That he be instructed to obtain tenders accordingly and also that he be authorised to dispose of the two existing generating sets which would be displaced.

4—Extension to Up Hatherley—The Town Clark reported that application had been made to the Electricity Commissioners for an Order enabling a supply to be given to Coney Gree, Greenwood Leghe, Church of St. Philip and St. James; and Parish Hall and Vicarage in Hatherley Road, and an Order had now been made by the Commissioners under Section 6 of the Electricity Supply Act, 1909. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension of main in Hatherley Road to give a supply to the Parish Hall, Church and Vicarage.

5—Supply to Greenwood Leghe—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be also authorised to extend the main to Greenwood Leghe at an estimated cost of £157 subject to the Occupier agreeing to pay a contribution towards the cost of the Main and give a guarantee to cover the balance.

6—Westinghouse Condenser Resolved, That a new alternating current motor for driving the air and circulating pumps of the Westinghouse condenser which had recently broken down, be purchased at an estimated cost of £100, the present motor being retained as a stand by.

7—Subscriptions to Associations--Resolved That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners under Section 30 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919 for the sanction of the Commissioners to the payment of the Annual Contributions to the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, the District Joint Industrial Council, the District Joint Board and the Engineering Standards Association.

8--Electric Light Standards—Resolved, That the offer of the Car and General Insurance Company, Limited to pay half the cost of replacing the electric lamp standard in Marle Hill Road, damaged on the 7th October last and a similar offer from the Railway Passengers Assurance Company, in respect of a Lamp at the corner of Regent Street and Ormond Place, damaged on the 27th October last be accepted subject to their agreeing that future claims will be similarly dealt with although the damage may not be due to negligence.

9 --Public Lighting—Read, letter from Mr. F. Quinn asking for a light to be provided in the cul-de-sac leading out of Oriel Road on which numbers 2 and 3 Oriel Villas abut, The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there were several other applications for additional lamps waiting to be dealt with. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Mann and Welstead be appointed to view these with authority to have lamps provided if they consider necessary.

10—A. J. Dunn —The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Albert James Dunn of 4, Birdlip Place, Bath Road, whose supply was cut off some time ago, had opened the Corporation main fuses by breaking the seal and reconnected his supply. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against him.

11—Gas Tests—Read. Reports of Gas tests made on the 29th October, 3rd, 9th, 13th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 457, 468, 472, 484 and 473 and the pressure 3.9, 4.6, 3.8, 3.8 and 4.6 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th November, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd November, 1923: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman 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 36 days, ended 19th November, 1923.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	156,000 gallons	116,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,308,000 "	681,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	43,000	32,000
Total	1,507,000	829,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 19th November 1923.	Depth	Contents 19th November, 1922.
Hewletts		20,860,000 gallons		22,937,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 7in.	39,343,000 "	18ft. 0in.	37,205,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,255,000 "	7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		61,418,000		61,087,000

2 —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	770	5959
" taps found leaking ..	54	493
" defective flushing boxes	11	160
" defective stop taps ..	9	47
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	52	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>53</u>	
	105	836
" notices served re fittings	37	385
" meters changed	4	119
" houses connected ..	78	501
"burst pipes discovered	8	55
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	30	179

3—Extension of Main—Old Bath Road—The Borough Engineer reported that a shorter route for the extension of this main had been substituted for that originally proposed, enabling a 2 inch (instead of 3 inch) main to be laid, and that Mr. Peter Fulcher, who had carried out the excavation and filling in of the trench, had paid the cost of the main, plus £15, being half cost of tank. Total received £52. Resolved, That this be approved.

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4—Dowdeswell Reservoir — Mechanical Filters— The Borough Engineer submitted Report, dated. 15th inst., (copy of which accompanies the Minutes) as to the `Water Supply generally and the provision of Mechanical Filters at Dowdeswell including particulars of Filtration Schemes and Tenders therefor from four firms. He recommended acceptance of the tender of the Candy Filter Co. amounting to £3,482. In addition there would be the cost of filter house, tanks and other works which he estimated at £3,800 making a total cost of £7,282. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept the tender of the Candy Filter Co., Ltd., subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into. Resolved, Also, That application be made to the Unemployment Committee for Sanction to a Loan of £7,282 and for a Grant equal to 50 per cent. of the interest on such loan for a period of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered in their Circular letter of 6th July last.

5—Sandford Mead Allotments—Piggery—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Daniel Beak had applied on behalf of the Cheltenham Model Piggery Club to be released from the tenancy of pig styes and boiler house on 25th December next. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the question of letting the styes and house be adjourned for further consideration.

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 November, 1923. Present The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Steel; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold.

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

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

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

4—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that there were two cases of contagious diseases amongst animals in the Borough, viz.: Swine Fever at Hanover Gardens and Foot and Mouth Disease at Arle Farm. This outbreak was confirmed on the 15th inst., and all the animals on the premises, viz.: 45 cows, 1 Bull 20 calves, and 64 pigs had been slaughtered by order of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease--The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease Orders, dated the 9th, 12th and 19th inst. The two first Orders had already been published, and the other Order would be published as soon as possible.

(c) Imported Animals Order, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order and circular letter of the 16th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, asking local Authorities to take special measures to enforce the provisions thereof with regard to detention of imported animals at the place of destination as specified in the Licence. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins' attention be called thereto.

5—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain--The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Ham Hill Farm, Charlton Kings, but were unable to attend owing to difficulty of horsing the Engine.

(b) Motor Fire Engine—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Ministry of Health of sanctions to a loan of £1332 for a Motor Fire Engine, for a period of ten years from date of borrowing.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences— Resolved, That the application of Mr. R. W. Westborough of the Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street, for a licence in respect of a motor cab be granted, subject to a satisfactory report on the cab being received from Messrs Mills & Sons.

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7—Omnibus Service --Cheltenham and Gloucester—Read letter of the 27th ult., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, asking for approval of proposal to divert a certain number of the journeys at present run between Cheltenham and Gloucester on the Main Road, to a route via Hatherley Road, touching the outskirts of Up-Hatherley, through The Reddings, the village of Churchdown, and then on to the main Gloucester Road, This

suggested alteration would not necessitate any additional omnibuses and would make no difference in their present half-hourly service between Cheltenham and Gloucester. They proposed to reduce the existing fares from 1s to 9d. with reductions also in some of the fares for shorter distances.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of these proposals.

Winchcomb and Cheltenham— Read, application from. Miss I. V. Morris for a licence for a motor omnibus, seating fourteen persons, to ply between Winchcomb and Cheltenham at the following fares, viz.: To Cheltenham rod., To Cleeve Hill 5d., to Prestbury Rd. Resolved, That a licence be granted for one omnibus, and also a driver's licence.

St. Marks and Cheltenham Cemetery—Read, application from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, for licences for three omnibuses for a half-hourly service between St. Marks and Cheltenham Cemetery, viz.: From top of Tennyson Road, along Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road, Montpellier, Promenade, High Street and Hewlett Road; at the following fares:—

Lansdown Hotel and Colonnade (Martins)	1 ½ d. either way
Colonnade (Martins) and All Saint's Road	

Junction of Brooklyn Road and Tennyson Road, and Lansdown Hotel	
Bath Road and Harp Hill	2d. either way
Lansdown Castle and Montpellier	
All Saint's Road and Cemetery „ .	

Junction of Brooklyn Road and Tennyson Road, and Montpellier Rotunda	2 ½ d. either way
Belle Vue and Cemetery	

Colonnade (Martins) and Harp Hill ..	3d. either way
Lansdown Castle and Colonnade (Martins)	

Junction of Brooklyn Road and Tennyson Road, and Colonnade (Martins)	3 ½ d. either way
Colonnade (Martins) and Cemetery	

Junction of Brooklyn Road and Tennyson Road, and Cemetery ..	7d. either way
Junction of Brooklyn Road and Tennyson Road, and Harp Hill	6d. either way

Resolved, That licences be granted and the necessary drivers' licences.

8—Carbide Licence—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd. to store five cwt. of carbide at 34, Winchcomb Street.

9—Petrol Licences—The Town Clerk submitted list of Petrol and Carbide Licences not taken up. Resolved, That the authority for issue of these licences be cancelled unless they are taken up before the end of this month, and that the Inspector be instructed to inspect the premises to see if the stores are being used.

10—Parking of Motors—The Town Clerk submitted tabulated statement of replies from various towns as to the arrangements made for parking of motors in the public streets. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of the undermentioned places being used by motorists to park their private cars and cycles for a reasonable period while they are engaged in shopping or making business calls, subject to the right of withdrawing permission at any time

(a) The Promenade—Inner road on side adjoining garden. (b) Imperial Square—East and South side adjoining Winter garden ground, except in front of gate entrance and (c) Cambray—(except portion on Tramway Route) in centre of carriage way.

Cars, etc., only to be permitted to stand during hours when lights are not required by law, and all vehicles and contents to be at owner's risk, Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have lines marked on the roadway defining the parking area, and that cars be parked at an angle of 45 degrees within the defined area.

Resolved, also, That notice be advertised in the Echo," of the arrangements made.

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11—Market---- (a) Lavatory accommodation—Mr. A. E. Hudson, the Sanitary Inspector, reported that there was a lack of sanitary conveniences for women at the Market and recommended that these should be provided by altering and adapting the store room adjoining the existing w.c's and utilising the space available at the Abattoir for the stores. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of providing one w.c. at £20, and an additional one at £10. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that two w.c's. be provided at a cost of £30.

(b) Shed, etc.—Read letter of the 26th ult., from the Manager of the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., stating that the roof of the shed (with basket store on top) needed repair, and also asking for planking to be provided for the Auctioneer to stand on in the Gloucester Road shed. Resolved, That the roof be repaired and that the planking be also provided at an estimated cost of £3 3s.

12-21, Promenade—Resolved, That the Lease of these premises be renewed to the Promenade Club for five years from the 25th March next, at an increased rent of £110 per annum with a proviso enabling the Corporation to determine the Lease at any time by twelve months' notice if the premises are required for Corporation purposes, and also by the Club by a like notice if the Club find that they are unable to carry on.

13—Postal Service—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Postmaster, enquiring if the Corporation had any objection to the last delivery on Saturdays being altered to 1 p.m. instead of 1-45 p.m. The only mails which would be excluded from the delivery if this change were made would be those arriving from Bristol and Birmingham at 1-18 p.m. and 1-35 p.m. respectively. Resolved, That the proposal be not approved,

14—Summer Time - - Read, letters of the 8th and 19th inst., from the Early Closing Association, asking the Corporation for a special contribution from their advertising funds to the Association for further propaganda in support of their application for extension of summer time. Resolved, That they be informed that the Council are unable to make a contribution.

15—Railway Service--Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association. asking the Council to support a request to the Great Western Railway Company to restore cheap Tickets from Foss Cross, Chedworth and Withington to Cheltenham on Thursdays and Saturdays. Resolved, That the Great Western Railway Company be urged to provide these facilities.

16—Unemployment Relief Schemes—Resolved, That the Report of the Borough Surveyor with reference to particulars of additional Schemes be adjourned for consideration at a special Meeting to be held on Monday the 26th November, inst., at 3 p.m., together with letter from Mr. C. Cook, Secretary to the Cheltenham Branch of the National Painters and Decorators Association.

17—Municipal Offices- - Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fit up the room available on the top floor as a retiring room for the use of members of the Council at a cost not exceeding £30.

18 -- Mortuary, Market Street —Resolved, That this Mortuary, which is now disused, be advertised to let, and if no applications for tenancy are received the Borough Surveyor be authorised to use the same as a store.

19 Shops Acts -The Shops Acts Inspector reported contravention of the Acts by sales after closing hours, as follows:— The Globe Inn, on the 2nd inst.; Mr. Taylor, grocer, Henrietta Street, on the 5th inst.; Mrs. Ballinger, 20, Great Norwood Street, on the 9th inst.; and Mr. W. Sollis, 2, Sherborne Street, on the 15th inst. The Inspector recommended that a Notice be advertised pointing out that the provisions of the Shops Acts were not a war time measure but still continued in force Resolved, That the Proprietors of these shops be warned that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken. Resolved, also, That a Notice be advertised as recommended by the Shops Acts Inspector.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

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At a Special Meeting- of this Committee held on Monday, 26th November, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

20-Unemployment Relief Schemes--The Report of the Borough Surveyor submitting particulars of additional works for providing relief of unemployment was considered. The Borough Surveyor also reported that the relief works already authorised provided employment for a minimum of 88 men per week, making 176 for alternate weeks employment. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of the following works for relief of unemployment and to make application to the Unemployment Grants Committee for grants in aid in accordance with the terms offered in their circular letters, and that subject to such grants being made the various Committees concerned be instructed to have the works put in hand :—

(1) Hewletts Reservoir—To concrete the floor of No. 3 Reservoir. Approximate cost £2,200.

(2) Dowdeswell Reservoir— Embankment—To raise the Embankment where it has subsided, including clay puddling to same as recommended by the Report made by Mr. Sandeman. Approximate cost £500.

(3) Sedimentation Basin—To clean out the Sedimentation Basin. Approximate cost £700.

(4) Refuse Destructor— To construct new road from Tewkesbury Road to the Destructor, etc, on land recently acquired for this purpose. Approximate cost £200.

(5) Old Bath Road -- Widening (County Main Road). To widen the narrow portion of the Old Bath Road between Thirlestaine Road and the end of " Laracor," provided adjoining owners will give up the land required for this. Approximate cost £500.

(6) Housing Estate—Fences, To plant privet or quick hedges along the temporary wire boundary fence at the rear of the houses. Approximate cost. £480.

(7) Cemetery Road—Widening (County Main Road). To fill in the ditch and widen the carriageway to include the grass verge. Approximate cost £400.

(8) Hayden Sewage Farm—To construct one or two additional sludge beds on private lands adjoining the Sewage Farms, to facilitate the disposal of sewage sludge. Approximate cost £30.

(9) Abattoir—To under-drain the paddock belonging to the Abattoir, Approximate cost £80

(10) Promenade—Footpath (County Contribution Road). To relay footpath to new levels with existing stone flags and provide new kerbing and asphalt and gravel margins from the New Club to end of the Winter Garden Approximate cost £350.

(11) Pittville Lake--To clean out the mud deposit. Approximate cost £300.

21-Hewletts Reservoir—Loan—Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for sanction to a loan for the cost of concreting the No. 3 Reservoir at Hewletts at an estimated cost of £2,200.

22-Painting-The Committee considered letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the N.S.P.D, Resolved, That tenders be obtained for painting the back of the Municipal Offices and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the desirability of tarring or painting the railings in the Public Gardens and Recreation Grounds.

23—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Home Office stating that the Order putting Sections 87 to 89 of this Act in force in the Borough would repeal the similar Sections, 53 and 54, of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

24—Petrol Licence—Resolved, That the application of F. W. Stockwell for a Licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at 1, Clare Street, Bath Road, be granted.

25—Borough Surveyor's Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to have additional technical assistance for the supervision, etc of the relief works and that he had ascertained that the services of Mr. R. S. W. Walters, who was engaged as a temporary Assistant last year were again available, Resolved, That he be authorised to re-engage Mr. Walters as a temporary Assistant on the same terms as last year.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 12th November. 1923 Present----Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold, Messrs. F. W. Clarke, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend.

Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stanley 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. F. W. Clarkson and F. Vizard

East Ward Mr. E. M. Yeend.

South Ward Councillor Farrar.

3—Turner's Field Allotments--The Town Clerk reported that he had received replies from 40 out of 45 tenants agreeing to pay an increased rent of 22s 6dd. per chain. Resolved, That the tenancy be continued as a yearly tenancy from the expiration of the current lease at a rent of £37 per annum, subject to the conditions of the lease so far as applicable thereto, with a provision enabling the Landlord to determine the tenancy upon giving seven calendar months' notice in writing prior to the 25th March or the 29th September if the land is required for building purpose,...

A. E. STANLEY.

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th November, 1923. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, 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 Farrar and Yarnold.

Barrett's Mill .. Councillors Pruen and Welstead.

Naunton Park . Aldermen Bendall and Steel.

Whaddon Lane .. Councillors Sawyer and Stanley.

3—Pittville Estate—(a) Lake View---The Borough surveyor submitted an amended plan for the alteration of this house. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) Pitville Lake—Catchpit--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dean out the catchpit, hr means of unemployed labour, at an estimated cost of £60 as provided for in the estimates.

(c) Tree—Albert Road Nurseries— Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. R. Ware making claim for damage to fence by a fallen bough of a tree, and asking for the tree to be removed. Resolved, That liability be not admitted and that the tree be viewed.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th November, 1923: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel : Councillors Rogers and Stewart ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez.

1—Chairman- Resolved, That Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2--Curator's Report—Number of visitors in October, 3,598 against 1,582) ; daily average 133. The attendance was 4,200 ahead of the corresponding period last year. Sale of post-cards 6s 4d. Collection Box 19s 7d. 81 elementary school children visited in charge of teachers.

Museum Lecture-210 persons attended the lecture on the 12th November by Mr. O. G. S. Crawford, B.A., F.S.A., on "Prehistoric Britain from the Air."

The exhibition of pictures by the Cheltenham Group of Artists will be opened on 26th November. Mr. S. Berkeley Smith had forwarded a further example of Blanc de Chine, which had been added to his collection. The Curator reported on the need of supervision, and the provision of further glass-cases in the Museum. Resolved, That the Report be approved and that consideration of the question of supervision be adjourned.

3—Donations to Museum—The following gifts had been received ; Miss Bradfield, Coin Frame ; Mr. T. C. Nixon, Two Staffordshire Plates with local views; Mr. Minett, Fragments of mediaeval tiles from Tintern Abbey ; Mrs. E. Rogerson, Archaeological specimens brought from Nineveh in 1846 by Sir Henry Layard ; Capt. R. P. Wild, Leatherwork box from Sierra Leone ; Mr. A. E. Whitehouse, Australian Duckbill ; Mr. H. J. Constance, Sun-dried Tibetan brick from the Younghusband Expedition.

4—Donations to Art Gallery-- The following pictures were offered as gifts ;

(a) From Mr. Alexander Smith. Battledown House—a large oil painting by Sydney Herbert, entitled “Saved From the Corsairs”.

(b) From Sir Wm. T. Thistleton Dyer. The Ferns, Witcombe---a small oil painting by V. Chavigny, entitled " At the Seaside."

The Curator had secured the consent of the donors to hang the pictures, if accepted, in any convenient Corporation property.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to the donors. and that as to 4 (a) the Curator's suggestion to hang this picture in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall be approved, and referred to the Town Improvement Committee for their consideration.

5—Purchase—The Curator reported the offer of several subscriptions towards the purchase of a picture from the present Exhibition, and recommended the purchase of " Morning on the Moors," by L. Burleigh Bruhl, R.B.A., P. B.W.S. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, the cost of £31 10s. 0d. to be borne by Visitors' Subscriptions.

6—Exhibition—The Curator reported an offer of the Autumn Exhibition (September and October, 1924) of the British Water Colour Society. Resolved, That the offer be accepted on the usual terms.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1923. Present : The Mayor; Councillors Manu, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold. Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Yarnold be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd November, 1923: Present —Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold. (Councillor .Yarnold in the chair).

2-Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 20th October to 23rd November Interments, 46 ; Exclusive Rights in 19 graves sold (first class, 7; second class, 2 ; third class 1 and fourth class 9). Monuments erected, g. Inscriptions, so.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6871 to 6888 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 graves of Mabel Tavenner, Robert Pitman Gill, and Alfred Burrough ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Edward P. Mainwaring; Memorial Cross to grave of Emily Campbell ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Horatio P. Fernald; and Memorial Kerbing to grave of James M. Thompson.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th November, 1923 : Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Stanley ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers.

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

2—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann and St Clair ; 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.

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3--Librarian's Report — Receipts,£9 13s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,301 (last year 3,806). Lending Library 9,355 (last year 10,925). Children's Library 2,086 (last year 1,510). Total daily average issue 770 (last year 633).

Lectures—There was an attendance of 240 at the extra lecture given by Miss R. Weeden-Cooke on " The Roman Forum," on the 17th October.

Presentations--Mr. C. W. Bell-Raisbeck (r Elizabethan Deed, dated 1598), Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., (32 pamphlets, vol.), Mrs. A. Crooke, (1 vol.), Miss Hailstone, (6 vols.), Miss Henley, (79 vols.), Manager, G.W.R., (1 vol), Messrs. A. & F. Pears, Ltd., (1 vol.), Mr. L. Richardson, (3 vols.), Councillor A. St. Clair, (12 pamphlets), Mr. S. Sidney-Humphries, (1 vol.), H. M. Stationery Office (2 vols.) Under Secretary of State for India, (1 vol.). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Resolved,—That 24 new books published at £10 1s. 0d. be purchased for £6 10s. 6d.

5—Resolved, That the extra cost (£1 16s. 6d.) of three coats oil paint on Lending Library ceiling (instead of two coats whitewash) be paid to W. East, and that his quotation for varnishing windows, etc., at £1 17s. 6d. be accepted.

6—Jubilee Tower—The Librarian reported upon damage to the fabric by the access of driving rains through this Tower, owing to the serious defects which have developed through the zinc roofing-sheets having fallen from their original positions. Resolved, That the Chairman, Borough Engineer and Librarian, be asked to consider and report at a further meeting.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th November 1923: Present—The Mayor; Councillors St. Clair and Whitaker

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, 27th November, 1923, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2-General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £6,903 6s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £28,007 8s 9d.

3—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 £3,655 13s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £15,953 0s 9d.

4—Loans—Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £15,663 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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5—Audit Stamp Duty—The Borough Accountant reported that the Audit Stamp Duty for the year ended 31st March last on an expenditure exceeding £300,000 was £200. Resolved, That slim be passed for payment.

6—Cemetery--Ministers' Fees—The Borough Accountant reported that arrangements had been made for Ministers' Fees to be paid quarterly instead of monthly as hitherto. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Expenditure Resolved, That this Committee recommend that it be an instruction of the Council that any expenditure exceeding £50, not provided for in the Estimates for the year, recommended by a Committee, shall be reported to the next meeting of the Finance Committee and also, that any recommendation by a Committee to apply for Sanction to a Loan be reported in the same way, so that the Finance Committee may consider such proposals before the Meeting of the Council,

8—Fire Engine —Insurance—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain quotations for insurance of the new Motor Fire, Engine from the County Fire Office, Ltd. and the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., Ltd., and that he be accept a suitable quotation and insure the Engine as soon as delivered.

9--Sanction to Loans -The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to the following Loans

Date 1923	Purpose.	Amount.	Period for repayment
November 16th	Hayden Knoll Storm Water Carrier reconstruction	£1,200	30 years.
November 24th	Open Space--St. George's Square, Bowling Green	£800	20 years.

10—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 27th inst Present : Alderman Steel (in the Chair); the Mayor and Councillor Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment., except one for £44 from Crichtons. Ltd., for a second-hand grand piano.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd January, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th, day of January. 1924, 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 appoint three Representative Trustees of Stansby's Charity.
4. 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 • 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

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faith fully,

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

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 December, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor -Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.)

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer Stewart, St. Clair, Captain Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold

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

2—Shops Acts— Christmas—Read, circular letter of 1st inst.. from the stating that an Order had been made suspending the operation of General Early Closing Order from the 17th to the 24th inst., inclusive.

3—Art Gallery and Museum—Berkeley Smith Collection —Read. letter October last, from Mr. S. Berkeley Smith, thanking the Council for the Resolution of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, adopted at Meeting of Council on 1st October.

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4—Education Committee —Resolved, That the Rev. R. L. Hodson be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee, as his present term of Office will expire on the 6th instant.

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 ...	Meetings held November 9 & 12
Housing ...	Meeting held November 13
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held November 16
Street and Highway ...	Meetings held November 14 & 19*

* Subject to the following amendment viz:—" that £1,610 be substituted for the figure £160 in Minute No. it, relative to Fairview Road.

Town Improvement and Spa ...	Meetings held November 9,16 & 23
Electricity and Lighting	Meetings held November 16 & 21
Water	Meetings held November 16 & 22
General Purposes and Watch	Meetings held November 20* & 26

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.:—

" That the words 'within the defined area in a single line running lengthways with the road, with a space of three yards between each car to allow a car to get out of the line without interfering with another car,' be substituted for the words 'at an angle of 45 degrees within the defined area,' in the First Resolution to Minute No. 10.

Allotments ...	Meeting held November 12
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held November 12
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held November 14
Burial Board	Meetings held November 17 & 23
Public Library	Meeting held November 13
Finance	Meetings held November 16 & 27*

* Subject to the following amendment, viz :—That the account for £44 from Crichton's, Ltd., referred to in Minute No. 10, be passed for payment."

* 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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 [.] th January, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 10th December, 1923: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh fames, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas 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.:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and Elm Cottage, Swindon Road ; 13, Victoria Place, Fairview; 1, Station Street ; 27, St. James' Street ; 59, 60 and 61 Sun Street ; Cross Keys Inn, and No. 40, Albert Street ; and 17, Waterloo Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 11, Oakfield Terrace, Oakfield Street ; Grove Villa, Albany Road ; and 264, High Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was

affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Insanitary Property-27, St. James' Street ; 13, Victoria Place ; 5 and 6, St. Paul's Street South ; 37, Russell Street; 17, Waterloo Street ; 56, 57 and 58, Townsend Street ; 1, Crowther's Passage, Malvern Street ; 16, Tivoli Street, and 60, Sun 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, and Section 10 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Endcliffe, St. George's Road ; and Nos. 9 and 11, 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) Hill View Cottage ; No. 9a, Hewlett Street ; Keynsham House ; and Nos. 10 and 11, Sidney Street-The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 10th September last (Minute No. 3 (c)) the works specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises and sanitary work had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mealing & Co., at a cost of £31 1s. 0d, for Hill View Cottage; £10 19s. 0d. for 9a, Hewlett street ; £48 19s. 3d. for Keynsham House ; £14 3s. 0d. for 10 Sidney Street ; and £21 8s. 6d. for 11, Sydney Street, making a total of £126 10s. 9d. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Orders declaring the above expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses chargeable on the above mentioned premises respectively by equal monthly instalments within a period of not exceeding 5 years with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum until the whole amount is repaid.

5-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order-Read, application from Mr. A. E. Richards, 22, Union Street, Fairview, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 22 lbs. beef ; 122 lbs. pork ; and 2 cases of pigs kidneys.

7—Disinfection—Wagon Cover—Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. E. Walker to cover and fix wagon top with back sliding curtains to the disinfection wagon for £4, be accepted.

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

9—Cancer-- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Red Cross Society had supplied him with 50 copies of the Memorandum issued in July last by the Ministry of Health and that he was distributing these to the medical practitioners in the town. Resolved, That this be approved.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-17, 18, 48, 64, 57 and 82, Stanhope Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted 3 tenders for the demolition of these premises. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. to demolish the premises in accordance with the specification of the Borough Surveyor and to pay to the Corporation £10 for the materials, being the highest tender, be accepted

11—Farms—A Report by Councillors Leigh James, St. Clair and Whitaker on their visit with the Borough Surveyor to the Wolverhampton Sewage Farm on the 2gth ult., was submitted. Resolved, That the Manager of Wolverhampton Farm be asked to visit the Farms and advise as to dairy farming and generally,

12—Chelt---It was reported that the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Thomas had viewed the weir by Barrett's Mill and recommended its removal at an estimated cost of Resolved, That the weir be removed. Resolved, also, That the question of piping in the watercourse which runs into the Chelt near the weir be adjourned for further consideration.

13—**Report of the Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, St Clair, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Report of the Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 10th inst. 11 horses (6 at Depot); 86 head of cattle ; 12 calves ; 111 sheep ; and 61 pigs all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 calves and 19 pigs had been bred on the Farms. Purchases of seeds and feeding stuffs amounted to £28 5s. 0d. 13 fat sheep and 1 fat heifer had been sold for £84 11s. 7d. and produce for £35 11s. 3d. Total sales £120 2s. 10d.

Land Drain Pipes—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 1,000 4 inch land drain pipes for draining Great Stockings Field at an estimated cost of £6 10s. 0d.

Barn Fares Hut—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have repairs to roof and chimneys of the but carried out.

Cottage at Hayden Knoll—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to obtain an estimate of the repairs required to this cottage in occupation of the cowman. 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, 11th December, 1923. Present — The Mayor ; Aldermen Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the Chair.)

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c—Time of Meeting— Resolved, That in future the ordinary meetings of this Committee be held at 3 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m.

2-Temporary Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor reported that Smiths Systems Ltd. had accepted the offer of the land adjoining Gloucester Road for use as a Football Ground for this season at £3. Resolved, That this be approved,

3—Housing Estate—Fences— The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for supplying privet for hedges at the rear of the property on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hopwood & Sons of £6 per thousand (total cost about £216) be accepted subject to the grant applied for, being made by the Unemployment Grants Committee.

4—Fields 395, 396 and 440—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle enclosing copy of the Valuation made by himself and Mr. Villar showing that after allowing for counter claim for foul land and for straw removed a sum of £46 1s. 9d. was due to Mr. J. R. Brown on the outgoing Valuation. Resolved, That this be paid and repayment from Mr. C. Harris be accepted by 2 instalments payable in March and September next respectively.

5—Tenders for Houses—Tenders for the erection of 15 pairs of Non-parlour type houses were received from six firms. Resolved, That (subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to the sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained to a loan) the tender of Mr. W. Drew to erect the houses at £400 per house, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

Loan—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £12,780 for the cost of the houses (including Architects' fees and 5 per cent for contingencies).

Site— Resolved, That the houses be erected on vacant plots in Tennyson Road and that the Chairman, The Mayor, Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Councillor Whitaker be appointed a Sub-Committee to approve of the plots to be taken, and that application be made to the District Valuer for his Valuation of the land selected.

6—Housing Subsidy—Application was received from Mr. John A Hough of 4, Tennyson Road for a grant of a subsidy for a Bungalow to be erected on land adjoining Benhall Cottage in Gloucester Road containing a superficial area of 665 super. feet. Resolved, That a subsidy of £75 be granted.

7—Housing Act, 1923—Slum Areas—Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be asked to agree to the appointment of a Sub-Committee consisting of four representatives of this Committee and four members of the Public Health Committee to consider a re-housing scheme under Part II. of the Housing Acts, and that the Chairman, The Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Pates be appointed the representatives of this Committee.

8—Sale of Houses- -Read, letter from Mr. F. C. Jennings of Madonna Cottage, Rowanfield Road offering £425 for one of the houses in Byron Road (being the 8th house from Milton Road end). Resolved, That this offer be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into, such contract to provide for the following covenants by the purchaser: (a) To maintain and keep the front garden as a Lawn or Ornamental Garden (b) To use the dwelling house as a private dwelling house and not to cause any nuisance or annoyance to the occupiers of adjoining properties (c) To maintain the fence on the S.E. side and the back fence to be a party fence.

9—Read, letter from Mr. A. D. Ewens of 61, Keighley Terrace offering £425 for another of these houses (being the 6th house from Milton Road end). Resolved, That the offer be accepted on the same terms as set out in Minute No. 8.

10—Resolved, That a Notice Board be erected advertising the houses being built as for sale.

11-54, Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the Tenant complaining of the condition of the house taken by him. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for him to deal with.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th December, 1923. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. 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 November to 13th December, 1923, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th inst., 717 loads collected, 703 consumed and 54 tipped away. (Weight consumed 999 tons 2 cwts. 2 qrs.)

2—Promenade—Footpath--The Borough Surveyor reported that the existing flag stones of the footpath adjoining the Winter Garden were badly worn and broken, and could not be satisfactorily re-laid. He recommended that new slabs be provided at an additional cost of approximately £150, Resolved, That this be approved.

3—Leckhampton Depot—Electricity Sub-Station --Resolved, That consent be given to the erection of a Sub-Station by the Electricity Department at this Depot.

4—Gloucester Road --The Borough Surveyor reported that a new surface water drain was required in Gloucester Road to replace a defective 6 inch pipe, and that the estimated cost thereof was £170. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

5—High Street—Advertisement Hoarding--Read, Memorial of 26th ult., from Residents in High Street, and letters of 26th and 27th ult., from Mrs. E. Constable and H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., respectively, objecting to an advertisement hoarding being erected by Mr. Shakspeare Shenton on land belonging to the Co-operative Society, opposite the Belle Vue Hotel. Resolved, That Mr. Shenton be asked to set back the hoarding to the line of the houses on the East side of the land.

6—Grafton Road—Overhead Telegraph Line—Read, application of 19th ult, from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line and five poles along Grafton Road. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and painted lagging being affixed to such poles.

7—Petrol Pump—Read, letter from Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher asking for reconsideration of their application to erect a Pump on their premises in Swindon Road with a delivery arm over footpath. Resolved, That permission be granted provided the moveable delivery arm shall be at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and not extend beyond the edge of the footpath when in use, subject to their entering into an agreement as in other similar cases.

8—**Stores Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported Meeting on 7th inst. Present— Alderman Bendall (in the chair) and Councillor Pates.

Annual Contracts for Stores—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for the various Stores required during the ensuing financial year. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Stores Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

9—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th inst. :--The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Pates and Capt. Trye. (Alderman Bendall in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

Norwood Road—Footpath—That the footpath on the East side of this. road be kerbed and paved at an estimated cost of £160.

Shurdington Road—Garage—That plan (No. 1775) of Temporary Motor Garage, be approved.

Church Road, Leckhampton—That the footpath from Hall Road to the Borough Boundary be asphalted at an estimated cost of £70.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this ..Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 12th December, 1923: Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; and Councillor 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.
1759	Royal Insurance Company	New Office Front, 10, Promenade.
1783	Baker, W. J.	Temporary Motor House, " Lake View," Pittville.
1784	Bendall & Sons	6 Semi Detached Houses, Old Bath Road.
1785	Allman Powell, Dr.	Temporary Motor House, 2, Lypiatt Lawn.
1786	Oliver, F.	Temporary Motor House, rear of 16, Albert Place.
1787	Smith, P. T.	Motor House, Heatherdene, Hatherley Road.
1788	Jones, Mr.	Motor House, 1, Naunton Villas, Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1759, 1784, and 1787 be approved ; and that with regard to Plan No. 1784 the Public Health Committee be recommended to extend the Sewer in Old Bath Road for a length of about 30 yards ; that Plans Nos. 1783, 1785 and 1786 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. 1788 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th December, 1923. Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Rogers (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1775	Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Temporary Motor Garage, Leckhampton Inn, Shurdington Road
1789	Swabey, R. C.	New Workshop, New Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1789 be approved and that Plan 1775 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that the same shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal.

3—Bungalows off Gloucester Road—Resolved, That the preliminary Plan or Bungalows proposed to be erected by Mr. J. A. Hough, off Gloucester Road, be disapproved.

4—No. 4, Victoria Cottages, Bath Parade—Porch—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. J. Sheppard was erecting a porch, which was not shewn on the approved Plan, in front of this house. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

5—**Meetings of Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That two Meetings of this Sub-Committee be held each month when necessary and that the proceedings of the Sub-Committee when held after the Monthly Meeting of the Street and Highway Committee be submitted direct to the Council.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall, on Friday, 14th December, 1923 : Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Town Hall—The regulation of heating the Town Hall was further considered. Resolved, That Messrs. Hayden & Son be asked to advise thereon.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th December, 1923 :—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2—Art Gallery and Museum—Resolved, That a one-line announcement regarding this Institution be inserted in the Monthly Programme.

3—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 11th and 14th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Children's Fancy Dress Dance Tea—That our prizes (total value £3 3s.) be awarded, viz:—two for boys and two for girls.

Town Hall Custodian—That the Custodian be provided with a suitable uniform, to be worn at all times while on duty at the Town Hall.

St. George's Square Bowling Green—That the tender of W. H. Gaze & Sons, Ltd., Kingston-on-Thames, to supply and lay 1600 square yards South Wales turf for the sum of £216 10s., being the lowest tender received, be accepted, subject to the inspection by the Chairman of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee of a green laid with this turf at Pontypridd; the Corporation to cart the turf from the Station and provide necessary unskilled labour.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted

4—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 502; Montpellier Baths 21 ; Pittville Chalet 50 ; and Pittville Pump Room 36.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on 19th December, 1923 Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley, Capt. Trye and If (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Extension of Mains—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension of mains set out in his Report at an estimated cost of £250 and £152 respectively upon the terms recommended by him.

2-Feeder Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a 4-way cable duct be laid in the new road from the Electricity Works to Tewkesbury Road at an estimated cost of £180. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

Resolved, also. That the other feeder cable extensions and works outlined in the Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer be provisionally approved and that he be instructed to prepare and submit plans and estimates of same.

3—Boiler Cleaning Pump—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the existing pump, which was old and in need of considerable repair, should be replaced by a vertical motor-driven pump at an estimated cost of £120, the old pump to be retained as a stand-by. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Electric Light Standards—Read, Police Report of 23rd ult., as to damage to an Electric Light Standard at junction of Montpellier Terrace and Suffolk Parade. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to accept a payment of £13 2s. 8d. being half the cost of replacing the lamp from the Wheel and Wings Assurance Association Ltd. in settlement.

The Town Clerk also reported receipt of £3 8s. 4d. from the Railway Passengers Assurance Company, half the cost of replacing lamp at the corner of Regent Street and Ormond Place on 7th October last.

Agreements with Assurance Companies—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreements with the Car and General Insurance Corporation Ltd., and the Railway Passengers Assurance Company for settlement of claims for damage on a halving basis. Resolved, That these be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

Municipal Dance Notice Board—Resolved, That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be permitted to place a board for advertising Municipal Dances on the lamp standard in the Promenade opposite Pantoys, Ltd., subject to the board being a moveable one and that it shall not project over the carriageway.

5—British Empire Exhibition—Resolved, That a contribution of be made to the Electrical Development Association towards their expenses in connection with a combined Electricity display at this Exhibition, subject to the consent of the Electricity Commissioners being obtained.

6—Subscriptions to Associations—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Electricity Commissioners consenting under Section 30 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, to the payment of (a) An annual subscription of £2 25. 0d. to the British Engineering Standards Association, (b) An annual subscription to the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, also travelling and subsistence allowances for two Representatives of the Corporation (one to be the Borough Electrical Engineer or Deputy) when attending Annual Conventions and Special Meetings of the Association and Meetings of the Council. (Expenditure not to exceed 30s per day per Representative, plus first class railway fare).

7—Irrecoverable Accounts—A list of old arrears amounting to £274 18s. 5d., which were now considered irrecoverable through death, :-bankruptcy or removal, was submitted. Resolved, That these amounts be written off as bad.

8---Public Lighting—Hatherley District—The Committee considered a complaint with reference to the lighting of the road leading from the Hatherley Inn to " Sunnymede." Resolved, This road be viewed. Alma Road—An application from residents for lamps in this road was considered. Resolved, That this road be viewed.

9- Gas Examiner—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the County Council had decided to join with the Borough and Charlton Kings in the appointment of Mr. Keith Wilson as Gas Examiner. to -- Gas Tests--Read, Reports of Gas tests made on 25th and 29th November, and 8th, 12th and 15th December, which sheaved the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 475.1, 467.7, 477.1, 473.1, and 476.1 and the pressure 5.2, 4.4, 4.6, 3.9 and 4.6. inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th December, 1923: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 10th December, 1923.
Hewletts Springs	173,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,140,000
Leckhampton Springs	56,000
Total	1,369,000

Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.

Hewletts Springs	120,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	619,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	37,000
Total	776,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents
		10th December 1923.
Hewletts		18,968,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	20ft. 0in.	44,703,000
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
		Total Storage 64,886,000

	Depth	Contents
		10th December, 1922.
Hewletts		25,438,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 6in.	39,038,000 “
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	5,350,000
		Total Storage 65,826,000

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

	During November	Total for past 8 Months
No. of house-to-house inspections .	875	6834
“ taps found leaking ..	88	581
“ defective flushing boxes	24	184
“ defective stop taps	6	53
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	84	
special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>87</u>	
	171	1007
“ notices served re fittings	56	441

“ meters fixed and changed	7	126
“ houses connected .,	72	573
“ burst pipes discovered (including 14 in house-to-house inspection) .	62	117
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	28	207

During severe frost, house-to-house inspections were suspended in order to inspect for burst pipes of which 48 were found in 2 or 3 days.

3—Extension of Main—Old Bath Road—The Borough Engineer reported completion of main of Old Bath Road and tank at Leckhampton Spring Head for supply to Mr. Peter Fulcher's property.

4—Sandford Mead Allotments—Piggery—Resolved, That the pig styes and boiler house to be given up by the Cheltenham Model Piggery Club on 25th inst., be let to Mr. H. Davis, Butcher, 6 Winchcomb Street as from that date at a rent of £15 per annum, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, together with the adjoining Allotment (No. 27) containing one chain at a rent of £1 per annum.

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, 18th December, 1923. Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Alderman, Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Inspector Millard reported that the Borough was free from Swine Fever and that there had been no further cases of Foot and Mouth Disease in the Borough since the last Meeting.

(b) The Town Clerk reported receipt of Great Britain (Foot and Mouth Disease) Orders Nos. 2 to 13 and Infected Areas Orders Nos. 1 to 3, from the Ministry of Agriculture, and that these had been published so far as appeared necessary. Resolved, That this be approved.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses,
12th December.	Malvern Road G.W.R. Station	£50	£4 13 Od.
14th “	Upper Dowdeswell	£50	£6 1s Od.
15 th “	No. 25 Pittville Street	£150	£3 17s Od.

(b) Charlton Kings--The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement between the Corporation and the Charlton Kings U.D.C. for the services of the Fire Brigade in the Urban District, the terms of which included, inter alia, that (1) the Corporation should take over at a valuation such of the apparatus and fittings of the Charlton Kings Brigade as would be suitable ; (2) the Urban District Council to be entitled to appoint a Representative on the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, and (3) the U.D.C. to contribute each year towards maintenance of the Brigade (including establishment

charges) in proportion to the assessable value of the Borough and Urban District, respectively, as at 1st April in each year. Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

(c) Attendance at Fires outside agreed Areas—Resolved, That the Northleach, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb Rural District Councils be informed that in future the Brigade would not attend outbreaks of fire in their respective Districts.

3—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 —The Town Clerk reported receipt of Order, dated 29th November, 1923, declaring Sections 87 to 89 of this Act to be in force in the Borough.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences— Wheel Chair —Resolved, That a licence be granted to Richard W. Mason, 9 Pittville Street in respect of Wheel Chair No. 38. Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's licence be granted to Sydney Belcher, Post Office, North Street, Winchcomb.

5—Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham and Tewkesbury —Read, application of 8th inst., from Mr. A. P. Morgan for a licence in respect of a Motor Omnibus to ply for hire between Cheltenham and Tewkesbury. As Mr. Morgan did not attend it was Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

6—Parking of Motors --Signs—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Western Secretary. Automobile Association offering to provide signs indicating the parking places. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider the provision of signs is necessary.

7—Motor Traffic—Hatherley Road—Read, Memorial from Residents in Hatherley Road, complaining of vibration from heavy motor traffic. Resolved, That no action be taken.

8— Railway Service—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Superintendent of the Line, Great Western Railway Company, stating that it was proposed to adopt reduced railway fares from Chedworth etc., to Cheltenham on and from 1st January next.

9—General Hospital-51 Townsend Street—Read, letter of 21st ult., from Charity Commission forwarding Notice of proposed Order as to Sale of 51 Townsend Street by Trustees of this Charity. Resolved, That no objection be made thereto.

10—Unemployment—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee suggesting the co-option of two members each from the Board of Guardians and Local Employment Committee on the Council or Committees to advise on matters affecting unemployment. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider this proposal practicable.

11 —Local Employment Committee—Resolved, That Councillor W. D. Farrar be nominated as a Representative of the Corporation on this Committee in place of Ex-Councillor D. Regan.

12-Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Mr. A. G. Bailey (Clerk, Water Department) be added to the Certificate of Exception, he having completed three years' service on 16th November, 1923.

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13—Representation of the People Acts, 1918 —1922 -Read, letter of 14 inst., from Mr. F. R. Starling suggesting the division of Polling District A (North Ward) into two separate Polling Districts. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider it is necessary to make any alteration of Polling Districts at present.

14-Municipal Offices-Fire Extinguishers -Resolved, That three additional " Minimax " Fire Extinguishers be purchased at a cost of £2 15s. 0d. each so as to provide an extinguisher on every floor.

15-Municipal Service Exhibition Read, letter of 13th inst., from Universal Exhibition's Ltd., to the Mayor with reference to the organisation of a Municipal Service Exhibition in Cheltenham. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk obtain further particulars.

16-Christmas Holidays- Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Postmaster asking if the Corporation objected to the Sub Post Offices being closed on Thursday, 27th inst. Resolved, That no objection be offered.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th December, 1923. Present---Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold. Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

a—Turner's Field Allotments-The Town Clerk reported that on Appeal the assessment had been reduced to £20.

2 -Transfers of Allotments-(a) Turner's Field-Resolved, That allotment No. 35 be transferred to Mr. E. R. Cox.

(b) Asquith Road-Resolved, That allotment No. 60 be transferred to Mr. A. W. Crowder, subject to his giving up his present allotment No. 16.

(c) Baglin's Piece-Resolved, That allotment No. 23 be transferred to Mr. B. Dodwell.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th December, 1923. Present-Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Pittville Estate-Lake View-The Borough Surveyor submitted an amended plan (No. 1753) for motor house. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

2-Unemployment Relief-The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of £156 for tarring about 2,500 yards of railings at the Agg-Gardner, Marle Hill Annexe, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of the works and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid in accordance with the terms offered in their circular letters, and that subject to such grant being made the work be carried out.

3-Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground-(a) Organised Games-Read, application of 27th ult., from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission to use this ground on Thursdays between 2 and 4.15 p.m., from 15th January to 11th April next. Resolved, That permission be granted.

(b) Allotments-The Borough Surveyor reported that he was having this ground recently used as allotments, ploughed with it view to seeding down in the Spring. Resolved, That this be approved.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th December, 1923: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Capt. Frye and Whitaker ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors in November, 2,870 (against 2,061). Three parties of school children accompanied by teachers were among the visitors.

Receipts : Postcards 3s 10d ; " Rock Specimen." pamphlet 6d. Collecting Box 15s 9d ; Commission £6 1s. 0d. ; 355 Catalogues £5 18s. 9d. ; Subscriptions for Picture Purchasing Fund:-' " Former Resident " 5 guineas ; Mr. S. Sidney-Humphries 4 guineas ; Mrs. L. Stedman 10s ; Mr. S. D. Scott 1guinea ; Lady Dixon Hartland 1 guinea. Total Receipts £25 0s. 10d.

Exhibitions—The exhibition of Water Colours by Messrs. Bruhl and Stacey had been open 35 days, and visited by 4,234 people.

Loan to Hereford—The Water-Colour entitled " Morning on the Moors," by Burleigh Bruhl had been loaned to the Hereford Gallery for a few weeks.

Exhibition--The 4th Annual Exhibition by Cheltenham Artists was opened on the 26th November, and would remain open until 19th January.

West Africa—Capt. R. P. Wild had returned from West Africa, and the Curator acknowledged his assistance in cleaning, re-arrangement and re-labelling of the West African Ethnographical Specimens in the Museum.

Copying—Permission had been given to Miss Ljungbeck from Gothenburg, and Miss Scholander from Stockholm to make studies of the Chinese Lacquer Screen.

Resolved, That the Report be approved.

2 —Christmas Closing—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on the 24th and 25th December.

3—Exhibitions—The Curator reported offers of art work on exhibition :—(a) Gloucestershire Architectural Association, on behalf of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Society of Architects, for one week, from 22nd January ; (b) Miss Ethel I. Wingate's students' work ; (c) British Mezzotints in Colour, January 1925. Resolved, That as to (a) and (c), arrangements be made for their Exhibition and that as to (b), the offer be not accepted.

4—Donation to Art Gallery—Resolved, That the picture entitled " Melting Snow," by Mr. Alfred Thornton, N.E.A.C., of Painswick, offered by the Artist as a gift, be accepted and that the thanks of the Committee be accorded to the donor.

5—Loans—Read, letters (a) from Mrs. E. M. Lindsley-Sims offering some of her pictures on loan, (b) from Mr. Gerald R. Hayes offering the " Thin Oil " paintings by the late F. W. Hayes on loan. Resolved, That as to (a) consideration be deferred, and as to (b) the offer be not accepted.

6—Notice Boards—Resolved, That the estimate of Flowers Bros., of Rose and Crown Passage, to make three notice boards at 22s 6d each be accepted.

CLARA. F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th December, 1923. Present : Councillors Mann, Rogers, Staidly and Stewart. (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 24th November to 19th December. Interment, 67 ; Exclusive Rights in 14 graves sold (first class 2, third class 1, and fourth class 11). Monuments erected 5, Inscriptions, 4.

2—Grants of Grate Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6889 to 6906 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

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3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Rose A. James ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth C. Foster ; Memorial Kerbing to graves of Annie Barrs, Jessie M. Shakespeare, and Robert Robinson.

4—Chapel—(a) Vases —The Superintendent reported that the Rector had presented two bronze vases for use in the Chapel. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Rector.

(b) Drains— Resolved, That the drains be repaired at an estimated cost of £5.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th December, 1923: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Stanley, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. E. Gridley (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report — Receipts £9 12s. 3d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,386 (last year 3,969). Lending Library 10,409 (last year 11,344). Children's Library 2,344 (last year 1,745). Total daily average issue 740 (last year 718).

2—Presentations- Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (2 vols.) ; Dr. Wm. Briggs (1 vol); Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. (26 pamphlets); Mr. J. H. Humphreys (1 pamphlet) ; Incorporated Society of Musicians (1 pamphlet); Messrs E.. Poynder & Son (1 vol.); Mr. L. Richardson (4 vols.) Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

3—Resolved, That the trial of " Dusmo" sweeping powder having proved efficient, the same be continued at an approximate cost of 1s 6d per week.

4—Resolved, That authority be given to the Librarian to carry out small experiments in the arrangement of the electric lights in the Reference Library, with a view to permanent improvement later.

5—New Books--Resolved, That 67 new books, published at £30 7s.,be purchased at an estimated cost of £15 10s.

6—Leslie Young Benefaction--Resolved, That 9 volumes, published at £14 6s. 6d., be purchased from this Fund.

7—Mutilation of Newspaper—The Librarian reported a case of alleged petty theft, and it was Resolved, That no action be taken,

8—Christmas Closing-- Resolved, That the Libraries and Newspaper Room be closed on December 25th and 26th.

9—New Periodicals—Resolved, That offers to present the following periodicals be accepted,—

(a) " The Patriot," 6d. weekly. (b) " Theosophy," 1s 6d monthly.

10—Stocktaking—The Librarian submitted his annual report on stocktaking Resolved, That same be approved.

11—Distempering—Resolved, That the estimate of W. East for distempering and cleaning Staff Cloak Room, and corridors between Library and Art Gallery at a cost of, C8 be accepted.

12—Resolved, That the wages of Miss E. Mason (Children's Library Assistant) be increased from 25s to 27s 6d per week.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held ex Friday, 21st December, 1923: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors St. Clair 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 £10,574 6s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £24,036 9s. 0d.

2 —Water Rate Read. Report of the Borough Accountant, dated list inst., on the collection of this Rate for the had ending 25th March next. Amount collected £7,322 19s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £12,755 14s. 6d.

3 —Loans--Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £7,450 be approved the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £425 10s. 7d. Corporation Stock at 68 ⁵/₈ per cent. plus expenses £1 2s. 3d. Resolved, That the sum of £425 10s. 7d. 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 author:;:-' 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—Income Tax—Resolved, That £4,000 be paid in respect of Income Tax (Schedule D) in January and £2,000 in March.

6—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction, dated 6th inst., to a loan of £2,700 for additional Humus Tank, etc., at Hayden Sewage Works. Period of re-payment 30 years.

7—Tithe Redemption—Read, letter of 2nd ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing statement of Tithes payable in respect of Corporation properties and suggesting that application should be made for the legal apportionment and redemption of Tithes still payable.

The Town Clerk reported that Tithes still payable by the Corporation were as follows:—

In respect of Orchard at Elmstone Hardwick purchased from		
Representatives of Thomas Hewlett, deceased		£0 2 5
„ „	Land forming part of Dowdeswell Waterworks ..	3 4 0
“ “	The Cemetery	3 2 10
“ “	Land at Marle Hill ..	0 19 8

Resolved, That application be made for the legal apportionment where necessary, and for the redemption of these Tithes.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 21st 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.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st January, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th day of February, 1924, 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. To fill vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the expiration of the term of office of Miss M. E. H. Knollys.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th January, 1924, at 3 p.m.. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.)

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

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Alderman Clara Winterbotham.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd 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—Stansby Charity—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Charity Commissioners with copy Scheme made for the regulation of this Charity, under which three representative Trustees were to be appointed by the Corporation. Resolved, That this be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

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s—Improvement of waterways—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Representative of the Corporation to attend a Conference with the Special Committee of the Birmingham Corporation now considering the improvement of Inland Waterways.

4—Light Railway—The Town Clerk submitted Notice, dated 24th ult., from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, of an application by the Company to the Ministry of Transport for an Order under the Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges), Act, 1920, continuing the modification of their statutory maximum charges authorised by the current Order for a further period from 1st April next. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to lodge an objection thereto, and that the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration and report.

5—Unemployment Relief Works—Read, letters of 1st and 2nd inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee approving the under-mentioned works for the purpose of grants of 60 per cent. of the wages bills incurred from the commencement of the works, respectively, up to 31st March, 1924.

Scheme No.	Works.
S. 632	Raising of Reservoir Embankment, Dowdeswell.
S. 642	Making new roads at Refuse Destructor.
S. 641	Cleaning out of Pittville Lake.
S. 648	Underdrainage of Paddock at Public Abattoir.

Scheme S. 644, for planting privet hedges on Housing Estate, was not considered as work of public utility for grant purposes.

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 December 10
Housing ...	Meeting held December 11
Street and Highway ...	Meeting held December 17*

* Subject to the following amendment viz:—

" That the words no objection be made ' be substituted for permission be granted ' in Minute No. 7, relative to Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher's application to erect a petrol pump in Swindon Road."

Resolved, also, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 17th December last be approved and confirmed.

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Town Improvement and Spa	...	Meetings held December 14 & 19
Electricity and Lighting		Meeting held December 19

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen in regard to Minute No. 4 and seconded by Councillor Leigh James : " That paragraphs 1 and 3 be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Water ... Meeting held December 13
General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 18

(An amendment moved by Councillor Welstead in regard to Minute No. 6, and seconded by Councillor Farrar : " That notices be placed in prominent places showing where cars can be parked, and that the principal houses of business be supplied with an official list of such places to exhibit in their respective establishments " was lost.

And a further amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye and seconded by Councillor Welstead : " That the offer of the Automobile Association to provide signs, indicating parking places, be accepted," was also lost).

Allotments ... Meeting held December 10
Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 10
Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 12
Burial Board Meeting held December 19
Public Library Meeting held December 11
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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 4th February, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th January, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; 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. :-61 ½ Townsend Street ; 27, Russell Street ; 28 and 48, Roman Road ; 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Granley Cottages ; 59, Upper Park Street and 11, St. Paul's Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 36, Courtenay Street ; 26, Lansdown Crescent and 22, Albert Place, Pittville—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 and 11, St. James' Street and Endcliff, St. George's Road--The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to these premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment. He submitted 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 the specified work to be done.

3—Insanitary Property-7, 8 and 62, Townsend Street ; 27, Russell Street ; 63, Queen Street ; 36, Brunswick Street ; St. Leonard's, Charlton Lane ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; 5, Gloucester Place ; Longleat, Queen's Road ; 10 and 11, St. Paul's Terrace ; 44, Worcester Street ; 55, Upper Park Street and the Vineyard, Gloucester 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, and Section so of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

4--Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Southam Villa Stables— 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 Owner requiring him to provide the same.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 546 lbs. of Beef and 178 lbs. of Pork.

6—Notification of Measles—Upon the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health it was Resolved, That application be made to the ministry of Health for an Order excluding the Borough of Cheltenham from the City of Leeds, etc., Measles and German Measles Regulations, 1920.

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

8--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—1, Limbrick Cottages—Resolved, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for 6 months.

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9—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1922--Read, application from the Cheltenham Creamery for renewal of their Licences to use the designation " Certified " Milk to be sold at North Place Milk Depot and 4, Pittville Street. Resolved, That the Licences be renewed for one year to the 31st December, 1924.

10—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, letter inviting delegates to attend the 35th Congress of the Institute to be held at Liverpool from July 14th to 19th next. Resolved, that the Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

11—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors St. Clair, Thomas and Yarnold be appointed representatives of this Committee to consider a re-housing Scheme under Part II. of the Housing Acts.

12—Farms—Read, letters from Mr. R. English, Manager of the Wolverhampton Sewage Farm, stating that he had obtained the permission of his Committee and would be pleased to visit the Sewage Farms without fee, except for his out-pocket expenses, but owing to an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease his visit must be postponed for the present.

13—**Report of the Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas. Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—An outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease occurred on the Hayden Knoll Farm on the 20th and 6 heifers and 54 sheep were slaughtered. Live Stock on Farms on 14th inst., 11 horses (6 at Depot); 9 head Of cattle ; 12 calves ; 52 sheep and 79 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 13 heifers had been purchased for £266 10s. 0d., and 1 calf and 23 pigs had been bred on the Farms. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc. amounted to £38 8s. 5d. Total purchases £304 18s. 5d. Four heifers, 1 calf and 5 pigs had been sold for £544 14s. 6d. (including compensation from Ministry of Agriculture for animals slaughtered) and produce for £170 11s. 3d. Total sales £715 5s. 9d.

Cottages—Repairs to Mason's and Harper's Cottages had been carried out at a cost of £12 10s. 0d.

Slag—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 4 tons of slag at not exceeding £3 per ton.

Land Drain Pipes—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 1000 additional 4-in. land drain pipes at an estimated cost of £6 10s. 0d.

Sprayer—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase a sprayer for cow sheds at an estimated cost of £6.

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, 15th January, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair.)

1—Surplus Land—The District Valuer (Mr. Ellis Moore) attended and conferred with the Committee as to the proposal that the surplus land should be taken out of the Assisted Housing Scheme and as to the sum to be credited to the Assisted Housing Account for the same. Resolved, That the Chairman, The Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the matter further with the District Valuer and report thereon.

2—Tender for Houses—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. Drew required a clause in his Contract for 30 houses providing for an increased price to correspond with any increase of wages which might be payable during the execution of the Contract. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to such increase being limited to a sum not exceeding £6 per house for each ½ d. increase.

Sanction—Read, letter of 21st ultimo from the Ministry of Health stating, that the Minister would be prepared to entertain an application for sanction to the borrowing of the sum required for the erection of these houses in accordance w. Mr. Drew's tender.

Design—The Architects submitted sketch designs for the 15 pairs of non-parlour type houses to be erected in Tennyson Road, which provided for 2 blocks of 4 houses and 11 blocks of semi-detached houses. Resolved, That these approved

Site—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the District Valuer, valuing the sites selected for these houses at £1,780.

3—Building Contracts—Final Accounts— Read, letters of 12th inst., from the Ministry of Health intimating that the Final Statements of Account amounting to £15,588 14s. 3d. for the 20 " A " type houses erected by A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd. (2nd Contract) and £15,822 13s. 2d. for the 20 " A " type houses erected by Mr. W. Drew (2nd Contract) had been examined and on the information available the Minister had no observations to make on the accounts, subject to review by the District Auditor in due course, except that in respect of the former Statement of Accounts the Minister was not prepared to allow the item of £39 for fencing by " The Granleys " to rank for financial assistance.

4—Nicholls' Contract—(a) The Architects submitted letter of 12th inst., from Messrs. Stratton, Davis & Yates stating that they had attended at the Offices of W. T. Nicholls Ltd., to go through the variation cost of the Contract but found their accounts were incomplete so that they had been unable to complete their investigation.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Nicholls had treated the exterior of two of the concrete block houses erected by them with silicate of soda at their own expense, the cost thereof being £11 2s. 6d., and that they could give the remainder of the houses two coats of cement mixed with silicate or fluate at the same cost or two coats of cement without the silicate or fluate at £2 per block less. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1924: Present--The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Pates, Rogers and Thomas (Alderman Bendall in ;he chair).

5—Housing Act, 1923—Subsidy Houses—The Town Clerk submitted applications for subsidies under the Scheme adopted by the Council and approved by the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That the following subsidies be granted :—

Mr. R. F. Channon. £80 in respect of a house for his own occupation in Whaddon Lane, containing 933 super. feet and to be built at a density of 19.4 to the acre. Mr. R. F. Channon.-£75 in respect of a similar house in Whaddon Lane.

Messrs. J. D. Bendall & Sons—£75 in respect of each of 5 houses in Old Bath Road, containing 948 super. feet and to be built at a density of so to the acre.

Mr. Alfred Rice - £100 in respect of a house for his own occupation in Old Bath Road, similar to houses referred to in preceding paragraph.

Messrs. J. D. Bendall & Sons—£75 in respect of a house in Leckhampton Road, containing 916 super. feet and to be built at a density of 11.5 to the acre.

Mr. W. Herbert £100 in respect of a house for his own occupation in Leckhampton Road, similar to the house referred to in the preceding paragraph.

6—Sale of Houses—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mr. A. D. Ewens asking that the entrance to the house he proposed to purchase and the adjoining house be made common to the two houses so as to make an entrance wide enough for motor-cycle and sidecar. Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to Mr. Ewens undertaking to pay the additional cost incurred in providing fences and gates (estimated at £5).

7—Gas Mains—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the Gas Company granting the Company, subject to the consent in writing of the tenants, right to lay gas mains (with services therefrom to the houses) along the backs of the houses or sides of houses as shown on the plan.

The Agreement provided

(a) That three days' notice of the laying of the mains should be given to the Borough Surveyor and that the exact position of the mains should be first approved by him. (b) That the work should be carried out in a proper manner, etc., and (c) That the ground shall be re-instated and all damage which may be caused to the houses or land made good to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and (d) That if at any time the Corporation or the Owners for the time being of the land through which the mains and services are laid should require the position of any such mains or services to be altered owing to any building development, the Company should at their own cost alter the position thereof as may be reasonably necessary.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th January, 1924. Present: The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Stanley, St. Clair, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold; Mrs. Booy, Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby and Dr. Cardew (Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Read, report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1923.

The Society deeply regretted the resignation of Miss Foster, one of the Founders of the Society, who for 14 years had acted as Chairman and Treasurer. Mrs. Mellersh had been appointed Chairman and representative of the Society en the Committee in place of Miss Foster and Miss Newton had been elected Treasurer.

The date of the Committee Meetings of the Society had been altered to the 1st Tuesday in the month. The appointment of Dr. Basil Taylor and Dr. Allman Powell as Medical Officers at the Centres had been approved by the Ministry of Health.

Ten deaths had occurred during the quarter among infants attending the Centres, the cause in several cases being pneumonia following measles.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :--

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (so Meetings) ..	34.5	18.8
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	14.8	14.5
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	22.10	28.8

2 —Health Visitors—(a) The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1923 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,851
No. of Children Visited (r year and under) ..	697
“ “ “ (over 1 year)	659
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	2,163
“ Attendance of Health Visitors at Centres .	68
“ Un-notified Births discovered ..	9
“ Children remitted to Hospital ..	14
“ Ante-natal Cases visited .. .	29
“ Whooping Cough Cases visited	20
“ Chicken Pox.. “ “	2

“ Measles “ “	136
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	2

Grants of Milk

Carried over from previous quarter	17
New Orders	33
Orders discontinued during quarter	14
“ continuing to coming quarter	36

Of the total number of Orders during the Quarter 23 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers, 27 for infants or children under three years of age.

(b) The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors for the year ended 31st December, 1923 :—

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under	1,304
(b) over one year	1,978
“ Children remaining on Visiting Register	2,851
“, Un-notified births discovered . . .	50
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	8,036
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres . . .	252
(Highbury 86, Clare Street, S5, Baker Street 81)	
“ Talks to Mothers at Centres 48	
“ Children re-mitted to Hospital	41
“ Ante-natal Cases visited ..	133
“ Chicken-pox “ “	31
“ Measles “ “	179
“ Whooping-cough “ “	233
“ Scarlet Fever “ “	3
“ Diphtheria ” “	1
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	2

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Grants of Milk :

To Nursing and Expectant Mothers	55
To infant and Children (under 3 years) ..	<u>57</u>
Total	112

Cost of milk during the year 1923 .. £148 8s. 5d.

3—Estimate—The Chairman submitted Estimate for next financial year showing a total Estimated Expenditure of £820 which was in accordance with the Estimate submitted to the Minister of Health. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—English Speaking Conference—Read, letter inviting attendance of delegates at a Conference on Infant Welfare to be held in London on the 1st-3rd July next. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st January, 1924. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates 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 14th December, 1923 to 17th January, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 10th inst., 907 loads collected, 759 consumed and 148 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,121 tons 12 ½ cwts.)

2—Dangerous Corner—Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road — The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owner of " Sandfields " was willing for a piece of his garden land to be taken for the improvement of this corner, subject to payment of compensation (£10), for disturbance of tenant (£1) and to the erection by the Corporation of a cleft oak fence at an estimated cost of £7. Total £18. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted as the land offered was not sufficient to effect an improvement to justify the expense.

3—Shelburne Road—Kerbing—The Borough Surveyor reported that about 160 yards of kerbing was required in this road. Resolved, That the road be viewed.

4—Tar Macadam Plant—The Borough Surveyor submitted terms upon which the Western Trinidad Lake Asphalte Co. Ltd., were prepared to install a tar-macadam mixing plant at the Refuse Destructor and reported that he understood the Ministry of Transport would make a contribution of one-third the cost of such plant. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for plant by advertisement.

5—Dunalley Street—Widening—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. had offered to give up a strip of land in Dunalley Street (about 10 feet wide) to increase the width of the road to 32 feet and also a strip in St. Margaret's Road and St. Paul's Road without payment therefor, subject to the Corporation agreeing to rebuild the brick wall to the new line for a length of about half the length of the street, the existing bricks to be utilised. He estimated the cost of building the wall required at £255 10s. 0d., and of the street works, including new paved footpath with kerbing in Dunalley Street, at £395; making a Total of £650 10s. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the thanks of the Corporation conveyed to the Company and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 60 per cent. of the wages bill in accordance with their circular letters, and that, subject to the receipt thereof, the work be put in hand.

6—Lansdown Road—Resolved, That the proposal made by Alderman Taylor at the last Council Meeting to provide a crossing in Lansdown Road be adjourned for view.

7—Telegraph Line —Crescent Terrace and Trafalgar Street—Read, application of 8th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an underground telegraph line along Crescent Terrace and Trafalgar Street. 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 for by the Post Office Telegraphs Department.

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8—Fairview Road—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee approving the work of widening this road for the purpose of a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on loan of £1,400 for a period of 10 years being half the term of the loan.

9—Light Railway—Leckhampton Section—Read, letter of 17th inst., from Mr. H. St. Clair Hall complaining of the state of the track on the Leckhampton Section. Resolved, That this be viewed and that Mr. McCormick be asked to meet the Committee at their next View Meeting.

10—Motor Lorry—The Committee inspected a 1 ton motor lorry offered by Messrs. Tuke and Bell of Lichfield. Resolved, That tenders be invited from local firms for a lorry.

11—Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum as to the powers of the Corporation to make Bye-laws under this Act, together with copy of a Bye-law made by the County Council. He reported that the Ministry of Health had under consideration the question of amending the Act with a view to giving local Authorities wider powers and that a Bill for this purpose which was introduced in the last Session would probably be revived in next Session. Resolved, That the question of altering the Bye-laws be adjourned for the present.

12—Sandford Mill Road (Continuation)—The Town Clerk reported that the Debenture Holders of Messrs. Powell Gwinnell & Co., Ltd. proposed to apply for a Vesting Order in respect of the land purchased by the late J. H. Hanson Powell in the name of his infant son and against which £260 2s. 3d. had been apportioned for cost of making up this road. It was proposed that the land should then be offered for sale with the house and that the Corporation should receive out of the purchase money such sum as may be apportioned by the Auctioneer as the value of the land. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

13—Petrol Pump—Read, application from Mr. H. E. Tilley for permission to erect a Bowser pump on his premises at Wellington Garage, Wellington Road, with a moveable delivery arm over the footpath Resolved, That permission be granted provided the delivery arm shall be at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and not extend beyond the edge of the footpath when in use, subject to his entering into an agreement as in other similar cases.

14—Fairfield Walk—Trees—Read, Memorial from Residents in Fairfield Avenue and Fairfield Walk asking that trees be planted on the east side of Fairfield Walk. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report on the matter.

15—Maining of Roads—Resolved, That application be made to the County Council to main the following contribution roads which are now classified as 1st class roads by the Minister of Transport, namely :

Road	Length in miles.
Montpellier Walk and Promenade	0.53
High Street and Tewkesbury Road	1.73
Bath Road and Upper Bath Road	0.84
Winchcomb Street and Prestbury Road ..	0.73
Pittville Street, Portland Street and Evesham Road	<u>0.69</u>
	Total 4.52

16—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th inst.—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Mann, Pates and Capt. Trye. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows :

4, Victoria Cottages, St. Luke's—That the porch and other projections be allowed to remain.

Bayshill Road—Footpath, West Side—That this footpath be paved similar to that on East side if the amount allowed in the Estimates for Highways will permit this.

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 21st 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, 21st January, 1924: Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors 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.
1780	Poynton, T. H.	Entrance Porch, Pittville Lodge (Amended Plan).
1788	Jones, Mr.	Temporary Motor House, 1, Naunton Villas (Amended Plan).
1790	Watson, F. W.	Timber Warehouse, Rutland Street.
1791	Adams, Mrs. A.	Temporary Motor House, Cranham Lodge.
1792	Herbert, W.	Two Semi-Detached houses, Leckhampton Road.
1793	Robinson, Mr.	Alterations to 411, High Street.
1794	Overthrow, W.	New W.C., Kelvin House, Devonshire Street.
1795	Lewis, Mrs. R.	One Detached house, Painswick Road.
1796	Chanson, R. F.	Two Semi-Detached houses, Whaddon Lane.
1797	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd	New Garages—St. Margaret's Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1792, 1794, 1795, 1796 and 1797 be approved, and that with regard to Plan No. 1794 this be approved subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1788 and 1791 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. 1780, 1790 and 1793 be disapproved.

2—Contravention of Bye-Laws—The Borough Surveyor reported that with regard to Plans Nos. 1780 and 1790 the structures had been erected and did not comply with the Bye-Laws. Resolved, That Notice be given to Messrs. T. H. Poynton and T. H. Watson 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th January, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—(a) Parking of Motors—The Town Clerk reported that, consequent upon a complaint from the Winter Garden Company, Ltd., as to congestion caused by motor vehicles parked in the grounds by persons

attending dances, etc., at the Town Hall, he had engaged an attendant to supervise the parking, at 1s 6d an hour, and a charge of 1s per car had been made ; the Corporation accepting no liability for damage to or loss of vehicles or articles left therein. This arrangement had worked quite satisfactorily and there was a balance in hand. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Promenade Entrance—Resolved, That the iron post at the Promenade entrance be removed from 1st October until 1st May each year.

2-Montpellier Gardens—Archery Ground—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. F. Lloyd Oswell, Hon. Secretary Cheltenham Archery Club, asking for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens for the 1924 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 1st April to 31st October next, at a charge of £14 14s. for the Season, including the services of a man to put up and take down targets.

3—Town Hall—(a) Hockey Ball—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a long-night Ball on 30th-31st inst. (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.) in honour of the visit of the American Ladies' Hockey Team. Tickets 5s 6d (including refreshments). No charge to be made to Members of the two competing teams or the two Referees.

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(b) C.M.S. Exhibition—Resolved, That the use of the Drawing Room be included in the letting for the Church Missionary Society Exhibition, from 13th to 25th October .next, without extra charge, and that Minutes Nos. 1 and 7 of the Committee on 13th July and 12th October last, respectively, be varied accordingly.

4—Summer and Winter Orchestra—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to arrange terms with Mr. Leo. Dawes for continuing the engagement of his Orchestra for next Summer and Winter; any contract to be subject to approval by the Council.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting, of this Committee held on Friday, 25th January, 1924. Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5—Alstone Mill Premises—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, offering to advertise with a view to letting these premises on behalf of the Corporation. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

6—Town Hall—(a) Folding Chairs—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the supply of 300 wooden folding chairs, similar and equal in quality to those at present at the Town Hall.

(b) New Club—Resolved, That the Card Room be let to the New Club for a month during August and September (during renovations to the Club) at £3 per week, including lighting, on the understanding that if at any time the room is required in connection with a letting of the Hall or otherwise the Club will transfer to another room for the time being.

7—Spa Federation—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Stewart) and the Spa Manager be authorised to attend the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Federation, to be held in London on 28th February next.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 8th, 15th and 22nd inst., were read. They recommended as follows:—

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.

Summer Band—That the Summer Band be engaged from 12th May to 14th September, inclusive.

Montpellier Gardens—(a) That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for a Sunday Licence for Montpellier Gardens.

(b) That the charge for the hire of the Gardens for Band Concerts be £10 for two performances, viz: afternoon and evening of the same day. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

9--Mineral Waters —Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 541; Montpellier Baths 27 Pittville Chalet 31; and Pittville Pump Room 27.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd January 1924 Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin Stanley, Capt. Trye and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Electric Light Standards—Reports were received as to damage caused to electric light standards in St. George's Place and Oxford Passage. Resolved, That a claim be made for the damage done in each case.

2-Extension of Main—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension of main referred to in his Report subject to the applicant agreeing to pay £150 towards the estimated cost (£300) and guaranteeing a revenue of not less than £50 per annum for the first three years.

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3—Insulators—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the offer of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. of a number of cable rack insulators for £10 be accepted.

4—Old Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of two offers for two old generating sets advertised for sale. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Cashmore, Great Bridge, Staffs., being the highest offer, be accepted.

5—Motor Generator—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of eleven tenders for the motor generator required in connection with the new plant and recommended the acceptance of Messrs. Crompton & Co's. tender of £1484. Resolved, That the tender be accepted (subject to a Contract being entered into).

6—Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported difficulty in obtaining deliveries of coal from the Contractors and in view of the Railway Strike asked for authority to purchase up to 200 tons of coal elsewhere. Resolved, That he be authorised accordingly.

7—I. M. E. A. - Convention, 1924—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A., at Chester from 16th to 20th June next.

8—British Empire Exhibition—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Electricity Commission consenting to a contribution of £20 being made towards the expenses of the British Development Association's display at this Exhibition.

9—Subscriptions to Associations—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Electricity Commission consenting to the payment in respect of (a) District Joint Industrial Council No. 6—Contribution 1922-24 £16 1s. 6d. and Expenses, 1922 £6 6s. 9d. and (b) National Joint Board No. 6—Contribution 1922-24 £8 0s. 0d. and Expenses to 31st March, 1923, £2 13s. 3d.

10—Electricity Supply Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted copy of revised Regulations with respect to transmission of energy by overhead lines which would only effect future works of this description. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

11—View Meeting--The following Members of the Sub-Committee, appointed by the Committee on 21st November last, attended a View Meeting on Thursday, 3rd inst.—The Chairman (Councillor Moore), Councillors Mann and Welstead.

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

Oxford Parade. Belmore Place, Coltham Terrace. Bennington Street, Monson Terrace, Parabola Road and Moorend Crescent.—That no change be made in the lighting.

Oriel Road—That a new 60 watt lamp be placed at the corner near Messrs. Martyn's premises.

King's Road—That a new lamp be placed in this road and an existing lamp be moved further down the road.

Albion Street—That 100 watt lamps be used from Sherborne Place to Winchcomb Street in place of 60 watt lamps.

Keighley Terrace—That 100 watt lamps be used at each end of this Terrace.

The Park—That the lamp post outside Osborne Lodge be fitted with a larger bracket to throw the shadow of the adjacent tree off the roadway.

Hatherley Road—That a new lamp be fixed between the two railway bridges.

Alma Road—That no lighting be provided until a private supply cable is required in this road.

Lane from Hatherley Road to Sunnymede—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate for fixing three lamps in this lane.

Resolved, That the Report be approved.

12-Gas Tests—(a) Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 25th December last, which shewed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471.6 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 21st December, 3rd, 8th and 15th January, which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 465.2, 460.2, 474.5 and 477.2 B.TH.U. and the Pressure 4.6, 3.8, 3.8 and 4.3 inches.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th January, 1924: Present—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 :—

Depth

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended
14th January, 1924.

Hewletts Springs	332,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,975,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	80,000
Total	2,387,000

Average for corresponding
period during last 3 years.

Hewletts Springs	255,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,767,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	55,000
Total	2,077,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents
		14th January, 1924.
Hewletts		17,140,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 0in.	84,588,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		103,213,000

	Depth	Contents
		14th January, 1923.
Hewletts		30,611,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total		131,961,000

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

	During December	Total for past 9 Months
No. of house-to-house inspections	798	7632
" taps found leaking	47	628
" defective flushing boxes	12	196
" defective stop taps	8	61
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	46	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>54</u>	
	100	1107
" notices served re fittings	53	494
" meters fixed and charged	8	134
" houses connected	53	626
" burst pipes discovered	17	134
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	18	225

3—Fern Grove, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that the Tewkesbury Corporation had agreed to register the supply to Fern Grove. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Original Brewery Main—The Borough Engineer reported that the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd desired to obtain water for brewing purposes from Northfield Spring and that this could be arranged by a small alteration of the mains at Hewletts Reservoirs and the utilisation of No. 1 covered Reservoir for the purpose. It was proposed to connect a 4-inch main to the existing 6 inch main at the foot of Harp Hill and continue same along Hewlett Road, Warwick Place, North Place and St. Margaret's Road to the Brewery and the Company had agreed to pay the whole of the cost of laying the main. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to carry out the works, subject to the Company entering into an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, containing provisions for conserving the domestic supply in case of drought and for terminating the Agreement at any time by two years' notice on either side, the main in such case to be taken over by the Corporation at a valuation.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Mechanical Filters—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to proceed with excavations for the mechanical filters to provide necessary soil for raising the Embankment which latter work had been approved by the Unemployment Grants Committee.

6—Sandford Mead Allotments—Piggery—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. Davis had applied for the rent of the piggeries to be reduced. Resolved, That the rent be reduced from £15 to £12 per annum as from 25th March next.

7—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 Wednesday, 23rd January, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold. (Tice Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Cheltenham and District Light Railway--Fares—Mr. H. J. McCormick attended with reference to the Company's application to the Ministry of 'Transport for an Order continuing the present Order modifying their statutory maximum charges. Messrs. R. Burroughs and W. J. Forbes (Clerk) attended as Representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and Messrs. A. Wiggett and J. W. Robson (Clerk) attended as Representatives of the Cheltenham Rural District Council. Mr. McCormick was urged to make reductions of fares equivalent to 25 per cent., but he informed the Committee that any such reduction would involve a heavy loss to the Undertaking and he could not recommend any substantial modification in the present fares as the population of the Districts served by the Light Railway was not sufficient to provide the additional traffic to make good the loss of revenue from a reduction. He suggested the issue of 10s books of 1s return tickets to Cleve Hill in substitution for the present arrangement by which passengers could obtain a return ticket from the office at North Street. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to withdraw their opposition to the Company's application, subject to the Company agreeing to the modification of the fares specified in the Agreement of 12th February, 1923, so as to provide for (a) a Return Fare of 1s between North Street and Cleve Hill, and (b) the issue of books of 3d. tickets available between any of the following points : North Street and Mill Lane, North Street and Charlton Kings, and North Street and Leckhampton, for which the present fare in each case is 4d.

2—Motor Omnibus Service—St. Mark's and Cheltenham Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that he had enquired of the Light Railway Company when this service would commence and Mr. McCormick, who was present, stated that the omnibuses were being constructed and would be working within three or four weeks.

3—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that there were two cases of Swine Fever in the Borough, viz :- (1) At Tortworth Gardens, Moorend Park Road, and (2) At The Moors, Tewkesbury Road, and that there had been no further outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas and Prohibition of Hunting) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting which had been published where necessary.

(c) Imported Animals Order, 1923 (No. 2)—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order altering and revoking the Order dated 16th November, last. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins' attention be called thereto.

4—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 25th ult., the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 192 High Street. Damage £1,500. Brigade Expenses £8 10. 6d.

(b) Charlton Kings—Read, letters of 9th and 21st inst., from the Clerk, Charlton Kings Urban District Council returning Draft Agreement approved and Schedule of apparatus and fittings to be taken over by the Corporation. Resolved, That the latter be referred to the Captain and that he be instructed to inspect and report as to value of the apparatus and fittings.

Woodmancote—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Clerk to the Woodmancote Parish Council that his Council would not contribute to maintenance of the Brigade but in the event of a fire they had no doubt the Brigade would attend and the expenses incurred could then be charged. The Town Clerk reported that he had definitely informed them that the Brigade would not attend outbreaks of fire in non-contributory Districts. Resolved, That this be approved.

Bishop's Cleeve—Read, letter from the Clerk of the Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council enquiring amount of contribution required to claim the services of the Fire Brigade. Resolved, That he be informed that it was desirable that one agreement should be made with the Winchcombe Rural District Council in respect of all the Parishes in their area requiring the services of the Brigade.

5—Taxi-cab Service—Read, letter of 31st ult, from the Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association stating that at a Meeting of the Association on the 2nd ult., it was unanimously agreed that the following reduced Scale of Fares be substituted for the present Scale as from the 1st. inst.

	SCALE OF FARES.	
	Present fare.	New fare.
	s. d.	s. d.
For not more than 2 passengers :		
If the distance does not exceed one mile	1 6	1 4
If the distance exceeds one mile—for the first mile	1 6	1 4
If the distance exceeds—for every succeeding ¼ mile or part thereof	4 ½	4
For every passenger exceeding two—for the distance of the journey	6	3
For each package carried outside	3	2
For each bicycle or perambulator	6	6
Waiting time for 3 ¾ minutes ..	3	same

Between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. the foregoing fares to be increased (as at present) by 50 per cent.

It was further proposed that where a hirer engaged a taxi for a circular journey a comprehensive charge of 1s per mile be made, to include stopping, professional visits, etc.

The Association asked for an interview with the Committee for the consideration of the provision of an additional Order Office in the Promenade adjacent to the existing cab rank and Telephone boxes (communicating with the Central Office—calls arrange for Notices to be to be free of charge) opposite Montpellier Gardens, near Belle Vue and near Pittville Gates.

Resolved, That the reduced Scale of Fares be approved, and that the Association be asked to exhibited in the Carriages of the reduction made. Resolved, also, That a Deputation from the Association be received at the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Hackney Carriage Licence—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. F. Ellis in respect of motor cab, subject to the receipt from W. Mills & Sons, Ltd. of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

Drivers—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to Messrs. Walter V. Elliott and Leslie J. Shill.

7—Petrol—Resolved, That the application of Messrs H. Packer & Co., Ltd. for a licence to store 300 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at 23, Tewkesbury Road, be granted, subject to the tank being installed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

8—Parking of Motors--Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mrs. A. Edwards, a non-resident owner of property in Cambray, protesting against the use of Cambray as a parking place. Resolved, That no action be taken.

9—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, applications for renewal of licences for The Coliseum, North Street Picture House, The Daffodil, The Palace and Winter Garden. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year from 6th February next, subject to the same conditions as contained in previous licences and the added conditions approved by the Council on the 31st July last and to the Applicants complying in all respects with the requirements of the Regulations made by the Secretary of State, dated 30th July last, and carrying out the structural alterations recommended by the report of the Borough Surveyor dated 23rd inst.

10—Market—The Town Clerk reported receipt of complaint as to the indiscriminate slaughter of poultry at the Market at Christmas, and read replies to letters he had written thereon to Mr. C. C. Castle and the Co-operative Marketing Society, the latter of whom suggested that a portion of the Market should be screened off for the purpose. Resolved, That as killing does not take place to any great extent except at Christmas Market, no action be taken at present.

11—Stansby's Charity—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Charity Commissioners (referred from the Council at their last meeting) forwarding copy of Scheme for the regulation of this Charity, the income of which was to be applied in apprenticing one or more poor children of day labourers resident within the Ancient Parish of Cheltenham, and for assistance of such children who are preparing for or entering or engaged in any trade etc. by outfits, payment of fees for instruction, travelling expenses or other means for their advancement in life. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint the Mayor (Councillor Walter J. M. Dicks), the Deputy Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett) and Alderman Clara Winterbotham as Representative Trustees, their term of office to expire on 4th February, 1928.

12-Municipal Services Exhibition—The Mayor and Town Clerk reported as to their interview on the 11th inst., with Mr. E. Schofield as to the organisation of an Exhibition in Cheltenham. Resolved, That no action be taken.

13—Sunday Postal Delivery—Read, letters of 15th and 17th inst., from Mr. W. J. Dutton, 12, Russell Place, asking the Council to urge the Postmaster-General to revert to a Sunday morning delivery of letters. Resolved, That no action be taken.

14—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919---Read, Report of the Rat Executive Officer of the measures taken during the National Rat Week ending 10th November last and the Town Clerk reported that a copy of this had been forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture.

25—Municipal Offices—Painting—Three tenders were received for painting the rear of the Municipal Offices and Nos. 21 and 27 Promenade. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. H. Grace & Sons, Hale's Road, of £135, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

16—Register of Electors—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from Councillor J. P. Pates suggesting that obsolete copies of the Register of Electors be sold at the nominal sum of 1s for use as directories through local tradesmen on a commission basis. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider the suggestion practicable.

17—Factories and Workshops Act, 1901—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. W. H. Cole & Co., Ltd. having provided satisfactory means of escape in case of fire at Iona Works, Swindon Road, had applied for a certificate to this effect. Resolved, That a certificate be issued under Section 14 (1) of the Act.

18—Unemployment Relief Schemes— The Borough Surveyor reported that eight of the Schemes recommended by the Committee and approved by the Council had been put in hand and 136 men were now employed thereon, making 272 in alternate weeks.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th January, 1924. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel • Councillors Farrar, Pruen, Stanley and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend, Stanley in the chair).

1—Allotments-(a) Vacancies --The Town Clerk reported that there were allotments to let in Alma Road, Whaddon Lane, Byron Road, Asquith Road, Hall Road and Albert Road. He had inserted an advertisement three times in the "Echo" which had resulted in three of them being taken.

(b) Rents—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make a reduction as from the 25th March next at the rate of one shilling per chain in the rent of all allotments let at £1 per chain or more.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th January, 1924. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Farrar, Pruen, Stanley and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Pittville Lake--(a) Cygnets—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now disposed of the cygnets which realised £1 2s. 10d.

(b) Relief Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he now estimated the cost of cleaning out the mud from Pittville lake at £700 Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for an additional grant in aid, in respect of the £400 in excess of the previous estimate.

2—Pittville Estate—Tree— The Borough Surveyor reported that a large Elm tree near the Pump Room was blown down on the 11th instant. Resolved, That he be instructed to dispose of this.

3—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That a sum of £100 be provided in the next estimates for the provision of shrubs, flowers etc., in the Balconies.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th January, 1924: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart and Capt. Trye; and Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 2,379 (against 2,584). The visitors included three parties of students from the Ladies College. The return made to the Victoria and Albert Museum of attendances for the twelve months ended December last showed an attendance of 36,209 (against 28,317 for the previous year), and he had received a letter from the Victoria and Albert Museum expressing appreciation of the increased interest of the public shown by this return. The attendances for the last nine years were (1915) 9,000; (1916) 11,000 ; (1917) 15,000; (1918) 18,000; (1919 and 1920 22,000); (1921 and 1922) 28,000; (1923) 36,000

Receipts—Postcards 5s 10d ; Collecting box 13s 2d; and £1 1s. from Count de Navarro, in recognition of help received; and £5 from Mrs. Littledale to be applied in purchasing any exhibit thought desirable.

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The Exhibition of pictures by Cheltenham Artists would close on the 19th inst. and the Exhibition of Prize Architectural Drawings by the Gloucestershire Architectural Association would open on the 22nd of inst. For six days and would be followed by the Exhibition of pictures in black and white --Etchings, Acquatints, Mezzotints and Woodcuts- and a Collection of Water-colour Drawings of English lake and Norwegian Scenery from Mr. Heaton Cooper Since the last Meeting ninety Paleolithic and Neolithic stone implements, etc., from the Swiss Lake dwellings had been mounted and placed on Exhibition. . He was at present engaged in arranging the Isher collection of Pewter. Professor Balfour, Curator of the Pitt Rivers Museum had kindly offered to assist him in identification of specimens. Resolved, That the Report be approved.

2—Gifts—He had received an offer from Mr. Ernest H. Davison, of the School of Mines, Camborne, of specimens of Cornish rocks and minerals; who desired, if the Collection was kept by itself, that it should be named after his father (Mr. W. H. Davison), who was born in Cheltenham and lived there for many years. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

3—Loans—Eight cases of stuffed birds had been lent by Captain Wild and a Zulu beer vessel by Mr. G. A. Spragg, Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the lenders.

4—Arts and Crafts Exhibition—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for another Exhibition local Arts and Crafts this year.

ROBT. STEEL.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th January, 1924. Present: The Mayor : Alderman Green and Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read. Report of Superintendent for the period from 20th December, 1923, to 25th January, 1924. Interments 81; Exclusive Rights in 22 graves sold (first class 2, second class 3, third class 3, and fourth class 25). Monuments erected, 5; Inscriptions, 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6907 to 6925 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 to grave of May E. Babington. Memorial Scrolls to graves of S. Norris and T. Griffith ; and Kerbing to graves of S. G. Taylor and E. Bendy.

4—Telephone—The Superintendent reported that the Rector and the Rev. G. W. Boothroyd had requested that a telephone be provided at the Cemetery Lodge. Resolved, That this application be not entertained at present.

JAMES STEWART. Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th January, 1924: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Captain Trye and Yarnold; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £14 10s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,43 (last year 3,757), Lending Library 10,515 (last year 10,389). Children's Library 1,891 (last year 1,531). Total for month: 15,879 (last year 25,677).

Lectures—The attendance at Mr. Branch's lecture on "Cheltenham Ana," and at Mr. Spragg's on " South Africa." averaged 195 persons.

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Lighting —The Librarian reported on experiments being made to improve the electric lighting in the Reference Library.

Presentations—Messrs James Connell & Sons, Ltd. (1 vol) ; Rev. H. Falconer, D.D. (57 vols.); Miss Edith Geddes (1 vol.) ; Mr. Alan Lewis (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. L. Mellersh (1 vol.); Mr: L. Richardson (8 vols.) Natural Resources Intelligence Service (1 vol.) ; Mr. C. J. Sawyer (26 vols.); Secretary and Editor, London & Provincial Anti-Vivisection Society (1 vol.); Mr. James Urquhart (1 vol.) ; Captain R. P. Wild (1 vol.) 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 10th inst. Present :—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann, St. Clair ; and Dr. R. Davies ; (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 24 new volumes, published at Li 1 9s., be purchased at an estimated cost of £10.

(b) That 150 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £25.

(c) That 75 books be rebound at an estimated cost of £10.

(d) That an annual subscription of 10s 6d be paid to the Central Library for Students, London.

(e) That the wages of Miss V. Griffin (Junior Assistant) be increased from 10s to 12s 6d per week.

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

A. MANN Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th January, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Steel; Councillors Pruen, Moore, St. Clair 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 Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected L28,214 17s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £6,695 17s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £14,707 0s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £5,976 18s. 4d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £1,000 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 £1,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Sewage Farms Loan—Read, letter of 9th inst, from the Ministry of Health stating that the Ministry were prepared to sanction a loan for £15,666 13s. 4d. for 50 years to enable the Corporation to pay off the existing Mortgages and borrow the money at a less rate of interest. The Borough Accountant reported that the Mortgagees (Mr. James Page—£10,666 and the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation—£5,000) were willing for the Mortgages to be paid off and to accept Debentures in lieu thereof. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to the borrowing of £15,666 13s. 4d. accordingly.

5—Sanctions Expiring—The Borough Accountant reported that the following Sanctions would expire during February next :—

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.
28th February, 1897	Electricity—Buildings, Mains, etc.	£10,667.
21st July, 1898	Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreations Grounds—Improvement	£550
9th September, 1912	Promenade—Wood Paving	£2,491

and that he proposed to apply recent Sanctions to the loans raised thereunder.

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6—Sanction to Loans -The Town Clerk reported receipt of Sanction to the following Loans :—

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period for Repayment.
1924. January 1st	Fairview Road—Widening (Works)	£1,400	20 years
“ 3rd	Hewletts Reservoir (No. 3) Cementing Floor	£2,200	15 “
“ 28th	Fairview Road—Widening (Purchase of Land)	£196	60 “

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £750 0s. 0d. Corporation Stock at 68 ½ per cent. plus expenses £1 19s. 6d. Resolved, That the sum of £750 0s. 0d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby

authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

8—Fire Engine—Insurance—The Town Clerk submitted quotations from four Insurance Companies for insurance of new Motor Fire Engine against all risks. Resolved, That the quotation of the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. to insure the engine at an annual net premium of £15 14.s. 6d., being the lowest quotation, be accepted.

9—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 29th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair Councillor Whitaker. 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, 28th February, 19,24.

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 March, 1924, 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 appoint Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the year ending 31st March, 1925.
4. 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 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

5. 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 Monday, the 4th February, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.)

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham. Bendall. Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 7th January last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Runaway Horse—Head, letter of 31st ult., from Mr. Oliver J. Williams to the Borough Engineer calling attention to gallantry displayed by Mr. Arthur F. Waite (Water inspector) in stopping a runaway horse in North Street. Resolved, That Mr. Waite be invited to attend the next Monthly Meeting of the Council

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3—Light, Railway Fares—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company stating that in consideration of the withdrawal by the Corporation and other Local Authorities of the opposition to the Company's application the Company were willing to modify the present charges by issuing tickets for the return journey at reduced rates as follows :—

Between North Street and Charlton Kings	6d.
“ “ “ “ Leckhampton	6d.
“ “ “ “ Cleeve Hill	1s

Return tickets for these stages to be issued on the cars in the ordinary way and not in book-form on pre-payment, this method of issue also to apply to the existing 1s 6d return ticket between Lansdown and Cleeve Hill, the single fares over these stages to remain unaltered. If these deductions resulted in a loss of revenue it might be necessary to apply to the Minister of Transport for his consent to an increase, but such application would only be made after the fairest possible trial.

Read, also, letters of 29th ult., and 2nd inst, from the Local Branch, National Citizens' Union and the Chamber of Commerce, respectively, urging the Corporation to maintain their opposition to the Company's application and to press the Ministry of Transport to hold a Public Enquiry thereon in Cheltenham.

(These communications were considered by the Council in conjunction with the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch 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 ... Meeting held January 14

Housing Meetings held January 15*& 22

*Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye in regard to Minute No. 2 (a), and seconded by Alderman Green : " That in the event of a decrease in builders' wages a corresponding reduction be made in the contract price for the 30 houses to be erected by Mr. W. Drew."

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held January 28

Street and Highway ... Meeting held January 21*

*Except that Minute No. 13 be altered by substituting the words " no objection be made " in place of the words " permission be granted."

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor in regard to Minute No. 5, and seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : " That the widening of the footpath on the West side of Dunalley Street be included in the Scheme and the Estimate varied accordingly " was lost).

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Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held January 18 & 25
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held January 23
Water	Meeting held January 17
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held January 23

* Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye, in regard to Minute No. 1, seconded by Councillor St. Clair : " That the Resolution to the said Minute be referred back for further consideration."

Allotments	Meeting held January 14
Parks and Recreation Grounds	" " 14
Art Gallery and	" " 16
Burial Board	" " 25
Public Library	" " 15
Finance	" " 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.

5—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss M. E. H. Knollys be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee for a further term of three years from this date.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 March, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th February, 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, St. Clair, 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. :-2, 3, 9, 13, 23, 29, 63 and 64, Upper Norwood Street ; Cottages at rear of No. 21 Upper Norwood Street ; 85, Stanhope Street ; Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street ; 51, Sherwood Street ; 14, Victoria Place ; and 12, 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 moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 19 and 21, Fairview Road ; and 5 to 10, Cleaveland Buildings-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) 1 to 12, Winchcomb Street, 108, High Street and the United Counties Bank, Ltd.-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the drain for these premises was stopped up and was evidently in a very defective condition. Resolved, As a matter of emergency that he be authorised to enter the premises without notice and to open the ground and examine the drains, and that he be also authorised to give Notice under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring the necessary work to be done to put the drain in an effective state of repair.

(c) 22, Albert Place, Pittville-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to these premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner of the premises, requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

3-Insanitary Property-(a) 96, Tewkesbury Road ; 14, King Street ; 4, Waterloo Street ; 2, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 29, Victoria Place ; 41 and 51, Sherborne Street ; 26, Winstonian Road ; 12, Sandford Street ; 7, Brandon Place ; 32, Queen Street ; 63 and 64, Upper Norwood 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, and Section to of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, 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) 16, Tivoli Street-The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tender for work specified to be done, viz. :-

White, J. £2 17 6

Resolved, That this be accepted.

(c) 1 and 2 Witcombe Place-Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. F. J. Maslin, on behalf of the Owner, stating that the work required would be carried out during the present week.

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The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for the work, viz. :—

Trigg Bros.	£22 10 0
Daffurn and Tombs	12 15 0
Hyatt, A. J.	9 5 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. J. Hyatt be accepted, and the work put in hand unless it is carried out in accordance with Mr. Maslin's letter.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 15 cwts. 1 qr. Beef; 1 cwt. 1 qr. Pork ; 14 lbs. of Prawns and 4 tins of fish.

5—Slaughtering of Animals—Read, letter from the R.S.P.C.A. urging the Council to consider the adoption of Clause 9. B., of the Model Bye-laws, No. 6 issued by the Ministry of Health, with regard to the use of humane killers in slaughter-houses. Resolved, That no action be taken.

6—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.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) 218, 219 and 220, High Street and 2 Cottages at rear ; and 18 and 19, Waterloo Street.

(b) 1, 2, 4 ; 5 to 16, (inclusive) ; 24 to 29 (inclusive) ; 33 ; Cottage at rear of No. 35 ; 36, 37 ; 42 to 47 (inclusive) ; 49 to 53 (inclusive) ; 55 and 56; 58 to 65 (inclusive) ; 75 to 85 (inclusive) Stanhope Street ; and 2 to 4 (inclusive) St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road.—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 and that Notice be given to the respective Owners of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders.

8—Public Urinals—The Town Clerk reported with reference to Minute No. 26 of this Committee at their Meeting on 27th October. 1905 (abandoning a proposal to construct a urinal in the abutment of the bridge between 240 and 243, High Street), that the Electricity and Lighting Committee proposed to use the abutment as a Sub-Station. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

9—Sewers---(a) New Street--The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 24th ult., from Messrs. Chatters, Smithson and Rainger for permission to build workshop in New Street for Mr. R. C. Swabey (Plan—No. 1789—of which had been approved by the Council) over a sewer and undertaking to relay the sewer under such building with iron pipes and to construct a manhole. Resolved, That this be agreed to on the understanding that no additions to the workshop will be built over any other portion of the sewer.

(b) Old Bath Road--Resolved, That the sewer in this road be extended for a distance of 30 yards to drain two new houses.

10—Sludge—The Borough Surveyor reported that four landowners had applied for an extension of the sludge main to supply their lands and were willing to pay for the extension which would cost about .1200. Resolved, That the application be agreed to and that the sludge main be extended, subject to the owner paying the cost of same.

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

Farms Manager's Report--Live Stock on Farms on 11th inst., 11 horses (6 at Depot) ; 91 head of cattle ; 15 calves ; 36 sheep ; 2 lambs; and 98 pigs, all doing very well Since the last meeting 3 heifers and 1 calf had been purchased for £82. and 2 calves and 20 pigs had been bred on the Farms, Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc. amounted to £42 12s. 10d. Total purchases £124 12s. 10d. 21 sheep and 1 pig had been sold for £89 3s. 2d. and produce for £125 19s. 5d. Total sales £215 2s. 7d.

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

Visit to Farms—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the Farms on the 25th inst. 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, 12th February, 1924. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Pates, Rogers and Whitaker. (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Privet Hedges--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Drew had planted privet, where required, in the hedges of houses erected by him in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee on 13th November last, but that no reply had been received from the other three Contractors. Resolved, That unless the planting of the defective portions of the hedges be undertaken by the Contractors within one week from this date the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the privet planted, that the cost of planting be charged against the Contractors, and that they be informed accordingly.

2—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Loans—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 471 of the 17th ult., from the Ministry of Health, calling special attention to the powers of Local Authorities, conferred by the Act, of assisting owner-occupiers or builders to erect houses by granting loans or giving guarantees to Building Societies. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

3—Sale of Houses—A. D. Ewens-- The Town Clerk reported that Mr. A. D. Ewens had now withdrawn his offer for the purchase of a house in Byron Road.

E. A. Jennings—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. A. Jennings had now selected the fifth house in Byron Road from the Milton Road end, instead of the eighth house as reported in Minute No. 8 of the Committee on 11th December last. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Mrs. Clifford—Resolved, That the first refusal of the first house in Byron Road, from the Milton Road end, be granted to Mrs. Clifford.

4—Benhall Cottage—The Town Clerk reported receipt of enquiry from a prospective purchaser of this Cottage. Resolved, That the District Valuer be asked to value same.

5—Houses for Police--Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Chief Constable, stating that if the Council would substitute his name in place of the several police officers on the list of applicants he would arrange for these officers to occupy houses in the order in which they would be let to them by the Council. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Tender for Houses--Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Ministry of Health, enquiring reasons for the increase in the price to be paid to Mr. W. Drew for the erection of thirty houses, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the latter be approved.

7—Selection of Tenants—(a) Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Pates be appointed a Member of the Sub-Committee in place of Ex-Councillor Regan.

(b) Reported Meeting on 5th inst. Present:---Aldermen Bendall and Taylor.

The Town Clerk reported that there were 161 names on the list of applicants.

Resolved, That the next six Parlour type houses be allocated, as they become vacant, as follows: (1) Lewis, R. R. (transfer from non-Parlour type house) ; (2) Tarrant, K. F.; (3) Hodge, H. A.; (4) Fry, R. A.; (5) Hodgkinson, W. J.; (6) Trapp, E. ; (7) Stabback, A. W.

Resolved, also, That Mr. H. Davies (41, Byron Road) be granted permission to transfer to the first non-Parlour type house becoming vacant after those already allocated. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved, except that the name of Mr. F. Barton be substituted for that of Mr. K. F. Tarrant, who did not require a house at present.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th February, 1924. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. 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 18th January to 14th February, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th inst., 778 loads collected, 653 consumed and 125 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1015, tons 12 cwts.)

2--Refuse Destructor—(a) Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse " Dragon," aged about 28 years, died on the 8th inst.

(b) Stokers' Wages—Resolved, That the wages of the Destructor Stokers be increased from 10s 4 ¼d to 10s 9 ¼d per shift.

3—Gas Trenches—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gas Company now proposed to carry out the excavations of gas trenches and to leave the Corporation to reinstate same and that he had arranged to do this work at actual cost plus 10 per cent. for use of tools and supervision, such arrangement to be subject to one month's notice in writing on either side. Resolved, That this be approved.

4--Old Bath Road —Widening--The Borough Surveyor reported the terms upon which the abutting Owners were prepared to give up the land necessary for widening this road and that the estimated cost of the work, including setting back existing fences to the new boundary and provision of new fences where required, was £1,960. Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 60 per cent. of the wages bill in accordance with their circular letters, and that, subject to receipt thereof, the work be proceeded with.

5—Fairfield Walk—Trees----The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpaths on the East side of Fairfield Walk were six feet wide and that small flowering trees would be the most suitable to be planted. Resolved, That trees be planted accordingly.

6—Motor Lorry—Six tenders were received for the provision of a 1 ton motor lorry. Resolved, That the tender of The Victory Motor Co. (Cheltenham), Ltd., to supply a 1 ton Ford chassis with driver's cab and steel tipping body for £183, less approximately £7 rebate in respect of Import Duty, be accepted.

7—Langdon Road—Read, letter of 8th inst., from Mr. C. J. Saunders complaining of the condition of this road. Resolved, That the road be viewed.

8—Street Projections —(a) Royal Hotel and Vaults—Resolved, That the application of Mr. R. Coombs of 7th inst., for permission to fix a sign outside the Royal Hotel, High Street, projecting 4 feet 3 inches from the front main wall and with a clearance of 26 feet 3 inches above the pavement, and also to fix a lamp outside the Hotel Vaults in Albion Street be granted, subject in each case, to the usual conditions as to lighting.

(b) 134, High Street—Resolved, That the application of R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., for permission to fix five lamps to the facia of these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(c) 154, High Street —Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co., for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

9—Cemetery Road—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Transport agreeing to make a grant of 50 per cent. of the approved estimated cost of this work (£400), subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to labour.

10—Fairview Road--Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee approving a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on a loan of £196 for the purchase of land and costs for a period of 15 years.

11—Unemployment Relief Schemes—Wages—The Town Clerk reported that the Civil Engineering Conciliation Board had reported that the present standard rate of wages for labourers was tai per hour, 75 per cent. of which was 9.56 pence. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Unemployment Grants Committee, the rate of wages for men employed on Relief Schemes be increased from 9d. to 9 ½ d. per hour.

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12-Gloucester Road—Private Improvement Works-- The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Godsell & Sons, Ltd., desired these works to be postponed until March and in the meantime they proposed to cause the petrol pump outside the Lansdown Inn to be removed in which case they assumed the works would not be required, Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. R. C. Hall, licensee of the pump, asking to be allowed to have an arm to swing over the footpath fitted to the pump. Resolved, That Messrs. Godsell be informed that the works are required, irrespective of the pump, and that consideration of Mr. Hall's application be adjourned until the work is completed.

13—Chelt Footpath—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. P. L. Fison with reference to the condition of the banks and suggesting the exclusion of bicycles from the footpath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for the provision of circular gates to prevent bicycles obtaining access to the footpath.

14—Reddings Road—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Messrs. Ticehurst & Co., stating that they were instructed by Mr. H. Unwin to ask the Corporation to take over this Road under the provisions of the Agreement, dated 4th March, 1912, between Mr. Unwin, the Great Western Railway Co., and the Corporation. The Town Clerk reported that under the Agreement the Corporation were entitled before taking over the road to have it put into a proper state of repair at the cost of the frontagers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the road by the Meeting held January abutting Owners.

15—Sydenham Road, South—Read, letter from Mr. J. K. Bradbury. asking for a tree in front of "Fleetwood" to be removed. Resolved, That this be viewed.

16—Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported receipt of offer from Mr. C. W. McVitie for a strip of land on the East side of Ambrose Street belonging to the Corporation and now occupied by an advertisement hoarding. Resolved, That the land be viewed.

17—Upper Bath Road—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Councillor Leigh James calling attention to the condition of the footpaths fronting Nos. 24 to 82 and 3 to 73 Upper Bath Road. Resolved, That these be viewed,

18— **Stores Sub-Committee**—Reported meeting held on Thursday, 14th inst. Present : Councillor Sawyer (in the chair) and Councillor Pates.

They recommended that the Tenders of the following firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedules.

India Rubber Goods— Sharpe & Fisher. Ltd.

Cement—Chinnor Cement & Lime Works (W. E. Benton) at 62s 6 per ton less 2 ½ per cent.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—G. Bence & Sons, Ltd., H. Packer & Co, Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., Mark Williams & Co.

Castings--A. Danks, Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd. d

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

E. L. Fittings, etc.--Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

Ironmongery—J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

Tools—J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

Lead Piping, Fittings-, etc.—G. Bence & Sons, Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

Uniforms, Overalls, etc.—A. N. Cole.

White Lead, Oils and Colours, etc,—G. Bence & Sons, Ltd, J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Rowe Bros., Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

Disinfectants— Adcocks, Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd, United Alkali Co., Ltd.

Household Goods and Sundries—Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Society for the Blind, Drake & Co., J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Harvey & Sons, Ltd., Jackson & Painter, Joyner & Co., J. Lance & Co., Ltd., London Supply Co., W. H. Mack, Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd, J. M. Tarr, C. S. Watts, Yates & Co.

Printing and Stationary—Allott, Jones & Co., Ltd., J. J. Gillham & Son, J. Halden & Co., Ltd., Harvey & Healing, Norman, Sawyer & Co., Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes--Smith Bros.

Timber—G. Bence & Sons, Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., Smith Bros. (For six months in each case).

Forage—To be purchased from the Farms and in open market as at present.

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

19—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on 18th 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, 18th February, 1924: Present : Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillor, 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.
1780	Poynton, T. H.	Entrance Porch, Pittville Lodge (Amended Plan).
1793	Robinson, A. L.	Alterations to 411, High Street. ditto
1798	Cooper, E., Mrs.	Alterations and Additions to Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Ormond Place.
1799	Eke, R.	Temporary Workshop, 60, Fairview Road.

1800	Davies, D. V.	New Bay Window, Ellenborough Hotel.
1801	Butt, S.	New Garage, Victoria Place, Fairview.
1802	Committee of Blind Institution	Temporary Workroom, Blind Institution, Winchcomb Street.
1803	Pritchard, A. S.	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
1804	English, T. H.	Temporary Motor House, Askham House, Pittville Circus Road.
1805	Watson, C. H., Lieut-Colonel	New Bath Room and W.C., Del Rey, Moorend Park Road.
1806	Brunskill, T. G.	Covering-in Yard for New Garage, Warwick Place.
1807	Barrett, J. S.	New Greenhouse, " Southwold," Leckhampton Road.
1808	R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd.	Rebuilding Workshops on Chelt Footpath, St. James'
1809	Cheltenham Corporation	30 Non-parlour type Houses, Tennyson Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1780, 1793, 1798, 1803, 1805, 1806, 1808, and 1809 be approved, and that with regard to Plans Nos. 1793, 1798 and 1805 these be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1802 and 1804 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. 1799, 1800, 1801 and 1807 be disapproved for view.

2—Contravention of Bye Laws—(a) Plan No. 1780—Resolved, That this Plan having been submitted and approved, no further action be taken in regard to contravention of the Bye-laws reported at the last Meeting of the Sub-Committee.

(b) Plan No. 1790--Mr. F. W. Watson attended with reference to contravention of the Bye-Laws reported at the last Meeting and stated that he would submit an amended plan for consideration by the Sub-Committee in due course. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th February, 1924. Present : Councillors Pales, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Summer and Winter Orchestra—The **Concerts Sub-Committee** reported receipt of the following tender from Mr. Leo Dawes for the provision of a Summer and Winter Orchestra, viz.—Summer—£91 10s. 0d. per week : Winter £30 per week, subject to the following discounts off all payments made by the Corporation for the services of the Orchestra – for a Contract for one year 2 ½ per cent., two years 3 per cent. or three years 4 per cent, Resolved, That the tender be accepted for one year, the Contract to provide that the Corporation shall receive the full benefit of any reduction in Mr. Dawes' wages bill consequent upon any decrease in the union rate of wages of Musicians.

2— Medical Advisory Committee—This Committee reported the resignation of Dr. Johns as a Member thereof. Resolved, That this Committee desire to record their appreciation of Dr. John's services on the Advisory Committee and their regret at his resignation therefrom through ill health. Resolved, Also, That Dr. J. Allman Powell, BA., M.D., be appointed a Member of the Committee in place of Dr. Johns.

3—Medical Hydrology Class— It was reported that this Society would visit Cheltenham in May next. Resolved, That the arrangements for their reception be left to the Medical Advisory Committee.

4—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, letter of 25th ult., from Mr. J. H. Evans, on behalf of the United Services Bowling Club, stating that the Club was without funds and asking that, as for the greater part of the Season the ground was useless for bowling, £3 3s. 0d. be accepted as the rent for the Season instead of £10 agreed upon. Resolved, That under the circumstances this be accepted.

5—Montpellier Gardens Read, letter of 5th inst., from Mrs. E. H. Bissett asking for the free use of Montpellier Gardens on 25th and 26th June next for a Flower Show being arranged by the Chamber of Commerce and local Florists. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the organisers undertaking to admit holders of subscription tickets at half-price and to make good any damage. Sunday Licence—The Town Clerk reported that the application for a Sunday Licence had been granted for concerts between the hours of 8 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

6—Winter Garden Bandstand—Read, application of the 11th inst., from Commandant K. Cheesemore asking for the use of the Bandstand by the Wood Green Band of the Salvation Army on the Saturday before Easter (3 to 4.30 p.m.) and Easter Monday (11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) Resolved, That the same be granted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd February, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruet, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended and submitted his 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 £500 be provided for Advertising during the year, of which £300 would be for the usual standard advertising including the " Times," " Daily Telegraph," " Daily Mail " and other London papers and £200 for such other advertising as may be considered desirable according to circumstances.

8—Montpellier Gardens--The Concerts Sub-Committee reported receipt of complaints as to disorderly conduct in the Gardens on Sundays. Resolved, That Mr. E. E. Woodward be appointed to act as Custodian on Sundays from 11 a.m., until 1 p.m., and from 2.30 p.m., until closing time until the commencement of the Summer Band Season (12th May) at wages of 7s 6d per Sunday.

9—Alstone Mill House—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for repairs required to this house.

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10—Spa Medical Baths—Resolved, That an electrically illuminated projecting sign be placed over the central doorway of the Medical Baths at a cost of not exceeding £14.

11—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., asking the Corporation to pay the cost (£70) or to reduce the rent of the premises in consideration of the work the Company had carried out to the Re-winding Room to comply with the new Home Office Regulations. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

12-Town Hall—(a) Fifteen tenders were received for the supply of 300 wooden chairs. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. W. Frain & Sons, 23 Bath Parade, Cheltenham, to supply the chairs for £105 10s. 0d. be accepted, subject to their submitting a satisfactory specimen chair.

(b) Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Root, Fruit, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society for the use of the Large Hall, Supper and Refreshment Rooms on the 5th and 6th November next, for the Society's Annual Show, be granted at a charge of 7 guineas per day, plus actual cost of cleaning, heating and lighting and that the use of the Large Hall on the evening of the 4th November be granted free of charge to enable preparations to be made.

13—**Concerts Sub-Committee** —Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 5th and 19th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Town Hall Custodian—That the tender of Mr. S. G. Salisbury to supply a suit of uniform for the Custodian (including cap and additional pair of trousers) for £9 9s. 0d. be accepted.

Pittville—Whit-Monday Municipal Fete—That arrangements be made by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for a Fête at Pittville on Whit-Monday, and that the following Sub-Committees be reappointed :—

Sports Sub-Committee—Councillor 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, Rogers and Thomas ; Mrs. Bissett ; Messrs. E. W. Deacon, F. J. R. Mountain and Geo. H. Phillips.

Secretary--Also, That the secretarial work in connection with the Fête be undertaken by the Spa Manager.

Steam, etc., Horses, Swing Boats and Side-Shows—Also, That tenders be invited for the rights of providing Steam Roundabouts and Swing Boats and the usual Side-Shows ; and that the Corporation reserve the rights for Sweets, Ices, Fruit and Tobacco Stalls.

Pittville Lake—Landing Stages--That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to provide a landing Stage on either side of the Lake.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

14—Mineral Waters—Sales- -The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 474; Montpellier Baths 27 ; Pittville Chalet 29 ; and Pittville Pump Room 33.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th February, 1924 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Stanley, Capt. Trye and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1--Extension of Mains Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extension of mains referred to in his Report at the estimated cost of £60 and £50, respectively.

2—Switchgear —Nine tenders were received for the extension of the main switchboard in connection with the new plant. Resolved, That the tender of the Electric Construction Co., to supply and fix the Switchgear, including two additional feeder panels for £326, being the lowest tender received, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

3—Motor Generator Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a letter from Messrs. Crompton & Co. Ltd., with reference to their tender stating that in order to comply with the New Home Office Regulations they recommended a draw-out type of switch for the High Pressure panel and were willing to substitute this type for the panel mounted switch at an additional cost of £52. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

4—Old Plant--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of £240 for old generating sets referred to in Minute No. 4 of the Committee at their last meeting.

5—Loan— Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for Sanction to a loan of £10,532 made up as follows :--

Purpose.	Amount.
Feeders	£3,032
Sub-Stations . . .	£2,500
Mains	<u>£5,000</u>
	£10,532

6—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 March quarter : --

LIGHTING-Maximum Demand-

For the first 125 hours' use per quarter of the Maximum Demand as shewn by the Demand Indicator ..

7 ½ d. per unit.

For all additional units

3 ½ d. per unit.

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

. 6 ½ d. per unit.

Larger Consumers (subject to guarantee and discounts as before) ..

5d. per unit.

Churches and Chapels ..

5d. per unit.

Cinematograph Halls—Combined rate . . .

3 ¼ d.

POWER-(other than special Contracts)

1 ½ d. per unit.

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.

7—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer also recommended that the charge for street lighting for the current year be reduced from £10,000 to £9,000 and that the charge for the ensuing year be £9,000. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

(b) Lane front Hatherley Lane to Sunnymead--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that this road could be lighted by three lamps supplied from an overhead line at a cost of £66. Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their sanction to an overhead line being provided.

(c) Corpus Street—Resolved, That the 60-watt lamp in this street be replaced by a 100-watt lamp.

8—Coal Conveyor —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that this installation was nearing completion. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

9—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 26th and 29th ult. and 3rd inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 475, 475.3 and 474.2 and the Pressure 4.4, 3.9 and 5.2 inches.

Testing Room—Read, application of 13th inst., from the Gas Company for consent to removal of the Official Testing Room from Salem House, Clarence Parade, to a room at the Company's Central Offices, North Street, of which the Gas Examiner would be provided with a key and to which he would have access at all times. Resolved, That no objection be offered.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 11th February, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	534,000 gallons	354,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,715,000 "	1,647,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	148,000	103,000
Total	3,397,000	2,104,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 11th February, 1924.	Contents	Depth 11th February, 1923.	Contents
Hewletts		16,679,000 gallons		29,052,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 10in.	99,145,000 „	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		117,444,000		130,695,000

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	1084	8716
“ taps found leaking ..	63	691
“ defective flushing boxes	22	218
“ It defective stop taps ..	4	65
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house -to-house inspections)	63	
	<u>60</u>	
	123	1230
“ notices served re fittings	56	550
“ meters fixed and changed	11	145
“ houses connected ..	60	686
“ burst pipes discovered ..	13	147
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	22	247

3—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 12th inst., offering £100 for the disused tank at the Mythe. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned for view.

4—Pipes—Six tenders were submitted for the supply of cast iron pipes. Resolved, That the following tenders be acre in each case for the year 1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925; subject to contracts being entered into.

Spittle, Thomas, Ltd.	3-inch pipes at £11 0 0 per ton.
	4-inch " " 10 15 0 "
	5-inch " " 10 12 6 "

	6-inch " "	10 12 6 "
	Irregular " "	22 10 0 "
Stanton Ironworks Company, Ltd.	7-inch " "	10 5 0 "
	5-inch " "	10 0 0 "
	9-inch " "	10 0 0 "
	10-inch " "	9 15 0 "
	12-inch " "	9 15 0 "

5—Original Brewery Main—Resolved, That the quotation of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., for excavating and fill: trench for this main, viz.: 2s per lineal yard for carriageways and 1s 8d per lineal yard for footpaths, be accepted.

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6--Dowdeswell Reservoir-Mechanical Filters—(a) Read, letter of ow, nil, into,, from the Unemployment Committee, approving the installation of mechanical filters for the purpose of a grant of fifty per cent. of interest interest on the loan for a period of fifteen years or the authorised term of the loan, whichever is the less.

(b) The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 12th inst., from Dr. Calvert Inspector for Ministry of Health, stating that the design for the ferro-concrete buildings required in connection with the filters should be prepared by Engineer. Resolved, That this matter be referred to the Chairman and Borough Engineer, an independent with power to act.

7—Hewletts Reservoir No. 3-Read, letter of 2nd ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, approving of the floor of this Reservoir for the purpose of a grant of fifty per cent. of the interest on the loan (not exceeding £2,200), for a period of fifteen years.

8—Fish—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase 200 two-year old trout for Dowdeswell and Hewletts

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th February, 1924. Present The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Fares—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Company expressing surprise that the Council were not satisfied with the concessions offered considering the unsatisfactory financial state of the Company and that, he was afraid, it was impossible for the Company to make any further concessions, but if there was any further information with which the Corporation desired to be furnished, Mr. McCormick would attend the Meeting of the Committee.

Mr. H. J. McCormick attended, with Mr. C. R. Tattam (from the Company's London Office: Mr. W. J. Forbes (Clerk) attended as Representative of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and Messrs. E. S. Watson and J. W. Robson (Clerk) attended as Representatives of the Rural District Council. After discussion Mr. McCormick promised to submit for consideration of the Company a proposal that in addition to the concessions already offered the fare from North Street to the Co-operative Stores, Charlton Kings and from North Street to the Post Office. Prestbury should be 3d. instead of 4d.

Resolved, That if these additional concessions are granted the Council be recommended to withdraw their opposition and that otherwise the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the Inquiry.

2-Taxi-Cab Service—Messrs E. Bishop, W. J. Houghton and C. Thornber attended as a Deputation from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association with reference to the provision of an additional Order Office in the Promenade and Telephone Boxes. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

3—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever at (a) Tortworth Gardens, Moorend Park Road, and (b) The Moors, Tewkesbury Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Minister of Agriculture since the last Meeting, which had been published where necessary. He also submitted letters of 8th and 14th inst., from the Ministry with reference to the issue of licences for movement and holding of markets and farm sales, and reported that he had issued necessary instructions thereon.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease (Arbitration) Order, 1924—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, which had been published.

(d) Animals Landing (from Ireland) Order, 1924.—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order,

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4—Fire Brigade --(a) Report of Captain-- The Captain reported that on the 15th the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 34, Upper Park Street Considerable damage was done to the roofs of Nos. 3 and 35. Brigade Expenses £4 1s. 6d.

The Brigade was also called to an outbreak at Overbury Schools, on the 16th inst., but the call was transferred to the Gloucester Brigade, who attended.

(b) Tewkesbury Rural District Council —Read, letter of the 24th ult., from the Clerk, Tewkesbury Rural District Council, asking if the services of the Brigade and use of the Fire Engine and apparatus could be made available for extinguishing fires in all the Parishes in the Rural District, and upon what basis. Resolved, That the same terms be offered as in the cases of Charlton Kings and the Cheltenham Rural District Council, but only for the Parishes on this side of the river, viz.: Ashchurch, Boddington, Deerhurst, Elmstone Hardwicke, Leigh, Oxenton, Stoke Orchard, Tredington, Twynning, Walton Cardiff, and Woolstone.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, applications of the 4th and 6th inst., from Mr. A. T. Jones and Mr. W. J. Martin, for the licences held by them in respect of motor cabs numbered 54 and 18 to be transferred to Mr. A. H. Chandler of Victoria Cottage, Ryeworth Road, and Mr. R. Yeend, 46, Upper Norwood Street, respectively. Resolved That these be granted.

Wheel Chair--Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. F. C. Lewis, 12, Upper Bath Street, in respect of a wheel chair.

6—Races—Regulation of Traffic—Resolved, That the Traffic Regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, recommended by Superintendent Hopkins, be granted.

Special Licences—Resolved, That the Chairman and Town Clerk be authorised to issue such special licences as may appear to be necessary to meet the requirements of the traffic.

7--Petrol Licence—Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. F. S. Eddels for a licence to store 40 gallons of petrol at Langton Garage, Montpellier Terrace, be granted, subject to the place of storage being approved by the Inspector.

8—Market—Read, letters of 24th ult. and 18th inst., from the Chairman and Manager, respectively, of the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-Operative Marketing Society, Ltd., asking the Corporation to provide additional accommodation for the storage of empty pots etc., without extra charge to the Society, and also to meet them in regard to the additional rent charged for accommodation already provided since the lease was made. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of the additional accommodation now asked for.

9—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: -

	£ s. d.
General Hospital ..	47 17 8
Female Refuge ..	4 12 1
Female Orphan Asylum	5 10 6
Blind Asylum ..	5 10 6
Nazareth House ..	58 0 3
Victoria Home for Nurses	15 13 1
Provident Dispensary	5 to 6 [?]
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	14 14 8
Boys' Orphan Asylum	3 13 8
Hospital for Children, Battledown	11 1 1
Home for aged pensioners ..	3 9 4
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	5 10 6
St. John's Ambulance Association	<u>14 14 8</u>
	£195 18 5

General Hospital—Annual Contribution due 1st January, 1924, in lieu of free supply of Water £87 12s. 0d.

10—Speed Limit--The Town Clerk reported that he had enquired whether the Ministry of transport were now prepared to entertain an application for a speed limit for mechanically propelled vehicles in certain Streets in the Borough, and submitted reply of the 12th inst, stating that, in view of the recommendations contained in the Second Interim Report of the Departmental Committee set up to consider the question, the Minister was not disposed to make any fresh Order imposing a special speed limit, save in cases where new and exceptional conditions have arisen, introducing elements of special danger to the public which cannot be mitigated by other means.

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11—Cinematograph—Cinematograph Licences ---The Town Clerk reported receipt of application from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton for the consent of the Council to the exhibition of certain "A" Films, which was required by the new model condition* such films could be exhibited at performances attended by children under 16 unaccompanied by a parent or guardian. Resolved, That the consent of the Council be not given to the exhibition of any "A " films at performances attended by children under 16 unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.

12—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Alderman Margrett, Councillor Moore and Mr. John Waghorne be re-appointed as Cleeve Common Conservators, their term of office to expire in 1927.

13—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920— Resolved, That Mr. J. E. Ponting, Junior, (Clerk, Borough Accountant's Department) be added to the Certificate of exception, he having completed three years service on 17th January, 1924.

14—King's Roll and Contracts—Read, Circular 473 of 19th ult., from the Ministry of Health, suggesting that the Corporation should give preference in all Contracts to firms who are on the King's Roll.

15 —Pawnbroker's Licence—Read, application of 25th ult. from H. Higgins, Ltd., for a renewal of their Pawnbroker's Licence, which expired on 9th November last. Resolved, That a Certificate of Renewal for one year as from 9th November, 1923, be granted.

16—Shops Acts—Read, Report of the Shops Acts Inspector, of 17th inst, as to contravention of the Acts by the Licensee of the "Golden Cross," Lower High Street, by the sale of cigarettes during prohibited hours. Resolved, That the Licensee be warned that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken.

17—Asquith and Churchill Roads—Re-numbering—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan sheaving present numbering of houses in Hill View Terrace, Asquith Road and Churchill Road, and suggested re-numbering. Resolved, That no action be taken.

18—Unemployment Relief Schemes—The Borough Surveyor reported that nine Schemes were in progress and 125 men were employed thereon, making 250 in alternate weeks.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th February, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—Creamery Piece Allotments—Resolved, That notice to quit be given to the tenant of No. 14 allotment.

2—North Ward Allotments—Transfers—Resolved, That the following transfers be approved : Allotment No. 31 to J. Surman, Allotments Nos. 90 and 91 to Messrs. W. H. and W. H. G. Smith, Allotments 155-6 to H. M. Townley.

3—Gappers Field—Resolved, That Allotment No. 8 be transferred to T. D. Burford subject to his giving up his present Allotment, No. 19.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th February, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1---Recreation Grounds—(a) Grazing—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the grazing for next year.

(b) Cricket—Resolved, That the following applications for permission to play cricket be granted :—

Agg-Gardner—	Baker Street Institute Cricket Club	. Alternate Saturdays.
	Templar Cricket Club	“ “
Whaddon Lane—	Holy Trinity Cricket Club ..	Tuesday Evenings
Naunton Park—	Y.M.C.A	Alternate Saturdays.

2—Pittville Lake—Relief Works—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee approving of the amended estimate for cleaning out the lake and increasing the financial limit attaching to the grant sanctioned for this Scheme to £400.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th February, 1924: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Capt. Trye. (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Librarian and Curator—The Committee considered the apportionment of the Salary of the Librarian and Curator as between this Committee and the Library Committee. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that in future one third of the Salary be charged to this Committee and two thirds to the Library Committee. Resolved, also, That this Committee recommend that the Salary of the Librarian and Curator be increased from £285 to £325 and that the annual increments be increased to £15 rising to a maximum of £400.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th February, 1924. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Green ; Councillors Rogers and Whitaker and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

2—Curator's Report—Number of Visitors 3,162 against 3,595.

The Exhibition of pictures by Cheltenham Artists closed on 19th ult., having been opened on 27th November last. 4920 visitors had attended during the Exhibition (daily average 107); 9 pictures were sold therefrom for £32 4s. 6d. and 383 catalogues for £4 15s. 9d, Total £37 0s. 3d. : Commission at 5 per cent. paid to Corporation £1 17s. 0d.

The Exhibition of Prize Architectural Drawings of the R.I.B.A. and Society of Architects which followed was open for 9 days and visited by 1,260 people (daily average 140), including classes from Grammar School 118, St. John's School 33; St. Paul's Training College 34, and Christ Church School 15, also by 8 Architects' apprentices and 30 Builders employees.

The Exhibition of Graphic Arts and Water-colours was opened on 5th inst.

The notice boards authorised had been placed at Montpellier Gardens, Winter Garden and Pittville Gates.

Receipts—Postcards, 5s ; Collecting box, 8s 6d. Resolved, That the Report be approved.

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3—Leslie Young Benefaction—The Curator reported that the Victoria and Albert Museum had authorised the purchase of - specimens of beneficial and injurious insects in respect of which a grant-in-aid had been applied for and that he pro-posed to order same forthwith. Resolved, That this be approved.

4--L.M.S. Posters Exhibition—Resolved, That an Exhibition of Original Drawings of London, Midland and Scottish Railway Posters be arranged.

5—Lectures—Resolved, That arrangements be made for the following Lectures :-25th February : " Etching Processes " by Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, A.R.C.A. 17th March : " Pictorial Photography " by Mr. P. Fripp, A.R.C.A.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd February, 1924. Present: Aldermen Green and 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 26th January to 22nd February, 1924. Interments, 54; Exclusive Rights in 21 graves sold (first class 6, third class 3, and fourth class 12). Monuments erected, 3; Inscriptions, 7.

2—Grants of Grate Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6929 to 6936 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 graves of Edward J. R. Marsden, Mary A. Buckle, Edwin H. Coleman, Gertrude K. Hann and Isabella Spence ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Harriett H. Hall; Memorial Headstone to grave of Stanley N. Roberts; and Memorial Kerbing to graves of William H. Norman, Constance E. Edwards, Jane Cooper, G. W. B. Moule, and M. & F. Willett.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th February, 1924: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Messrs. W. G. Gurney, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts 5s. 3d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,873 (last year 5,211), Lending Library 15,773 (last year 12,122). Children's Library 2,007 (last year 1,805). Total for month: 18,653 (last year 19,138).

Lecture-330 attended the Lecture (a Recital from " Three Modern Poets") by Miss Katharine Baird on the 28th ult.

Presentations—E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., (3 vols., 1 holiday guide) ; Trinity College of Music (1 Calendar) and Captain R. P. Wild (1 vol.).

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2—**Report of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present :—Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Mann and St. Clair. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 150 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £25.

(b) That 75 hooks be re-bound at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That a lecture by Mr. Ernest Ivamy, M.A., Principal, Technical School, on Progress and Happiness be arranged for 3rd March next.

(d) That the offer of Mrs. F. Webb of magazines " Revue des Deux Mondes " and " Revue de France " be accepted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Librarian and Curator—Resolved, unanimously, That the recommendation of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee at their meeting on 7th inst. with regard to the apportionment of, and increase in the Salary of the Librarian and Curator be approved.

A. MANN,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th February, 1924 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruet, St. Clair, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair.)

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected :32,785 15s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £2,125 0s. 7d.

2 —Water Rate--Read. Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 23th March next. Amount collected £17,536 19s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £3,144 19s. 4d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £550 6s. 8d. on loan, and had arranged for the loans on the Sewage Farms amounting to £15,667 to be repaid and Debentures issued in lieu thereof. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £1,700 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4--Sanction to Loans - The Town Clerk reported receipt of Sanction to a loan of 1'15,667 for a term of 50 years for repayment of Mortgages on the Sewage Farms.

5—Insurance--Cash in Transit, etc.—Resolved, That the Policy with the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., Ltd., for insurance of Cash in transit be renewed at the rate of 1s 6dd. per £1,000.

6—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £200 0s. 0d. Corporation Stock at 68 ½ per cent. plus expenses £1 1s. 0d, Resolved, That the sum of £200 0s. 0d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee —Reported Meeting on s6fh inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) ; and Alderman Taylor and Councillor Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, except three amounting to £18 9s. 2d. which were referred back to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for consideration and report.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd April, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th day of April. 1924, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon** at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and Special Meetings on 17th and 1st April.

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 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

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4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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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 Monday, the 3rd March, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.)

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green and Councillors Pruen and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 4th 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.

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2—Runaway Horse—Mr. Arthur F. Waite (Water Inspector) attended and was complimented by the Mayor on behalf of the Council on his act of gallantry reported at the last Meeting.

3—Light Railway Fares—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company offering without prejudice and provided all opposition to the Company's application was withdrawn to grant, in addition to the return tickets previously offered, a 3d. single fare between the following points :—

(a) North Street and Co-operative Stores, Charlton Kings,

(b) Do. and the Post Office, Prestbury,

(c) Do. and Hall Road, Leckhampton,

on the understanding that if after a reasonable period (say three months) it was found that, by such revision of fares, the Company was involved in a loss, application might be made to the Ministry of Transport to increase the fares. (This letter was considered by the Council in conjunction with the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch 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 " Creden," Lansdown Road, Cheltenham ; and Hugh William Thomas, of " The Firs," Battledown, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

5—The Town Clerk submitted the Report of the District Auditor on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March last and this was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

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 February 11
Housing	Meeting held February 12
Street and Highway ...	Meeting held February 18*

* Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye " That the Resolution to Minute No. 4 (Old Bath Road widening) be referred back for further consideration."

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Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 15 & 22*

* Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : " That after the ward `sign' in Minute No. to (re Sign at Medical Baths) the following words be inserted " dimensions to be in accordance with the regulations."

(An amendment moved by Councillor St. Clair, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye " That the Resolution to Minute No. 4. (Winter Garden Bowling Green) be referred back for further consideration " was withdrawn).

(An amendment moved by Alderman Clara Winterbotham, seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Recommendation No. 4 of the Concerts Sub-Committee as to Steam Roundabouts, etc., in connection with the Whit-Monday Municipal Fête at Pittville be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held February 20

Water Meeting held February 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 19*

*Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Alderman Clara Winterbotham :

" That the Resolution to Minute No. 11 (Cinematograph Licences) be referred back for further consideration."

(An amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Councillor St. Clair : " That the offer of the Light Railway Co., referred to in Minute No. 1 be not accepted but that the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the Inquiry " was lost).

The Deputy Mayor in the chair.

Allotments	Meeting held February 11
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held February 11
Art Gallery and Museum .	Meetings held February 7 & 13
Burial Board ...	Meeting held February 22
Public Library	Meeting held February 12
Finance	Meeting held February 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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 Monday, 17th March, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.). Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sawyer and Welstead.

1—Proceedings of the Finance Committee—Estimate for Rate—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting on the 7th March inst., as now amended, 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 k8 10s. Od. ; and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one-half.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 Tuesday, 1st April, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.).

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Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Kendall, Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruet, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas and Yarnold.

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

1—Order for Borough Rate—Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or other-wise by law, and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of SIXTY ONE 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 1st March next, it is ordered by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the property rateable to the poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed, and the Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham, which is co-extensive with the said Borough, and the rateable value of the property lying therein, the said sum of Sixty one thousand pounds and it is further ordered by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Over-seers 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, Five hundred 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

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next and Five hundred 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.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th April, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th March, 1924; Present-The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James. Moore. Rogers, St. Clear, 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.: -1 and 2. Somerset Villas. Swindon Road ; Cumberland Buildings ; 7, 8, 8a and 9, Grove Street ; 24 and 25. Queen Street and 21 Henrietta Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1880 requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2 -Overcrowding at 1, Hereford 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.

3-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 16, Denmark Villas, St. Anne's Terrace ; 37, Sun Street ; and 13, 16, 21 and 50, Roman Road -The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling- houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 28, Sun Street ; 17, Granville Street ; Granville House. Swindon Road and Stables adjoining ; 2, Newent Place, Marsh Lane ; 9 and 9a, Russell Place and 13, 13a and 9, Northfield Terrace. 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 ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 19 and 21, Fairview Road and 5 and 10, Cleaveland Buildings -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 25 days.

5-Insanitary Property-1 and 2, Somerset Cottages, Swindon Road ; 16, Denmark Villas. St. Anne's Terrace ; Royal Hotel, High Street ; 13, 21 and 23, Roman Road ; 24 and 25. Queen Street ; 1 and 3, St. Past's Terrace ; 37, Sun Street and 17a, 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, and Section 50 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923. be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6-Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation- Nos. 44, 45. 46 and 47. New Street and Cottages at rear of Nos. 44, 46 and 47, respectively- 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.

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7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc. -The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 11lb. Beef and 2 ½ cwt. Pork.

8—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, application from Mr. Harry L. Carter, 13, Commercial Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1922—Read, application of 8th inst., from the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. for Licences to use the designation " Pasteurised " milk in connection with the sale of milk treated by them at their Dairy, Imperial Lane, Cheltenham. Resolved, That a Pasteuriser's licence be granted accordingly. Resolved, also, That Dealers licences be granted to the undermentioned for sale of the said milk : —Messrs. Ernest Raymond Higgs,

Darwen House, Bath Road ; Richard Davis, 3, Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street ; Harry Vallender, 21, Swindon Street and William Frederick Sims, 103, Upper Bath Road.

10—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.

11—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) 218, 219 and 220, High Street and 2 Cottages at rear— Read, letters of 28th ult., and 4th inst., from the Owner (Mr. J. R. Claridge) asking that consideration of making a Closing Order be deferred. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until May.

(b) 18 and 19, Waterloo Street— The Owner (Mr. E. Young) attended and, at his request, it was Resolved, That consideration of making a Closing Order be adjourned until April on the understanding that in the meantime Mr. Young would submit a specification of the work he proposed to carry out to the premises for the approval of the Sanitary Inspector.

12—Notification of Measles—The Town Clerk reported that an Order dated 25th ult. had been made by the Minister of Health rescinding, so far as they related to the Borough, the City of Leeds, etc. (Measles and German Measles) Regulations, 1920.

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

Farms Manager's Report--Live Stock on Farms on 10th inst., 11 horses (6 at Depot); 93 head of cattle, 13 calves ; 36 sheep ; 48 lambs and 50 pigs, all doing very well Since the last meeting 16 heifers and 3 calves had been purchased for £370 9s, 0d. and 46 lambs had been bred on the Farms. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc. amounted to £46 17s. 0d. Total purchases £417 6s. 0d. 1 steer, 5 fat cattle, to heifers, 5 calves and 44 pigs had been sold for £564 3s. 11d. 4 small pigs had died at Barn Farm.

Valuation of Farms—Read, Report of 6th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, on his valuation of the stock. implements, etc., on the Farms on the 5th inst., of which the following is a Summary :—

	£ s. d.
108 Cattle* *	2191 10 0
36 Sheep and 46Lamb;	213 10 0
62 Pigs .. .	72 10 0
17 Horses.. ..	394 0 0
Hay, Straw, Mangolds and Manures	321 11 6
Feeding Stuffs	98 0 10
Acts of Husbandry, Seed sown, etc...	258 0 5
Implements, Tools, Harness, etc. ..	<u>625 13 0</u>
	£4174.15 9

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, 14th March. 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Holdall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Pates and Thomas. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Housing Act, 1923--Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister was prepared to extend, if desired, the period for affording financial assistance in respect of 40 houses built by private enterprise so as to apply to houses commenced by 30th June and completed by the end of the year. Resolved, That the Minister be asked to extend the period accordingly.

Subsidy Houses--(a) Read, letter of 13th ult., from Messrs. J. D. Bendall & Sons withdrawing their application for subsidies in respect of five houses in Old Bath Road.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted applications for subsidies under the Scheme. granted :--

Mrs. W. Herbert--£75 in respect of house in Leckhampton Road containing 916 super. feet and to be built at a density of 11.5 to the acre

Mr. Wm. Henry Forty—£.75 in respect of a house for his own occupation in Old Bath Road, containing 862 super. ft. density 10 to the acre.

Mr. Robert E. Whiting---£75 in respect of a house for his own occupation off Bath Parade, containing 869 super. ft., density 10 to the acre.

Loans—The Committee further considered Circular 471 of 17th January last from the Ministry of Health re loans and guarantees. Resolved, That this Committee do not recommend the Council to undertake to advance loans for houses.

Resolved, That the following subsidies be

2 --Re-decoration of Houses —The Borough Surveyor submitted three applications for re-decoration of houses and rooms. Resolved, That the applications be not entertained.

3--Damage to Fence—Read, Police Report of 6th inst, of damage to wire fence at rear of No. 45, Tennyson Road, by horses belonging to Mr. J. R. Brown of Arle Court Farm. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence repaired and that application be made to Mr. Brown for payment of the cost.

4—Benhall Cottage- -The Town Clerk submitted the District Valuer's valuation herein dated 29th ult. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned.

5—Gas Mains --Read, letter of 23rd ult, from the Clerk to the Gas Co. stating that it had now been arranged for the mains to be laid along the roads or footpaths and that an Agreement would, therefore, be unnecessary. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the Committee's proceedings on 22nd January last be rescinded.

6—Tender for Houses —Read, letter of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health, that the Minister did not offer any further objection to the increase in the price to be paid to Mr. W. Drew for the erection of 30 houses.

7—Sale of Houses—(a) Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister had received a Report from the District Valuer with regard to the sale of the 10 pairs of Non-Parlour type houses now in course of erection in Byron and Milton Roads and was advised that the proposed price of £425 per house represented the average market value but it was considered that the varying sizes of the sites and the position of the houses should be taken into consideration and the price varied accordingly above or below the average price. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the houses should be offered at a uniform price of

£425 and that application be made to the Ministry for their consent to the sale of these houses at that price. (b) Mrs. Clifford—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mrs. Clifford, that she would not now require a house in Byron Road.

8--Selection of **Tenants**—Reported **Meeting of Sub-Committee** on 14th inst. Present : Aldermen Bendall and Taylor Councillors Bastin and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair). Resolved, That the next 9 Parlour-type houses be allocated, as they become vacant, as follows : (1) Hodkinson, W. J. (2) Crocker, L. (3) Vick, A. H. (4) Hodges, W. E. (5) Chalmers, Geo. (6) McNamara, J. (7) Woodward, O. S. (8) Sweet, H. and (9) Oldridge, W. J.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th March, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 15th February to 20th March, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 13th inst., 926 loads collected, 797 consumed and 129 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1165 tons 2 ½ cwts..)

2—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the stock of slabs had been reduced to 8,814 square yards since manufacture ceased in October last, and recommended resumption of manufacture during Summer months to augment Stock, Resolved, That manufacture be resumed at the beginning of May.

3—Promenade—Footpath —The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst., from the County Surveyor notifying a grant of half the cost of renewing footpath adjoining Winter Garden up to £300.

4—Street Projections (a) Central Gas Offices, North Street—Read, application of 7th inst., from Messrs. Healing & Overbury for permission to fix a glazed canopy outside these premises in accordance with sketch submitted. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the canopy being kept one foot inside the line of kerb.

(b) St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Direction Sign—Read, application of 8th inst., from the Clerk to the Deacon's Court, St. Andrew's Church, for permission to fix a direction sign to the lamp standard by Queen's Hotel, Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the consent of the Electricity & Lighting Committee being given.

5—Chelt Footpath—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for circular gates, Resolved, That local tenders be obtained for a gate to be fixed at each of the two entrances to the footpath in College Road.

6—Stores --The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 10th and 12th inst., from Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., withdrawing their tenders for White Lead, Oils and Colours, etc., Disinfectants, and Household Goods and Sundries, and intimating that they could only supply up to 20,000 bricks, the delivery of which they could not guarantee by any specified date. Resolved, That the 20,000 bricks be ordered and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept the next lowest tender for the other stores or to purchase the same from time to time as required, as he thought best.

7-- Refuse Destructor —Horse—Read, Report of 18th inst., from the Veterinary Surgeon recommending that the horse "Snuffy" be destroyed owing to its condition. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

8—Highways Department— Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Bendall), Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report on the Staffing of this Department.

9—Tar Macadam Plant—The Borough Surveyor submitted Schemes for the provision of tar macadam plant. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee named in minute No. 8, and that they be authorised to inspect plants in operation in other towns.

10—Dunalley Street —Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee approving the work of widening this road for the purpose of a grant of 60 per cent, of the wages bill incurred up to 31st May next, up to a limit of £180.

11—Maining of Roads—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Highways Committee had deferred consideration of the application of the Corporation for the roads named in Minute No. 15 of this Committee at their Meeting on 21st January last to be mained until the termination of the Agreement between the County Council and the Corporation for the repair of the roads on 31st March, 1926.

12—Unemployment Relief Schemes--Wages—Read, Circular letters of 27th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee and Ministry of Transport asking that consideration be given to the provision of Schemes for the relief of unemployment during the Winter of 1924-25, such Schemes to be submitted by 1st August next, and setting out the terms of assistance and conditions of grants, which were similar in effect to previous terms and conditions except that where the local authority undertakes work by direct labour the rate of wages must not exceed the authority's rate to its own workmen

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on similar classes of work, or the recognised district rate, if lower. This altered condition was in substitution for the previous requirement that the wages should not exceed 75 per cent. of the local authority's rate and any increase the Corporation might wish to give to workmen employed on present Schemes might take effect on the next pay day following the date of the Circulars. Resolved, That the wages of men employed on relief schemes be increased from 9 ½ d. to 11d., per hour, as from the next pay day after the date of this meeting.

13-Municipal and County Engineers—Resolved, That the Chairman (or Councillor Captain Trye) and the Borough Surveyor be Authorised to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers to be held in London on 25th— 28th June next.

14-Old Bath Road---Widening—The Committee considered the reference hack from the Council at their meeting on the 3rd inst. Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter.

15-Telegraph Line-Cheltenham-Staverton Bridge Road—Read, application of 22nd inst. from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to an overhead telegraph line along this road between the Borough Boundary and point near junction of Gloucester Road. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

16—Gloucester Road—Private Improvement Works—Read. letter of 28th ult., from Messrs. Godsell & Sons, Ltd. that the Petrol Pump had now been removed and objecting to being charged with the expense of the kerbing and channelling. Resolved, That this work be carried out.

17— Cemetery Road—Read, application of 25th ult . from the Local Hon. Sec. R.S.P.C.A. for permission to place a water trough near the Cemetery Gates. Resolved, That the site be not approved.

18—High Street —Tram. Track --Resolved, That the attention of the Light Railway Co. be called to the condition of the track in High Street.

19—Ambrose Street—Land—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. C. W. McVitie of £30 (£10 down and £20 on 25th September next) for the strip of land adjoining No. 1 St. George's Square be accepted on the following terms : (1) The hoarding to be allowed to remain until 25th March, 1926 and the Corporation to receive the rent therefor : (2) Mr. McVitie to enter into a covenant that after 25th March, 1926, the hoarding shall be taken down and that thereafter the strip of land shall not be used for an advertising station and that no advertisement shall be displayed on the side wall of the house and premises.

20-Reddings Road—The Borough Surveyor reported on his inspection of this road. Resolved, That the road be viewed at the next View Meeting.

21-View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

They recommended as follows :

Promenade—(a) Tree—That the tree at corner of Imperial Square be not removed at present.

(b) Taxi Order Office—That the application of the Motor Hire Owners' Association for permission to place an additional Order Office in the Promenade be not granted

Ellenborough Hotel—That the proposed bay window be approved.

Christowe, Sandford Road— That the proposed motor house be approved if erected on site agreed upon.

Upper Bath Road—That the footpath on the East side of Upper Bath Road from Kew Place to Hermitage Street be paved in accordance with Minute No. 7 of 24th February, 1919.

Hall Road—That the footpath in this road be tar sprayed when weather is suitable.

Langdon Road—That the carriageway be repaired, the necessary gullies fixed, and trees planted where required at proper season.

Leckhampton Road—(a) Tram Track—The repairs in progress were inspected.

(b) Southwold—Greenhouse—That the proposed greenhouse be approved if set back 20 feet from front.

(c) Carriageway—That the carriageway be re-surfaced or tar-sprayed when weather suitable.

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Norwood Road--That the footpath on East side be not paved at present.

Lansdown Road—Crossing—That the crossing suggested by Alderman Taylor be not provided.

Shelburne Road—That the proposed kerbing be not proceeded with in view of estimated cost (£150).

Sydenham Road South—Tree—That the tree by "Fleetwood" be pruned.

London Road—That no action be taken in regard to the suggestion to set back the fences of Ashling Villas, but that Resolution to fell trees of 19th November last be rescinded.

Colonnade—Wood Paving—That the wood paving be renewed at an estimated cost £550. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

22-Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on 4th and 24th inst.

Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 4th March, 1924: Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Leigh James, (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.
1799	Eke, R.	New Workshop at 60, Fairview Road (Amended Plan).
1801	Butt, S.	Garage, Victoria Place (Amended Plan).
1810	Watson, F. W.	Temporary Store-house, Rutland Street (Amended Plan).
1811	Wheway, J.	Temporary Motor House, 4, Wolseley Terrace.
1812	Franklin, T. B.	Temporary Wash-house, 59, Marle Hill Parade.
1813	Morton, Mrs. G. M.	Temporary Motor House, Glynthorpe, Libertus Road.
1814	Green, E. C.	Addition to 1a Winchcomb Street.
1815	Muirhead, A. K.	Bay Window at side of Myrtleville, College Road.
1816	Fortey, W. H.	Detached House, Old Bath Road.
1817	Saunders, V.	New Bath Room, 3, Andover Terrace.
1818	Currie, T. C.	Temporary Motor House, "Christowe," Sandford Road.
1819	Cavendish House Co.	Extension of Showroom, Regent Street.
1820	Whiting, R. E.	Detached House, of Bath Parade.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1799, 1814, 1815, 1816, and 1820 be approved, and that Plan No. 1817 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1810, 1810 1812 and 1813 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. 1801, 1818 and 1819 be disapproved for view.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman,

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 24th March, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1800	Davies, D. V.	New Bay Window, Ellenborough Hotel.
1801	Butt, S.	New Garage, Victoria Place (Amended Plan).
1807	Barrett, J. T.	New Greenhouse, " Southwold," Leckhampton Road.

1818	Currie, T. C.	Temporary Motor House, "Christowe," Sandford Road.
1819	Cavendish House Co.	Extension of Showroom, Regent Street.
1821	Francis, E.	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road.
1822	Townley, H. E. C.	Additions to South View, Prince's Road.
1823	Exors, of late S. Billings	Addition to Chapel, St. Anne's Nursing College.
1824	Allardyce, A. J.	Motor House, 9, Hatherley Road.
1825	Williams, W.	Two Houses, Russell Street.
1826	Bendall, J. L.	Detached House, Old Bath Road.
1827	Messrs. Gough & Edwards	New Shop Front, 406a, High Street.
1828	Ryland, Mrs. S.	Additions to "Amberley," Hatherley Road.
1829	Berryman, G.	Two Semi-detached Houses, Pilford Road.
1830	Vernall, F.	Additions to 2, Rodney Place, Rodney Road.
1831	Bendall, J. L.	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road.
1832	Mitchell, F.	Temporary Motor House, 8, Montpellier Terrace.
1833	General Swiney	Motor House, 2, Derby Villas, Douro Road.
1834	Colonel Williams	New Bath Room, 21, Tivoli Place.
1835	Miles, Alfred	Two Houses, Albion Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1800, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830 and 1833 be approved, and that Plan No. 1822 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1807, 1818, 1821, 1831 and 1832 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. 1801, 1819, 1825, 1834 and 1835 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st March, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 4th inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Baths from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays for land drills in connection with life-saving classes. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to payment by the Club of lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

2—St. George's Square— Bowling Green—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. W. H. Gaze & Sons, Ltd. had completed the laying of the Green. Resolved, That their account be passed for payment, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report from the Concerts Sub-Committee on their inspection of the Green. Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor submitted sketch for a permanent pavilion. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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3—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report of 4th inst., from Messrs. G. N. Haden & Sons, Ltd., on the -regulation of ventilation the Town Hall. Resolved, That a copy thereof be furnished to each member of the Committee, that the next meeting be held at the Town Hall and that the Architects (Messrs. Waller & Son) be invited to attend.

Folding Chairs—Messrs. W. Fruin & Sons submitted a specimen chair, which was considered satisfactory.

Medical Baths Advertising Case—Resolved, That a condition be inserted in the form of Agreement for hire of the Town Hall that the photographs of the Medical Baths shall remain illuminated during the hiring and shall not be obscured from public view.

4—Advertising--(a) Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow enclosing sketch (with estimate of cost) for signs which he suggested should be erected at the five entrances to the Town as part of the Advertising Scheme. Resolved, That no action be taken at present.

(b) Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Proprietors, " Gloucestershire Advertiser " enclosing copy of the paper. Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange for insertion therein of photographs of the Medical Baths and to order a copy of the paper to be supplied weekly, to the Medical Baths and Central Spa, respectively.

5—Medical Baths--Read, letter of 19th inst., from Nurse S. Briand resigning her appointment as Assistant Masseuse to take effect on 19th prox. Resolved, That applications for the appointment be invited by advertisement.

6—Mineral Waters—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee that Mr. C. I. Gardiner be asked to make an analysis of each of the four mineral waters for a fee of £2 2s. 0d.

7-1, Oriel Road-- Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, that Miss McSheehy and Miss Walsh desired to continue their tenancy until 24th June next. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

8—Montpellier Gardens--(a) Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Chief Constable that he could arrange for Mr. E. E. Woodward to act as a Reserve Constable at 10s per Sunday. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Refreshment Buffet—Resolved, That permission be granted to Mr. E. G. Whittall, Bayshill Garage, Parabola Road, 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.

9—Pittville—Whit Monday Municipal Fete—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee, that the offer of Mr. Marshall Hill of £27 10s. 0d. for the rights of providing Steam Horses etc. be accepted.

10—Municipal Orchestra—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee, that the offer of Mr. Leo. Dawes to provide an Orchestra during the week preceding Easter (five musicians for five days) and after Easter (five musicians in mornings and eight in afternoons for six days, including performances at three Dance Teas and two Balls) for £50 be accepted.

Resolved, also, That a Special Concert be held on Easter Monday morning, that an Artiste be engaged at a fee not exceeding £1 1s. 0d. and that a charge of 6d. be made for admission thereto.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th March, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

11—Town Hall—Mr. W. N. Haden (Heating and Ventilating Engineer) and Col. Waller (Architect) attended and inspected the ventilating apparatus with the Committee. Resolved, That Messrs, G. N. Haden & Sons be asked to send a man to test the working of the apparatus on the occasion of the Race Ball on 23rd April next, and that Messrs. Waller & Son be asked to furnish an approximate estimate of the cost of providing a dome in the roof of the Supper Room to improve the ventilation, which they were prepared to do at a nominal fee.

12-Spa Medical Baths--The Borough Surveyor submitted design for a glazed canopy to be fixed over the door of the Medical Baths. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for same.

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13—Montpellier Gardens -The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. & Mrs. Newman wished to relinquish their joint appointment as Custodians of the Gardens owing to advancing years. Resolved, That, on Mr. and Mrs. Newman vacating the Lodge, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to find light employment for Mr. Newman at £1 a week.

14—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. Weekly Reports had been rendered to the Medical Officer of Health and forwarded to the " Echo" and " Cheltenham Chronicle." Monthly Returns and Sunshine Cards had been sent regularly to the Meteorological Office. Resolved, instructed to obtain tenders and have 250 copies of the Report printed.

Training Course--Read, circular letter of 21st ult., from the Director, Meteorological Office, Air Ministry, with reference to a course of training for Meteorological Observers, to be held at Kew Observatory from 28th April to 3rd May next, and the Town Clerk reported that the Borough Meteorologist was willing to attend the course if allowed his expenses. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make an allowance of £5 for his expenses.

15—Programme Boards—Resolved, That the quotation of Mrs. Shakspeare Shenton for posting the monthly Spa Programmes and keeping boards in clean condition for 6/- per month, also for posting double-crown posters on their bill-posting stations for 2d. per poster per week, being the lower of two quotations received, be accepted.

16—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 4th and 18th inst., were read

They recommended as follows : Winter Garden—Urinal—That, in view of the nature of the work involved in the repair of the roof of one of the Urinals on the East side of the Winter Garden, Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be instructed to carry out the repairs at cost price plus 15 per cent.--the estimated cost being £30. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

17—Mineral Waters—Sales --The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :--Central Spa 565; Montpellier Baths 38 ; Pittville Chalet 27 ; and Pittville Pump Room 29.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th March, 1924: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moose in the chair).

1—Extension of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that in cases where consumers were required to make a cash payment towards the cost of an extension of cable to provide a supply and the revenue from such extension was increased by other consumers coming on later, some portion of the cash payment should be returned to the consumer. Resolved, That in such cases one-half of any revenue from additional consumers in any one of the first three years, shall be credited to the original consumer provided that such repayment shall not exceed in any year one quarter of the cash payment made and that the consumer shall have fulfilled any guarantee given by him.

2-Additions to Plant—(a) Foundations—Resolved, That the offer of Mark Williams & Co. to undertake the excavation and laying concrete for foundations, on a schedule of prices, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(b) Pipework- Four tenders were received for pipework required in connection with the new plant. Resolved, That the tender of Stewarts & Lloyds, Ltd., of £592, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

3—Light Railway—Supply of Energy--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Light Railway Co. had agreed to pay 1.4d per unit based on 20s coal as from 4th December last, the other provisions of the existing Contract to remain. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Agreement be renewed on these terms.

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4-District Joint Board and Joint Industrial Council-Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor J. Moore) and the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated representatives of the Undertaking on the Joint Board and Joint Industrial Council No. 6 (West of England) Area, respectively.

5 —Accident to Mains Foreman—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mains Foreman J. Pates had met with an accident but continued to work as he was within a few days of completing 30 years' service with the Corporation, during which time he had not been absent for a single day through illness. Resolved, That this Committee desire to record their appreciation of Mr. Pates' long period of uninterrupted service.

6-Accountant- The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application from Mr. C. T. Bastin for an increase of salary. Resolved, That Mr. Bastin's salary be increased from £275 to £300 per annum.

7-Lamp Standards—Complaint was received as to children using standards for giant-strides. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to communicate with the Police and the Education Secretary with reference thereto.

8—Church Direction Sign—Resolved, That no objection be made to the fixing of a direction sign to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the lamp standard by the Queen's Hotel, subject to the same being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

9—Gas Tests--Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 23rd and 26th ult. and 7th, 12th, 17th and 22nd inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 465.5, 466.6, 474.7, 468.5, 464.8 and 465.6 and the Pressure 4.4, 4.2, 4.8, 4.7, 4.6 and 5.2.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 27th March, 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen 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 17th March, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	318,000 gallons	382,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	675,000	1,736,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	144,000 "	120,000
Total	1,137,000	2,238,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	17th March, 1924.		17th March, 1923.	
Hewletts		14,030,000 gallons		30,665,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	30ft. 9in.	93,042,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		108,692,000		132,285,000

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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	1057	9773
“ taps found leaking	92	783
“ defective flushing boxes	30	248
“ defective stop taps . . .	4	69
draw taps repaired in ordinary course)	92	
(special repairs apart from house-to house inspections)	<u>45</u>	
	137	1367
“ notices served re fittings .	61	611
“ meters fixed and changed . .	5	150
“ houses connected . .	58	744
“ burst pipes discovered	13	160
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.) .	19	266

3- Tewkesbury Water Works—Superheater—The Borough Engineer submitted report of the 21st ult. from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company that the superheater of the second boiler should be replaced. Resolved, That the superheater be replaced at an estimated cost of 4173.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir--(a) Mechanical Filters—The Borough Engineer reported upon an interview he had had with the Chief Engineering Inspector of the Ministry of Health, who had intimated that no objection would be raised to the construction of the building with concrete blocks, which would be more economical, the filter tanks to be in reinforced concrete. Resolved, (1) That this method of construction be adopted ; (2) That Messrs. Mouchell & Partners be employed to prepare drawings of the filter tanks and, as desired by the Ministry, that an independent Engineer be engaged to verify their calculations ; (3) That tenders for the building and tanks be invited by advertisement ; and (4) That the Borough Engineer be authorised to engage such temporary technical assistance as may be required in connection with the work.

(b) Embankment—Read, letter of the 20th inst. from the Unemployment Grants Committee extending the period for the execution of this work to the 30th April next.

5—Original Brewery Main---(a) The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement as settled between the Solicitors for the Company and himself. Resolved, That the agreement be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

6--Supply to House at Gubshill, Tewkesbury—Read, letter of the 5th inst from Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, asking if a house to be built on this land could be supplied direct from the pumping main. Resolved, That the application be not agreed to.

7—Sick Labourer—Resolved, That the Baker Memorial Fund Trustees be recommended to grant £1 per week for five weeks to Thomas Greening, who had been in the employment of the Corporation for 25 years and was lying seriously ill.

8—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.

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 Monday, 10th March 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Moore, Rogers and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council forwarding copy of Regulations made by the County Authority prohibiting the movement of animals into the County, but permitting movement from the Borough if and so long as similar Regulations were made and kept in force in the Borough. Resolved, That similar Regulations be made for the Borough.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th March, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara. Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that except for one case of Swine Fever at The Moors, Tewkesbury Road, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting, none of which required publication.

(c) Foreign Animals Order, 1910—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of the 29th ulto, made by the Minister of Agriculture including the U.S.A. among the prohibited Countries specified in the First Schedule to the Order.

(d) Foreign Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order, 1924 (No. 2)—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order.

3—Diseases of Animals Act—Resolved, The Police Inspectors, Sergeants and First-class Constables be authorised to issue Movement Licences under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders made thereunder.

4--Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain— The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :—

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
27th February	Greenhouse, Windsor Street,	Slight.	£4 16s. 6d.
10th March	The Paddocks, Evesham Road.	£50.	£3 13s. 6d.

At the last-named fire the first-aid apparatus on the new Engine was used with excellent results.

(b) Tewkesbury Rural District Council—Read, letter of the 28th ulto., from the Clerk, Tewkesbury Rural District Council, that his Council had decided not to enter into an Agreement for the services of the Brigade for the Parishes in their District.

(c) Kemerton—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Clerk, Kemerton Parish Council, enquiring amount of contribution required to obtain the services of the Fire Brigade for that Parish. Resolved, That he be informed that the Corporation would not be prepared to make an Agreement with one isolated parish.

(d) **Report of Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on Tuesday, 18th March, 1924. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillor Stewart.

Motor Fire Engine—The Sub-Committee inspected the new Engine and expressed satisfaction therewith.

They recommended :—

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

(ii.) Harness—That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to make an offer for Harness not now required.

(iii.) Rope Jumping Net—That this Net be offered to the Farms Sub-Committee.

(vi.) Suction Hose Pipe—That the Captain be authorised to dispose of this pipe.

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

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Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Omnibus-Cheltenham to Tewkesbury —Resolved, That an Omnibus licence be granted to Mr. Wesley J. Hawksworth, of Staunton near Gloucester, in respect of a Motor Omnibus to ply for hire between Cheltenham and Tewkesbury and also Driver's and Conductor's Licences for same.

Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be to Mr. James Edwards, Midland Garage, Queen's Road,

6—Hackney Carriage Stand—Clarence Parade—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Secretary, Salem Baptist Chapel, objecting to the appointment of a Hackney Carriage at the Chapel. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to recommend another site.

7—Petrol Licence—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. A. E. Tilley to store 300 gallons of Petrol at Wellington Garage, Wellington Street.

8—Market-(a) Empty Pot Store—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for the provision of a building for storage of Empty Pots, the lower being that of E. F. Blakeley & Co., Ltd., Birkenhead, to provide a steel-framed building covered with corrugated iron for £521 15s. 0d. In addition, the foundations and floor would cost approximately £40, making a total estimated expenditure of £561 15s. 0d. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to provide the additional accommodation, subject to the Co-operative Marketing Society undertaking to pay £40 annually in respect thereof and to enter into a new Agreement extending the lease for a further term of 10 years as from the 1st January last, and that if this offer is accepted application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £562 for the cost of the building.

(b) Accommodation for Eggs—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Manager, Co-operative Marketing Society, that owing to increased egg sales the accommodation was inadequate, and asking that a double door be substituted for one section of the Army Hut to enable the Hut to be used for the purpose. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of this alteration at £60. Resolved, That the alteration be made.

(c) Pleasure Fair—Read, application of the 20th inst., from Mr. Marshall Hill for use of a portion of the Market for a Fair from the 10th to 15th April. Resolved, That the application be granted at a rent of £15 plus charges for water.

9—Cinematograph Licences—The Committee considered reference back by Council at their Meeting on the 3rd inst. Resolved, That Mr. T. Lyon, Film Censor for the Corporation, be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

10—Bethel Chapel Poor's Estate and Darke and Ballinger's Charities—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Charity Commission forwarding Draft of Scheme for the regulation of these Charities. Resolved, That no objection be made thereto.

11—Three Counties Show—Read, letter of the 19th ult., from the Secretary, Three Counties Agricultural Society in reply to the Corporation's invitation of March last to the Society to hold their 1926 Show in Cheltenham and stating that whilst many Members would be delighted to accept it was felt that, for the present, the Council of the Society was bound by the arrangements made that the Show should be held in Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester alternately.

12-Shops Acts—Read, Report of the Shops Acts Inspector of the 24th ult., as to contravention of the Acts by Mr. C. Hacker, Brunswick Street. St. Paul's, by the sale of groceries during prohibited hours. Resolved, That Mr. Hacker be warned that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken.

13—Summer Time—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Early Closing Association, inviting attendance of Delegates at a Public Meeting in London on 8th prox. with reference to the Summer Time Bill. Resolved, That, this Council are in favour of the proposed Bill fixing the period for Summer Time to run from the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in October. Resolved, also, That Delegates be not appointed to attend the Meeting.

14—Council Chamber—Resolved, That the Curator of the Art Gallery be asked to arrange for the paintings to be oiled.

15—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, Report of the Rat Executive Officer on the work done under the Act during 1923.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th March, 1924. Present: Councillors Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments—Transfer--Resolved, That the transfer of allotment No. 47 to H. Betteridge be approved.

2-Allotments-(a) Vacancies—The Town Clerk reported that there were allotments to let in Albert Road, Alma Road, Asquith Road, Brooklyn Road, Byron Road, Hall Road, Orrisdale Terrace, Tennyson Road, Turners Field, Wasleys Field, and Whaddon Lane.

(b) Albert Road and Whaddon Lane (New Piece)--Resolved, That the rents of these allotments be reduced to 17s 6d per chain, as from the 25th March, 1924.

Resolved, also, That in view of the lessened demand for these allotment applicants be allowed to take two allotments, if desired.

(c) Read circular letter of 6th inst., from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, urging Local Authorities to acquire sufficient land to satisfy full demand for allotments.

3—Arrears—The Town Clerk submitted list of arrears of rent. Resolved, That he 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.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th March, 1924. Present -Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—(a) 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, 1925. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into in each case

Agg-Gardner.—	W. A. Davis, 330, High Street ..	£8
Naunton Park —	do, do.	£7
Whaddon Lane,—	Waghorne Bros., 346, High Street ..	£8

(b) Cricket—Resolved, That the following further applications for permission to play cricket be granted ;—

Whaddon Lane.--St. Paul's United Cricket Club Alternate Saturdays

do. do G. P. O. Cricket Club Alternate Saturdays

Naunton Park.—Emanuel Church Cricket Club - Saturday.

(c) Painting Railings—Read, letter of the 15th ult., from Unemployment Grants Committee, stating that they were unable to make a grant-in-aid of this work. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out such portion of this work as can be done without exceeding the Estimates.

(d) Agg-Gardner—Organised Games—Read, application of 7th inst., from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission to use this ground on Thursdays, between 2 and 4-15 p.m. during the Summer Term. Resolved, That permission be granted.

2—Pittville Lake —(a) Landing Stages—The Committee considered recommendation of Town Improvement and Spa Committee asking this Committee to provide landing stages on either side of the lake. Resolved, that consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th March, 1924: Present—Aldermen Clara W4urterbotham. Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Whitaker. (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 2,890 (against 2,068). The visitors included Classes with teachers from the Ladies' and St. Mary's Colleges, The Grammar School, St. John's, St. Peter's, Naunton Park and Gloucester Road Schools

Receipts—Postcards 3s 2d ; Collecting box £1 11s. 6d.

The Exhibition of "Graphic Arts " and of Water Colours by Heaton Cooper, which closed on the 14th inst. was visited by 3669 persons. The receipts for Catalogues, Collecting box, Commission on Sales, Subscriptions and advertisements in Catalogues amounted to £10 16s. 5d., which would approximately cover the cost of the Exhibition.

104 paintings from the " New Society of Artists," London, had been received and the Exhibition would he opened on the 13th inst.

Considerable progress had been made with the re-arrangement of the case of Greek and Roman Pottery, Through Mr. L. W. Barnard he had secured a Skull and fragments of pottery from the recent excavations at Churchdown. The Skull was one of a type identified by Sir Arthur Keith as belonging to the Saxon period.

Resolved, That the report be approved.

2—Gifts--Flints from the Rev. H. G. O. Kendall, Coin Scale and Coins from Miss Probert and Carborundum from Sir James Seabrooke. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Exhibition of The Hon. John Collier's Pictures—He had been offered this Exhibition on reduced terms if it could be accepted about the middle of April. He estimated the expenses would be about £13. Resolved, That he be authorised to accept the offer.

4—Museums Association Annual Conference—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Museums Association, to be held at Wembley Park from 21st to 26th July next.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th March, 1924. Present: Alderman Green; Councillors Mann, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (23rd February to 28th March, 1924). Interments, 138; Exclusive Rights in 15 graves sold (first class 2, second class 2, and fourth class 11). Monuments erected 9. Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6951 to 6962 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 graves of Henry L. Hare and Kate Arnold ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of Edith E. Johnson ; Memorial Scroll to grave

of Powell Chandler ; and Memorial Kerbing to graves of Charlotte Clifton, Nan (Marion d, Beatrice H. Coates, Alfred Dodwell, and Agnes Moxey.

4—War Graves—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission that they had not received any reply from some of the next of kin of soldiers buried in graves marked with private Memorials to an inquiry if they desired a Commission Headstone to be fixed, and asking if the Burial Board had any objection to Headstones being axed in these cases, and also if there was any objection to two Headstones being over grave A1. 801 in which two soldiers, were buried, and three Headstones over grave A1. 908 in which three soldiers were buried. Resolved, That no objection be made.

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5—War Crosses—The Town Clerk submitted sketch of proposed oak railings for fixing the War Crosses which the Master Builders' Association would provide and fix free of charge. Resolved, That the sketch be approved.

6—War Memorial Cross—The Town Clerk reported Joint meeting of the Remembrance Day Committee and the Burial Board Committee when it was decided to arrange for the Unveiling and Dedication of the War Memorial Cross, which had been erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission, on Sunday the 27th April next ; the Town Clerk also read letter of 26th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission that they would endeavour to arrange for a representative of the Commission to attend the Ceremony.

7—Roads --Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out forthwith the repairs to the road from the entrance gates to the inner gates.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th March, 1924: Present--Aldermen Green and Steel: Councillors Mann, Pates, Stanley, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P.M.C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 5s. 9d, Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,888 (last year 4,440), Lending Library 10,898 (last year 11,194). Children's Library 1,801 (last year 1,711). Total for month: 17,587 (last year 17,345).

Lectures—The following Lectures had been held: 18th February, "Chipped Flints," by Rev. H. G. O. Kendall, M.A., F.S.A.; (attendance 100); 25th February, "Etching Processes," by Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, A.R.C.A. (attendance 80); 3rd March, "Progress and Happiness," by Mr. Ernest Ivamy. M.A., F. R. Hist. S. (attendance 70); and 17th March, "Pictorial Photography," by Mr. Paul Fripp, A.R.C.A. (attendance 180). Average attendance for ten Winter Lectures 179.

Presentations—Mr. E. J. Burrow (17 vols.); Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (1 vol.); The Fabian Society (1 vol); Library of Congress, Washington (1 report); L. V. Rogers & Co. (Grouping System Railway Map and Business Guide); Mrs. C. Rose (1 vol.); Mr. G. Ryland (1 vol.); Mr. C. J. Sawyer (2 vols.); Rev. T. S. Tonkinson (1 vol.) ; Mrs. F. Webb (9 vols.); and Miss M. F. Wilson (1 vol.).

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 13th inst. Present :—Councillors Mann, and St. Clair. and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 76 new volumes, published at £37 4s, be purchased at an estimated cost of £24 10s.

(b) That 60 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That the Lending, Reference, and Juvenile Departments be closed on Easter Saturday and Monday; the Newsroom to remain open on Saturday as usual and on Monday up to 2 p.m.

(d) That the quotation of W. East for cleaning and painting the Reference Library for £30 be accepted, and that the work be carried out immediately the heating system is cut off for the Summer season.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st April, 1924: : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel, Councillors Moore and St. Clair (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 £33,973 10s. 10d. Excused £62 7s. 6d. Void £629 0s. 6d. Irrecoverable £195 18s. 11d. leaving outstanding £134 16s 5d.

2 --Water Rate Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th ult. Amount collected £19,168 15s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £1,874 15s. 3d.

3 —Loans -- (a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £3,150 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 a Debenture amounting to £300 be approved, and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £250 0s. 0d. Corporation Stock at 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £250 0s. 0d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

5—Insurances--Third Party—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that the Fine Art and General Insurance Co. Ltd. had offered to increase the amount of Indemnity in respect of any one accident from £1,000 to £2,000 and in respect of any one year from £2,500 to £5,000 without extra premium. Resolved, That the policy be renewed on these terms.

(b) Drivers—He also reported that the Company had agreed to reduce the premium in respect of this insurance from £24 to £18 7s. 6d. for an indemnity of £2,000 in respect of any one accident as against £1,000 last year. Resolved, That the policy be renewed on these terms.

(c) Motor Lorry -He also reported that the new Motor Lorry had been insured with the Company at an annual premium of £9. Resolved, That this be approved.

6 --Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1923. The Town Clerk reported that the recommendations of the Auditor as to Allotment Agreements and Debenture Transfer Register had been attended to.

Pittville Rent Charges—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the arrears of rent charges to which the Auditor had called attention.

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 26th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); and Councillors Moore and Pruen. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, except one amounting to £1 8s. 1d. which was adjourned for further consideration.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st May, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE. on MONDAY, the 5th, day of May, 1924, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the .4fternoon, 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. Alderman Taylor to Move—"That the Resolution of the Council on the 14th April, 1924, confirming Minute No. 2 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on the 11th April, recommending the erection of a Pavilion at St. George's Square Bowling Green at a cost of £300, be rescinded.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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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, 7th April, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.). Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd March last, and the Special Meetings on the 17th March and 1st 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.

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2—St Mark's to Cemetery omnibus Service—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham and District Light Railway had applied for the permission of the Council to alter the route of this service as follows :—Junction of Tennyson and Brooklyn Roads via Libertus Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Road, Hewlett Street, Leighton Road, King's Road, Hales Road and Cemetery Road. An hourly service would be provided until noon and then half hourly, but it was proposed that every alternate omnibus should run Tivoli Road, Park Place, Suffolk Square, back of Montpellier Terrace to Promenade, etc. Resolved, That the alterations in the routes be approved.

3—Light Railway—Fares—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had granted the application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., Ltd., for an extension of their Temporary Increase of Charges Order from the 1st April inst., to the 31st December next subject to the terms of the Agreement made with the Corporation and the Cheltenham Rural District Council as to the fares.

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 March 10

Housing Meeting held March 14

Street and Highway Meeting held March 24*

*(An amendment moved by Councillor Sr. Clair, seconded by Alderman Green : That the wages of men employed on relief schemes be increased from 9 ½ d. to 10 ½ d. per hour as from the next pay day after the date of this Meeting, and that the hours worked per week be increased to 48 " was lost).

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held March 21 & 28*

* Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor St. Clair : " That Minute No. 14 with reference to a grant of £5 towards the Borough Meteorologist's expenses in attending a Training Course at Kew be not approved."

Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held March 26
Water	Meeting held March 27
General Purposes and Watch	Meetings held March 10 & 25*

*Except Minute No. 8 (a) relating to Empty Pot Store at Market. Subject to the following amendment moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Councillor Pruen : "That Minute No. 5 be referred back for further consideration."

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Allotments	Meeting held March 10
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held March 10
Art Gallery and Museum ...	Meeting held March 12
Burial Board ...	Meeting held March 28
Public Library	Meeting held March 18
Finance ..	Meeting held April 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. I'

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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, 14th April, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair.

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

1—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 :—

Slum Areas Clearance ...	Meeting held April 9
Town Improvement and Spa ...	Meeting held April 11*

* Subject to the following addendum to Minute No. 3 (Gardens) moved by Alderman Steel, seconded by Councillor Mann : " That the Committee be asked to consider and report on the question of making the Gardens open free to the Public."

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Leigh James " That Minute No. 2 (St. George's Square Bowling Green—" Pavilion ") be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

MINUTES of the Committees or the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th May, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th April, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham 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, viz. :--14 to 17 (inclusive) Russell Street ; 6, King Street ; Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street ; Cintra Cottage " A ", Victoria Place and 30, St. James' Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2- cleansing and Whitewashing at 2, Beaufort Buildings ; 35, Victoria Place ; 6, Newent Place, Marsh Lase; 15, King Street and 2 and 3, Caledonian Cottages, King 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) 12, New Street ; 39, Townsend Street and 1, Elm View Terrace—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 and 9a, Russell Place ; 2, Newent Place, Marsh Lane, and 13 and 13a, Northfield 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) 9 and 11, St. James' Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Daffurn & Tombs ..	52	10	0
Mealing & Co. ..	48	10	0
Mark Williams & Co.	31	10	0

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

4—Insanitary Property—(a) 45 Fairview Street ; 35 and Cintra Cottage, Victoria. Place ; 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30, St. James' Street; 10, Worcester Street ; 6, Rodney Terrace ; 2, Beaufort Buildings ; 6, Newent Place, Marsh Lane and

Cumberland Buildings, Grove 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, 1875t 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) 16, Tivoli Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on 11th February last (Minute 3 (b), the works of repair specified to be done to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. J. White at a cost of £2 17s 6d. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

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5—Surrender or Contaminated Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 2 qrs. Beef; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs Pork; 2 cwt. 2qrs. Fish ; 17 tins Meat ; 7 tins Fruit ; 5 tins Fish and 3 tins Milk.

6--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.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 18 and 19, Waterloo Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner (Mr. E. Young) had given instructions for the required work to these premises to be carried out immediately after Easter. Resolved, That consideration of making a Closing Order be adjourned until May.

(b) 1 to 5 York Cottages, and 7 to 9, York Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made on 19th June, 1916, had not been rendered fit for human habitation, and he recommended that an Order be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That notice be given to the Owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to consider on 9th June next the question of making an Order for the demolition the premises.

8—Hayden Sludge Main Extension—The Borough Surveyor reported that three of the four applicants had paid their contribution amounting in the aggregate to £180 towards the estimated cost of extending this main, leaving £20 to be paid by Mr. W. E. Kearsey who had offered to pay £5 in June and the remaining £15 by three equal annual instalments. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

9—Sewer Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst., from Mr. E. Cole stating that Mr. R. W. Wonson would contribute £25, being half the estimated cost of sewer required to drain houses to be built on Mr. Wonson's land, and that as building proceeded Mr. Wonson was setting back the fences to the line of frontage approved by the Corporation ; and was thus giving up 222 square yards of land for the widening of the road. Resolved, That the offer he accepted and the sewer laid.

10—Conferences —Read, letters from the Sanitary Inspectors Association, the People's League of Health and the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis inviting the attendance of delegates at Conferences. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Public Analyst--Read, letter of 5th inst., from Mr. R. H. Ellis, the newly-appointed County Analyst, that he would be pleased to undertake any work the Council might require from time to time.

12-Cancer-The Town Clerk submitted Circular 476 of 6th ult., from the Ministry of Health, supplementary to the Memorandum of 14th August last with regard to Cancer, a copy of which had been sent to the Medical. Officer of Health by the Ministry.

13—**Report of the Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present • Aldermen Green ; Councillors Leigh James, Rogers, St. Clair, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Live Stock on Farms on 14th inst., 12 horses (5 at Depot); 66 head of cattle ; 17 calves; 93 sheep ; 48 lambs and 38 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 heifers, 2 calves and 58 Teds had been purchased for £206 0s. 0d. and 10 calves had been bred on the Farms. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc. amounted to £61 10s. 3d. Total purchases £267 10s. 3d. 1 bull, 28 heifers, 8 calves, 1 sow, 4 pigs and 1 ewe skin had been sold for £863 16s. 3d. and produce for £21 3s. 9d. Total sales £885 0s. 0d. 1 ewe and 8 small pigs had died.

Shooting at Farms—Resolved, That the offers of Mr. W. C. Unwin and G. Mc. Ilquham of £4 and £5 for the sporting rights at Barn Farm and shooting at Hayden, respectively, being the same terms as last year, be accepted.

Net—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to inspect the rope jumping net offered by the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee.

W. J. Cock's Tenancy—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of arrears of rent due from Mr. W. J. Cock in respect of Great Stocking's Field.

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 April, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, and Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Pates, Rogers and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Housing Act, 1923--(a) The Town Clerk submitted Circular 353b of 15th ult., from the Ministry of Health with reference to the Density and Measurement of Houses and the granting of subsidies in respect of houses built outside the Borough.

(b) Subsidy House—The Town Clerk submitted an application from Mrs. Ellen Mills for a subsidy under the Scheme in respect of a house to be built in Whaddon Lane, containing 947 super. feet and to be built at a density of 14.3 to the acre. Resolved, That a subsidy of £95 be granted.

2—Sale of Houses—(a) Read, letters of 29th ult., and 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health that no objection would be raised to sale of ten pairs of Non-Parlour type houses in Byron and Milton Roads at average price of £425 per house and forwarding formal Instrument of Consent to sale on these terms.

(b) Resolved, That the District Valuer be asked to value one of each type of Parlour houses with a view to sale.

(c) E. Hawker—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. Hawker had contracted to purchase the first house in Byron Road from the Milton Road end.

(d) F. Robson—Resolved, That the first refusal of two houses in Byron Road be given to Mr. F. Robson.

(e) A. D. Ewens—Resolved, That Mr. A. D. be given the first refusal of the fourth house in the Northern block in The Crescent (abutting on Shakespeare Road).

3—Field No. 396—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. Harris had applied for permission to retain this field containing 6a. 1r. 13p. as arable instead of seeding it down as provided in the Lease. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

4—Recreation Ground--Resolved, On the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, that no objection be offered to the use of the temporary Recreation Ground for organised games by children from the Central, Christ Church and St. Mark's Schools.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th April, 1924. Present: Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, St. Clair, Stewart and Captain Trye ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Quarterly Report—Read, report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1924.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows:—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	31.3	20.4
At Clare Street (12 Meetings) ..	14.5	14.7
At Highbury (13 Meetings) ..	28.7	27.12

Two new members—Mrs. Collett and Miss Lefroy—had been elected to serve on the Committee of the Society.

The mothers attending the three Centres (200) were entertained at Highbury Schools on January 23rd.

Records of each Centre had been sent to the National Society of Maternity and Child Welfare in order to help in setting up a standard weight curve.

Dr. Allman Powell had written to the National Society with regard to the number of infants suffering from umbilical hernia and had asked the Victoria Nursing Home to report such cases of which careful records would be kept. By this means he hoped it would be possible to investigate the cause.

A new shelter for perambulators had been erected at Baker Street Centre.

Miss King had been appointed temporary Secretary in place of Miss Seton who had been granted six months' leave of absence.

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2 —Health Visitors' Report--The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1924 :--

No. of Children on Register	2,898
No. of Children Visited (1 year and under) ..	647
“ (over 1 year) ..	839
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	2,217
“ Attendance of Health Visitors at Centres ..	71
“ Children remitted to Hospital	17

“ Ante-natal Cases visited .. .	39
“ Whooping Cough Cases visited ..	9
“ Chicken Pox “	3
“ Measles “	44

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	46
New Orders ..	31
Orders discontinued during quarter	32
“ continuing to coming quarter	35

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter 38 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers, 29 for infants or children under three years of age.

3— Home Helps--Application was made by the Voluntary Health Society for a grant of £10 for the establishment of a Scheme of Home Helps to undertake the work of a home for one or two weeks as required during the confinement of the mother. The Helps would receive 2s 6d a day and food. Hours of service : 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No Sunday service. The wages would be paid through the Centres. Helps to be engaged one month in advance and applicants to pay by weekly instalments or in full one month in advance. It was intended to start the Scheme in September. Resolved, That a grant of £10 be made subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

4—Grants- (a) Read, Circular No. 474 from the Ministry of Health stating that they were now prepared to make Grants for the further development of Maternity and Child Welfare, etc. Schemes.

(b) Read, letter of 20th March last from the Ministry of Health stating that the Ministry had decided to make a Grant of £356 13s. rod. for the financial year 1922-23 less £333 paid on account and a grant of 45 per cent. of £806 namely £362 for the current year could also be paid.

(c) Read, letter from the Ministry of Health of 31st ult approving of an expenditure for the current year not exceeding £820.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday 23rd April, 1924. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. 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 21st March to 17th April, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 10th inst., 733 loads collected, 691 consumed and 42 tipped away. (Weight consumed 989 tons 3 cwts.)

2- Horse Hire and Team Labour—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Veterinary Surgeon recommending that the horse " Lion," which was unfit for work, be destroyed or turned out. Resolved, That the horse be turned out and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to its condition at the next meeting. The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of additional horses or another Motor Lorry. Resolved, That the recommendation be adjourned for further consideration, Resolved, also, That the price paid for team labour be reduced from 14s to 12s per day for horse, cart and man.

3—Chelt Footpath—Gates--Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. Such & Sons Ltd., to provide and fix circular iron gates and bows at each of the two entrances to the footpath in College Road for £11 17s. 0d., being the lowest of seven tenders received, be accepted.

Fences--The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of further complaint as to the dangerous condition of the fences. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Agents for the Harford Trustees thereon.

4—Russell Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that notwithstanding repeated applications Messrs. H. Packer & Co. Ltd., had not provided a crossing over the footpath at the entrance to their premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings, if necessary, to compel provision of a crossing.

5—Workmen's Wages—Read, Memorial from Workmen applying for increased wages in view of increase in cost of living and increases granted in other branches of local labour. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

6—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.

7—Street Projections-342.3 High Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. R. Thomas of 28th ult., for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions. 354 High Street Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. Dickens for permission to fix a glazed canopy outside these premises be adjourned for view.

8—Petrol Pumps (a) Read, application of 26th ult., from Messrs. Westborough & Wiggett for permission to erect a Bowser pump on their premises at Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street, with a moveable delivery arm over the footpath. Resolved, That no objection be made provided the delivery arm shall be at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and not extend beyond the edge of the footpath when in use, and to Messrs. Westborough & Wiggett entering into an Agreement as in other similar cases.

(b) Resolved, That the application of 17th inst., from Messrs. B. Blissett & Co.. for permission to erect a pump at their premises in Norwood Road with moveable delivery arm over the footpath be adjourned for view.

9—Fire Brigade Harness—Resolved, That the harness offered by the General Purposes and Watch Committee be accepted.

10—**Highways Department--The Sub-Committee** appointed to consider and report on the Staffing of this Department reported that Mr. T. W. Halliwell, Out-Door Superintendent wished to relinquish his appointment owing to advancing years, and recommended that his services be retained for other work at a salary of £100 per annum, and that applications for the appointment of Out-Door Superintendent at a salary of £250 per annum. plus house (free of rates), with fuel, light and water, be invited by advertisement. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—Reddings Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Ticehurst, Mcllquham and Wyatt waiving on behalf of Mr. H. Unwin the services of statutory notices. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the work required at £1475. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost thereof.

12—Telegraph Lines --Christchurch Road—Read, application of 31st ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line with two poles in Christchurch Road. Resolved, That consent be not given. Suffolk Street—Read, application of 31st ult., from the Superintending Engineer for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line with one pole in Suffolk Street. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painting lagging being fixed to the base thereof.

13—Sandford Mill Road (Continuation)—Read, Report of 4th inst., from Messrs G. H. Bayley & Sons, valuing land vested in the Debenture Holders of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., at £112 10s. 0d. Resolved, That this sum be accepted in satisfaction of the Corporation's charge on the land in respect of Private Improvement Expenses and that the Corporation join in the Conveyance to release their Statutory charge on the land.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Notice declaring this portion of Sandford Mill Road (112 yards in length) to be a public highway.

14—Libertus Road—Private Improvement Expenses—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings, if necessary, for enforcing the charge of the Corporation in respect of the expenses outstanding.

15—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates and Capt. Trye (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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They recommended as follows : -

College Road —That the tree in front of " Roseville " be not removed.

Winchcomb Street- Fairview Road to Pittville Gates---That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpaths where necessary.

Old Bath Road- That the footpath in front of a pair of houses recently built by Mr. P. Witts be paved by the Corporation in consideration of land given up by him.

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

16—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 8th and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 8th April. 1924: Present—The Mayor ; 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.
1801	Butt, S.	Temporary Garage, Victoria Place (Amended Plan).
1834	Col. Williams	New Bath Room, 21 Tivoli Place.
1836	Greeg, F. J.	Additions to Curtis Hotel, Bayshill Road.
1837	Newall, Miss	Motor House, Ellingham House, Pittville Lawn.
1838	Ladies College Council	Temporary Cycle House, Glenlee, Malvern Road.
1839	Wilson, C. A.	Additions to Overdale, Gloucester Road.
1840	Crump, Mrs. J. M. A.	Alterations to entrance porch, Pittville Lodge, Pittville Lawn.
1841	Mills, Mrs.	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
1842	Miles, Alfred	Two houses, Albion Street.

- 1843 Charity Organization Society Jessie Mary Chambers Almshouses,
Junction of Brooklyn and Tennyson Roads (Amended Plan).
- 1844 Cavendish House Co. Extension of show-room, Regent Street (Amended Preliminary Plan).

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1836, 1837 and 1843 be approved, but that Plan No. 1837 be subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee ; that Plan No. 1839 be approved subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1801 and 1838 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. 1834, 1840, 1841, 1842 and 1844 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1924: Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Mann and Rogers, (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1834	Col. Williams	New Bath Room, 21, Tivoli Place (Amended Plan).
1840	Crump, Mrs. J. M. A.	Alterations to Pittville Lodge, Pittville Lawn.
1841	Mills, Mrs.	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
1842	Miles, A.	Two Houses and Shops, St. Anne's Road (Amended Plans)
1845	Flower & Sons	Temporary Club Room, Norwood Arms.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1841 and 1842 be approved, that Plan No. 1845 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 Plan No. 1840 be disapproved and that Plan No. 1834 be disapproved and that the site be viewed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th April, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Medical Baths--Sign—The Borough Surveyor reported that a Glazed Canopy would cost about £60. Resolved, That in lieu of the proposed canopy an illuminated electric sign be placed on the lamp standard opposite the Baths at an estimated cost of £11 1s. 0d. subject to the approval of the Street and Highway and Electricity Committees.

2—Mineral Waters—Chalybeate Water—Read, the following Report of the Medical Officer of Health on this Water :—

"This water has the appearance of a natural ferruginous water being turbid, with a large ochreous deposit on standing.

A portion of the clear supernatant water, obtained after allowing time for the deposit to subside, yielded evidence by volumetric estimation of containing in solution about one and a half grain per pint of ferrous iron. The deposit in the bottle contained a much larger quantity of ferric iron of an insoluble and inert nature.

The above indication of 1.5 of iron, equal to 3.1 of carbonate of iron in solution per pint, shows the iron to be in such strength in the cleared water as to be of therapeutic value when taken in half pint doses.

It is not unlikely that a careful collection of the water would result in a stronger solution of the iron being obtained. Such iron waters must always be drunk fresh, as upon exposure to air, a change in the iron quickly takes place by oxidation, with clouding of the water and deposit of ferric oxide."

The Spa Manager also reported that the Medical Advisory Committee were satisfied that the water would prove of great value as a medicinal water.

3---Concerts—(a) Complimentary Tickets—Resolved, That Complimentary Tickets be issued to displayers of Corporation advertisements, etc.. in accordance with List settled by this Committee.

(b) Flood Light—Resolved, That an electric flood light be purchased at an estimated cost of £12 for use at evening concerts.

(c) Sunday Concerts—Resolved, That the Sunday Concerts be held at Montpellier Gardens during the coming Season instead of at the Winter Garden Ground.

4— Official Guide- Read, letter from Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., that they were now prepared to undertake the revision of the Official Guide, issued under the auspices of the Council, and hand over 6,000 copies free of charge for distribution over the coming two years. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

5—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, asking that these Baths might be opened earlier than the 1st May and the Chairman reported that the Concerts Sub-Committee had already arranged for Alstone Baths to open on the 24th inst., and Montpellier on the 25th inst. Resolved, That this be approved.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th April, 1924. Present : Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

6—Alstone Baths—Mr. F. E. Lane attended on behalf of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club with reference to the Club's application for the provision of additional seating accommodation. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of a balcony over the dressing boxes to seat 150 persons at £100. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to have the work carried out, subject to the Club agreeing to pay £10 per annum for 10 years and to provide satisfactory guarantors to cover the payments for the first 5 years.

Swimming and Mixed Bathing—Read, application of 15th inst., from the 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 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.

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7—Montpellier Gardens —Hard Tennis Court—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. L. G. Drake of 25th inst., of £3 10s. 0d. for the use of this court on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to closing time during May, June and July be accepted.

Free Admission—The Committee considered the addendum of the Council at the last Meeting. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

Custodians—Mr. and Mrs. A. Bunce, applicants for the appointment of Custodians, were interviewed. Resolved, That they be appointed Custodians at joint wages of £2 10s. 0d. per week plus house, light and gas (for cooking) and (in the case of Mr. Bunce) uniform. Mr. Bunce to supervise the Gardens on Sundays from October to March (inclusive) and to relieve the Custodian appointed for the Summer Season during meal times on Sundays from April to September (inclusive).

Dog Show—Resolved, That the application of The Gloucester and Cheltenham Canine Society for permission to erect two tents be granted, subject to the same being pitched on the gravel and to the applicants undertaking to make good any damage caused.

8—Montpellier and Winter Gardens —Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting applications for the appointment of Custodian of Montpellier and Winter Gardens for the Summer Season at wages of £1 10s. 0d. per week.

9—Alstone Mill Premises—The Town Clerk submitted draft Lease to Mr. T. E. Sutcliffe. Resolved, That the same be approved.

10—Spa Federation Conference—Read, Report of this Conference held in London on 20th ult. Resolved, That a copy of same be sent to each Member of the Council.

11—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 1st and 15th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :-

Winter Garden—That three Tennis Courts be laid out on the Bowling Green and let as from 1st June next at a charge of £10 per Court.

Spa Medical Baths --That Miss M. Kirby be appointed Assistant Masseuse on one month's trial at wages of £2 15s. 0d. per week in place of Nurse S. Briand, resigned.

Montpellier Gardens—Clock Golf—That a Clock Golf Green be laid at an estimated cost not exceeding £2 10s. 0d.

Alstone and Montpellier Baths--That these Baths be opened respectively on 25th and 24th inst., instead of 1st May.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

2-Mineral Waters Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 714; Montpellier Baths 18 ; Pittville Chalet 37 ; and Pittville Pump Room 48.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th April, 1924: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Captain Trye and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Old Cable—Resolved, That the offer of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd. for old cable, being the highest offer received, be accepted.

2—Cables and Meters—Resolved, That the contracts with the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd. for supply of cables and with the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co. Ltd., for meters, be renewed for one year, on new Schedules of Prices being obtained from both firms to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

3—Insurance Against Loss of Profits—Resolved, That the quotation of the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., Ltd., to insure the Corporation against loss of revenue and profits resulting from damage to or destruction of the Generating Station by fire at an annual premium of 1s 6d per cent. on the amount covered be accepted, and the Borough Accountant be instructed to insure in the sum of £35,000.

4—Supply to Winchcomb—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of letter from the Secretary, Winchcomb Traders' Association asking if a supply could be made to Winchcomb. Resolved, That owing to the small revenue which might be expected compared with the heavy capital outlay, the Committee is of opinion that the proposal is impracticable.

5—Staff—Bicycle Allowance -Resolved, That an allowance of 10s- per quarter be made to the Meter Readers and two other employees for maintenance of their bicycles used for their work.

9—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports — Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 5th and 11th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 470.2 and 468.5 B.Th.U. and the Pressure 5.8 and 4.7 inches.

Official Testing Room---Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Clerk to the Gas Company that the Testing Apparatus had been re-assembled at the Central Offices, North Street, that the room would be shut off from other parts of the building and that the Gas Examiner would be provided with a latch key.

Gas Regulation Act, 1920—General Amending Prescription The Town Clerk submitted Amending Prescription from Gas Referees and reported that he had instructed the Gas Examiner to carry out the requirements thereof.

Gas Meter—Read, letter of 31st ult., from Capt. W. Thomson complaining of alleged defective meter and the Town Clerk's reply thereto suggesting that he ask the Gas Company to have the meter tested.

Resolved, That the latter be approved.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th April, 1924: 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 30 days, ended 28th April, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	198,000 gallons	293,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	877,000	1,297,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	74,000	103,000
Total	1,149,000	1,693,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	28th April, 1924.		28th April, 1923.	
Hewletts		51,352,000 gallons		31,792,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		92,121,000		133,412,000

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

	During March	Total for past 12 Months
No. of house-to-house inspections	992	10765
„ „ taps found leaking ..	90	873
„ defective flushing boxes	29	277
„ defective stop taps ..	—	69
draw taps repaired in ordinary course)	82	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>35</u>	117	1484
notices served re fittings	51	662
meters fixed and changed	11	161
houses connected ..	80	824
burst pipes discovered	11	171
supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	30	296

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Mechanical Filters—(i) The Borough Engineer reported that the fees payable to Messrs. Mouchel and Partners in respect of the drawings, etc., for the filter tanks would be 10 per cent. on the contract price and to Mr. G. Watson, for verifying their calculations, 25 guineas. Resolved, That these fees be agreed to.

(ii) Read, letter of 29th inst., from the Ministry of Health that no objection would be raised to the Council entering into a Contract with the Candy Filter Co., Ltd. for the mechanical portion of the Filters, but that Sanction to a Loan would be deferred until receipt of drawings of the building and the calculations of the reinforced concrete work. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract with the Candy Filter Co., Ltd., and that this portion of the work be proceeded with.

(b) Damaged Sewer---Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council that his Council would defray the cost of reinstating the sewer damaged in widening the road near the Reservoir and adopt the suggestion of the Borough Engineer to use cast iron pipes, but this payment would be made without admitting any legal liability.

4—Hewletts Reservoirs— (a) Stalactites—The Borough Engineer submitted three stalactites from the roof of the covered Reservoir which was built in 1824. Resolved, That they be placed in a glass case and presented to the Museum for exhibition.

(b) Valve Tower--The Borough Engineer recommended the provision of a Valve Tower in Reservoir No. 3, with water screens to improve filtration, at an estimated cost of £200. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Assistant Foreman—Resolved, That Chief Water Inspector H. G. Bosworth be appointed Assistant Foreman at his present wages of £4 per week and that applications for the appointment of Chief Water Inspector, at the same wages, be invited by advertisement.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th April, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, letters of 7th and 9th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council forwarding copy of Regulations made by the County Authority revoking the Regulations made on the 8th ult., (prohibiting movement of animals generally into the County) and prohibiting only the movement of animals imported from Ireland. Resolved, That similar Regulations be made for the Borough.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th April, 1924 : Present—The Deputy :Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except one case of Swine Fever at The Moors, Tewkesbury Road.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease--The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last meeting, which had been published where necessary, and submitted Circular letters of the 2nd and 16th inst. Resolved, That the Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts be instructed to see that the provisions of the Orders referred to therein are strictly complied with.

(c) Animals (Transit and General) Amendment Order, 1924—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order (dated 1st inst,) which had been published.

3—Fire Brigade- —(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :—

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
5th April	Chatcombe Hill (Gorse)	—	£3 19s. 6d
10th April	29 Bath Street,	£300-400	£5 14s. 0d.
24th April	Brookes' Furniture Factory, Swindon Road North	£800	£6 16s. 0d.

(b) Horse Fire Engine—Read, letter from Mr. W. W. Theobald, that Mrs. Theobald raised no objection to this being disposed of. Resolved, That it be advertised for sale.

4—Houses for Police—Read, letters of 8th and 12th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council proposing that the Corporation should provide houses required for Police in Cheltenham Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

5—Market— (a) Read, application of the 10th inst., from The Manager Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind, for a pitch at the Market on one Thursday in May free of charge for sale of articles produced by the blind. Resolved, That the same be granted.

(b) Accommodation—Resolved, That the **Market Sub-Committee** meet at the Market on the 1st May to consider proposals of the Marketing Society as to additional accommodation.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. L. Davis, 29 Sandford Street and A. E. Tilley, Wellington Garage, Wellington Street, for licences in respect of motor cabs Nod. XA1428 and AD1622 respectively, be granted.

Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. L. Leach for the licence held by him in respect of motor cab LH3317 to be transferred to Mr. J. Hitchman, 6 Clare Place, be granted.

Motor Omnibus—Cheltenham to Tewkesbury—The Committee considered the application of Mr. W. J. Hawksworth for a license in respect of a motor Omnibus to ply between Cheltenham and Tewkesbury which was referred back by the Council. Resolved, That a licence be not granted and that the Resolution of the Committee on the 25th ult., be rescinded.

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Drivers—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to Messrs. J. Hitchman and A. R. Wheatcroft.

Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc., be held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 13th May at 10 a.m.

7—Inspector of Hackney Carriages—The **Sub-Committee** appointed to report on the inspection of Motor Hackney Carriages recommended that Mr. J. R. Waghorne be appointed Inspector of Motor Hackney Carriages at a salary of £25 per annum to inspect each Motor Cab (including the machinery) at least once each year and periodically during the year as may be required, and to submit reports to the Committee as to the fitness or otherwise of a vehicle for public hire.

8—Hackney Carriage Stand— (a) Clarence Parade—Superintendent Hopkins recommended that two Horse Carriages be allowed to stand on the North-West side of Clarence Parade (opposite the "Echo" Offices) instead of near Salem Chapel as recommended by Minute No. 4 of the Committee at their Meeting on 16th October last. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and the Minute varied accordingly.

(b) Clarence Lamp--Resolved, That the stand for 2 horse carriages be available for Motor Cabs after 7 p.m.

9—Petrol Licence—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Messrs. Stevens & Co. of 6 Colonnade to store 300 gallons of Petrol for private use at the Garage in Trinity Lane (rear of Columbia House) subject to an underground store being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. T. F. Worgan for a licence to store 20 gallons of Petrol at The Park Garage, Painswick Road, be not granted, there being no suitable place for the construction of a store.

10—Cinematograph Licences—Mr. Lyon who has been acting for some years in a voluntary capacity as Film Censor for the Corporation attended and expressed his willingness to undertake the inspection of "A" films before exhibition

to the public. Resolved, That he be authorised to give consent on behalf of the Council under Condition 11 in respect of such "A" films as he considers may be suitable for universal exhibition.

11—Local Government, &c., Superannuation Act, 1922— Resolved, That the Council be recommended to obtain an Actuarial Report on the cost of a Scheme under this Act and to authorise this Committee to settle list of "Established Posts" and other necessary details to be submitted to the Actuary for the purpose of making a Report.

12—Cheltenham Root, Fruit, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society's Show—Cup Resolved, That a Challenge Cup, value £5 5s. 0d. be presented for competition at the Annual Shows of this Society to replace the cup previously presented which had been won outright, and that the Chairman, the Mayor and Alderman Clara Winterbotham be appointed to select a cup.

13—Shops Acts—Read, Report of the Shops Acts Inspector of 5th inst., as to contravention of the Acts by Mr. A. Vacara, 47, Tewkesbury Road, by the sale of groceries during prohibited hours. Resolved, That Mr. Vacara be warned that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken.

14—Municipal Press Agency—Minutes—Resolved, That the application of Mr. J. Cabburn of 5th inst., to be supplied with a copy of the Minutes to be used in connection with a municipal news service for daily and other papers be granted.

15—Unemployment Relief Schemes--The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on 13 schemes which he considered would be suitable for Relief work if required for next Winter. Resolved, That a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report be sent to each member of the Committee and the same be considered at the next Meeting. Resolved, also, That particulars of the Schemes be also sent to the Unemployment Grants Committee to ascertain if they would be approved for a grant.

16—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture expressing satisfaction with the systematic methods adopted for dealing with the Rat problem in Cheltenham.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th April, 1924. Present : Alderman Steel. Councillors Farrer, Pruen, Stanley and Yarnold; Messrs. F. Clarkson, F. and F. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—Turner's Field Allotments —Read, Memorial from tenants of these allotments that the hedge bordering the allotment on the Chelt side required repairing. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the gaps in the hedge.

2-Allotments—Vacancies—The Town Clerk reported that there were allotments to let in Albert Road, Hall Road, Whaddon Lane, Alma Road, Tennyson Road, Byron Road awl Asquith road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds hoed when necessary to prevent them seeding.

A. E. STANLEY,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th April, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Pruen, Stanley and Yarnold (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Ellingham House—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed garage. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) Pittville Lake —The Committee further considered recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee asking this Committee to provide landing stages on either side of the lake. Resolved, That this Committee does not agree with the recommendation.

(c) Cleaning out Lake—Read, letter of and inst., from Unemployment Grants Committee extending the period during the grant authorised in respect of this scheme may be earned to the 30th April next ; and also agreeing to extend the financial limit of grant from £400 to £550.

(d) Read, Report of Park-Constable of damage to flower beds caused by boys belonging to All Saints' Choir. Resolved, That the report be sent to Rev. Canon Johnstone and that he be asked to use his influence with the boys to prevent further damage.

(e) Read, Report from Superintendent Hopkins of a conviction obtained against F. H. C. Sallis for an indecent assault on a boy at Pittville and that the Magistrates had commended the Park Constable for his prompt and efficient action in the case.

2 —Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That it be a recommendation to the Housing Committee that school children from the Central, Christ Church and St. Mark's Schools be permitted to use the Recreation Ground on the the Housing Estate for Organised Games and thereby relieve the Agg-Gardner ground

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th April, 1924. Present --Alderman Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Whitaker. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 2,904 (against 2574) including Classes with teachers from St. Mary's College, Gloucester Road Junior Mixed School and the Parish Church Girl's School.

The Exhibition from the " New Society of Artists" opened on the 13th ult., and closed on 12th inst. Visitors to Exhibition, 2,957. Receipts, £5 19s. 8d. Expenses, £7 6s. 0d. Photographs by Cheltenham Amateur Photographic Society were on exhibition for 24 days. Captain R. P. Wild had rendered great assistance during the past four months, during which time he had been on leave from West Africa, in the development, re-arrangement and re-labelling of a large number of specimens. The Exhibition of paintings by the Hon. John Collier would be opened by a private view that day.

Resolved, That the Report be approved. Resolved, also, That Ow Curator be instructed to convey the Committee's thanks to Captain R. P. Wild for his valuable assistance.

2—Donations and Loans—The following donations had been received from :—Mr. H. W. Blotham, specimen of copper ore from Queensland ; Mrs. W. F. Hicks Beach, Persian lamp and two Persian locks ; Mr. Thornton, glazing of picture "Melting Snow" and Sir W. T. Thisleton Dyer, K.C.M.CL, Engraving of Guido's " Aurora." The following

specimens had been received on loan from :—Miss Pigott, Chinese Bowl, one tray and pair of ornaments and Captain R. P. Wild, four cases of stuffed birds.

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

3—Vaccari Exhibition—The Curator reported receipt of an offer from the Faculty of Arts, London, for an Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Drawings of Animals by the Italian Artist Alfredo Vaccari. Resolved, That he be authorised to arrange for the Exhibition during July and August.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th April, 1924. Present: Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (29th March to 25th April, 1924). Interments, 58; Exclusive Rights in 21 graves sold (first class 4, second class 1, third class 1; and fourth class 15). Monuments erected 9. Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6963 to 69S1 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to graves of Henry Lloyd, F. J. Butler and Florence E. Sykes ; Headstone to grave of William Poulton ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of William Slim : Memorial Scroll to grave of Doris Kent and Kerbing to graves of George R. Atkinson, Gillian Nye and Edwin A. Dunn.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th April, 1924: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Stanley, Captain Trye and Yarnold and Mr. A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 6s. 7d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,046 (last year 4,701), Lending Library 11,762 (last year 10,819). Children's Library 2,102 (last year 1,677). Total for month: 18,910 (last year 17,227).

Reference Library—Cleaning, etc.—Arrangements had been made to have this work carried out during the Easter Holiday so that it would only be necessary to close this Department for a few days.

Presentations—Miss Batten (1 vol.) ; Mr. G. E. Beckwith (10 vols.) ; Town Improvement and Spa Committee (2 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (1 vol.) Broadstairs Urban District Council (1 vol.) ; The Garden City Press, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Miss Gooding (1 vol.) ; Mrs. James (20 vols.) ; Mr. E. Lowther (1 vol.) ; Dr. R. W. Murray (2 vols.) ; National Museum of Wales (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Rose (2 vols.) ; Mr. S. D. Scott (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Stubb's Directories, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Rev. F. Tatchill (1 vol.) ; and Captain R. P. Wild (107 vols).

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 10th inst. Present :—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann and St. Clair ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :--

(a) That 82 new books, published at £21 14s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £14 15s. 6d.

(b) That 85 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £52.

(c) That 72 Reference Library volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £18 10s. 0d.

(d) That the wages of Miss Ivy Burnett, Reference Library Assistant, be increased from 15s to 20s per week.

(e) That the estimate of the " Alert Electrical Co." for refining lights in the Reference Library for £5 5s. 0d. be accepted.

(j) That the question of taking " Time and Tide," (weekly 4d.) be deferred.

(g) That the Committee subscribe 10s 6d per annum to the Circulating Libraries Association, Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th April, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Pruen, St. Clair and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair.)

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 29th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £39 5s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £33,595 17s. 2d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th ult. Amount collected £19,358 2s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £3,665 1s. 4d.

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3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,900 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 £500 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Insurances—Glass at Town Hall—Resolved, That quotation of the Cheltenham Plate Glass Insurance Society to insure all glass at the Town Hall at a net premium of £3 3s. 0d. per annum, (less annual rebate) be accepted.

5 —Pittville Rent Charges-1-12 Wellington Square-- Read, letter of 14th inst., from Messrs. Engall Cox & Co., enquiring what number of years purchase the Corporation would accept for redemption of the rent charge of £1 5s. 0d. payable in respect of the land on which 1-12 Wellington Square were erected. Resolved, That 20 years purchase be accepted.

6—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 29th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); and Councillors St. Clair and Welstead. 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, 29th May, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE. on MONDAY, the 2nd day of June. 1924, 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 fill vacancies on Committees, viz. :—Public Health, Housing, Town Improvement and Spa, Burial Board, Art Gallery and Museum, Education, and Delancey Hospital Trustees.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :----

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and grant renewal of Hackney Carriage and Drivers' Licenses and Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, and appoint Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Fours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

NOTE —At the conclusion of the Council Meeting the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To fill vacancy on the **South, Middle and West Wards Sub-Committee** in place of Councillor Ernest Rogers, deceased.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th May, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.).

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

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

1—Councillor Ernest Rogers, I.C.S., deceased—Resolved, That this Council deplores the loss sustained by the death of the late Councillor Ernest Rogers, I.C.S., a valued member of the Council for nearly six years and who, since his retirement to Cheltenham, has rendered devoted public service not only as a member of the Corporation, but in connection with many local institutions and charities and has earned the respect and esteem of his fellow Townsman ; and this Council desires to convey to his daughter and family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.

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2—Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 7th April last, and of the Special Meeting on the 14th 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.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held April 14

Housing Meeting held April 15

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 25

Street and Highway Meeting held April 23*

* Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That the portion of Minute No. 15, with reference to Old Bath Road, be altered to read as follows :—That Mr. P. Witts (or other the Owner for the time being) be relieved of his liability to pave the footpath in front of the pair of houses recently erected by him in consideration of the land given up by him along the whole frontage of the land belonging to him."

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held April 17 & 25*

* Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Pates, seconded by Councillor Welstead : " That the offer of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club to pay 40 cash towards the cost of balcony to provide additional seating accommodation at Alstone Baths be accepted and that the Resolution to Minute 6 be varied accordingly."

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : " That Minute No. 3 (c) with reference to Sunday Concerts, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 15

Water Meeting held April 30

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held April 14 & 24

Allotments Meeting held April 14

(An amendment moved by Councillor Farrar, seconded by Councillor Yarnold : " That the Resolution to Minute No. 2 with reference to vacant allotments, be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meeting held April 14

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held April 16

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Burial Board Meeting held April 25

Public Library Meeting held April 15

Finance Meeting held April 29*

*Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

4—St. George's Square—Bowling Green Pavilion—Alderman Taylor moved, in accordance with notice :—" That the Resolution of the Council on the 14th April, 1924, confirming Minute No. 2 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee on the 11th April, recommending the erection of a Pavilion at St. George's Square Bowling Green at a cost of £300 be rescinded." Councillor Leigh James seconded. On the Motion being put to the Meeting the Mayor declared the same to be lost.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 2nd June, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 12th May, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold.

1—Chairman--Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2 —Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. viz.:-137 Tewkesbury Road ; 39 Upper Norwood Street ; 1 Morgan's Cottages, Duke Street ; 4 Granville Street and Grove Villa, Albany Road, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 28 King Street ; 29 Victoria Place, Fairview ; 1 Witcomb Place and 5 Gloucester 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Stables at rear of "Acton," Suffolk Square ; Sudeley Cottage, Winchcomb Street ; 9 Clarence Square ; 66 Brighton Road and Walcot Cottage, Sherborne Place.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Winchcomb Street ; Barclay's Bank, Ltd., High Street, 108 High Street and land situated at rear of these premises— The Sanitary Inspector reported that Notices under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring certain works of drainage to be done, had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates.

5—Insanitary Property—29 Victoria Place, Fairview ; 1 Witcomb Place ; 5 Gloucester Place ; 1 Morgan's Cottages, Duke Street ; 137 and 138 Tewkesbury Road ; 39 Upper Norwood Street ; 3 and 5 Victoria Parade, Victoria Street and "Montrose," Wellington 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, and Section 50 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, 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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwt. 12 lbs. Beef; 1 cwt. 18 lbs. Pork ; 40 lbs. Mutton and 2 ¾ cwts. Fish.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, application from Mr. Francis John Agg to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk in respect of 84 Fairview Road in place of Mr. Cecil H. Taunt. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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

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9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 218, 219 and 220 High Street and two Cottages at rear, and 18 and 19 Waterloo Street—Resolved, That consideration of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned until June.

(b) 18 Grosvenor Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that basement rooms at 18 Grosvenor Street, which did not comply with the Regulations made under Section 17 (7) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, were habitually used as sleeping places. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner that the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement rooms will be considered at the next Meeting.

10—Sewage Purification—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report on the Activated Sludge process of purification, a copy of which had been circulated to Members of the Committee. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to visit towns where the system is in operation.

11—Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report--The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following leading statistics contained in 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.—

The Registrar General's estimate of the population of Cheltenham in the middle of 1923 was 49,330. The Birth Rate for 1923 was 16.46 per 1000 inhabitants. The Death Rate (crude) 13.82 (corrected) 12.03 per 1000 inhabitants. Infant Death Rate 67 per 1000 births.

As regards the number of infectious cases the year was on the whole propitious, comparing favourably with the former annual average numbers.

12---Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health with reference to a scheme for the bacteriological examination of samples of Certified Milk and of Grade A (Tuberculin Tested) Milk, when bottled on farms, which required samples of each producer's milk to be taken by Local Authorities in whose areas the same was sold. The Medical Officer submitted Certificate of analysis of a sample of Certified milk produced by Mr. S. G. Wood, Moat House, Uckington and retailed by the Cheltenham Creamery, Ltd., which had been examined by The National Institute of Research in Dairying Resolved, That this be forwarded to the Ministry.

13—**Report of the Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Leigh James, St. Clair, Thomas Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Live Stock on Farms on 12th inst., 12 horses (5 at Depot) ; 67 head of cattle ; 14 calves ; 113 sheep ; 49 lambs and 22 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 14 heifers, 1 cow and 20 store Tegs had been purchased for £327 0s. 0d. and 2 calves and 7 lambs had been bred on the Farms. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to £21 10s. 2d. Total purchases £48 10s. 2d. 14 heifers, 5 calves, 6 lambs and 17 pigs had been sold for £458 8s. 10d, and produce for £37 17s. 0d. Total sales £496 5s. 10d.

Rope Jumping Net--Resolved, That the rope jumping net, offered by the General Purposes Committee be accepted.

Hayden Knoll Farm and Stockman's Cottage—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillor Thomas and the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and report on the spouting at the Farm House and the roof of the Stockman's cottage. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th May, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Pates and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sale of Houses— (a) The Town Clerk reported the sale of the following houses :-3rd, 4th and 6th houses in Byron Road to Mr. E. Wildbore, Mr. D. W. E. Carr and Mr. F. H. Robson, respectively, and an offer had been made by Mr. M. G. Taylor to purchase the 20th house in Milton Road if the Corporation would join as Guarantors in a Mortgage to the Building Society.

(b) Guarantee—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society stating that the Society had approved an advance of £372 10s. 0d. (90 per cent. of the purchase price) to Mr. Morley G. Taylor, in respect of the house referred to in the preceding paragraph, conditionally upon the Corporation guaranteeing repayments until the account had been reduced to two-thirds of the purchase price of £425, Resolved, That the Council be recommended to give the guarantee required.

2-56 Milton Road--Read, letter of 5th inst., from Mr. S. Cooke stating that Mrs. E. Ames (his mother-in-law) had died and asking that, as he and his wife had given up their house in order to look after Mrs. Ames during her illness, the tenancy be transferred to him. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3-105 Tennyson Road—Resolved, in consequence of repeated complaints as to annoyance to neighbours and the unclean condition of this house, That the tenant be given one week's notice to quit.

4—Building Contracts—Final Accounts--Read, letter of 2nd ult., from the Ministry of Health forwarding the following Revised Statement of Final Accounts, which had been submitted in consequence of the inclusion in the amount paid for D. B. M. S. materials of the debits and credits in respect of cement sacks and empties.

Contractors.	Number of Houses.	Total Cost of Houses as	Total Cost of Houses
		previously submitted.	according to Revised Statement.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. W. Drew	20 Houses	20,998 10 11	21,085 0 2
Mr. W. Drew (2nd Contract)	20 Houses	15,822 13 2	15,833 7 2
Messrs. Collins & Godfrey	30 Houses	31,632 5 9	31,732 14 9
Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons	30 Houses	31,456 1 8	31,553 9 2
Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons (2nd Contract)	20 Houses	15,588 14 3	15,613 10 11

The figures in the last column were in substitution for the sums stated in their previous letters, and with regard to the last account (A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd. ---2nd Contract) as previously reported, £39 for fencing by " The Granleys " was not chargeable to the Assisted Scheme.

Nicholl's Contract—The Town Clerk reported interview with Mr. C. B. Ellis, an Inspector from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the examination of the Final Account of W. T. Nicholls, Ltd., and that he had again written to Messrs. Nicholls & Co. pressing for their final Statement of Account.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th May, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. 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 18th April to 15th May, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th inst., 709 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 965 tons 12 cwts.)

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2-Royal Well Lane Private Improvement Works —The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, and Estimate Royal the work; required to be done to the footpath on the East side Of Royal Well Lane. He estimated the cost for with slabs at £175 0s. ad. 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.

3-Reddings Road -The Borough Surveyor submitted revised estimate for the work required (including widening the road by one yard and footpath) at £1,906. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant accordingly

4—Horses Grating—Resolved, That application be made to the Housing Committee for permission, to enclose a portion of the spare land on the Housing Estate for grazing Corporation Horses thereon,

5-Gloucester Road (St. George's Road to Queen's Road)—Resolved, That (subject to a formal contract being entered into) the tender of Messrs. Constable. Hart & Co.. Ltd., be accepted for coating, at 8s 6d a square yard, a portion of Gloucester Road (East side) front Malvern Road to Queen's Road. comprising 'about 1,200 yards, with a 2 inch single coat of Aztecmac, the Company to maintain carriageway free of further cost for a period of 5 years from completion.

6--High Street (St. George's Street to Devonshire Street)—Resolved, That (subject to a formal contract being entered into) the tender of Messrs. Constable, Hart & Co., Ltd., be accepted for coating 3 inches thick a portion of High Street front St. George's Street to Devonshire Street, comprising about 1,900 square yards. with a Aztecphalt wearing surface, laid on a foundation of Asphalt made from the existing material, at 9s 3d per square yard.

7—Royal Crescent Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owners of this garden were willing that a portion of the land should be used as a deposit for waste material, subject to the Corporation undertaking to remove and replace the soil and turf and to pay an acknowledgment of 5s per week, the arrangement to be determinable by one week's notice on either side. Resolved, That this be agreed to. The Owners were also willing to give up a portion of the land for rounding off the corner at the junction of Royal Well Crescent and Lane. Resolved, That no action be taken.

8—Dangerous Corner—Lansdown Parade and Lansdown Road—Read, letters of the 29th ult., and 7th inst., from Mr. H. G. Swift of the Lansdown Hotel, and Superintendent Hopkins, respectively, with reference to the recent fatal accident at junction of these roads. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the Owner of " Northwold " with a view to making the fence open at the corner.

9—Stroud Hospital Effort—Resolved, That consent be given to the Stroud Hospital Effort Committee under Section 184 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the use of a motor car for advertising purposes in connection with the effort.

10—Street Projections—(a) 22a, Bennington Street—Resolved, That that the application of Mrs. E. L. Henderson for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) 4, Duke Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. L. George for permission to fix a Barber's Pole at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Bath Road (Medical Baths)—Resolved, That, subject to permission being granted by the Electricity and Lighting Committee, no objection be offered to the proposal to fix a sign, advertising the Baths, to a standard near the Baths.

11—Old Bath Road--Footpath—Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from Mr. J. E. Deane. complaining of the condition of the foot-path on the right from High Street to Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

12-Footpath near Tewkesbury Road— Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, enclosing copy letter front Mr. A. G. Daft as to the obstruction of the footpath adjoining his property and

suggesting that the same be viewed by a joint Committee of the two Authorities. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the footpath viewed at the next View Meeting.

13—Streamer across Colonnade—Resolved, That, subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted for a streamer advertising the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club's Galas on the 23rd inst.. 13th and 27th June, to be hung across the Colonnade.

14—Petrol Pump—Resolved, That the application of the 14th inst., from the Leckhampton Motor Works for permission to erect a Pump at their premises in Norwood Road, with a moveable delivery arm over the foot-path. be adjourned for view.

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15—Footpath from Sandy Lane- The Committee considered a Resolution passed by Charlton Kings Urban District council requesting the Council to require a footbridge to be erected over the Railway line laid by the Leckhampton Quarries Co. for persons using the footpath leading from Sandy Lane to Daisybank Road. The Town Clerk submitted a plan showing the footpath in question and a footpath from Pilley which both converge until they meet at a point near Daisybank. The Quarries Co. intended to put a footbridge over the Railway at the point where it was crossed by the footpath from Pilley and to divert the other footpath from Sandy Lane to the same point so that the same bridge would serve for the two paths. The diversion would not materially add to the length of the footpath between Sandy Lane and Daisybank. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend that any action be taken in the matter.

16—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th inst. Present-- The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Winterbotham ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall the chair).

They recommended as follows :

Street Projection-364, High Street-- That the application of Mr. C. Dickins for permission to fix a Glazed these premises be granted, subject to the Canopy being kept 1 ft. 6 ins. inside the kerb and to guttering being fitted thereto to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

21, Tivoli Place (Bath Room)—That Plan No. 1834 in respect of Bath Room at these premises be approved. Petrol Pump—That the application of Messrs. B. Blissett & Co., for permission to erect a pump in Norwood Road be not granted. 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 meetings on 6th and 19th 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, 6th May. 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen and Steel and Councillor Leigh James (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.
1846	Porter, Mr.	Temporary Motor House, Penwern, Leckhampton Road.
1848	Bence, G. & Sons	Timber Store, Fairview Road.

1849	Gloucestershire County Council	Temporary Motor House, Holland House. Lansdown Road.
1850	Irving, Madam Ethel	Temporary Gymnasium, Sandford Lawn, Bath Road.
1851	Chatters, H. W.	Detached House, Old Bath Road.
1852	Brunt, S. H.	New Kitchen addition, 275 Promenade.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1851 and 1852 be approved and that Plan No. 1846 be approved as a temporary Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, and that Plans Nos. 1848, 1849 and 1850 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th May, 1924: Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1798	Cooper, Mrs. E.	Alterations and Additions to 1, 2 and 3 Ormond Place. (Amended Plan showing bringing forward of frontage line).
1834	Col. Williams	New Bathroom, 21 Tivoli Place (Viewed by Street and Highway Committee).
1847	Boulbee, Rev. B.	Temporary Motor House and Additions to The Grange, Old Bath Road.
1848	G. Bence & Sons	Timber Store, Fairview Road (Amended Plan).
1849	The Gloucestershire County Council	Temporary Motor House, Holland House, Lansdown Road (Amended Plan)
1850	Irving, Madam Ethel	Temporary Building, Sandford Lawn, Bath Road (Amended Plan).
1853	Legard, A. S.	Temporary Motor House rear of 29 Park Place.
1854	Yeates, A.	Detached House, Pilford Road.
1855	Newall, Miss	New Scullery, Ellingham House.
1856	Brunt, S. H.	New front and Alterations to 27a Promenade Villas.
1857	Fuller, T. H.	New Bathroom, Bramery Cottage, London Road.
1858	Mr. Howls	Additions to 32 Grange Crescent.
1859	Day, G.	Detached House, Gloucester Road.
1860	Bryant & Co.	New shop front at 1 Colonnade and 361 High Street.
1861	Van Collie, O. H.	Cycle house, Hayward's Road.
1862	Jackson, A. J.	Additions to Kitchen, Wycliffe, Hale's Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1798, 1834, 1848, 1849, 1854, 1856, 1858 and 1860 be approved ; that Plan No. 1855 be approved subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee ; that Plans Nos. 1857 and 1862 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1847, 1850, 1853 and 1861 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 Plan No. 1850 be also subject to the doors opening outwards and that Plan No. 1853 be further subject to a proper crossing being provided and to the doors being made to slide or open inwards ; and that Plan No. 1859 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th May, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian-65 applications were received for this appointment. Resolved, That Mr. W. F. Bunker of 4 Suffolk Square, who acted as Custodian last Season and gave satisfaction, be appointed at wages of £1 10s. 0d. per week.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th May, 1924. Present : The Mayor; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2—St. George's Square—Bowling Green Pavilion—Four tenders were received for the erection of a Pavilion. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

3—Medical Baths Masseuses—Dr. Kirkland (Chairman of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee) attended and reported that his Committee were satisfied with the services of Miss M. Kirby (Assistant Masseuse) but that Miss Kirby did not consider her salary (,C2 15s. 0d. per week, plus laundry allowance) adequate, and his Committee recommended the following revision of salaries.

	Present Salary.	Proposed Salary.
Sister-in-Charge (Miss E. M. Silver)	£3 3s. 0d. plus laundry allowance	£3 15s. 0d.
Assistant Masseuse (Miss M. Kirby) ..	£2 15s. 0d.	£3 3s. 0d.

Resolved, That the salaries be increased to £3 15s. 0d. and £3 3s. 0d. per week, respectively, inclusive of laundry allowance in each case.

4—Town Hall—Catering—Resolved, That teas and suppers be provided for the Orchestra and Staff as follows :—

Dance Teas—Orchestra of 8 and Staff of Hall (8) (the latter only when engaged in preparing Hall for use at night after a Dance Tea) Tea at 9d. per head.

Long Night Balls--Orchestra of 8 and Staff of 8 : Supper at 1s 6d per head.

5—Montpellier Gardens —(a) Hard Tennis Court—Resolved, That the charge for use of this court be reduced from 4s to 2s 6d per hour as from the 19th inst.

(b) Damage to Shrubs---Read, Police Report of 29th ult, as to damage to shrubs by 4 boys amounting to 5s, and the Town Clerk reported that the boys had paid 1s 3d each in respect thereof and had been reprimanded by the Vicar of St. Stephen's.

6—Sunday Concerts—Resolved, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to engage a vocalist occasionally at a fee not exceeding 10s 6d.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd May, 1924: Present—Councillors Pruett, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—St. George's Square --Bowling Green Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans and specifications modifying the Pavilion originally proposed. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Wm. Bellamy to erect a Pavilion in accordance with Scheme No. 2 for £299 8s. 5d., being the lowest tender received, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

8-1 Oriel Road---Resolved, That this house be let on a yearly tenancy to Mr. Herbert Edwin Watts of 141 High Street, as from 24th June next, at an annual rent of £36, plus rates and taxes.

9—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Read, application of the 21st inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Central Brotherhood, for use of the Proscenium for afternoon religious services on the second Sunday in each of the months, June, July, August and September. Resolved, That the same be granted, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses for cleaning, etc.

(b) Flower Show—Read, application of the 21st inst., from Mrs. E. H. Bisset for (i) Permission to erect a tent on the broad walk and part of the green, and also a small tent for amateur displays, on the 25th and 26th June, which would necessitate the removal of four or five tennis nets on these days ; (ii) Decoration and lighting of the Broad Walk ; (iii) Services of the Municipal Orchestra on mornings of 25th and 26th and evening of 25th June.

Resolved, That the application be granted, except lighting the Broad Walk, and subject to payment by the Show Committee of £5 for the services of the Orchestra.

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10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on 29th ult., and 13th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows:

Montpellier Gardens—(a) That a public tennis court be let to Miss Thompson on Wednesdays and Saturdays for four months from 5 to 8.30 p.m., for use by members of her Bible Class, at a charge of £3 3s. 0d. for the period.

(b) Hard Tennis Court—That the charge for this Court be reduced from 4s to 2s 6d per hour and that, when play is suspended owing to rain, players be allowed to complete the time for which the Court is hired, on condition that they do not leave the ground and subject to the Court not having been booked by other players.

(c) Sunday Concerts—That a Policeman at 4s a night and a man at 2s 6d per night be engaged on Sunday nights to maintain order at the Concerts.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

11—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :— Central Spa 723 ; Montpellier Spa 37 ; Montpellier Baths 24 Pittville Chalet 38 ; and Pittville Pump Room 40.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st May, 1924: Present--Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Coal Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had not been able to obtain sufficient coal under the Contract to supply the ordinary requirements of the Undertaking and that he had had to purchase coal elsewhere at an extra cost to supply the deficiency. Resolved, That a claim be made against the Contractors for the additional cost incurred in obtaining the necessary supplies.

2—Extension of Plains—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extensions of mains referred to in his Report at an estimated cost of £42 and £20 respectively, subject to the required guarantees being given.

3—Subscriptions to Associations—Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their sanction to the payment of the Annual Contributions of to the District Joint Board and 5 to the District Council Employers' Joint Fund.

4—District Joint Board —It was reported that the Chairman (Councillor J. Moore) had been elected Chairman of the District Joint Board for the No. 6 (West of England) Area for the ensuing 12 months.

5—Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Miss Partridge, the Clerk in the Mains Department had resigned and he had appointed a male clerk and storekeeper at a commencing salary of £2 5s. 0d. per week. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Additions to Plant-- (a) Air Compressor and Rock Drill—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of the air compressor and rock drill (now on hire) at a cost of £72 17s. 0d. ; the hire charge to merge in the purchase price. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(b) Motor Generator—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the new Motor Generator be placed in the position now occupied by the No. 2 steam driven traction generator and that the latter be moved higher up in the engine room. Resolved, That this be approved.

(c) Combustion Indicator—Resolved, That an improved type of Combustion Indicator be purchased at a cost of £55 less £25 for the old instrument at present in use.

(d) Shelving—Resolved, That the estimate of Mr. Tarr of £30 10s. 0d. (the lowest) for shelving in the new Meter Room in the Municipal Offices and for the Stores in St. George's Place, be accepted.

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7—Manchester Street Sub-Station— Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported he was obtaining tenders for new switchgear required for this Sub-Station which should be installed before next Winter. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Bastin and Mann, be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the tenders and that they be authorised to accept a suitable tender.

S—Boiler Plant--Draught--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for Induced Draught Fan and Motor which was required to increase the draught of the Boilers to deal with next Winter's load, of which the lowest was Messrs. Matthews and Yates, Ltd., at £360 ; he also submitted tenders for the Dampers which would be required, the lowest of which was also Messrs. Matthews and Yates, Ltd. at £74 and he estimated the cost of the building alterations required at approximately £50. Resolved, That these tenders be accepted and that the installation be carried out at a total estimated cost of £484, subject to Contracts, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

9—Sanction to Loan--The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Electricity Commissioners of sanction to a loan of £9,532, made up as follows :—

Mains and Services .. £5,000 for 25 years

Mains (feeders) £3,032 for 25 years

Sub-Station equipment ..£1,500 20 years

The Commissioners required plans and elevation of Sub-Stations to be furnished before dealing with the item of £1,000, the balance of the sum applied for.

10—Spa Medical Baths —Sign Resolved, That no objection be made to the fixing of a sign as proposed on a standard near the Spa Medical Baths.

11—Wembley Exhibition—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for the men to have a half day off to visit the Exhibition, half to go one day and the other half on another day.

12—Gas Tests—(a) Gas Regulation Act, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted Special Prescription from the Gas Referees, for testing the Gas supplied by the Company. which would come into force on the 1st June, 1924 and supersede the Prescription issued on the 22nd June, 1922.

(b) Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st March last, which shewed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471.2 B.Th.U.

(c) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 25th ult. and 1st and 16th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates respectively, to be 471.7, 472.1, and 471.7 B.Th.U. and the Pressure 6.0, 5.6 and 4.5 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Thursday, 15th May, 1924: 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 12th May, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	202,000 gallons	298,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,052,000	1,224,000
Leckhampton Springs	74,000	101,000 "
Total	1,328,000	1,623,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th May, 1924.		12th May, 1923.	
Hewletts		14,467,000 gallons		30,882,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 5in.	81,727,000 "	31ft. 8in.	98,267,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 4in.	1,529,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		97,723,000		130,769,000

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

	During April
No. of house-to-house inspections	818
“ taps found leaking	88
“ defective flushing boxes	25
“ defective stop taps	3
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	66
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>46</u>
	112
“ notices served re fittings	85
“ meters fixed and changed	7
“ houses connected	68
“ burst pipes discovered	14
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	36

3--Fire Hydrants—The Borough Engineer reported that 12 Hydrants were being fixed at Prestbury and 3 at Swindon on the application of the Rural District Council, who had agreed to pay the cost of providing same and the usual annual charge of £1 1s. for each Hydrant.

4—Reservoirs—The Committee inspected the work being carried out at Dowdeswell Reservoir and also at Hewletts Reservoirs.

5-Lppeals--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, 13th May, 1924: Present The Mayor ; Deputy-Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Moore, Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Mr. J. R. Waghorne stating that he was unable to accept this appointment. Resolved, That applications therefor be invited by advertisement.

2-Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.—The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages, Wheel Chairs, etc. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 2nd prox., subject, in the case of all Motor Cabs to the same being inspected by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector (when appointed), and 15 satisfactory reports being received thereon.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th May, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Car.: Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.

3—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except one case of Swine Fever at The Moors, Tewkesbury Road.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(a) The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last meeting, and submitted Circular letters of 30th ult., and 15th inst., from the Ministry directing attention to the provisions of Orders Nod. 34 and 70 as to the issue of movement licences. Resolved, That the Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts be instructed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the Orders.

(c) Canadian Cattle (Marking) Order, 1924— The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which came into operation on 15th inst., and revoked a similar Order of 1923.

(d) Movement of Irish Animals—Resolved, That Regulations be made for the Borough, similar to the Regulations made by the County Authority on 17th inst., and that the Regulations made on the 14th ult., be revoked.

4 —Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire. viz. :

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
5th May	General Hospital	Not estimated	£4 4s. 6d.
20th "	Fleece Hotel, High Street	£25-£30	£4 2s. 0d.

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth (Chairman General Hospital) expressing appreciation of the promptitude with which the Brigade attended.

(c) **Report of Sub-Committee** —Reported Meeting on 8th inst. : Present —Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Councillor Stewart. Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and J. E. Curtis (representing the Charlton Kings Urban District Council) also attended.

They recommended :

(i) Charlton Kings—Fire Equipment—That the equipment and fittings included in the Schedule submitted by the Urban District Council be taken over at the sum of £40, and that such of the axes as may be available for disposal (not exceeding 15) be taken at 10s each.

(ii) Section at Charlton Kings—That 4 of the 10 members of the Charlton Kings Fire Brigade be added to the Borough Brigade as a Section for Charlton Kings and for service generally at any fire which might occur in the Borough or added Fire Brigade areas, and areas which might from time to time be added, at an annual retaining fee of £4 per man, plus the usual payment for attendance at fires, and that the Captain be authorised to arrange for storage at the offices of the Charlton Kings Council of first aid equipment for use of this Section. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs --(a) Resolved, That licences be granted to Mr. W. V. Elliot and Mr. J. Preston in respect of Motor Cabs Nod. LA8018 and AF2377, respectively.

(b) Read, applications of 29th ult., and 5th inst., from Mr. J. W. Cripps and L. Leach for the licences held by them in respect of Motor Cabs Nod. LD1758 and XF4314 to be transferred to Mr. G. Meadows of 4 Ambrose Place, Ambrose Street and Mr. C. W. Moxey of 8 Fairhaven Road, respectively. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination thereof by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector (when appointed).

Wheel Chair—Read, application of 8th inst., from Mr. A. L. Hope for the licence held by him in respect of Wheel Chair No. 7 to be transferred to Mr. Jas. Leary of Mabel Cottage, Chapel Lane, Great Norwood Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's licence be granted to Mr. Jas. F. Radway of 1 Grosvenor Terrace.

Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector-13 applications were received for this appointment. Resolved, That the same be referred to the **Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee** with power to act.

6—Motor Omnibus Service— St. Mark's and Cemetery—Complaint was made that the last omnibus from St. Mark's left at 6.30 p.m. Resolved, That the Light Railway Co. be asked to extend the half-hourly service from St. Mark's until 8.30 p.m.

7—Overcrowding of Omnibuses--Read, letters of 12th and 14th inst, from the Clerk to the County Council calling attention to the recent decision in the Case of Dennis v. Miles, and asking if the Corporation would agree to proceedings being instituted against Proprietors of Omnibuses leaving and entering the Borough in cases of overcrowding. It was proposed to warn Proprietors in the first place and to allow some laxity on market days, wet nights and for the last 'Bus home. Resolved, That, as no complaints as to overcrowding had been received, the Committee think it is unnecessary to take any action at present.

8—Petrol Licence— Resolved, That a licence be granted to Messrs. Westborough and Wiggett to store 300 gallons of Petrol in an underground tank at the Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street, subject to the tank being installed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

9—**Market--(a) Report of Sub-Committee**— Reported Meeting at the Market on 1st. inst. : Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Alderman Steel and Councillor Stewart. Messrs, R. S. Watson, Hollingsworth and C. W. Meanwell attended on behalf of the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable, etc., Marketing Society Ltd., and submitted list of alterations, improvements and repairs required at the Market ; when it was Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to the cost of the alterations, etc., asked for by the Society.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the alterations etc, amounting to £1032 15s. 0d. Resolved, That a Meeting of the full Committee be held at the Market on 5th June next at 11 a.m.

10—Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act, 1922—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Home Office forwarding copy of Order made by the Secretary of State under Section 1 (4) (a) of this Act, with respect to the use of Cinematograph or similar Apparatus, which came into force on the 1st inst.

xi—Unemployment Relief Schemes—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that all Schemes outlined in the Borough Surveyor's Report of 24th ult., would be regarded as suitable for grants, except the painting of the railings of the Recreation Grounds etc., but that any grant approved in respect of additional roads and sewers on the Housing Estate would be subject to the condition that if any subsidy became payable to the Corporation in respect of houses built on the site the due proportion of the grant would cease one year before the first year's housing subsidy became payable. Resolved, That consideration of the Schemes be adjourned.

12-Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Messrs. H. G. Bosworth and A. F. Waite (Inspectors, Water Department) and Miss I. Burnett (Library Assistant) be added to the Certificate of Exception, they having completed three years' service on 17th March 1924, 17th March 1924 and 5th June 1923, respectively.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th May, 1924. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen, Stanley and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, and F. Vizard (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—Head Gardener's Quarterly Report—(a) Read, the Head Gardener's Quarterly Report. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the following allotments which were reported to be in an unsatisfactory condition : No. 15 College Road Tip ; Nos. 8, 10, 14 and 42 Alma Road ; Nos. 13 and 15 Wasley's Field ; Nos. 80 and 81 Whaddon Lane ; Nos. to and 25 Turner's Field ; Nos. 9, to, 12 and 13 Brooklyn Road and Nos. 35 and 41 Asquith Road.

(b) Nuisance from Dog— Complaint was received of the damage caused to newly-sown crops by dogs on the allotments and in particular by a dog belonging to Sergt.-Major Brill. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Sergt.-Major Brill with regard to the damage caused by his dog.

2-Albert Road Allotments—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to terminate the tenancy of the Corporation of this land on the 25th March, 1926.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th May, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Prue:, Stanley and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

i—Pittville Estate—(a) Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cleaning out of the lake had been completed and about 3,500 cubic yards of mud had been removed.

(b) Pittville Gardens—Read, Report of Park Constable of damage caused by a girl picking Narcissi and the Town Clerk reported that she had paid for the damage.

2-Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Cricket—Resolved, That the application of the Dale Forty & Co., Cricket Club for permission to play at this ground be granted in place of the St. Paul's United Cricket Club who did not require the ground this Season.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th May, 1924: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Captain Trye and Whitaker (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 4,385 (against 4,674). The Exhibition of paintings by Hon. John Collier had been open 23 days and the attendance had reached 5515. £10 19s. 5d. had been contributed through the collecting

box and £16 11s. 9d had been received for Catalogues. All the floors of the Museum had been washed and scrubbed at a cost of £2 7s. 0d. A collection of Silver and Ivory lent by Lady Baker of Stonehouse had been returned to her. Receipts for the month were as follows : Postcards 7s., Collecting box £6 9s. 0d., Catalogues £7 17s. 6d., Advertisements £2 5s. 0d., Commission on pictures £1 1s. 3d., Total £17 19s. 9d.

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2—Donations —(a) Sir William Thiselton Dyer had presented 9 pieces of Staffordshire salt glaze ware and Miss Watkins Kaffir Charms and 2 Ostrich eggs. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

(b) British Camp, Leckhampton Hill—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he was making a series of drawings of the various sections of the earth works at the British Camp on Leckhampton Hill as it now exists, and when he had the drawings completed he would be pleased to have them framed and present them to the Museum on condition that they were given a place on the walls or made accessible to the public. Resolved, That Mr. Burrow's offer be accepted with thanks.

3—Victoria and Albert Museum—Loan—The Curator reported that he was arranging for the loan of three cases from the Victoria and Albert Museum, including a case of Venetian glass.

4—Arts and Crafts Exhibition—The Curator reported that he was preparing a catalogue for this Exhibition and was also arranging for Miss Denning to attend and give Demonstrations of hand-loom weaving during the Exhibition Resolved, That this be approved.

5—Typist—Salary—Resolved, That 5s. be added to the salary of the Shorthand-Typist authorised to be appointed by the Library Committee, such added sum to be charged to this Committee's accounts.

6—Stained Glass—The Curator reported that he had found another box containing fragments of stained glass, from Deerhurst Church. Resolved, That the glass be returned to the Vicar of Deerhurst if wanted for restoration.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd May, 1924. Present: Aldermen Green ; Councillors Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (26th April to 23rd May 1924), Interments, 46 ; Exclusive Rights in 16 graves sold (first class 2, second class 1, and fourth class 13). Monuments erected 9 ; Inscriptions 14.

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6982 to 7002 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 ; —Memorial Cross and kerbing to grave of Frances M. Carbonell ; Memorial Cross and bases to grave of Pemberton Felton ; Headstones and Kerbing to Graves of Samuel Singleton and Mary Thornton ; and Kerbing to graves of Alfred H. Smithson, Ben J. Sadler, William Smith, Evie Wall, Lilian Dutton and Robert A. Rolfe.

4—Closing Time--The Committee considered the question of extending the hours of closing during the Summer Months. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to ring the bell a quarter of an hour before closing time instead of half an hour as at present, but that the hours fixed for closing be not altered.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th May, 1924: Present-- Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates and St. Clair (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 1s. 1d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,334 (last year 4,695), (decrease 1,361 accounted for by closing of Department for five days during cleaning and redecoration). Lending Library 10,063 (last year 10,297). Children's Library 1,652 (last year 1,522). Total for month: 15,049 (last year 16,514).

Presentations—Mr. E. J. Burrow (3 vols.) ; Dr. R. W. Murray (1 vol.) ; Miss McVitie (5 vols.).

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 8th inst. Present :--Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors St. Clair and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 92 volumes published at £27 13s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £18 4s. 3d.

(b) That 132 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £20.

(c) That 160 Lending Library volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £20.

(d) That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit Monday.

(e) That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Glasgow from 8th to 13th September, 1924.

(f) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair drain trap door at entrance to Janitor's Quarters.

(g) That the Chairman and Librarian be authorised to appoint a shorthand-typist in place of Miss W. G. Constable, resigned, at a salary of not exceeding £1 per week.

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

3—Trainee—The Librarian reported receipt of an application from Mr. G. V. Wingfield Digby, who was training for the Diploma of the Library Association, for a junior position on the staff, without salary, to enable him to gain practical experience in Library routine. Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to arrange for Mr. Digby to join the staff as an unpaid junior assistant for a period of not exceeding three months.

4—Entrance Doors—Resolved, That the quotation of W. East for cleaning off, re-staining and re-varnishing the swing entrance doors for £3 10s. 0d. be accepted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th May, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; 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 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £4,850 7s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £28,784 15s. 5d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £3,094 19s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £14,403 0s. 11d.

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3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,250 on loan, Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on (Wilt of duly authorised loans.

4—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk receipt of Sanction to the following Loans :—

Date	Purpose	Amount	Period for Repayment
May 10	Electric Mains and Services	£8,032	25 years
	}Sub-station Equipment	<u>£1,500</u>	20 years
	Total	£9,532	

May 22 Housing—Erection of 30 Non-Parlour type houses £12,780 60 years

5—Stock Redemption Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Delancey Hospital Trustees requires a Loan of £12,082 in respect of Longhill Smallpox Hospital. Resolved, That £4,000 5 per cent. War Loan and 5 per cent. National War Bonds be realized to enable the Loan required to be advanced from the Stock Redemption Fund at interest at 5 per cent. per annum for the full term sanctioned, the Loan to be repayable by equal annual instalments of principal and interest combined, with a mutual option to repay or require repayment at five-yearly intervals.

6—Insurance—Fidelity Guarantee—Resolved, That the offer of the County Fire Office, Ltd.. to renew the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance in the sum of £22,800 at a reduced premium of 3s per cent. (instead of 4s) for one year, be accepted.

7—Roman Villa, Chedworth—Read, application of 5th inst., from the Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Society for a contribution towards the purchase of the Roman Villa at Chedworth by the National Trust, to enable this important monument of the Roman occupation of Britain to be secured as a national possession. The Town Clerk reported that the Art Gallery and Museum Committee recommended a contribution. Resolved, That a contribution of £10 10s. 0d. be made.

S—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 27th inst. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Steel fin the chair) and Councillor Moore. 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, 3rd July, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE. on MONDAY, the 7th day of July, 1924, 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 WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to grant Licences to deal in Game. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Farrar to Move—"That representations be made to the British Broadcasting Company that they inaugurate a Relay Station at Cheltenham."

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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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, and June, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.).

Aldermen Kendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Alderman Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th 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—Election of Councillor for the West Ward—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 27th ult., of Major James Gordon Cavenagh-Mainwaring as Councillor for the West -Ward, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That vacancies on the under-mentioned Committees be filled as follows :—
Public Health Committee Councillor Farrar
Housing Committee Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring

Town Improvement and Spa Committee ... Councillor Whittaker
 Burial Board Committee ... Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring
 Art Gallery and Museum Committee Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring
 Education Committee ... The Mayor
 Delancey Hospital Trustees... ... Councillor Welstead

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

Public Health	Meeting held May 12
Housing	Meeting held May 13
Street and Highway	Meeting held May 19
Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held May 16 & 23
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held May 21
Water	Meeting held May 15
General Purposes and Watch	Meetings held May 13 & 20

Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, also, That renewal of Licences under this Act be granted to the following applicants for one year from 2nd June inst. :—Messrs. J. J. Cypher, A. Drakeford, G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall and W. Yates.

Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—Resolved, also, That Mr. W. Rowland Eke of 60, Fairview Road, Cheltenham, be appointed Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector to inspect all licenced motor hackney carriages mechanically once in every year before the Annual Licencing Meeting and to make a report thereon as to their fitness to be licenced, both in regard to their mechanical efficiency, and also in regard to their general state of repair and cleanliness, and to make such further inspections during the year as may be necessary to see that the carriages are being properly maintained, and to attend the meetings of the General Purposes Committee. The salary to be £25 per annum, payable quarterly, together with half the fee of 10s to be charged to applicants for new licences for the inspection of each vehicle. The appointment to be terminable by three months' notice in writing on either side.

Allotments	Meeting held May	12
Parks and Recreation Grounds	“ “	12
Art Gallery and Museum	“ “	14
Burial Board	“ “	23
Public Library	“ “	13
Finance	“ “	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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 7th July, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th June, 1924: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Knapp Place, New Street ; 10, 17, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29, New Street ; 11, 29 and 45a St. James' Street ; 11 and 12, Upper Bath Street ; 3, 4 and 5, Brunswick Buildings ; 17 Commercial Street and Lamb and Flag Cottage, Chapel 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 moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation,

2--- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 23 New Street ; Knapp Inn, New Street and 5 Upper Bath Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 30 and 31 Bloomsbury 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) Stables at rear of " Acton," Suffolk Square ; Walcot Cottage, Sherborne Place ; and 66 Brighton Road.-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses 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) 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Winchcomb Street ; Barclays Bank Ltd., High Street ; 108 High Street and Land situated at rear of these premises--In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last Meeting, the Sanitary Inspector submitted five tenders for the work specified to be done. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. Eager for £79 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4-Insanitary Property-(a) 41 Brunswick Street ; 6 Avenalls Parade ; 15 Ewlyn Terrace ; 3, 4, 5 and 6, Brunswick Buildings, Upper Bath Street ; 5 Warwick Place ; 17 Commercial Street ; Lamb and Flag Cottage, Chapel Lane; 2 Victoria Parade, Victoria Street ; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Knapp Place.-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, and Section 28 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, 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) 9 and 11 St. James' Street-The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 14th April last the works of drainage required to be done at these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £13 15s. 0d. for 9 St. James' Street and

£13 15s. 0d. for 11 St. James' Street, making a total of £27 10s. 0d. Resolved, That Orders be made for repayment thereof by annual instalments within a period not exceeding 3 years with interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

(c) 18 Grosvenor Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had not complied with the Notice served under Section 28 of the Housing Act, 1919, and submitted four tenders for the work. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. E. Wills & Sons for £46 16s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

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5—Houses unfit for human habitation—(a) 18 Grosvenor Street After, hearing Mr. Edwards, the Owner of this house, it was Resolved, That as the basement rooms of this house do not comply with the Regulations made under Section 17 (7) of the Housing, etc. Act, 1909 and are therefore deemed to be a dwelling house so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Section 17 of the said Act prohibiting the use of the said rooms for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order and that notice thereof be given to the Owner.

(b) 218, 219 and 220 High Street and two cottages at rear and 18 and 19 Waterloo Street—Resolved, That the question of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises be further adjourned to the September Meeting of this Committee.

(c) 1 to 5 York Cottages and 7 to 9, York Street—Resolved, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the September Meeting of this Committee.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Read, Application from Mr. George Gillett, 31 Hatherley Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 1 qr. Beef ; 20 lbs. of Lamb and 30 lbs. of Fish.

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

9—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 :— Coliseum ; Billiard Hall, North Street ; 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.

10—Cancer—Read, Circular No. 496 from Ministry of Health in regard to the treatment of Cancer, Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11—Floods—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report of the flooding of the Chelt and surcharging of sewers caused by the recent abnormally heavy rainfall and also letters of complaint received of damage and inconvenience caused thereby. The Town Clerk also submitted Memorial from residents in the Park and Tivoli district in respect of the flooding and also a letter from the Ministry of Health forwarding a letter of complaint from Miss M. Grant.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking them to take steps to prevent the overflow of water from Lilley Brook on to Sandford Mill Road and intervening land.

Resolved, also, That the Owner of Abbotsford be called upon to restore the watercourse through his land adjoining Sand-ford Mill Road to its original condition.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit plans and estimates for such additional surface water drains as he considers are required to relieve the pressure on sewers.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have any tree trunks and other moveable obstructions removed from the Chelt.

12--Sewers--Road to " The Granleys," St. Marks—The Borough Surveyor reported that a length of about go yards of 9 in. sewer in this road was in a defective condition. Resolved, That he be authorised to reconstruct the sewer at an estimated cost of £80.

(b) Pittville Circus and Hewlett Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that a portion of the sewer outside " Beech-mount " at the junction of these roads was also in a defective condition and recommended that it be relayed forthwith. Resolved, That the sewer be relayed at an estimated cost of between £30 and £50.

13—Slum Areas Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Welstead be appointed to fill the vacancy on this Committee caused by the death of the late Councillor E. Rogers.

14—**Farms Sub-Committee** —Resolved, That Councillor Farrar be appointed to fill the vacancy on this Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee Reported Meeting on 16th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Live Stock on Farms on 16th inst., 11 horses (5 at Depot); at calves ; 133 head of cattle ; 35 lambs ; 92 sheep and 32 pigs, all doing very well Since the last meeting 52 heifers, 21 heifers in calf, 2 cows in calf and 1 calf bull had been purchased for £1409 13s. 0d. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc., £30 1s. 3d. Total purchases £1439 14s. 3d. 11 calves and to pigs had been bred on the Farms, 7 heifers in calf, 4 calves, 14 lambs, 1 ram, 9 ewes, 1 cow, 10 tegs and 1 cart horse had been sold for £416 6s. 9d. and produce for £3 18s. 3d. Total sales £420 5s. 0d.

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Cottage off Gloucester Road—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to provide a coal store for this cottage.

Dung Cart—Resolved, That this cart be repaired.

Grass--The Farms Manager reported that additional stock was urgently needed to cope with the heavy crop of grass to enable him to provide the land required to deal with the sewage. It was pointed out that the £3,000 limit of expenses for stock agreed to by the Committee had already been exceeded by £25. Resolved, That under the circumstances the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase additional stock to the value of £500.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st July, 1924 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

15--Hayden Sewage Farms—The Town Clerk submitted complaints from adjoining occupiers of alleged nuisance from sewage irrigation and reported the steps taken to remedy these complaints. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made further enquiry with regard to the "Activated Sludge" system and had ascertained that although the capital outlay for installing the Activated Sludge system instead of extending the filter beds would be less, the annual running cost of this system would be considerably more than the upkeep of filters and he recommended the provision of additional filters. Resolved,

- (a) That additional filters equivalent to 50 per cent. of the present filters be provided at an estimated cost of £6,000.
- (b) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed drawings and estimates for these works.
- (c) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for the cost of the filters.
- (d) That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 65 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan for a period of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered.
- (e) That the Statutory Notices of the proposed application required by Section 32 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given.
- (f) That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide additional gravel required for the present filters.
- (g) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the Assistant Surveyor to see the Farms Manager as often as may be required to secure better co-ordination between the management of the Sewage Disposal Works and the Farm Irrigation.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th June, 1924. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Whitaker. (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sales—(a) The Town Clerk reported the sale of the following houses since the last Meeting:- 1st house in Byron Road to Mr. J. H. Smith and 19th house in Milton Road to Mr. J. T. Cooke. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. The purchaser of the 1st house in Byron Road wished to purchase an additional strip of land having a frontage of about 10 feet to Byron Road. Resolved, That the additional strip be sold at £2 per foot frontage, if the Architect advises it will not interfere with the development of the adjoining land in this road and subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained to the sale.

(b) Applications were submitted from Mrs. C. M. Hayward, Miss E. L. Davis and Mr. A. D. Evens to purchase Nos. 56, 58 and 79 Tennyson Road, respectively, being three of the houses included in Mr. Drew's and Contract for 30 houses). The Town Clerk submitted the District Valuer's Valuation of these houses). Resolved, That (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) the houses be offered at £445 each. Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with Mrs. Hayward in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance of 90 per cent. to guarantee repayments until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the loan. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry- of Health for their sanction to the sale of these houses

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(c) An application was also submitted from Mrs. E. M. Smith to purchase a plot for the erection of a wooden building for a General Stores. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

2—Byron Road—Resolved, That a road name-plate be affixed to " Oulton," Byron Road.

3—Shakespeare Road--Resolved, That the central road leading from Milton Road to Tennyson Road be called Shakespeare Road.

4—Gardens—Prize Scheme—Resolved, That the following prizes be offered in connection with the Garden Prize Scheme:—Parlour Type houses : 1st-£1 10s. 0d., 2nd-£1, 3rd—10s, 4th-5s. ; Non-Parlour Type houses : 1st-£1, 2nd-

15s and that the Gardens be inspected and Prizes awarded in the last week in July. Resolved, also, That Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring be added to the Sub-Committee appointed, and that the Sub-Committee be empowered to make the awards.

5—Housing Act, 1923—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Ministry of Health, extending the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than 40 houses to be built by private enterprise so as to apply to houses commenced by 30th June and completed by the 31st December next. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry to extend the period so as to apply to houses commenced by the 29th September next and completed by the 31st March, 1925.

6—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed a Delegate to attend a Conference of West of England Local Authorities to be held at Bristol on the 23rd June next.

7-1 Orchard Terrace—Read, application of and inst. from Mr. B. F. Wren for permission to erect a Garage at the rear of this house with an entrance from the side road. Resolved, That permission be given so far as this Committee is concerned, subject to his agreeing to make good the fence on the removal of the building.

8-105 Tennyson Road— The Town Clerk reported result of his enquiries in regard to the complaints made, and it was Resolved, That the notice to quit be withdrawn.

9—Surplus Land—Read, letters of 15th ult., and 11th inst, from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the Ministry's letter of the 22nd July, 1919 forwarding sanction to the loan for the purchase of Mr. Unwin's land in which it was stated that the cost of the land could only be allowed to rank for financial assistance from the State to the extent to which it was developed and houses were completed. The Minister had, however, taken into consideration the special circumstances of this case and would be prepared to regard as chargeable to the Assisted Scheme, that portion of the Estate, the development of which was approved although such development works together with the houses contemplated might not have been completed. The Area of the whole Estate might be summarised as follows :—

48.712 acres Portion not to rank for assistance.

2.750 “ Sold.

19.647 “ Built on.

8.821 “ Roads.

38.630 “ Surplus land.

118.560 “ Total Area.

The cost of the 48.712 acres apportioned on the basis of the original purchase price was £3,460 and the present market value of the 38.630 acres surplus land was about £9,543. The Ministry wished to learn at an early date whether the Town Council were prepared to accept the transfer on this basis. Resolved, That these proposals be agreed to.

10—Spare Land—(a) Grazing—Resolved, That permission be granted to the Street and Highway Committee to enclose the land at the back of 105--135 Tennyson Road as a temporary pasture for turning out Corporation horses.

(b) Recreation Ground—The Committee considered recommendation of Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee that this ground be levelled and seeded down as a permanent Recreation Ground. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider the suitability of the work of levelling etc. the ground for providing work for relief of Unemployment during next Winter.

11—Selection of Tenants—Resolved, That Mr. K. F. Tarrant be allocated the next Parlour house which becomes vacant after the applicants to whom houses have already been allocated have been satisfied.

12—Houses for Police—Resolved, That the houses in Byron Road Nos. 2, 7 and 8 on the plan which had been completed, but not sold, be let to the Chief Constable for successive occupation by Police Officers at 8s 6d. per week, plus rates and water charges.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd June, 1924. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Capt. 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 May to 19th June, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal During five weeks ended 12th inst., 885 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 1,101 tons 11 cwts.)

2—Horse-Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Farms Manager, recommending that the horse " Lion " be sold for £5 to a purchaser requiring a horse for work on the land. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

3—Stable Manure—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for stable manure. Resolved, That the tenders 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 for 12 months and afterwards subject to determination by one month's notice on either side, and that further tenders be invited for manure from the Central Depot.

4—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the supply of coal to be delivered to the Corporation G.W.R. Siding in each case, from 1st July, 1924 to 30th June, 1925, Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted :—

(a) Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son—Princess Royal rough small steam coal for boilers at 23s 10d. per ton.

(b) Messrs. J. Williams & Co., Ltd.—Birch Coppice hand-stacked deep lump house coal at 32s 4d. per ton.

(c) Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd.—Powell Dyffryn Cwyneol Welsh smokeless steam coal for Fire Engine, Foden Wagons and Steam Rollers at 40s per ton.

(d) Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd.—Abercrave Big Vein Anthracite coal for general use at 45s 1d. per ton.

5—Rowanfield Road —Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Mr. F. Green complaining of the condition of this road. Resolved, That no action be taken.

6—Gloucester Road (Libertus Road to Roman Road)—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath on the North-west side of Gloucester Road (from Libertus Road to Roman Road). Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said Street requiring to be 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.

7—Highways Department—Road Superintendent—The Sub-Committee reported receipt of 92 applications for this appointment, and that 12 candidates had been interviewed, and recommended that Mr. John Hurley of Guildford be appointed to the position on the terms as set out in Minute No. so of the Meeting of this Committee on the 23rd April last, the appointment to be determinable by either party by three months' notice in writing. Resolved, That this be approved.

8--Street Projections—(a) 17 Upper Bath Road—Read, application of 6th inst., from Mr. F. W. Stockwell for permission to display a flag advertising " Shell " Petrol at 17 Upper Bath Road. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the flag-staff being erected in a perpendicular position on the premises so as not to project beyond the main front wall of the building.

(b) 18 Upper Bath Road--Read, application of the 10th inst., from Mr. Charles Giles for permission to fix an electric box-sign at these premises. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

9—Telegraph Line—Lane between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street—Read, application of the 26th ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead line with one pole between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to 6 feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the pole, if required.

10--Unemployment Relief Schemes —Painters—Read, Circular 505 of the 23rd ult., from the Ministry of Health urging Local Authorities, so far as practicable, to arrange for painting and other internal decoration work to be put in hand in the late Autumn and Winter months instead of Spring and Summer, when there is usually a full demand for painters, etc.

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11---Reddings Road—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Divisional Road Engineer (Southern Division), Ministry of Transport, Exeter, stating that the Council's application for a grant towards the cost of making up and widening this road would receive favourable consideration on receipt of the required information, and the Town Clerk reported that this had been forwarded.

12—Trees —(a) Montpellier Drive letter of 13th inst., from Mr. A. S. Russell asking that a Sycamore tree in front of " Langstone " be removed. Resolved, That no action be taken.

(b) Battledown Approach—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. J. J. Gillham asking for the trees in front of "Coldred " to be pruned.

(c) Hewlett Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mrs. L. M. Rider asking for three trees in front of the Post Office to be pruned. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees referred to in (b) and (c) pruned.

13—Footpath near Tewkesbury Road—The Committee inspected the public footpath and bridleway adjoining Mr. Daft's property in company with representatives from the Rural District Council and were satisfied that Mr. Daft had encroached upon and obstructed the same. Resolved, That this Committee approve of the proposal of the Rural District Council to give fourteen days' notice to Mr. Daft to remove the obstructions and that if he fails to do so to instruct their Surveyor to remove these.

14—Footpath from Sandy Lane—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Charlton Kings U.D.C. asking that the diverted footpath be put in a proper state by the Leckhampton Quarries Co. Ltd, Resolved, That the Company be required to have this done.

15—Pittville Circus—The Town Clerk reported that the Owners of the Circular Garden were willing to make over the ground to the Corporation, but only on condition that this should be kept for the use of the Owners or Occupiers of houses in the Circus. Resolved, That this offer be not accepted, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to suggest to the Owners of houses in the Circus the desirability of the Owners arranging to take over the Garden and maintain it in proper order.

16—Building Byelaws—Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from the Ministry of Health urging the desirability of the revision of the present byelaws. The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained copies of the new model byelaws which were only issued by the Ministry last month, Resolved, That draft revised byelaws be submitted as soon as possible for the consideration of a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, The Mayor, Councillors Mann and Yarnold.

17—Carpet Beating—Read, Memorial from residents in Hatherley Street of the annoyance caused by carpet-beating in a yard adjoining 17 Hatherley Street. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the alleged nuisance does not come within the jurisdiction of the Corporation.

18—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th inst. Present—Alderman Bendall (in the chair), Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold. They recommended as follows :

Additions to Houses without Plans —That the Owners be required to deposit plans for additions to Tanner's Cottages, Arle, and a house in Hester's Way.

Park—(a) Seat—That a seat be provided in the Park near Tivoli Road.

(b) Footpath—That the footpath near Heysham House be repaired and that the Owners be required to provide crossings, where necessary.

(c) Telegraph Pole--Stay—That the application of the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to attach a stay to the telegraph pole at the junction of The Park and Shurdington Road be not acceded to as the Committee consider same would be dangerous.

Norwood Road—Petrol Pump—That the application of the Leckhampton Motor Works to fix a petrol pump with a moveable arm over the footpath be not acceded to.

Vernon Place—Seat—That the offer of the Standard Tobacco Co., to fix a seat near Vernon Place be accepted, the seat to be fixed close to the Company's premises.

Rodney Road—Tree—That the tree outside Cambray Spa be not removed. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

19—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on 3rd and 23rd 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 Tuesday, 3rd June, 1924: Present--The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1859	Day, G.	Detached House, off Gloucester Road (Amended Plan)
1863	Hough, T. F.	Detached House, off Gloucester Road.
1864	Sharpe and Fisher (1924), Ltd.	Additions to Offices, Swindon Road.
1865	Maudeville, Mrs. M. W.	Addition to 14, Pittville Villas, Prestbury Road.
1866	Hiron, J. B.	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
1867	Ladies College Council	New Boarding House, Christ Church Road.
1868	Burrows Press, Ltd.	Temporary Store Shed, Montpellier Street.
1869	Cole, Mrs.	Glass Canopy, go Upper Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1864, 1865, 1867 and 1868 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 1864 and 1865 be subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 1868 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts, (Amendment) Act, 5907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal ; that Plans Nos. 1859 and 1866 be disapproved and that Plan No. 1863 be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd June, 1924: Present : Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Leigh James (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1863	Hough, T. F.	Detached House, Gloucester Road.
1866	Hiron, J. B.	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
1870	Jackson, J.	Alterations to buildings for Garage at rear of 1 Pittville Lawn.
1871	Pearce, W.	Temporary Van Shelter, Nags Head Inn Yard, Granville Street
1872	Wren, B. F.	Garage, 1 Orchard Terrace.
1873	Brace, H.	Temporary Shed, Labonella, Moorend Crescent.
1874	Taylor, Miss	Temporary Motor House, St. Catherine, Old Bath Road.
1875	Dangerfield, E. R.	Alterations and additions to buildings at rear of Abbots-ford, Old Bath Road.
1876	Swabey, R. C.	Temporary Store buildings, New Street.
1877	Healing and Overbury	Preliminary Plan of proposed new frontage line at 394 High Street (Late Capital and Counties Bank).
1878	Cooper, J.	Temporary building (lock-up Shop) Hatherley Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1870 and 1875 be approved, but that Plan No. 1875 be subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1871, 1873 and 1874 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. 1863, 1866, 1872, 1876 and 1878 be disapproved and that Plan No. 1877 be adjourned for view.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th June, 1924. Present : Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Town Hall Ventilation—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report from Messrs. G. N. Haden & Sons, Ltd. recommending improvements of the present arrangements for ventilation of the Large Hall and Supper Room at an estimated cost of £450. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned.

2— St. George's Square --(a) Fountain—Read, letter of 18th inst. from The Mayor offering to present a fountain for St. George's Square Bowling Green subject to the Water Committee providing a supply of water. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the grateful thanks of the Council be conveyed to The Mayor for his generous gift.

3—Official Guide--Messrs. E. j. Burrow & Co., Ltd., submitted design of front cover of the new guide now in course of preparation. Resolved, That the design be approved.

4-1 Oriel Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out any cleaning and repairs which may be necessary to put the premises in habitable condition.

5—International Advertising Convention --Read, circular letter from The Community Development Department inviting Delegates to attend this Convention to be held at Wembley, July 14th to 17th. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

6--Spa Concerts —Resolved, That the Spa Military Band and band of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars play at Montpellier Gardens on Friday, 27th June on the occasion of the Cheltenham College Speech Day, the Gloucestershire Hussars to receive 60 per cent. of the total receipts.

7—Montpellier Gardens- -(a) Cheltenham Elementary Schools Annual Sports Meeting—Read, application from Education Secretary for the use of these gardens on the 12th July next on the occasion of these Sports. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to grant the use of these Gardens, but that the use of the portion of ground near the swings in Pittville Gardens be offered.

(b) Visitors—Resolved, That Councillor Thomas be appointed a visitor to these gardens.

(c) Refreshment Buffet—Resolved, That Mr. E. G. Whittall be released from his contract and that the right to stand a motor Refreshment Buffet in Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden Grounds during the Municipal Orchestral Concerts and in Montpellier Gardens on evenings when there is no performance be granted to Mr. F. E. B. Horwood of 255 High Street for a payment of £1 per month as from the 1st inst.

8--**Concerts Sub-Committee** --The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 16th inst., was read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens---(a) That permission be given to the Flower Show Committee to erect their large Show Tent on the Centre Broad Walk, a smaller tent on ground adjacent to and forming part of Court No. 1 and a Refreshment tent and side shows etc. on the unused ground near the entrance ; also that the use of Court No. 20 be granted in the evenings for a Pastoral Play subject to the Flower Show Committee paying the hire charge of the Public Hire Courts if used by the players of Courts Nos. 1 and 20, that the chairs be lent free of charge, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses and to the Flower Show Committee making good any damage thereto and that the use of the Proscenium be granted for one rehearsal.

(b) Tennis—That the Spa Manager be authorised to issue Pass-out tickets for the tea interval to the members of opposing teams visiting the gardens for matches.

Pittville Gardens—That the use of these Gardens, including Pump Room if sect, be granted free of charge to The Rotary Club for the entertainment of 200 crippled and poor children from 5 to 8 p.m.. 5th prox.

Spa Military Band—That the Band play at the following Places :—

July 9th—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground

“ 12th—Elementary Schools Sports Meeting

“ 16th —Marle Hill Annexe

August 13th—Naunton Park Recreation Ground.

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Deck Chairs—That Deck Chairs to the value of £100 be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted and that the Spa Manager obtain tenders for Deck Chairs for the next meeting of the Committee.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th June, 1924: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9—Medical Baths—Electrical Treatment—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, That a Galvanic and Faradic apparatus, together with a Local Radiant Heat Bath, be installed for providing electrical treatment at a total estimated cost of £20.

10—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application of 25th inst., from Mr. T. B. Phillips for the use of Montpellier Gardens for Band Concerts. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be offered on the following terms :—(a) The sum of £10 per day (afternoon and evening performances) to be paid to the Corporation in advance at the time of booking engagements.

(b) Engagements to be on Thursdays for preference, that being the day on which the Municipal Orchestra does not play and

(c) the letting of the Gardens to include the use of the seats but not staff.

11—Borough Meteorologist—Weather Reports— Resolved, (a) That the Borough Meteorologist be instructed to send daily Weather Reports to the Meteorological Office, and

(b) That, in consideration of the extra duty devolving upon him in reading the instruments and making calculations for the Reports, his salary be increased from £25 to £40 per annum.

12—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :— Central Spa 957 ; Montpellier Spa 77 ; Montpellier Baths 21; Pittville Chalet 92 ; and Pittville Pump Room 37.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st July, 1924: Present—Councillors Stewart, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

13--Deck Chairs—Six tenders were received for the supply of Deck Chairs. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. W. Fruin & Sons, 23 Bath Parade, Cheltenham, to supply 300 " Hatherley " Chairs in accordance with Sample No. 1 submitted, for £76 5s. 0d. be accepted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th June, 1924 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Coal Contract—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Contractors expressing regret that, owing to conditions beyond their control, it had been impossible to maintain full supplies and that they had done their utmost in face of exceptional difficulties. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was now receiving adequate supplies. Resolved, That no further action be taken.

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2-Manchester Street Sub-Station—Switchgear -Resolved, That Alderman Taylor and Councillor Captain Trye be added to the Sub-Committee appointed to consider tenders.

3—Damage to Lamp—Read, Police report of 16th inst., of damage to lamp in Fairview Street by two youths with a cat-a-pult. Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police be asked to prosecute the youths for wilful damage.

4-I.M.E.A.—Convention. 1924—The Borough Electrical Engineer briefly reported on this Convention at Chester from the 16th to 20th inst, at which discussions took place with regard to the development of undertakings and an interesting exhibition of electric cooking and water-heating appliances, including wash boiler and bath geyser, was held,

Wash Boiler and Bath Geyser--Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a wash boiler and bath geyser at an estimated cost of £9 and £12 respectively, for the Showroom.

5—Coal Bunker —Roof—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Gardner of Bristol, for providing the Steelwork for the roof of the coal bunker for £46 18s. 0d., being the lowest, tender be accepted.

6-Wembley Exhibition- --Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Hon. Secretary, I.M.E.A., stating that the Electricity Commissioners would sanction the expenses of two delegates to the Special Meeting of the Association at Wembley in September next, one of whom must be the Engineer or his deputy. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Meeting and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their sanction to payment of the expenses incurred.

7—Lecture—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that he be authorised to arrange for a lecture to be delivered during the coming Autumn by a Representative of the Electric Lamp Manufacturers' Association on "Modern Lighting Developments." Resolved, That application be made to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for use of the Supper Room at Town Hall on a date (to be arranged) in October and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to provide the necessary wiring and equipment.

8—Naunton Park Road—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mr. R. E. Eastoe complaining that he had been required to give a guarantee of £8 in respect of an application for the extension of cable from Old Bath Road to afford a supply to his house in Naunton Park Road. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the cable would not pass any other house. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to make any reduction in the required guarantee.

9—Gas Tests—Periodical Rc50rts—Read, reports of gas tests made on 25th, 29th and 31st ult., 10th, 19th and 21st inst., which slimed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 476.3, 472.3, 455.8, 474.2, 468.9 and 473.2, B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.8, 5.5, 5.1, 4.5, 4.5 and 5.3 inches,

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th June, 1924: Present—Alderman Green ; Councillors Stewart and Whitaker. (Councillor Stewart it: the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 16th pine, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during- last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	534,000 gallons	335,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	3,565,000	1,456,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	126,000
Total	4,243,000	1,917,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	16th June, 1924.		16th June, 1923.	
Hewletts		17,448,000 gallons	2	6,814,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	28ft. 8in.	81,727,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	16,827,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		134,275,000		110,026,000

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 past 2 months
No. of house-to-house inspections ..	924	1742
“ taps found leaking ..	80	168
“ defective flushing boxes	23	48
“ defective stop taps ..	1	4
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	74	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>62</u>	
—	136	248
“notices served re fittings	54	112
“ meters fixed and changed	17	24
“ houses connected	83	151
“ burst pipes discovered ..	3	17
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	30	66

3—Hewletts Reservoirs—Valve Tower- - The Borough Engineer reported that he had obtained estimates for Valve Tower for the No. 3 Reservoir and recommended the acceptance of the estimate of Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy, Ltd., at a cost of £278; he estimated the cost of the brickwork, masonry etc., to be executed by the Corporation, at £72 making a total estimated cost of £350. Resolved, That the estimate of Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy be accepted.

4—Extension to Mains—Read, letter from County Land Agent for approval of a 1 ¼ inch galvanized iron service pipe being laid by the County Council along the Shurdington Road from the existing water main, near the railway bridge, for a distance of about ½ a mile to a new house proposed to be erected on a Small Holding belonging to the County Council. Resolved, That the proposal to lay a galvanized iron pipe be not approved.

5—Tewkesbury Housing Scheme—Supply—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Borough Surveyor, Tewkesbury, that it was now desired to proceed with the proposal to lay a 3 inch main from the pumping main to supply houses to be erected on Priors Ground. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

6--British Waterworks Association—Annual Conference—Read, letter inviting the Corporation to appoint Representatives to attend the Annual Conference to be held in Sheffield on the 2nd and 3rd July. Resolved, That no action be taken.

7- -St. George's Square—Fountain— Resolved, That a supply of water be provided for the fountain, proposed to be presented by the Mayor, during the months of May to September.

8—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 Special Meeting of this Committee held at the Market on Thursday, 5th June, 1924: Present The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; 41dermaa Steel ; Councillors Stewart, Captain Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Market—Resolved, That the Council be recommended fi0 carry out the following improvements and repairs at the Market :—

(a) That the cattle paddock (except a strip about 25 feet wide On the south side adjoining the Abattoir) be taken into the Market including the portion of the cattle sheds on the eastern side which have a length of 76 feet and a depth of 14 ft. 3 ins.

(b) That the added ground be laid with clinker with a topping of road metal. Estimated cost £144.

(c) That a permanent sun-screen be fixed along the whole length of the Long Shed projecting 4 feet beyond the present gutter and that the south end be closed in. Estimated cost £66.

(d) That the space under bench of the old Fruit Market Shed be closed in. Estimated cost £3.

(e) That the surface of the Market including floor of Dutch Barn be tar sprayed and that the surface be made good where necessary. Estimated cost £200.

Resolved, also, That the Gloucestershire Fruit, etc. Society be granted the use of the Cattle Sheds for storage of non-returnable pots Estimated cost of providing doors, etc. to make building serviceable £15,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th inst., 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except one case of Swine Fever at The Moors, Tewkesbury Road.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease —The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting.

(c) Foreign Animals Order, 1924, (No. 2)---The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which would come into operation on 15th July next.

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

4—Hackney Carriage Licences —(a) The Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector reported that he had examined 22 motor cabs in respect of which applications had been received for renewal of licences, 14 of which were in a satisfactory condition, 5 needed repairs and 3 were unfit to be licenced as public-hire vehicles. Resolved, That Licences Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 19, 25, 27, 33, 46, 48, 57, 58, 67, 70 and 71 be granted but subject with regard to Nos. 4, 7, 10, 58 and 67 to the repairs reported by the Inspector as necessary being carried out. Resolved, also, That licences Nos. 11, 13, 18 and 42 be not renewed.

(b) Read, application of 2nd inst., from Mr. W. Waldron for licence No. 48 held by him in respect of Motor cab A.D.9752 to be transferred to Cab B.K.573. Resolved, That the same be granted. Wheel Chair—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Albert Lewis, 2 Brunswick Buildings, for a licence in respect of a wheel chair be granted. Drivers-- Resolved, That Drivers' licences be granted to H. T. Deane, S. H. R. Workman, H. Howell and G. K. V. Townsend.

Conductors—Resolved, That Conductors' licences be granted to W. F. Vickery, J. R. V. Palmer and H. L. Elam.

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5—Parking of Motors-Messrs. W. Coombs, F. Miles and. R. E. Steel attended as a deputation from the Motor Garage Proprietors and complained that motors were parked in the streets for many hours instead of merely while the Owners were engaged in shopping or making business calls, which was unreasonable and detrimental to the trade of the Proprietors. Resolved, That motors be not allowed. to stand in the streets referred to in Minute No. 10 of this Committee on the 20th November last for a longer period than one hour and that the Police be instructed to see that this is complied with. Resolved, also, That motors left in the inner wad of the Promenade be parked at an angle of 30 degrees on the side adjoining the Long Garden with head the railings.

6—Petrol Licences Resolved, That licences be granted to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., to store 1,000 gallons of petrol at their Depot, St. Mark's, and to Messrs. Sharpe and Fisher (1924) Ltd., to store 500 gallons of petrol at Regent Yard, Swindon Road, in each case in an underground tank,

7—Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 he Borough Accountant submitted list of the Officers and employees on the permanent staff of the Corporation. Resolved, That the list be approved and that

particulars as to ages, service, salaries, wages, etc., of the officers and employees in the list be submitted to Messrs. Robertson & Melville of 51, Palace Street, Westminster, S.W.1., for an Actuarial Report on the cost of a Scheme.

8-Shops Acts -Read, Report of the Shops Acts Inspector of the 3rd, 11th, 21st and 21st inst., as to contravention of the Acts by Mr. IL R. Hurcombe, Prospect Grocery Stores, Hall Road, Leckhampton ; Mr. Louis Barrow, 2 Royal Well Place, Mr. J. W. Griffin, 100, Albion Street and Mr. L. George, Duke Street, by sales during prohibited hours. Resolved, That they be warned that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken.

9—Standing Orders--Resolved, That last Monday in July" be substituted for " Friday preceeding the first Monday in August " in Standing Orders No. 1.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th June, 1924. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruett, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—Albert Road Allotments—Resolved, That Minute No. 2 of the last Meeting of this Committee instructing the Town Clerk to give notice to terminate the Tenancy of this land on the 25th March. 1926. be rescinded.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th June, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Effingham House and 11, Pittville Villas—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of new scullery and additional bedroom at these houses respectively. Resolved, That the plans be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) Clarence Square—Read, letters of Miss A. K. d'Argent and Mrs. White asking the Committee to remove one of the posts on the pavement between this Square and Monson Avenue so as :o allow Bath chairs to pass through. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(c) Key—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Walcroft, 3, Blenheim Parade for additional key to the Gardens be not granted.

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Marle Hill Annexe—Read, report of Park Constable with regard to two boys found plucking Lilac. Resolved, That - the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys.

3—Recreation Grounds—(a) Agg-Gardner—Read, application of 20th ult., from the Education Secretary for the use of this Ground for the Cheltenham Elementary Schools Annual Sports Meeting on 12th July next. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

(b) Organised Games—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Education Secretary pointing out that the Housing Estate Recreation Ground was unsuitable for organised games in its present condition. Resolved, That the Housing

Committee be asked to consider the advisability of levelling and laying out the Ground on the Housing Estate as a permanent Recreation Ground.

(c) Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ground recently used for allotments seeded down to restore it to its former condition.

W. SAWYER; Chairman,

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, 2nd July, 1924 : Present :—Alderman Steel and Councillor Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

4---Trees—The Committee inspected the following trees, for the removal of which applications had been received. Resolved : Pittville Gardens—That the Chestnut by the gate of " Goldington " be not removed.

Wellington Square—That the Wych Elm near Edenham " be removed and another tree planted and that the Birch opposite " Edenham " be topped.

That the half-dead Silver Birch opposite No. 5 Wellington Square be removed, and another planted.

That the Elm near " Eastholme" opposite Wellesley Road be removed.

Albert Road--That the Elm near Mr. Ware's Nurseries be removed.

Pittville Lawn-That the Silver Birch at the side of Halsey House be removed and another planted.

5—Recreation Ground—Agg-Gardner—Read, letter of 21st inst., on behalf of Cheltenham Schools' Sports Association asking for reconsideration of their application for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the Elementary Schools Annual Sports Meeting which was now postponed to the 26th inst., Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant the application and to close the ground to the Public on that day, and that the Minute passed at the last Meeting of this Committee be varied accordingly.

W. SAWYER. Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 18th June, 1924: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green end Seed; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Stewart, Captain Trye and Whitaker (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Assessment—The Town Clerk reported that on appeal to the Assessment Committee the Assessment of the Art Gallery had been reduced to gross £20, rateable and the Museum to £10 gross, £8 10s. 0d. rateable.

2—Curator's Report—Number of visitors 5628, against 3245 ; a daily average of 208, against 120. The Collier Exhibition of Pictures which had been open for 33 days closed on the 24th ult. The visitors numbered 7992, a record attendance. Total expenses £34 0s. 2d., Receipts Catalogues £21 6s. 0d., Collection box, £17 14s. 5d., leaving a profit of £5 0s. 3d. The Exhibition of Local Arts and Crafts opened on the 30th ult. and was arousing greater interest than the Exhibition of last spring. The Manager of the Bristol Blue Motor Coaches had exhibited Posters of the Exhibition free charge. and the Editor of " Manual Training " had asked for photographs of the Exhibits for reproduction in his magazine. and he was being supplied with these. Resolved, That the report be approved and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Hon. John Collier in respect of the exhibition of his pictures.

3--Shorthand-Typist—The Curator reported that Miss Cope had been engaged at a salary of £1 a week, 5s of which would be payable by this Committee. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Annual Report- -The Curator reported that the total number of visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum for the year ended 31st March last was 37,234 which was the highest total yet reached (last year 31,906). He was including a brief report on the Art Gallery and Museum with his annual report on the Library.

5—Donations and Loans—The following donations had been received. Dr. J. Howell, Silver Medal commemorating meeting of the British Association in Cheltenham in 1856 ; Mr. E. J. Burrow, Two Anglo-Saxon Silver pennies of the period 853-874 A.D. found on Leckhampton Hill ; Dr. T. Wilson Parry, Pamphlet Collective evidence, of Trephination of Human Skull in Great Britain in Pre-historic times." The following had been offered on loan : Two Egyptian Vases B.C. 5,500 and B.C. 1,600 ; Col. and Mrs. Marsden. Pictures ; and Miss Ramsay, Pictures. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to the donors and lenders.

6—Reviere Pictures—Read, letter from Mrs. Briton Reviere offering a picture called " Michael " by the late Briton Reviere' R.A. ; a copy of " The Marriage of Cana" made by Henry Parsons Reviere and a Water Colour by herself. Resolved, That these pictures be accepted and the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Reviere.

7—Exhibitions—Read, an offer from Mr. W. C. H. King, Sculptor, a native of Cheltenham, to send some of his work for exhibition. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for them to be exhibited on a suitable occasion.

The Curator reported that the proposed Exhibition of Mezzo-tints in colour could not be arranged. He proposed to arrange in its place for an Exhibition of the Museums Association Collection of Water Colours and also a Collection of Colour Reproductions of great Masters by the Medici Society. Resolved, That this be approved.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th June, 1924. Present: Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (24th May to 27th June 1924). Interments, 39 ; Exclusive Rights in 24 graves sold (first class 5, second class 3, and fourth class 16). Monuments erected 9; Inscriptions 9.

2 — Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7002 to 7026 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 ;— Memorial Cross and kerbing to graves of Mary J. Parkin, Percy A Wheeler, Frederick C. Barrow, Margaret Lane and Robert N. Earwaker ; Memorial Block to grave of Arianwen Milnes ; Kerbing and posts to graves of George W. Brown and Ellen Ames ; Headstone to graves of Rosanna Darby and William J. Jordan ; Memorial Tablet to grave of John Philips and Kerbing to graves of James Kitching, Frederick J. Bishop, Priscilla Campbell, Mary Cole and Ann Partridge.

4—War Graves—Headstones—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Imperial War Graves Commission asking the amount of fees payable for the erection of headstones on the 88 War graves (5 second class, 6 third class and 77 fourth class) the exclusive right of which had been granted to the Commission. The Town Clerk reported that the fees ordinarily payable would be £116 but he had ascertained that some Burial Authorities had halved and others

had waived the fees. Resolved, That the fees for the erection of the Headstones by the Commission be reduced by one half.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 2nd June, 1924 : Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, St. Clair, Stanley and Capt. Trye; Messrs. W. G. Gurney and A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Deputy Librarian—Read, letter of 31st ult., from Mr. H. G. Massey, resigning the post of Chief Assistant on his appointment as Librarian and Curator at Chelmsford. Resolved, That applications be invited for the appointment of Deputy Librarian at a commencing salary of £160, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £200 per annum, and that the Chairman, Alderman Steel and Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to select three candidates for interview by this Committee.

A. MANN, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th June, 1924: Present—Aldermen Green ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, and Capt. Trye ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. W. G. Gurney (Councillor Mann in the chair).

2—Librarian's Report—Receipts £10 3s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,777 (last year 4,356), Lending Library 11,013 (last year 9,392). Children's Library 1,799 (last year 1,400). Total for month: 17,589 (last year 15,148).

Shorthand Typist—The Chairman and Librarian reported that 15 applications were received for this post and they had appointed Miss Ella Cope to fill the vacancy at a commencing salary of £1 per week, 5s of which would be paid by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

Presentations—Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., (3 vols.) ; Anonymous (1 vol.) ; Miss Austin (8 vols.); Miss C. Lewis (5 vols.); London and North Eastern Railway (3 vols.) ; Mr. A. J. Nunn (1 vol.) ; Salvation Army (2 vols,) ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. (28 vols.); Messrs. A. S. W. Partridge & Co., Ltd. (15 vols.); Sir Wm. Thistleton Dyer, F.R.S (4 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (20 Guildes and 17 Town Plans) ; and Mr. S. Sidney-Humphries (1 vol.).

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

3—Annual Report--The Librarian presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1924 Resolved, That copies of the Report be duplicated and sent to each Member of the Council and Members of the Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees.

4—**Report of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. Present : --Councillor Mann and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 36 new books published at £21 3s. 4d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £16.

(b) That 6 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £15.

(c) That the estimate of Mr. A. H. Isher for supplying and fixing 6 brass "kicking strips" for the three double swing doors at the main Entrance at a cost of £2 15s. 0d. be accepted.

(d) That the "Radio Times" (weekly 2d.) be taken.

5—Jubilee Tower—Mr. Alderman Bendall and the Borough Engineer attended and reported that they had inspected this Tower and found the same to be in a dangerous condition owing to the serious defects caused by the zinc roofing sheets having fallen from their original positions and recommended that the matter be dealt with forthwith. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer obtain an estimate for the repair thereof and that the Chairman be authorised to accept an estimate within the limit fixed by the Committee.

6 —Deputy Librarian—The **Special Sub-Committee** reported that they met on the 17th inst. Present : Councillors Mann and Capt. Trye (Councillor Mann in the chair).

Only three applications were received for this position and as none of the applicants were suitable they recommended that the vacancy be re-advertised at a salary of £200 per annum and that the advertisement be inserted in two issues of "The Nation and Athenaeum "

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st July, 1924: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; and Councillor Pruen 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 First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £12,513 6s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £21,121 16s. 2d.

2--Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £7,982 18s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £11,205 7s. 6d.

3 --Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £15,200 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 £9,400 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Workmen's Compensation Insurance.—The Borough Accountant reported that the Policy with the County Fire Office, Ltd., became due for renewal on the 12th inst., and he submitted several quotations for the renewal thereof. Resolved, That the quotation of the County Fire Office, Ltd., viz. :— a flat rate of 14s. 6d. per cent. (less Agency Commission) on a Salaries and Wages roll of £50,000 be accepted and that the first three days after accident be not covered.

5—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a loan of £300 for a term of 20 years for the erection of a Pavilion at St. George's Square Bowling Green.

6—Abstract of the Accounts—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey and Healing of 7s. 4d. per page (pages with more columns or lines etc., than 1923 copy to be charged extra at 2s. 6d. per hour) be accepted.

7—St. Peter's Schools —Read, application of 30th ult., from the Education Committee asking the Council to apply for Sanction to a loan of £16,000 for the completion of these Schools. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health accordingly.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee — Reported Meeting on 1st inst. Present : Aldermen Steel (in the chair) and Taylor and Councillor Whitaker. 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, 24th July, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE. on MONDAY, the 28th day of July, 1924, 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 and to give instructions as to coal contract. 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. To fill vacancies on Education Committee which will be caused by expiration on the 5th September next of terms of office of Miss Edith M. H. Geddes; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. E. Bourne.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours Faithfully, Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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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, 7th July, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present: The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair.

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

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

2—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 16 & July 1*

*(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Moore : " That Minute No. 15, Clauses (a) to (e) with reference to Hayden Sewage Farms, be referred back for further consideration," was withdrawn).

Housing ... Meeting held June 17

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye " That Minute No. 9 with reference to Surplus Land, be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

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Street and Highway ... Meeting held June 23

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mann : " That Minute No 2 with reference to Horse, be not approved," was lost).

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Farrar : " That the word not' in the 5th recommendation in Minute No. 18, with reference to Petrol Pump in Norwood Road, be deleted," was also lost).

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held June 20 & 27

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held June 25

Water Meeting held June 19

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held June 5[^] & 24*

*Subject to the following amendments, viz. :

^(a) Moved by Councillor Leigh James, seconded by Councillor Pruen: " That Paragraphs (a) and (b) and the second Resolution to Minute No. 1 be referred back for further consideration.

^(b) Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Welstead : " That two hours' be substituted for one hour' in the first Resolution to Minute No. 5 with reference to the Parking of Motors."

*(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Moore : " That the second Resolution to Minute No. 5 be not approved," was lost).

Game Licences—Resolved, also, That the following applications for renewal of Game Licences be granted :
Messrs. C. Barnett & Son (2 Licences-86 High Street and II Montpellier Walk, respectively), H. F. Barnett, V. Dymond, H. St. C. Hall, Mac Fisheries Ltd., (2 Licences-84 and 372 High Street, respectively), W. T. Morris, Olive & Olive, F. Panter and Miss F. M. Woodard.

Allotments ... Meeting held June 16

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meetings held June 16 & July 2

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 18

Burial Board Meeting held June 27

Public Library Meetings held June 2 & 17

Finance Meeting held July 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.

3 —Broadcasting Relay Station—Moved by Councillor Farrar, seconded by Councillor Pruen and Resolved, That representations be made to the British Broadcasting Company that they inaugurate a Relay Station at Cheltenham.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 28th July, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th July, 1924 Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (The Mayor 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, 9, 11, 22, 23, 25 to 31 „74, 37, 39, 40 and 41 Lansdown Crescent. Resolved, 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 receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 32 and 33 Millbrook Street ; 3 and 15 St. Philip Street and 7 Whitecross Square:- The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 1.11 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, the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 30 and 31 Bloomsbury Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above named houses and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work 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.

3—Insanitary Property—9, 11, 43 St. James' Street ; 11, 12, 13 Upper Bath Street ; 12 Sandford Street ; 13 Grosvenor Street ; 24 Fairview Street ; 31 Tivoli Street ; 21 Rodney Terrace ; 68 Brunswick Street and 10, 11 and 12 Burton Terrace.— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That 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 Act, 1919, and Section 10 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

4—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Resolved That the application of Mr James Halford of 7 Swindon Terrace, Cleaveland Street to be registered as a purveyor of milk be granted.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 17 lbs. of 26 lbs. of Beef ; 3 cwt. of Pork ; 16 cwt. 3 qrs. of Potatoes ; 8 Tins of Milk ; 1 Box of Haddock ; 1 Box of Fillet ; 1 Box of Rock Salmon and 12 doz. Sheeps' Kidneys.

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Sanitary Notices served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

7—**Plans Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillor Thomas be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee in the place of the late Councillor Rogers.

8-1, Limbrick Cottages—Resolved, That the question of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for another six months.

9—Sandford Mill Road—Read. letter from Mr. E. R. Dangerfield of 23rd ult., stating that he had obtained an estimate of the cost of cleaning out the Watercourse through his land amounting to £82, and asking the Corporation to make a contribution to the cost which was more than he could afford. Resolved, That a contribution of £20 be made to work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

10—Health Week—Read, circular letter of the 4th inst. from Secretary Health Week Committee asking that a Committee formed to promote a Health Week from October 5th--lith. -Resolved, That no action be taken.

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11—Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, circular letter of 16th inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that a large number of the recent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease had Occurred in slaughter houses, and asking that Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors and other Officers of Local Authorities exercise special vigilance in the supervision of slaughter-houses and places where meat is deposited, prepared or exposed for sale. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for attention.

12—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Live Stock on Farms on 14th inst., 11 horses (5 at Depot); 28 calves ; 154. head of cattle ; 28 lambs ; 82 sheep and 30 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 46 heifers, 3 calves and 2 heifers in calf had been purchased for £967 5s. 0d. and 18 calves and 19 pigs had been bred on the Farms. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to £28 0s. 9d. Total purchases £995 5s. 9d. 18 heifers, 12 calves, 10 sheep, 7 lambs, 3 head of cattle and 10 pigs had been sold for £913 15s. 8d. and produce, etc. £5 4s. 6d. Total sales £919 0s. 2d.

Stockman's Cottage The Chairman reported that the Special Sub-Committee had inspected the repairs required to this Cottage and recommended the acceptance of the tender of Mr. E. Strawford amounting to £29 12s. 0d.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the tender of Mr. E. Strawford be accepted.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th July, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, and Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-Sales—(a) The Town Clerk reported that since the last Meeting the 10th house in Milton Road had been sold to Mr. J. H. Sutton. He also reported that Mr. M. G. Taylor had now decided not to purchase No. 20 house.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst., from Messrs. Haddock and Pruen enquiring on behalf of Mr. S. H. Long the sale price of about 40 feet frontage of land at the junction of Tennyson and Shakespeare Roads for the erection of a house and shop thereon. Resolved, That Mr. Rainger be instructed to prepare and submit a layout plan for the erection of shops in Tennyson Road and that the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of the land required by Mr. Long.

2-Housing, etc. Act, 1923—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Ministry of Health extending the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than 40 houses to be built by private enterprise so as to apply to houses commenced by 30th September next and completed by 31st March next.

(b) Subsidy Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificates of Completion of house in Leckhampton Road for Mr. W. Herbert completed on 11th ult., and of house adjoining Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground for Mr. R. E. Whiting. completed on 7th inst., for which Certificates of qualification for subsidies (Nos. 7 and 10) were issued on 9th February and 10th April last. Resolved, That subsidies of £100 and £75 be paid to Messrs. W. Herbert and R. E. Whiting, respectively, subject to their executing an undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

3--Spare Land—Recreation Ground—Read, application from Dr. A. Barrett Cardew for permission for the St. John's Ambulance Brigade to drill and perform stretcher exercises on this ground on one evening a fortnight during the Summer months. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Land Tax—Resolved, That the land tax of 12s 9d chargeable on the Housing Estate be redeemed.

5—Tenancy of House—Read, letter from Ministry of Health of 20th ult., enclosing for the observations of the Council copy letter from Mr. H. Gambier Roberts complaining of his inability to obtain a house without purchasing same. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply thereto be approved.

6—New Fences----Resolved, That it be referred to the **Garden Prize Sub-Committee** to inspect and report as to the fences to be provided for the new houses now being built.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th July, 1924. Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor and Councillor Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

7—Housing Act, 1923--Subsidy Houses—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mrs. Griffin for a subsidy under the Scheme in respect of a house to be built in Old Bath Road, containing 874 super. feet, to be built at a density of 8.2 to the acre. Resolved, That a subsidy of £85 be granted.

8—Sale of Houses--(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Howard Smith had agreed to purchase the 15th house in Milton Road, subject to the Corporation agreeing to join as guarantors in a mortgage to the Building Society. Resolved That the Corporation agree to join with Mr. Howard Smith in a mortgage to the Building Society for an advance of 90 per cent., to guarantee repayments until the Principal is reduced to two-thirds of the Loan, and 'chat the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance and Mortgage.

(b) An offer had also been made by Mr. A. H. Bubb to purchase the 10th house in Milton Road if the Corporation would join as guarantors in a mortgage to the building Society. Resolved, That the Corporation agree to join with Mr. A. H. Bubb in a mortgage to the Building Society for an advance of £325 to guarantee repayments until the Principal is reduced to two-thirds of the Loan, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance and Mortgage.

9—Letting of New Houses—Resolved, That the houses in Milton Road, Nos. 11, 12, and 17 on the plan which had now been completed, be let to the Chief Constable for successive occupation by Police Officers at Ss 6d per week, plus rates and water charges. Resolved, also, That the other houses now being built be let if not sold within 3 months after completion.

10—Selection of Tenants —Resolved, That Mr. R. E. Lyde be allocated the next non-Parlour house which becomes vacant after the applicants to whom houses have already been allocated have been satisfied.

11--Benhall Cottage—Read, a letter from Mr. S. J. Barter making an offer to purchase these premises. Resolved, That consideration of his application be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th July, 1924. Present: Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Stewart and Captain Trye and Mrs. E. Bony (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society— (a) Annual Report—Read, the 15th Annual Report (1st April, 1923 to 31st March, 1924). The attendances had been as follows :----

	No. of Children attending	Attendances		
		Infants.	Toddlers.	Total.
At Highbury (46 meetings)	296	1154	1310	2464
At Baker Street (45 meetings)	264	1342	2199	857
At Clare Street (45 meetings)	190	735	662	1397

Visits paid by the Club Visitor : 1486.

During the year informal talks and demonstrations had been given at the Centres by the Health Visitors on General Health, Hygiene, Feeding of babies and young children, First Aid and Home Nursing. The Dispensaries had been extensively used, a ready sale being found for dried milk foods, ointments, Virol, Emulsion cough mixture, Powders, etc.

A new feature was introduced this Summer in the form of an outing for the mothers and was held on June 26th.

The mothers attending the three Centres were once again entertained at Highbury Schools on January 23rd.

The Committee desired to record their thanks to all Voluntary Helpers and to Mrs. Ivelaw Chapman for her valuable work in connection with the Needlework Guild, and to all subscribers.

2 —Health Visitors' Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1924 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,906
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ..	971
“ (over 1 year) .. .	635
“ Un-notified Births discovered ..	8
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	1,892
“ Attendance of Health Visitors at Centres	65
“ Ante-natal Cases visited	38
“ Whooping Cough Cases visited ..	6
“ Chicken Pox “	6
“ Measles “	9
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	2

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Grants of Milk

Carried over from previous quarter	33
New Orders ..	15
Orders discontinued during quarter	24
“ continuing to coming quarter	24

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter 31 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers, 17 for infants or children under three years of age.

3—Maternal Mortality—Read, circular 517 from the Ministry of Health, calling the attention of the Local Authority to a Report of the Senior Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare on Maternal Mortality associated with Child-bearing. Resolved, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report.

4—Home Helps —Read, letter of 24th ult., from Ministry of Health, sanctioning a contribution of to the Voluntary Health Society for this work and asking that any reports of the work should be forwarded to the Ministry. J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st July, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. 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 20th June to 17th July, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal— During four weeks ended 10th inst., 702 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 773 tons, 8 cwts. 2 qrs.)

2—Stable Manure—The Borough Surveyor reported the further tenders received for the manure at the Central Depot. Resolved, To accept the tender of Mr. A. W. Smith of 7s per ton for 12 months and afterwards subject to determination by one month's notice on either side.

3—Dangerous Corners—(a) Moorend Park Road and Shurdington Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to erect four " Cross Road " Signs at this crossing if the Automobile Association would provide them.

(b) Lansdown Parade and Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked the Owner of " Northwold " to have the fence made open at this corner but she had refused to entertain this request.

4—Direction Posts—Resolved, That the application of the County Surveyor to have road numbers fixed to Direction Posts in the Borough be agreed to.

5—Destructor Works—Telephone—The Borough Surveyor reported that the present joint telephone at the Electricity Works and Destructor was very inconvenient and recommended that a separate telephone be provided for the Destructor and Slab Factory which would cost £7 per annum. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Footpath near Tewkesbury Road—Read, Memorial from inhabitants at Arle complaining of the obstruction and condition of the footpath and bridle way leading from Arle Mill to the Old Pike House. Resolved, That this be referred to the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

7—Street Projections—(a) 149, High Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. Bambridge for permission to erect a lamp outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) 370, High Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Marpole & Frisby, Ltd., for permission to fix a projecting sign outside the premises of Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(c) 27a, Promenade—Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. L. W. Cloux for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be not granted.

8—Petrol Pumps—(a) Norwood Road—Read, Renewed applications from The Leckhampton Motor Works, and Messrs. B. Blissett & Co., for permission to erect petrol pumps at their respective premises in this road, with moveable delivery arms. Resolved, That no objection be made provided the delivery arms shall be at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and shall not extend beyond the edge of the footpath when in use, and subject to Agreements being entered into as in other similar cases, and also subject, in the case of Messrs. Blissett & Co., to the existing kerbside pump outside their premises being removed.

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9—Suffolk Road 17th inst., from Mr. J. Wheway, complaining of the condition of this road. Resolved, That Felts, the Borough Surveyor.

10—Streamer across high Street --Resolved, That subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted for a streamer advertising the Leckhampton Show to be hung across High Street on the day of the event.

11—Pittville Circus The Town Clerk reported that he had heard from Mr. A. Dickinson, the Owner of one-half of the circular garden, who had now decided to retain his half of the garden.

12—View Meeting - The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th inst. Present-- The Mayor (in the chair), and Councillor Pates.

They recommended as follows :

4 Pittville Street—That Plan No. 1885 in respect of alteration of Shop front for Cheltenham Creamery Ltd. at these premises be approved.

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

Road from Bath Parade to Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plan and estimate for this road to be repaired at the expense of the abutting Owners.

Leckhampton Hall—That Plan No. 1884 for the erection of a Motor House be approved subject to its being erected in either of the two positions indicated by the Committee.

Painswick Road—That the application of Mr. T. F. Worgan for permission to erect a petrol pump on his premises, at Park Garage, with a moveable delivery arm over the footpath be approved provided the delivery arm shall be at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and shall not extend beyond the footpath when in use and to Mr. T. F. Worgan entering into an Agreement as in other cases.

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

13—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on 8th and 21 St inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 8th July, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillor Leigh James (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.
1866	Hiron, J. B.	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
1872	Wren, B. F.	Temporary Garage, 1 Orchard Terrace, Libertus Road.
1876	Swabey, R. C.	Amended Plan for Store Buildings, New Street.
1879	Cheltenham Education ... Committee	New School Buildings—St. Peter's.
1880	Cheltenham Original ... Brewery Co.	Steel and Concrete Garages, Dunalley Street (Amended Plan).
1881	Cornock, Mrs.	Detached House, London Road.
1882	Colynick, Mrs. J.	Temporary Motor House rear of 8 Clarence Square.
1883	Gordon, P. H.	Temporary Building at rear of Bungalow, Hester's Way.
1884	Pendleton. H.	Temporary Motor House, Leckhampton Hall, Shurdington Road
1885	Cheltenham Creamery Ltd.	New Shop Front at No. 4 Pittville Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1566, 1880 and 1881 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1572, 1876, 1882, 1883 and 1884 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 Plan No. 1885 be adjourned for view and that Plan No. 1879 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st July, 1924: Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1879	Cheltenham Education Committee	New School Building, St. Peter's.
1884	Pendleton, H.	Temporary Motor House, Leckhampton Hall, Shurdington Road.
1885	Cheltenham Creamery, Ltd.	New Shop Front, 4 Pittville Street.
1886	Miles, Mrs.	New Bedroom, 4 Pittville Villas.
1887	Sims, H.	Additions to Scullery, Rendcomb Lodge, Hewlett Road.
1888	Soper, L. A.	New Garages, Old Bell Yard Inn, Winchcomb Street.
1889	Lewis & Son	Alterations and Additions, 8 Bath Street,
1890	Mapp, Mrs.	Glass Front to Balcony, 37 Montpellier Terrace.
1891	Griffin, Mrs.	Detached House, Old Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1891 be approved, but that Plan No. 1889 be subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 1884 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and also to the structure being erected in either of the two positions indicated by the Committee; that Plan No. 1879 be approved as far as the Class-rooms etc., are concerned only and that the remainder of the building, viz. the Science Wings, etc., be adjourned for further consideration and that Plan No. 1890 be disapproved and that premises be viewed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th July, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens-- (a) August Bank Holiday—Resolved, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to arrange an entertainment in these Gardens on August Bank Holiday and be authorised to incur an expenditure up to £10 in connection therewith..

(b) Cricket Festival—Read, letter from Mr. P. R. Clauss offering to organize some entertainments at these Gardens during the Cricket Festival, August 9th to 19th in aid of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. Resolved, That he be granted the use of the Proscenium in the evenings on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the 8th and 20th August, the Corporation to receive 50 per cent. of the receipts from the entertainments and to provide attendance and chairs and pay for the cost of advertising.

2—Alstone Mill Premises—The Town Clerk reported that he had now received formal consent of the Ministry of Health under Section 177 of the Public Health Act 1875 to the Lease of these premises to Mr. T. E. Sutcliffe,

3—Weather Reports—Resolved, That, subject to the consent of the Electricity Committee a framed glass case be provided and fixed on the electric lamp standard in the Promenade outside the Municipal Offices for publication of Daily Weather Charts and that the forms of Charts required be printed. Resolved, also, That an advance of £5 be made to the Borough Meteorologist to cover cost of telegrams.

4—Pittville Gardens—(a) Whitsuntide Fete—Resolved, That a sum of £10 be charged to the Fete Account for making good the damage to the Gardens.

(b) Resolved, also, That the use of the Gardens be granted free of charge to the Lifeboat Committee for launching the Lifeboat on Pittville Lake on the 30th August next with power to make a charge for admission if they think fit.

5—Elementary Schools Sports Meeting—Resolved, That the free use of 200 to 300 garden chairs be granted to the Elementary Schools Sports Committee for use at the Sports on the 26th inst., subject to their arranging for cartage etc. and making good any damage thereto,

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6 --**Concerts Sub-Committee**— The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 1st and 8th inst., were read:

They recommended as follows :—

Bowling Green—That the Spa Military Band should play at the opening of this ground on the 29th inst. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :— Central Spa 987 ; Montpellier Spa 176 ; Montpellier Baths 22 ; Pittville Chalet 26 ; and Pittville Pump Room 37.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th July, 1924: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Damage to Lamp—Read, Report of Supt. Hopkins that Frank Haig was fined 10s. 0d. and damage 5s. 0d. for wilful damage to Electric Lamp in Fairview Street.

2 —Electric Light Standards—Reports were received as to damage caused to Electric Light Standards in St. George's Place; corner of Hale's Road and King's Road and damage to lamp bracket at foot of Leckhampton Hill. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage in each case.

3—Manchester Street Sub-Station—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 1st inst., Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Bastin, Mann and Capt. Trye. They recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Reyrolle & Co., Ltd., amounting to £826 17s 6d. subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—I.M.E.A.---(a) Revision of Railway Rates—Resolved, That a Special Subscription of £1 1s. 0d. be made to the Association towards the expenses of the Traders' Co-Ordinating Committee in connection with revision of Railway Rates.

(b) Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Burnley forwarding copy of the following Resolution unanimously passed at the Annual General Meeting of the :—

“That this Association views with grave concern the tendency to transfer the generation of electricity from Municipal Authorities to Power Companies and desires to record its considered opinion :

(a) That the powers by Power Companies should not be permitted to restrict the development of Municipal Undertakings where the Municipality is prepared to furnish adequate supplies at reasonable prices; and

(b) That the decisions of the Electricity Commissioners under Section 11 of the Electricity Supply Act, 1919, should be subject to appeal."

Resolved, That this Council support the Resolution and that the Ministry of Transport be notified accordingly and the Borough Member be asked to assist in the matter when opportunity arises.

5—Extension of Mains— Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make two extensions referred to in his Report at an estimated cost of £80 and £25, in accordance with his recommendations.

6--- Electricity Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the charge for Power supply to ordinary consumers be reduced from 1 ½ d. to 1 ¼ d. per unit., the reduction to come into operation after the reading of the Meters for the September quarter. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th and 29th ult., and 4th and 13th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 479.8, 468.9, 465.2 and 477.1 B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.5, 4.8, 4.5 and 5.1 inches.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on, Thursday, 17th July 1924: Present—Alderman Green; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart In the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 14th July, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	408,000 gallons	257,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	957,000 "	540,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	120,000	108,000
Total	1,485,000	905,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 14th May, 1924.	Contents	Depth 11th July, 1923.	Contents
Hewletts		16,166,000 gallons		19,552,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	30ft. 9in.	93.469,000 "	23ft. 3in.	58,030,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000
Total Storage		111,255,000		78,662,000

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 3 months
No. of house-to-house inspections	939	2681
“ “ taps found leaking ..	95	263
“ defective flushing boxes	14	62
„ defective stop taps	1	5
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	86	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)_	<u>45</u>	
	131	379
,,, notices served re fittings	56	168
„ meters fixed and changed	19	43
“ houses connected ..	91	242
„ „ burst pipes discovered ..	10	27
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	34	100

3---Tewkesbury Housing Scheme The application of the Tewkesbury Corporation for a supply to their Housing Estate on Priors Ground was further considered. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to lay a three-inch main from the pumping main in Tewkesbury Road to supply the Housing Estate, including pressure reducing valves and two hydrants, subject to payment by the Tewkesbury Corporation of the Statutory interest payable on the outlay, under the Water Act 1878 and Order of 21st August, 1922, and to the pressure reducing valves being maintained at the cost of the Tewkesbury Corporation, and subject also to the condition that, if the Council consider it necessary at any time to-pro-vide a supply by an extension of the ordinary service mains, they shall be entitled to make this alteration at the cost of the Tewkesbury Corporation.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir —(a) Punt—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase a punt for use at the Reservoirs at an estimated cost not exceeding £8 to replace the old punt which is worn out.

(b) Pre-Filters—The Borough Engineer submitted drawings of proposed filter house to be built of Corporation Cement Blocks together with sample block. Resolved, That the drawings be approved.

5—Extension to Mains—Trunk Main—The Borough Engineer recommended the laying of about 35 yards of main in London Road and Greenway Lane, at a cost of £40, to connect the nine-inch main (which was formerly primarily used for the Brewery supply) with the trunk main which would improve the pressure in this District. Resolved, That this be approved.

6-----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 Friday, 18th July, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stanley, Stewart and Capt. Trye (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals--(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that there had been no further outbreaks of contagious diseases but the premises at the Moors, Tewkesbury Road, had not yet been declared free from Swine fever.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting.

(ii.) Read, circular letter of 4th inst., from the Clerk to the Norfolk Agricultural Committee of the Norfolk County Council, urging that the present practice of declaring large areas to be infected should cease and that, immediately upon an out-break occurring, a very small area surrounding the district should be closed and efficiently isolated and that, by the adoption of this policy, the loss sustained by farmers consequent upon an outbreak of disease would be materially diminished. Resolved, That no action be taken.

(c) Diseases of Animals Acts—Read, copy circular letter from Home Office, which had been addressed to Clerks to Justices, on the subject of penalties imposed in respect of offences against the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders made thereunder.

(d) Imported Animals Order, 1924—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which came into operation on 14th inst., and which he had published.

2- Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Rose and Crown passage occupied by Messrs. Norman Bros. Ltd. ; Damage slight and Expenses £4 16s. 0d.

3—Boiler Insurance—Resolved, To accept the quotation of the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., of £3 5s. 0d. per annum for covering against explosions the steam pipes of the boilers at Alstone and Montpellier Baths, Winter Gardens and Sandford and Tewkesbury Pumping Stations, which would cover risk of explosions of a boiler or steam pipe up to £2,000 in each case.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Drivers --Resolved, That a Driver's licence be granted to Mr. G. E. Mace, 2 Elmdale Cottages. Fairfield Parade.

5—National Scheme for Disabled Ex-Service Men—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Manager, Local Employment Exchange, asking the Corporation to renew their undertaking to employ disabled ex-service men up to at least 5 per cent. of their total staff. Resolved, That the undertaking be renewed.

6—Petrol Licence—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. J. A. Gilchrist to store 500 gallons of petrol in an under-ground tank at St. James' Garage.

7—market—Resolved, That the following recommendations be again submitted for the approval of the Council :—

(a) That the Cattle Paddock (except a strip about 25 ft. wide on the South side adjoining the Abattoir) be taken into the Market including the portion of the Cattle Sheds on the Eastern side which have a length of 76 feet and a depth of 14 feet 3 inches.

(b) That the added ground be laid with clinker with a topping of road metal at an estimated cost of £144.

(c) That the Gloucestershire Fruit, etc., Society be granted the use of the Cattle Sheds for the storage of non-returnable pots. Estimated cost of providing doors, etc., to make building serviceable--£15.

8—Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922 — Read, letter of 11th inst., from Mr. J. H. Robertson agreeing to make an Actuarial Report and asking to be informed of the " Appointed Day " on which it is proposed that the Act should come into force and giving particulars of the other information he would require for the purpose of making his Report. Resolved, That the 1st April next be proposed as the Appointed Day for the purposes of his Report.

WALTER. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th July, 1924. Present: Alderman Steel; Councillors Sawyer and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and F. Vizard (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Allotments—(a) Baglin's Piece—Resolved, That the rent of Allotment No. 22 be reduced from 19s to 12s 8d in consideration of the overshadowing of a portion of the ground by three Elm trees.

(b) Size of Allotments—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let allotments in half chains to meet applicants only requiring half a chain.

(c) North Ward—Resolved, That Allotment No. 133 recently occupied by the late Mr. Hawkins, be let to his son-in-law, Mr. T. W. Reeves, subject to his giving up half a chain now held by him at Baglin's Piece.

A. E. STANLEY,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th July, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds--(a) Football-- The Committee considered applications received for permission to play football at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1924- -25 Season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	St. Paul's United Association	Alternate Saturdays
“	Baker Street Institute	“
“	Cheltenham North Rugby	“
“	St. Gregory's	“
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Association	“
Whaddon Lane	Central School Old Boys	“
“	Cheltenham St. Mary's	“

(b) Agg-Gardner— Resolved, That Mr. Lodge, (the Custodian) be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee with reference to a complaint received from Mr. M. Miller.

(c) Naunton Park—An application was received for the use of a Cricket pitch on this ground on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to closing time for St. Philip's Bible Class. Resolved, That the application be granted on the usual conditions.

2—Clarence Square—Read, Report of Park Constable of several boys climbing the gate in the Clarence Square Garden. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys.

3—Whitsuntide Fete—Resolved, That application be made to the Fete Committee for payment of £10 to make good the damage caused to the Gardens during the Fete.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th July, 1924; Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Stewart, Captain Trye and Whitaker and Mr. de Sauzmarez (Alderman; Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of visitors, 5943 against 2607 ; a daily average of 234 against 100. The attendances included classes from the Ladies' College and from the following Schools :—St. John's, Parish, St. James', Central, Practising, Dunalley Street and All Saints'.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition—This Exhibition was open from 30th May to 1st July and was attended by 6388 visitors, the total expenditure amounted to £24 10s. 8d. and receipts for advertising and catalogues etc., £33 13s. 3d. he had received a letter from Mr. A. S. Bright, H.M. Inspector of Craft Work in Secondary Schools who visited the Exhibition, stating that—" I doubt whether in any other district in England such a variety of fine Craftsmanship is being carried on, and it must be very gratifying to you and your Committee to know that the Exhibition was such a success."

Alfredo Vaccari Exhibition—This Collection of 40 Paintings and Drawings by Alfredo Vaccari was opened on the 5th July.

Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society—The Members of this Society visited the Museum on Tuesday evening the 8th instant when a Reception was given by the Mayor.

Victoria and Albert Museum—Loan—The four cases which had been loaned for 18 months had now been returned and replaced by one case of Wood-Carving, one of Glass and one containing Metal-work which would remain on loan for a period of 18 months.

2-Donations and Loans - The Whiteway Colony had presented a Collection of Neolithic Flints and a Bone-shaker, circa 1860 had been presented by Miss E. M. Jeffrey and an example of wood-carving executed by the late H. A. Dean had been lent by Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Lenders.

3-- Electric Light —Resolved, That the supply in future be taken on the flat rate system instead of the maximum demand.

4—Exhibition—Pictures—The Curator reported that he had been offered an Exhibition of sketches of South and East Africa and Sudan made by Miss M. Fawkes, and he proposed to arrange for it in November. Resolved, That this be approved.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th July, 1924. Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (28th June to 18th July 1924). Interments, 25; Exclusive Rights in 7 graves sold (second class 1, and fourth class 6). Monuments erected 6 ; Inscriptions 6.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7027 to 7033 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 :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Arthur E. Viney; Louisa M. Martin ; Sir Edward T. Leeds ; Richard E. Smith. Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Jane A. Dawson and Alfred W. Boite. Memorial Ledger Tomb to grave of Sabina K. Gridley ; and Kerbing to grave of William D. Clarke.

4—Additional Land—The Superintendent reported that additional land would be required in the near future. Resolved, That this be considered at the next Meeting and that the Meeting be held at the Cemetery.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th July, 1924; Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Deputy Librarian—The special Sub-Committee appointed to select Candidates for the appointment of Deputy-Librarian reported that they met on Friday, the 11th inst. Present : Alderman Steel and Councillor Mann (Councillor Mann in the chair). Eight applications were received. The following three candidates were selected for interview by the Library Committee :—

(a) Mr. A. L. Carver (24), G.W.R. Institute, Swindon.

(b) Mr. R. E. Lyde (27), Public Libraries, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

(c) Mr. J. W. March (33), Public Library, Exeter.

The three candidates attended and were interviewed.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. R. E. Lyde, at a salary of £200 per annum, the appointment to be determinable by one calendar month's notice in writing on either side.

2- Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 1s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,859 (last year 3,417), Lending Library 9,460 (last year 9,146). Children's Library 1,584 (last year 1,313). Total for month: 14,903 (last year 13,876).

Staff Examinations—The following Members of the staff passed examinations of The Library Association held in May :

Mr. H. G. Massey (Bibliography, with Merit). Miss E. Clark (Cataloguing). Miss E. Mason (Library Routine). Presentations Anonymous. (1 vol.) ; Miss A. Andrews (1 vol.) ; British Museum (3 Pamphs. and 1 vol.) ; Cadbury Brothers Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Institute of Chemistry (1 vol.) ; Miss Warner (7 vols) ; Capt. R. P. Wild (23 pamphs.) ; Mr. A. J. Moxon (5 vols).

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

3—Salary of Chief Female Assistant—Resolved, That the salary of Miss E. Clark be increased from 30s to 35s per week.

4—**Report of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present :—
Aldermen Green and Steel (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 64 books, published at £28 19s, 0d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £21 8s.9d.

(b) That 90 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £15.

(c) That the offer by the proprietor of the "Evesham Standard" to supply this newspaper weekly for cost of postage be accepted.

(d) That the offer of the Eccles Public Library to purchase a duplicate set of the "Dictionary of National Biography," 67 vols. for £18 be accepted, and that the proceeds be used in the purchase of books of reference.

(e) That all departments of the Library, including Newspaper Room be closed on August Bank Holiday.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1924 Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1-- General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 22nd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment, of this Rate. Amount collected £22,660 7s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £10,974 15s. 1d.

Water Rate--Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £12,262 14s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £7,485 17s. 10d.

3 Loans (a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,040 on loan.

Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, also, That the reciprocal loan of £5,000 to the Reading Corporation be continued for the present.

(c) Resolved, also, That a loan of £15,000 be borrowed from the Alliance Assurance Co., Ltd. for a period of 10 years with liberty for either party to require repayment at end of 5th or 7th year and that the Common Seal be affixed to a mortgage or Debentures for securing the said amount in respect of the loan of £15,000 sanctioned by the Electricity Commissioners on the 12th September, 1923, for the purpose of the Electricity undertaking.

4—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a Loan of £135 for a term of 5 years for alterations etc., to Alstone Mill Premises.

5—Roman Villa, Chedworth—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society the Corporation for the contribution of £10 10s. 0d. made towards the purchase of this Villa.

6-- Local Financial Statistics—Read. circular letter 491 from the Ministry of Health forwarding forms of Return of Income: and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March last. Resolved, That these be referred to the Borough Accountant

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased 4959 6s. 3d. Corporation Stock at 67 per cent. plus expenses £2 12s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £959 6s. 3d. 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.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 22nd inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair). 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, 28th August, 1924.

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 September. 1924, 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 HOUSING COMMITTEE

“ FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Captain Trye to Move :—That the Regulations regarding the Parking of Motor Cars be published in the newspapers, with a warning that if they are not observed it may lead to the withdrawal of the concession.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Fours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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, 28th July, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair.

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Pates, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Moore, Pruen and Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 7th July instant, having been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Broadcasting Relay Station—The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council at their last Meeting he had communicated with the British Broadcasting Company, Ltd. and submitted reply of 22nd instant, outlining the policy of the Company as to Relay Stations and giving reasons why Cheltenham was not considered suitable for a station.

3—County Roads—Read, letter of 26th instant from Mr. E. J. Burrow, complaining of the condition of the County roads in the vicinity of the Borough. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Clerk of the County Council.

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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 July 14*
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* Except Minute No. 9 with reference to Sandford Mill Road.

Housing	...	Meetings held July 15 & 24
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Maternity and Child Welfare		Meeting held July 17
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Street and Highway		Meeting held July 21
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Town Improvement and Spa..		Meeting held July 17
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Electricity and Lighting		Meeting held July 16
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Water...		Meeting held July 17*
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* Except that £13 be substituted for £8 in Minute No. 4 (a) with reference to Dowdeswell Reservoir Punt.

General Purposes and Watch	...	Meeting held July 18
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Resolved, also, That a Licence to deal in Game be granted to Mr. S. H. Long, 22, Queen's Road, such licence to expire on 1st July, 1925.

Allotments	...	Meeting held July 14
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Parks and Recreation Grounds		Meeting held July 14
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Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held July 16
Burial Board	Meeting held July 17
Public Library	Meeting held July 15
Finance	Meeting held July 22*

* Except that "County Fire Office, Ltd." be substituted for " Alliance Assurance Co. Ltd." in Minute No. 3 (c) with reference to a loan of £15.

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer he signed for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

5—Education Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Miss E. M. H. Geddes and Mr. E. Bourne be re-appointed members of the Education Committee for three years from the 4th September, 1924, on which date their present terms of office would expire.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, 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 September, 1924.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th August, 1924. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1--Sale of Houses and Land—(a) The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price,
TENNYSON ROAD.		
No. 49	Hawling, George F.	445
„ 51	Herbert, Henry	445
“ 81	Hoggett, Christopher J.	445
“ 87	Bambridge, Claudius	445
LIBERTUS ROAD.		
1, Orchard Terrace	Roberts, Hubert G.	£485
MILTON ROAD		
13th House	Robson, Frank Henry	£425
14th House	Drew, A.	425
18th House	Stuart, B.A. (Miss)	425
SHAKESPEARE ROAD		
(Corner of Milton Road).		
20th House	Miles, John H.	£435
(with additional 5 feet strip of land adjoining in Shakespeare Road).		

The District Valuer's valuations of the houses and land were submitted. Resolved, That (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) the offers be accepted, that application be made to the Ministry for their consent to the sales, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with Messrs. Hoggett, Bainbridge, Drew and Roberts in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of 90 per cent. to guarantee repayments until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the loan, in each case.

(b) Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to offer 8 of the 23 remaining houses in course of erection in Tennyson Road at £450 each.

2—Shop Sites—The Committee considered lay-out plan for the erection of Shops in Tennyson Road and the District Valuer's valuation of two of the sites, including the land required by Mr. S. H. Long. Resolved, That the lay-out plan be approved, that the plot on the South-east side of Tennyson Road, at its junction with Shakespeare Road, having a frontage to Tennyson Road of 38 ft. and a depth of 102 ft. be offered at £4 per foot frontage, and that the adjoining plot, having a frontage to Tennyson Road of 26 ft. 9 in. and a similar depth, be offered at £3 10s. 0d. per foot frontage.

3—Housing Act, 1923— (a) Loan for Subsidies—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a Loan of £4,000 for grants under Section 3 (a) of Section 2 of the Housing, etc Act, 1923, repayable within 20 years.

(b) Mortgages to Building Society—Read, letter of the 23th ult., from the Ministry of Health approving of the Corporation guaranteeing the repayment of loans from the Building Society up to 90 per cent. until the outstanding balance is reduced to two-thirds of the loan.

4—Surplus Land—Read, letters of the 30th ult., and 19th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that the exclusion of the area of 48.712 acres from the Assisted Housing Scheme should be retrospective and relieve the Assisted Scheme of the actual loan charges appropriate to this area as from the date of the raising of the loan and that the £9,453 to be credited to the Assisted Housing Scheme Account for the surplus land taken over could be credited to the Site Loan of £10,500 as far as might be necessary to clear that loan, and the balance credited to the Lay-out Loan. Resolved, That these proposals be agreed to.

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5—Roads and Sewers Final Accounts --Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

6 --Subsidy Houses-Resolved, That a subsidy of £100 be paid to Mr Alfred Rice in respect of a house in Pilford Gardens, Old Bath Road, subject to a Certificate of completion being submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

7--Gardens —Prize Scheme-**The Gardens Sub-Committee** reported that they inspected the Gardens on the 25th ult. Present : The Mayor, Bendall (in the chair) and Taylor and Councillor Cavenagh-Mainwaring. Prizes were awarded as follows :—

Parlour Type Houses-First Prize: 23 Byron Road ; Second prize ; 63, Tennyson Road ; Third prize : 21, Byron Road ; Fourth prize : 26 :and 28,Tennyson Road.

Highly Commended : (no prize): Nos. 6 and 52, Tennyson Road.

Non-Parlour Type Houses-First Prize: 34, Milton Road ; Second prize : 62, Milton Road ; Third prize : 56, Milton Road. Resolved, That this be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd August, 1924 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 22nd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £30,179 16s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £3,455 6s. 2d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £16,467 3s. 7d, Leaving outstanding £3,283 18s. 6d.

3 —Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £600 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Sanctions to Loans -The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanctions to the following loans

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
1924			
August 13	Swindon Road Schools (Completion of Buildings).	£11,400	50 years.
14	Grants under Sec. 3 (a) of Sec. 2, Housing, etc., Act, 1923	£4,000	20 years.
20	Swindon Road Schools (Practical Instruction Buildings).	£4,600	30 years.

5-Report of Accounts Rota Committee ----Reported Meeting on 22nd inst. Present : Aldermen Steel (in the chair). and Taylor ; Councillors Moore and Welstead: 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, 2nd October, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of October, 1924, 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 SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE PO GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND

4. Councillor Captain Trye to Move :—That the Regulations regarding the Parking of Motor Cars be published in the newspapers, with a warning that if they are not observed it may lead to the withdrawal of the concession.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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, 1st September, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.) in the chair. Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor Councillors Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, St. Clair, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green and Councillors Bastin, Farrar and Leigh James.

1—Death of the Mayoress—Resolved, That this Council deeply regret the death of the Mayoress (Mrs. W. J. M. Dicks) and desire to convey to the Mayor and his family their heartfelt sympathy with them in their great bereavement.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 28th July last having been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Unemployment Relief Schemes—(I). Revised Terms of Assistance—Read, circular letter of 19th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee. referring to their circular letters of 27th February and 27th June last, with regard to works for the relief of unemployment during the coming Winter and setting out the following improved terms of assistance as far as regarded non-revenue-producing schemes financed by loan and works financed other-wise than by means of loan.

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(a) Non- Revenue-Producing Schemes Financed by Loan.—Grants equal to 75 per cent, of the interest and sinking fund charges on loans to meet expenditure on approved schemes to be paid by the State for a period of one-half of the term of the loan, subject to a maximum of 15 years.

(b) Works Financed Otherwise than by Loan.—Grants to be paid by the State on the basis of 75 per cent. of the wages bill for unemployed men taken on for the work.

The Government had further decided that schemes submitted after 2nd March last, if approved, should be eligible for the improved terms. Grants for Revenue-Producing Schemes Financed by Loans would remain

unaltered and be equal to 50 per cent. of interest in respect of expenditure on approved schemes for 15 years, or the period of the Loan, whichever was the less.

(II) Development (Road and Sewer Work) of Housing Sites—Grants might also be authorised by the Unemployment Grants Committee for the work of road-making and severing on land required for the future erection of houses under Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, provided that this work of development was undertaken for the express purpose of relieving unemployment in advance of the time at which the work would be carried out in the ordinary course.

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 :—

Housing ... Meeting held August 26

Finance Meeting held August 22*

*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, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

5—Notice of Motion—With the consent of the Council, the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Captain Trye was adjourned until the next Meeting.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees or the Town council to be submitted for Approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th October, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th September, 1924: Present --- The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair and Yarnold (The Mayor 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. :-6 and 7, Leicester Terrace ; Hystfield and Cobridge Villa, Langdon Road; Stainsley and Montrose, Ewlyn Road ; 14, Albert Street, St. Peters ; 7, Swindon Street ; 4, Elm Street and 4, 6 and 7, Brooksdale Cottages-Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 3 and 6, Brooksdale Cottages ; 4, New Street Terrace, New Street ; 4 and 5, Elm Street and Cobridge Villa, Langdon 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) 1, 2, 3 and 4, The Croft, Lower Alstone and 1, Kenilworth Villas. St. Anne's 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 examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 32 and 33, Millbrook Street ; 3, St. Philip's Street and 7, Whitecross Square.-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the work 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) 18 Grosvenor Street. -The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council at their Meeting on the 16th June last the Sanitary work required to be done at these premises had been to his satisfaction by Messrs. Wills & Sons at a cost of, s1:46 16s. 0d. Resolved, That an Order be made declaring that the expenses shall be repayable by monthly instalments of 42 within a period not exceeding two years.

4--Insanitary Property-1-4 and 6-8 and 21 Leicester Terrace ; 18 and 38, Fairview Road ; 18, Grosvenor Cobridge Villa, Langdon Road ; Arle Cottage, Tewkesbury Road ; 7, Swindon Street ; 4, Elm Street ; 3, 5, 6 and 7, Brooksdale Cottages ; 39, Clarence Square ; 1-6 Rosehill Cottages (off Old Bath Road) and 44, Rutland 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, and Section 10 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, be served upon the Owners requiring then, the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5-Houses unfit for human habitation-218, 219 and 220, High Street and 18, Waterloo Street-The Medical Officer having made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the said houses are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be made under the Common Seal pursuant to Section 17 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 and that notice thereof be given to the Owners and occupiers.

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1 to 5, York Cottages and 7 to 9, York Street —Resolved, That a further consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next Meeting.

18 Grosvenor Street—Read letter from Ministry of Health enclosing copy of appeal received from the Owner, Mr. J. R. Langdon Edwards, against the Closing Order made, for the observation of the Council. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply thereto.

6—Surrender of deceased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer reported the surrender of 163 lbs. of beef, 90 lbs of mutton, box of tripe, 2 tins of prawns, 2 boxes of herrings and 1 box of mackerel.

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 and want of ash receptacles, etc. served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

8—Cancer—The Town Clerk submitted circular 516 from the Ministry of Health dated 31st July last containing a further memorandum on Cancer,

9—Royal Sanitary Institute—The Sanitary Inspector submitted a report on the proceedings of the Congress held at Liverpool in July last.

10—Houses let in Lodgings—Read letter from Mrs. Metcalfe calling attention to the exorbitant rent charged for furnished lodgings in St. Paul's Street South. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health and suggest that further powers were required to enable Local Authorities to deal with this matter.

11—Floods—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plan and estimate of his proposals for providing a relief Sewer to prevent flooding from the Sewers in the neighbourhood of the Park. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned for information to be obtained of the houses liable to flooding and the frequency thereof.

12-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 8th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, St. Clair and Yarnold. In view of the probable absence of Councillor Whitaker for some months it was Resolved, that Councillor Leigh James be appointed Chairman pro tem. of this Sub-Committee.

Farms Manager's Report—Read reports of Farms Manager for last two months. Live Stock on Farms on 8th inst., 11 horses (5 at Depot); 11 calves ; 140 head of cattle ; 13 lambs ; 105 sheep and 50 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 2 calves and 41 pigs had been bred on the Farms 9 cows (5 in calf), 21 heifers (5 in calf), 1 calf and 69 sheep had been purchased for £975 7s. 0d. and other purchases amounted to £74 18s. 1d. 28 heifers, 16 calves, 4 fat yearlings, 2 cows, 28 lambs, 50 sheep and 13 pigs had been sold for £1,118 18s. 3d. and other produce for £32 17s. 0d. One heifer had died.

Stockman's Cottage—It was reported that Mr. E. Strawford required an addition of 15s to his previous tender of £29 12s. 0d. as he had since removed his scaffolding from the neighbourhood of the Farms. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Fruit—It was reported that the fruit on the Farms realised £48 10s. 0d.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, [..] September, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sales of Houses—The Town Clerk reported the following offers received:—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
73 Tennyson Road	Mrs. C. J. Bedwell	£450
75 do.	Mr. Hugh Wilmot	£450.
85 do.	Mr. Henry J. Ling	£450.
106 do.	Mr. C. E. Waring	£450.
108 do.	Mr. A. G. Taylor	£450

The District Valuer's valuations of the houses were submitted. Resolved, That (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) the offers be accepted, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sales, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with Mrs. Bedwell and Messrs. H. Wilmot and C. E. Waring in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of 10 per cent. to guarantee repayments until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the loan, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale of Nos. 104 and 110 Tennyson Road.

2—New Fences--**The Garden Prize Sub-Committee** recommended that privet hedges be planted in the front gardens of the 50 houses included in Mr. Drew's two contracts at a cost of 1s per yard (total estimated cost £52 6s, 0d.).

3—Land Tax— Resolved, That the Common Seal be fixed to an authority to the Town Clerk to make the necessary Declaration and to do all other acts and things requisite to effect the redemption of the land tax on part of the Housing Estate.

4—Benhall Cottage--Resolved, That consideration of the sale of this property be deferred for the present.

5—Insurance of Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the six houses in Byron and Milton Roads occupied by the Police had now been insured by the Royal Insurance Co., for £2,700. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Housing etc. Act, 1923—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for extension of the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than 40 houses to be built by private enterprise so as to apply to houses commenced by the 31st December next and completed by the 24th June, 1925.

7 —Subsidy Houses--The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate No. 4 of the completion of a house in Leckhampton Road for Mr. W. Herbert. Resolved, That a subsidy of be paid to him,

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

Second Report of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee appointed by the Council on the **7th January, 1924.**

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd September, 1924. Present : The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Pates, St. Clair and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

It was Resolved to submit the following report and recommendations to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th October next.

Since the Report made to the Council on the 14th April last, the Committee have submitted their proposals to the Ministry of Health, and, at an interview which the Mayor, Town Clerk and Mr. Malvern had with the Ministry on the 4th July last, it was intimated that the Ministry would be prepared to make a fixed annual contribution of one-half of the estimated annual average loss to be incurred in carrying out a Scheme approved by the Ministry. The Committee estimate the loss on the proposed Scheme will be £571 per annum after allowing for the contribution from the Ministry.

The Committee recommend the adoption by the Council of the following resolutions :-

1. An official Representation of the Medical Officer of Health under the Housing Acts, 1890 to 1923, having been submitted. Resolved, That the Council, having taken into consideration the official Representation of the Medical Officer of Health dated the 19th September, 1924, and being satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, declare that the area described in such Representation and coloured pink on the Plan attached thereto, is an unhealthy area and that an Improvement Scheme ought. to be made in respect of the said area including the store and premises No. 35, Stanhope Street and also a strip of land at the rear of the houses and premises on the East side of Stanhope Street containing 10.31 perches or thereabouts and coloured blue on the Plan prepared by Mr. T. Malvern, required to make the Scheme efficient.
2. That the land purchased by the Corporation in Swindon Road be appropriated for the Scheme as a site for the additional houses required to re-house the population to be displaced by the proposed Scheme.
3. That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a Draft Scheme, in accordance with the provisions of Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, as amended by subsequent Acts, and that the Borough Surveyor and Architect prepare the necessary plans, particulars and estimates.
4. That application be made to the Ministry of Health under Section 41 (2) of the Housing, etc.. 1909, to dispense with the service of Notices on tenants for a month or a less period than a month.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd September, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in Me chair.)

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 18th July to 18th September, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During nine weeks ended 11th inst., 1521 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 1,664 tons, 7 cwts.)

2—Moorend Park Road and Shurdington Road—Danger Notices—The Borough Surveyor reported that " Danger " notices supplied by the Automobile Association had been fixed at the junction of these roads.

3—Leckhampton Road and Shurdington Road — Motor Direction Signs — Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply for new Direction Signs from the Automobile Association and that these be fixed at different levels to enable them to be readily seen.

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

5—Depot—Weighbridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was not possible to weigh the material taken from the Depot and Alstone Wharf in mechanically-driven lorries as neither of the Weighbridges were large

enough to take the vehicles. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to the size of Weighbridge required and to ascertain the cost thereof.

6—Cambray Place—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mr. A. E. Woodward, suggesting that for the convenience of Motorists a notice be fixed in Cambray Place, notifying that the same is not a thoroughfare. Resolved, That no action be taken.

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7—Grosvenor Place South —The Borough Surveyor reported that this road was not wide enough for two vehicles to pass one another and that, as a consequence, the footpath at the High Street end had been badly broken up by vehicles drawn on to it. He recommended that the footpath be reduced in width to 3 ft. 6 ins. or thereabouts, which permit the passage of two vehicles, and reported that the Manager of the Gloucester Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd., was prepared to recommend his Committee to contribute £20 towards the cost of the improvement. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved accordingly.

8—Asphalt Plant—Resolved, That Councillor Capt., Trye and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend a Conference to be held at Gosport on 27th inst., and to inspect a clinker asphalt plant in operation there.

9—Petrol Pumps- --(a) Norwood Road --Read, renewed application of 26th July last from Messrs. B. Blissett 84. co., for permission to erect a Petrol Pump at their premises, with a moveable delivery arm, such pump to be in addition to the existing kerbside pump. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to vary their resolution of 21st July, That objection be offered subject to the existing kerbside pump being removed.

(b) St. Paul's Garage—Read, application of 25th ult., from Mr. T. H. Houghton for permission to erect a second Petrol Pump on his premises at St. Paul's Garage, with a moveable delivery arm. Resolved, That no objection made, provided the delivery arm shall be at least 8 feet clear above the footpath and shall not extend beyond the edge of the footpath when in use and subject to an agreement being entered into as in other similar cases,

(c) Bath Garage—Read, application of 10th inst., from the British Petroleum Co. Ltd. (on behalf of B. Mann) for permission to install a Bowser Pump at these premises. The Borough Surveyor reported that the pump was shown by the plan to be on private property and permission was not, therefore, required.

(d) Bath Parade—Read, application of 30th July last from Messrs Chinn Bros. for permission to fix two Petrol Pumps, with moveable delivery arms over the pavement. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned pending receipt of Plan.

(e) 37-38 Winchcomb Street--Read, letter of 12th ult. from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham & Wyatt (on behalf of Mr. James Allen) for permission to remove a kerbside pump from opposite to, Winchcomb Place to a position in front of 37-38, Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

10—Street Projections—(a) 51, Upper Bath Road—Read, application from Mrs. J. Munting for permission to display a flag advertising Tea Rooms and Refreshments at these premises. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

(b) Clarence Restaurant- -Resolved, That notice be given to the Owner of these premises requiring him to discontinue the display of an advertising flag thereat overhanging the footpath.

11—Run-away Horse— The Borough Surveyor reported that a run-away horse belonging to the Corporation was gallantly-stopped on the 11th inst., by Mr. H. Swan, Taxi Driver, of 66, St. James' Street. By his action Mr. Swan had, no doubt, averted a serious accident, Resolved, That Mr. Swan be paid 1-1 is. Od. for services rendered.

12-Telegraph Lines--(a) Hewlett Road—Read, application of 6th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead line with nine poles in this road (from Stanley Road to Greenway Lane). Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the poles, if required.

(b) Suffolk Street ; (c) Well Place and (d) Park Drive—Read, applications from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of overhead lines with one pole in each of these roads. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the poles.

13—Rowanfield Road—Read, letters of 12th and 19th inst., from the Head Teacher, St. Mark's Schools, enquiring the price load the Corporation would expect front the Managers for second-hand road material for use in Rowanfield Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply any material available at 10s per load, delivered.

14—Seats in Streets—(a) Read, letter of 1st ult., from the Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that more seats should be provided in various parts of the Town. Resolved, That no action be taken.

(b) Read, also, letter of 25th ult., from Councillor Welstead, suggesting the provision of a second seat at the Junction of Bath, Leckhampton and Norwood Roads. Resolved, That a second seat be provided.

15—Reddings Road—Read, letter of 7th ult., from the Divisional Road Engineer (Southern Division), Ministry of Transport, Exeter, offering a grant of £303 towards the cost of making up this road. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

16—Dunalley Street—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, extending the period for the completion of this work, during which their grant might be earned, from 31st March to 19th July last.

17—County Roads—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, forwarding the observations of the County Surveyor on Mr. E. J. Burrow's letter of 26th July last, complaining of the condition of the County Roads in the of the Borough.

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18—Cemetery Road—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported continual damage by cattle to this footpath, the cost of repairing which he estimated at £10. The Town Clerk reported that he wrote to the owner of the cattle last March pointing out that it was an offence under the Highways Act to drive cattle along the footpath. Resolved, That application be made for payment of the estimated cost of repairing the damage and that the owner of the cattle be informed that if the driving of cattle along the footpath is continued, proceedings will be taken against him.

19—Alstone Goods Wharf—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co., for the payment by the Corporation of 5 per annum in respect of the use of Alstone Goods Wharf, in lieu of siding rent, Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

20-View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th inst. Present—Councillors Mann and Pates.

They recommended as follows :

Maud's Elm—Petrol Pumps—That the application of Messrs. J. Jones & Sons for permission to erect two petrol pumps on the roadside by their premises in Swindon Road, be not granted, but that, subject to an agreement being entered into as in other similar cases, no objection be made to the erection of the pumps on Messrs. Jones' own premises with delivery arms, provided the arms shall be at least 8 feet clear above the road and not extend more than 4 feet over the roadway when in use.

Ambrose Street -That consideration of the Memorial from the residents in Ambrose Street for the removal of alternate trees and of the Memorial from the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club for the removal of two trees on the North side of the Green, he adjourned.

Vittoria Walk—That the West side of this road be kerbed and channelled and the kerbing on the East side renewed and new channelling laid where necessary.

Montpellier Grove—Tree—That the tree outside No. 12 be not removed but pruned as necessary.

Leckhampton Road—Tree—That the tree outside Ringshall be not removed but pruned as necessary.

Sandford Road—That the suggested kerbing of the footpath on the South side of this road be deferred.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed, except that the recommendation in respect of Vittoria Walk be adjourned for further consideration.

21-Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on 30th July last and 2nd and 22nd 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 Wednesday, 30th July, 1924: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Leigh James (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.
1892	Evans E.	Temporary Building, rear of 3, Tanner's Cottages, Arle.
1893	Price, Miss a F.	Temporary Motor-house in back road rear of 14, Royal Parade, Bayshill Road.
1894	Boots Cash Chemists (Western) Ltd.	Re-building premises 129, 130 and 131, High Street.
1895	Leopold, F.	Temporary Shed over oven, York Passage.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1892, 1893 and 1895 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. 1894 be adjourned for view and further consideration.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 2nd September, 1924: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1896	Crump, Mrs.	Additions to Pittville Lodge, Pittville Lawn.
1897	F. W. Woolworth & Co,	Internal alterations to 351-352, High Street.
1898	Forty, W. H.	Bungalow, Old Bath Road (Amended Plan).
1899	Foster, A. G.	Additions to Ribblesdale, Harp Hill.
1900	Broad & Foster	Alterations and additions to Shop at corner of Swindon Road and St. Paul's Street, N.
1901	Reason, C. H.	Temporary Motor House, Leckhampton Hall.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1898 be approved ; that Plan Nos. 1896, 1897, 1899 and 1900 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plan No. 1901 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and to the building being lined with asbestos or other fireproof material.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 22nd September, 1924 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel Councillors Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

3—Private Road from Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk submitted Deed of Covenant by Messrs. J. H. and T. F. Hough and Mr. G. Day in respect of a piece of land situate in a private road leading off Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1859	Day, G.	Bungalow off Gloucester Road.
1863	Hough, T. F.	Bungalow off Gloucester Road.
1890	Mapp, Mrs.	Glass front to Balcony. 37, Montpellier Terrace.
1894	Messrs. Boots, Ltd.	Rebuilding 129, 130 and 131, High Street.
1902	Bendall & Sons	Three houses, Sydenham Road South.
1903	Bendall & Sons	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
1904	James, H. D.	Additions to rear of 36, Fairview Road.
1905	Marchant, S.	Temporary Motor House, 4, Hatherley Villas, Andover Road.
1906	John Such & Sons	Additions to workshops, Swindon Road,
1907	Wall, J. H.	Temporary Motor House, Failand, Pilford Road.
1908	Wren, B. F.	Temporary Motor house, Charlbury, Libertus Road.
1909	G. Berryman & Sons	Bungalow, Pilford Road.
1910	Rawlings, H. H.	New Laundry, Taunton Park Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1859, 1863, 1894, 1902, 1903 and 1909 be approved, but that Plan No. 1894 be subject to the soil pipes inside the buildings being in lead; that Plans Nos. 1904. and 1906 be approved, subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1905, 1907 and 1908 be approved, as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Acts, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, but that Plan No. 1908 be also subject to a proper crossing being provided and to the structure being lined with asbestos or other fire proof material, and that Plans Nos. 1890 and 1910 be disapproved.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th September. 1924. Present : the Mee councillors Pates, Pruen and Thomas (Councillor rates in the chair).

1—Mineral Waters— Chalybeate Spring—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Medical Officer of Health on an analysis of water from the newly-discovered Chalybeate Spring at Pittville. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make further search for the source of the spring at a cost not exceeding to.

2 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the roof of the Washing Baths was defective, Resolved, That this Committee meet at Alstone Baths on 26th inst., to inspect the roof.

3—Montpellier Gardens—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported receipt of an application from the Cheltenham Branch, Royal National Lifeboat Institution for (a) the use of Montpellier Gardens on 31st ult. (b) the use of chairs in connection with the Sunday Evening Concert on the date mentioned and (c) the services of the Spa Military Band on the evening of 30th ult., in connection with the Launching of the Lifeboat on Pittville Lake. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Winter Garden—(a) Renovation—Read, letter of 22nd July last from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., with reference to repairs needed to the South Transept, which the Company proposed to use for Tennis, and the Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs, which were of a minor nature, had already been carried out. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Parking of Motors--Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Secretary of the Company, asking that the Council should allow the Company to take over all the parking arrangements at the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

5—Spa Medical Baths—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. F. Ruck had agreed to the Committee's proposal that he should continue to receive 50 per cent. of the fees for any Baths or Treatment administered by him or his Assistant, with a guarantee that the amount should not be less in any year (1st April to 31st March) than £50. It was understood that the services of Mr. Ruck or his Assistant would be available for any Baths or Treatment required during the mornings, and also to appointment in the afternoon where necessary to suit the convenience of patients, but that Mr. Ruck would not undertake any electrical Treatments. Resolved, That this be agreed to, the Agreement to be terminable by either party on the 30th June, 30th September, 31st December or 31st March in any year by three month's notice in writing.

6—Weather Reports —(a) Read, letter of 18th July last from the Meteorological Office, stating that the Meteorological information now telegraphed daily from Cheltenham had been incorporated with the daily bulletin to the Press as from the 15th July.

(b) Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Daily Weather Charts case fixed on posts inside the chain fence by the Fountain.

7 --**Concerts Sub-Committee**— The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 22nd July and 6th August last and 2nd and 10th inst.. were read :

They recommended as follows :--Hard Tennis Court--Balls—That six lawn tennis balls be provided for the use of hirers of the Court at a charge of is. per hiring ; that the hirers be required to deposit 2s. to cover loss and/or

damage thereto and that the Borough Accountant be instructed to supply the Custodian with a book of official receipt forms for the hire-charge and deposit.

Music Stands—That 24 Music Stands be made by the Corporation Carpenter.

Montpellier and Winter Gardens—(a) That the use of the Bandstand at the Winter Garden -and the Bandstand and Proscenium at Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Cheltenham Military Band (Conductor—A. H. Coates) on 17th and 21st inst., respectively for Band Concerts, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses.

(b) That the use of Montpellier Gardens be granted to Mr. Leo Dawes for a Concert for the benefit of the Spa Military Band on 10th inst.

Spa Federation Conference—That the Chairman of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee and the Spa Manager be authorised to attend this Conference to be held at Leamington on 19th and 20th inst.

Cheltenham Spa—That the Council be recommended to make representations to the General Manager, Great Western Railway Co., that " Cheltenham Spa " should be placed on lamps, Station boards, etc., at St. James' and Malvern Road Stations and on Destination Boards on trains running to and through Cheltenham.

Town Hall—(a) Catering—That tenders be invited for catering at the Town Hall during the ensuing Winter Season in connection with Balls, Dance Teas. etc.

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(b) Grand Piano—That Mr. Leo Dawes be instructed to make enquiries as to and inspect full-size Concert Grand Pianos in London with a view to the purchase of one for hire in connection with first-class Concerts.

(c) Dance Tea—That an Exhibition Dance be held on 11th November and that the services of two Exhibition Dancers be engaged at a total cost not exceeding £10.

(d) Sunday Concerts—That the use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Leo Dawes for Sunday Evening Concerts on the same terms as last year, viz.: Mr. Dawes to pay the cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and other out-of-pocket expenses.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted,

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Alstone Baths on Friday, 26th September, 1924. Present : Councillors Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8--Alstone Baths —(a) Washing Baths Roof—The Committee inspected the roof of the Washing Baths. The Borough Surveyor reported that the same was beyond repair and that he estimated the cost of a new roof at £175. Resolved, That this sum be included in the Estimates for the next financial year.

(b) Swimming Bath—Ventilation—Resolved, That three additional openings be made in each of the gable windows at an estimated cost of £20, to afford better ventilation.

(c) Badminton—Read, applications from Miss Kelley and the Cheltenham Badminton Club—(Rev. S. Jackson). Resolved, That the Baths be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of 4'92 6s. 0d. for the Season 1924-25 (viz. : 13th October to 28th March) for six days a week for the same hours as were included in the former Agreement (subject to Miss Kelley being allowed the use of the premises on Tuesdays and Fridays for her Club), the Corporation reserving the right to the use of the buildings from 6 p.m. on occasions when it is required for

other purposes. Resolved, also, That the Baths be let to Miss Kelley for the use of her Club on Wednesday and Saturday mornings during the Christmas Holidays at 6s per morning.

9—Town Hall —Ventilation—Resolved, That the marble slabs over the six radiators in the Supper Room be replaced by iron gratings at an estimated cost of £15 to improve the ventilation.

10—Montpellier Gardens --Auditorium—Resolved, That the Auditorium be extended by 8 feet on both sides, with a glass roof, at an estimated cost of £200, to afford additional seating capacity and that this sum be included in the Estimates for the next financial year.

11—Municipal Concerts, etc.—(a) Catering—Resolved, That the undermentioned tender of Cadena Cafes Ltd. for the right to provide teas and refreshments at Municipal Afternoon Concerts, Dance Teas, Evening Dances and Long Night Balls during the Winter Season 1924-25 (27th October to 18th April), be accepted :—

Afternoon Concerts. (Including Extra Concerts in place of Dance Teas). Teas a la Carte. The Company to pay the Corporation £1 for Season.

Dance Teas. Teas to be provided at 1s per head.

Municipal Evening Dances. The Company to pay the Corporation £20 the Season.

Long Night Balls. Buffet Refreshments (Including Ices) to be provided at the following scale:—

Less than 200 guests at 2s 3d per guest

From 200 to 250 guests at 2s 2d „

“ 250 to 300,, at 2s 1d “

“ 300 to 350 “ at 2s “

“ 350 to 400 “ at 1s 11d “

” 400 to 500 “ at 1s 10d “

(b) Grand Piano—Resolved, That the Bechstein Concert Grand Piano offered to the Musical Director for £125 be purchased.

12-Season Tickets—Resolved, That Season Tickets for Municipal Concerts and Dance Teas be issued at 10s 6d. (including tax) and that the charge for admission to balconies at Dance Teas be 6d. Resolved, That complimentary tickets be issued in accordance with the list submitted.

13—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :— Central Spa 2,691; Montpellier Spa 119 ; Montpellier Baths 98 ; Pittville Chalet 49 ; and Pittville Pump Room 67.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th September, 1924: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Stanley and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1---Coal Contract—Resolved, That tenders for the supply of coal for the year ending 30th September, 1925, be invited by advertisement and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a suitable tender and the Common Seal to be affixed to the Contract.

2—Manchester Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans and three tenders for structural alterations necessitated by the installation of new switchgear. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. E. Saunders & Sons to execute the work for £113 3s. 6d., being the lowest tender, be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

3—Electric Lorry—Resolved That the quotation of the Chloride Electrical Storage Co. to supply a renewal battery for £138 4s. 0d. be accepted.

4—Accounts 1923-4—A Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March last was submitted, showing a net surplus for the year of £5,382 8s. 4d. which, with the balance brought forward from last year, made a total surplus of £6,178 4s. 1d. Resolved, That the Accounts be approved, and the surplus allocated follows :—Reserve Fund £3,000 ; Renewals Fund £1,500 ; Carried Forward £1,678 4s. 1d.

5—Thrust Borer—Resolved, That a Thrust Borer for laying cables below ground without opening trenches be purchased at an estimated cost of £318 and charged to the renewals Fund.

6—Oil Purifier—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of a centrifugal oil purifier at an estimated cost of £70 in view of the much larger quantity of oil required by the new plant. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

7—Electric Geysers—Resolved, That the electric geysers be let out to consumers on hire at 5s per quarter.

8—Damage to Lamp -Read, Police Report of 7th ult., as to breakage of a lamp at corner of Russell Place and Russell Street by a boy, and the Town Clerk reported that the damage (5s) had been paid by the parents.

9—Electric Light Standards—(a) Reports were received as to damage caused to Electric Lamp Standards at corner of Bayshill and St. George's Roads and in Ashford Road. The Town Clerk reported that the claim in respect of the latter had been settled and he was instructed to take proceedings, if necessary, in the former case.

(b) Agreements with Assurance Companies—The Town Clerk submitted Agreements with the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd., and the Road Transport and General Insurance Co. Ltd., for settlement of claims for damage to Standards on a halving basis. Resolved, That these be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

10—Subscriptions to Associations—Read, letter of 11th ult., from the Electricity Commissioners consenting under Section 30 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, to payment of £2 11s. 5d. and £3 16s. 4d (Expenses of Representatives attending Meetings of the District Joint Board, and No. 6 Joint Industrial Council at Bristol).

11—Gas Tests--Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th June, which shewed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471.4 B.Th.U.

Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Tests made on the 24th July ; 6th, 17th, 23rd and 27th August last, and 2nd and 10th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 462.1, 467.0, 480.0, 474.1, 473.8, 468.0 and 485.0, B.Th.U. and the Pressure 4.6, 5.4, 5.0, 4.6, 4.8, 5.5 and 4.6 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th September, 1924: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Green and Councillor Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The reports of the Borough Engineer for the months of August and September were read :—

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 18th August, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	252,000 gallons	179,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	589,000 "	395,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	91,000	64,000 "
Total	932,000	638,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	18th August, 1924.		18th August, 1923.	
Hewletts		12,174,000 gallons		12,383,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft. 8in.	78,088,000 "	16ft. 6in.	32,025,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	6ft. 0in.	[..]0,000
Total Storage		91,882,000		45,218,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 15th September, 1924	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	221,000 gallons	158,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	573,000	404,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	85,000	54,000
Total	879,000	616,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th September, 1924		15th September, 1923.	
Hewletts		8,411,000 gallons		15,642,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	25ft. 0in.	65,692,000 "	14ft. 0in.	24,129,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	6ft. 0in.	810,000
Total Storage		75,588,000		40,581,000

a-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	837	621	4139
" taps found leaking ..	65	60	388
" defective flushing boxes	17	17	96
" defective stop taps	2	1	8
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	59	53	
(special repairs apart from			

house-to-house inspections)	<u>68</u>	<u>46</u>	
	127	99	605
" notices served re fittings	71	39	278
" meters fixed and changed	21	24	88
" houses connected ..	83	64	389
" burst pipes discovered	6	6	39
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	33	29	162

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3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during July and August :—

Hydrants fixed (Prestbury) 4 ; Main laid (off Tennyson Road) 60 yards, 4 inches.

Hydrants repaired	1
Mains do.	1
Sluice valves repaired	2
Mains washed out	St Paul's, Tivoli and Leckhampton
House sluices pumped out	2
Meters overhauled..	20

Stop tap boxes raised to new footpath level in St. George's Road.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir--Mechanical Filters—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the construction of the filter house and ferro-concrete filter tanks.

5—Baths, Geysers and Fittings—Resolved, That a Notice be sent out with the Rate Demand Notes that it is an offence under the Water Acts to fix any bath or other fitting or to make any alteration of or extension to the water services without first notifying and obtaining the consent thereto of the Corporation, and that in fixing geysers it is desirable that these should be supplied from tanks and not direct from the service pipes to avoid risk of damage caused by the temporary suspension of supply.

6—Montpellier Street Main—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, That a 4 inch main be laid for a distance of 230 yards in Montpellier Street in place of the existing 2 inch main which was in bad condition.

7—Tewkesbury Housing Scheme -- The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Tewkesbury Corporation for the supply of water to the Housing Estate at Prior's Ground, Tewkesbury. Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment thereof.

8—Parish of Leckhampton Assessments—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Clerk to the Assessment Committee notifying the Assessments contained in a new Valuation List which were the same as the present Assessments.

9—Salts Farm—An application was received from Mr. L. G. Dunn for an allowance to be made iii 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 full settlement.

10—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that the supplies be discontinued in such cases until the arrears are paid.

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

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd September, 1924: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Stanley, Stewart, Capt. Trye 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.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease-(i.) Infected Areas Orders-The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting.

(ii.) Amendment Order, 1924 (Rule 2)-The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order substituting a new Rule in place of Rule 2 of Article 4 of the Foot and Mouth Disease Order of 1895, as from the 1st inst.

(c) Sheep Scab Order, 1923-Read, Circular (T.A.1621/C.L.) of 18th July last from the Ministry of Agriculture, suggesting that the official placard, notifying the general effect of this Order, should be again posted and that a further distribution of the Pamphlet setting out the responsibilities of Sheep-Owners to secure the freedom of their sheep from Scab, should be made. The Town Clerk reported that these suggestions had been carried out.

(d) Importation of Animals Act, 1922-Read, letter of 18th ult, from the Ministry of Agriculture, asking Local Authorities who authorised the holding of markets for imported animals, to notify the Railway Companies and Railway Clearing House thereof.

(e) Amendment of Animals (Landing from Ireland, Channel Isles and Isle of Man) Order, 1923-The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, setting out additional provisions to Paragraph (3) of Article 3 of the Order of 1923 relating to regulations applicable to the landing from Ireland of fat swine intended for immediate slaughter which would come into operation on 1st October next.

(f) Animals (Transit and General) (Amendment) Order, 1924 (No. 2)-The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, with reference to the watering of sheep during transit and at Railway Stations, which came into operation on 20th inst.

(g) Rabies (Landing of Dogs) Order, 1919-The Town Clerk submitted copy of Order of 20th inst., revoking the Rabies (Landing of Dogs) Order, 1919.

2-Fire Brigade -(a) Report of Captain-The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :-

Date,	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
16th August	205, High Street	£50	£5 0s. 6d.
22nd August	Petrol Lorry in Garage rear of 32, Promenade	£25	£4 18s. 6d.

(b) Horse Fire Engine-Resolved, That the insurance of the Horse Fire Engine, which had been replaced by the Motor Fire Engine, be not continued.

3-Hackney Carriage Licences-(a) Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector's Report--The Inspector reported that,- since the Meeting of the Committee on 24th June last, he had examined 29 Motor Cabs, in respect of which applications had been received for renewal of Licences, The result of his inspections to date was as follows :-

Licences recommended for renewal unconditionally	29
Do. do. do. subject to repairs .	22
Reported unfit to be licensed as public hire vehicles ..	3
Vehicles voluntarily withdrawn from public hire service..	4
Vehicles not submitted for inspection ..	<u>3</u>
Total	61

Resolved, That licences Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 33, 36, 48, 49, 57. 60, 61, 62, 6.f, 65, 66, 70, 71 and 74 be renewed ; that Licences Nos. 7, to, 16. 20, 23, 25, 30, 32, 35, 38, 43, 45, 46, 50. 54, 55, 36, 58, 63, 67 and 72 be renewed, subject to the repairs reported by the Inspector as necessary being carried out to his satisfaction ; and that Licences Nos. 8, 11, 13, IS', 42, 59 and 68 be not renewed. Resolved, also, that the Owners of the three cabs not submitted for inspection be informed that, unless the vehicles are submitted for inspection and a satisfactory report on the inspection thereof is submitted to the Committee at their Meeting on 21,t October next, the licences will not be renewed.

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(b) Transfer-Resolved, That Licence No. 73 in respect of Motor Cab AD2776 be granted to Mr. A. G. Marshall, to whom the vehicle had been sold by Mr. John Williams, subject to the repairs reported by the Inspector as necessary being carried out to his satisfaction.

(c) Driver's—Resolved, That Drivers' Licences be issued to Messrs. V. T. Nicholls, A. G. Marshall, L. R. Stockham and F. F. Tilling,.

Market—(a) Alterations—It was reported that the Glos. Fruit, etc., Marketing Society, Ltd., desired to make certain small structural alterations. Resolved, That no objection be made, provided the Society undertake to re-instate the premises on the expiration or sooner determination of their tenancy.

(b) Assistant superintendent—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. E. Woodward had been engaged as Assistant Superintendent on the 9th and 16th inst., owing to heavy markets. Resolved, That this be approved. Resolved, also, That a waterproof cape be provided for the Assistant Superintendent at a cost of 16s. 6d.

5—Licences to Store Petrol, etc.----(a) 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:-

		Petrol	Petrol	
Name.		Pump Storage.	Brick Storage.	Carbide.
		gallons	gallons	
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 (2 tanks)	1500	60 lbs
H. G. Norton & Co, (1917) Ltd.	416 High Street	500	300	280 lbs
Do.	Regent Street		400	
Do.	"		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	
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.	SS, High Street		40	224 lbs
Do.	Bath Road		1000	
Mr. C. Giles	IS, Upper Bath Road			150 lbs
F. J. Mills	S, Pittville Street			112 lbs.
Messrs. Halliday & Maisey	Ormond Place			112 lbs.
Mr. B. Blissett	Norwood Road	500	100	56 lbs
Messrs. Leckhampton Motor Works Ltd.	"		400	200 lbs
Mr. H. G. Swift	Lansdown Hotel Garage		100	

G. W. Midwinter	Beaufort Garage. London Road	500	150	60 lbs
Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons	34, Winchcomb Street		100	560 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. Hollaway	St. Mark's Emporium		100	
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold," Thirlestaine Road		500	
Mr. C. Thornber	Suffolk Road Garage	500	500	112 lbs.
W. T. Baggs	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	100	112 lbs.
Messrs. Cheltenham & District Light Rly. Co.	St. Mark's Depot	1000		
The Anglo-American Oil Co.	New street Wharf		3500	

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Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	300	150	
Messrs, The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	Sunningend Works		300	
C. J. Bullock	Montpellier Street	1000 (2 tanks)	250	
Mr. F. A. Tovey	Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road		24	
R. C. Hall	Lansdown Cycle Works		40	112 lbs
P. W. Vincent	St. Philip's Cottage, Grafton Road		20	
Ernest Viall	1a, Hewlett Street			112 lbs
Messrs. B. & W. L. Chinn	16--18, Bath Parade		100	50 lbs

Mousell Bros.	2, Ambrose Street			
Mr. F. W. Stockwell	17, Upper Bath Road	500	40	
Mr. J. H. Horsman	3, Roman Road		40	
H. W. J. Little	142, Tewkesbury Road		40	
A. J. Miles	St. Anne's Garage, Albion Street	500		
Messrs. Wiggett & Westborough	Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street	300	500	600 lbs
Mr. A E. Tilley	Wellington Street	300	40	
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 lbs
Messrs. Shell-Mex, Ltd.	Tewkesbury Road		26000	
Mr. J. A. Gilchrist	St. James' Garage	500	10	
J Allen	Pittville Mews	500		
O. H. Goulding	Lansdown Place Garage	500		
L. Paynter	23-24, Regent Street		150	150
H. Spencer Jones	Suffolk Parade Garage		80	
J. Preston	Queen's Road	500		
Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher	Pittville Street			3360 lbs
United Chemists Association	Priory Court	500		
R. D. Marshall & Co.	30, Winchcomb Street	300	40	75 lbs
Mr. T. G. Brunskill	Warwick Place	500		
T. H. Houghton	St. Paul's Road Garage	500		
A. E. Slocombe	167, High Street			200 lbs
Messrs. H. Packer & Co.	23, Tewkesbury Road	300		
Mr. F. S. Eddies	Langton Garage, Montpellier Terrace		40	
Messrs. Stevens & Co,	Trinity Lane	300		

(b) Resolved, That the following new applications be also granted :— Messrs. Chinn Bros., an increase to 500 gallons in present underground store and 500 gallons in new Pump storage ; Mr. T. F. Worgan, 500 gallons (pump storage) at The Park Garage, Painswick Road; Leckhampton Motor Works Ltd. 350 gallons (pump storage) at Norwood Road, Henry Jordan & Co., 350 gallons (pump storage) at Grove Street ; Messrs. J. Jones & Son, 600 gallons (2 pump stores) at Maud's Elm, Swindon Road ; The Anglo American Oil Co., Ltd., 14,000 (underground tank) at New Street Wharf ; Mr. A E. Dubbin 100 gallons (brick store) at Lansdown Terrace Lane ; Mr. E. H. Sperry 100 gallons (brick store) at Shurdington Road Garage; Mr. W. L. Godwin, 30 gallons (brick store) at rear of 39 Tivoli Street ; Mr. B. Mann, 300 gallons (pump store) and 100 gallons (brick store) at Bath Villa Garage, Bath Road ; Mr. T. H. Houghton an increase to 600 gallons in present pump store ; The Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd., 2,500 gallons at Dunalley Street ; and Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher, 300 gallons (pump storage), Swindon Road.

(c) Portable Pumps—Read, applications from Messrs. R. C. Hall and E. H. Sperry for licences to store 50 gallons of petrol in portable pumps and tanks combined, Resolved, That the applications be granted, subject to the condition that when not in use the pump and receptacle shall be kept in a proper store with an impervious pit.

(d) Transfer—Read, application from Mr. J. Allen, Cheltenham Car Mart, for the licences held by W. Mills & Co. at No. 38, Winchcomb Street, for 350 gallons of petrol and 112 lbs. of carbide, to be transferred to them at same address. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Ordnance Survey Maps—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain the new Ordnance Survey Maps of the Municipal and Parliamentary Borough, respectively, at cost of £3 2s. 2d.

7—Municipal Corporations Act, 1882—*Latish v. Braithwaite*—The Town Clerk reported on the Judgment recently given in the High Court in this case, in respect of which an Appeal had been entered.

8—Year Book, 1924-25 —Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for printing the Year Book for a period of 3 years.

9—Unemployment—Read, Memorandum of 28th July last from the Secretary, Association of Municipal Corporations, with reference to the representations made to the Government by the Association, urging the increase of Grants towards Local Relief Works.

10—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, memorandum L.P. 1084/C.L. from the Ministry of Agriculture, of 9th inst., with suggestions for a National Rat Week beginning November 3rd, together with the Rat Executive Officer's proposals. 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, 8th September, 1924. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Stanley and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. IV. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments—Read, letter from Mr. E. Taylor suggesting that a well should be sunk in the allotments to take water by an overflow pipe from the drain which he understood was proposed to be constructed from the Swindon Road Schools to the Brook. Resolved, That the Town Clerk ascertain whether such drain was to be constructed as mentioned.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th September, 1924. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Stanley and Yarnold (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1-Recreation Grounds—Football—(a) Naunton Park—Resolved, That permission be granted to the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club to play Rugby Football on Saturdays at this ground subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That permission be given to the Co-operative Employee's Football Club to play Association Football on alternate Wednesdays at this ground subject to the usual conditions. Resolved, also, That permission be given to the Central School Old Boys' Association Football Club to play Association Football at this ground every Saturday instead of alternate Saturdays and that Minute No. 1 of the Meeting of the Committee on the 14th July last be varied accordingly.

(c) Agg Gardner—Read, application from St. Paul's Association Football Club for permission to play Football on alternate Saturdays on the pitch allocated to the St. Paul's United Football Club who did not now require a pitch. Resolved, That this be granted subject to the usual conditions.

2-Land in Wellesley Road—The Town Clerk read correspondence with Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. with reference to a compensation payable on the termination of the lease of this land and that they had now agreed to accept a payment of £20. Resolved, That this be agreed to

Estate—(a) Clarence Square—Read letter from Mr. E. Parker as to a tree in this Square which he considered was dangerous. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Public Seats—Read letter of 1st ult., from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that more seats should be provided in Evesham Road, the Pittville Estate and other parts of the town. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th September, 1924: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Captain Trye, and Mr. F. B. de Sauzmarez (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—No of Visitors during July and August 9,310 against 5,998 (a daily average of 176 against 113). The attendance included 22 boys and girls from Yatesbury, Wilts.

The Exhibition of Paintings by Signor Alfredo Vaccari was open from 5th July to 17th September. No. of Visitors 6,659- After meeting the expenses amounting to £9 17s. 5d. for this Exhibition, there was a balance of hand of £3 2s. 7d. The receipts for July and August were as follows :—Post Cards £1 1s. 2d. Catalogues £4 18s. 9d. ; Contributions to Picture Purchasing Fund £5 2s. 0d. ; Collection box £2 12s. 10d. and a donation of £4 4s. 0d. from the Faculty of Arts towards the printing expenses of the Vaccari Exhibition. Total receipts £17 18s. 9d. He had received £11 3s 0d. from Public subscriptions towards the purchase of Mr. R. C. Heyworth's oil painting of " The Dieppe Beach " at £20.

British Water-colour Society—He had arranged for the Autumn Exhibition by this Society to open on the 22nd inst.

Insects—He reported that nine additional cases of Insects had been received and the cost (£13) had been met from the Leslie Young Benefaction and a Grant-in-Aid of 50 per cent. from the Board of Education.

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Donations and Loans—The following donations had been received :—Mrs. Riviere Oil Painting "Michael," by Briton Riviere, R.A., and the following Water Colours—"The Marriage at Cana" and "St. Peter Restores the King's Son to Life" (H. P. Reviere), "Dover Cliffs" and "Sheepwashing" (Wm. Reviere), and "Dandelions" (Mrs. Briton Riviere). Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley—Russian Icons and Croation Slippers. Rev. H. G. O. Kendall, M.A., F.S.A.—"Eolithic" Stone Implements from Wiltshire. The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle —6 Stone Implements from New Britain. Rev. A. A. Headley—French Revolver, 1866. Capt. R. P. Wild—Stone Implements from Ashanti. Mrs. Griffiths—Frame of Botanical Specimens. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2-Museums Association Conference—The Curator submitted his Report on the Conference held at Wembley from 21st- 26th July which was approved.

3—Postcards—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to purchase 500 additional postcard reproductions of "The Knights' Hall" at £1 10s. 0d. Resolved, also, That sets of 6 postcards be sold at 9d. per set.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th September, 1924: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pates, St. Clair and Capt. Trye ; Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—For July and August. Receipts £36 5s. 5d. (including £18 for duplicate set of dictionary of National Biography). Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 9,020 (last year 7,783). Lending Library 19,325 last year 18,292). Children's Library 3,093 (last year 2,469). Total for two months: 31,438 (last year 28,544).

Library Association—Conference—The Librarian submitted his Report on this Conference held at Glasgow from 8th-12th September which was approved.

Presentations—Anonymous (1 vol.) ; Miss Andrews (1 vol.) ; Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (1 vol.) ; The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg Gardner, P.C.. M.P. (3 vols.) ; Burlington House, Cambridge, (1 Guide) ; Mr. E. J. Burrow, (8 vols.) ; Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd, (2 vols.) ; C. W. Cousins (1 vol.) ; C. W. Daniel & Co. (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Daubeny (1 vol.) ; Messrs. W. and R. Holmes (1 vol.) ; J. A. Homer (1 vol.) ; Municipal Intelligence Bureau, Toronto (1 vol.) ; Natural Resources Intelligence Service Dept., of the Interior, Ottawa (1 vol.) ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.) ; Mr. F. L. Roseveare (1 vol.) ; Mr. S. D. Scott (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Truman & Knightley, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Miss Waite (2 vols.) ; Mr. R. C. S. Walters (1 pamphlet) and Mr. H. C. Burder several volumes. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2-New Periodicals—Resolved, That the offer to present the " Musical Mirror " (Monthly) be accepted, but that the offers of the "Mormon " Articles of Faith " and " New India " be not accepted.

3—Purchase of Books—Resolved, (a) That 22 reference volumes published at £26 15s. 6d. be purchased for £19 3s. 0d.

(b) That 14 lending volumes published at £7 1s. 0d. be purchased for £4 14s. 0d.

(c) That 9 reference volumes published at £32 11s. 0d be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £26 8s. 6d.

(d) That 70 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £10 and

(e) That 130 volumes be rebound at an estimated cost of £17.

4—Winter Lectures—The Librarian reported preliminary arrangements made for the Winter course of eight Lectures. Resolved, That these be approved.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 26th September, 1924. Present: Alderman Green ; Councillors Stanley Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (18th July to 26th September 1924). Interments, 83 ; Exclusive Rights its 30 graves sold (first class 2, second class 2, and fourth class 26). Monuments erected 31 ; New Inscriptions 9.

2 — Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7034 to 7066 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

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3--Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved :---Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Ernest C. Tolley; Eva C. Corbet-Smith ; Charlotte V. Miller ; Catherine Berner • Ellen O. Ommanney ; Henry A. Broome ; Arthur L. Woods ; George Burnell ; Augusta Park ; Ethel M. Forsyth ; Alys Lyons ; Richard Mytton ; Frances Sturkey ; Enid Bennett ; William Newman ; Edwin Reynolds ; Florence Keith Jopp ; Edward Grant ; and Joseph Cook. Headstone to grave of Minnie Duncan. Memorial Scroll to grave of Ann Giles and Kerbing to graves of Mary Mercer ; Harriett Knott ; Elizabeth B. Gardner ; Sarah A. Winstone ; Frank W. Heath ; Florence J. Hawkins ; Emma Longridge; James Arkell ; Percival Davis ; and Leonard Giles.

4—War Crosses—Read, letter from Mr. T. H. Packer, Secretary of the Remembrance Day Committee, asking for additional rails to be provided for the further crosses received. Resolved, That five additional rails be provided at an estimated cost of £8 15s. 0d.

5—War Graves—Read, letter of 1st ult., from the Imperial War Graves Commission stating that if desired by the Burial Board, the Commission raised no objection to near relatives of the deceased soldiers being buried in the graves granted to the Commission, and authorising the Town Clerk for the time being, to give consent as Agent for the Commission to the interment of such relatives where he is satisfied as to the relationship of the person to be buried and considered it a proper case in other respects for the application to be granted, but asking to be furnished, when permission is so granted, with full particulars of the name and relationship of the relatives buried, the grave buried in and the date of interment. Resolved, That, the interment of relatives of deceased soldiers be allowed in the graves so far as the space permits, but that it be limited, in the case of un-married soldiers, to the parents of the deceased soldier and in the case of married soldiers to the widow (if not re-married) and children of the deceased soldier.

6— Additional Land—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. J. Denley the tenant of the 5 acres 3 roods of land adjoining the • Cemetery, to terminate his tenancy with a view to the land being added to the Cemetery.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th September, 1924: Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Pruen, St. Clair and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 30th September inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,776 5s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £858 17s. ad.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 30th September inst., on the collection of this Rate for the year ended 30th September inst. Amount collected £18,434 10s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £1,842 4s. 9d.

3 —Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £800 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 £6,880 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Unexercised Borrowing Powers--The Borough Accountant submitted list of Sanctions to loans unexercised or partly exercised. Resolved, That the list be referred to the Committees concerned with a view to the cancellation of the Sanctions to the extent of the sums not required.

5—Insurance—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that the County Fire Office, Ltd., had agreed to reduce the premiums on existing fire insurances to a flat rate of 1s 6d per cent. less 25 per cent. and the usual commission.

6—Assisted Housing Scheme Account—Read, letter of the 23rd August last from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the Housing (Assisted Scheme) Revenue Account for the two years ended 31st March, 1922 and 1923, setting out the amounts payable by the Exchequer for the years in question and notifying certain disallowances which had been made from the Imprest. The Town Clerk submitted his reply thereto, together with a further letter from the Ministry of the 26th inst., agreeing to remit the deductions made in respect of Management of Bonds and General Supervision and Management of Houses, with the exception of two sums of £2 3s. 0d., and £6 13s. 6d. Resolved, That these sums be charged to the General District Rate.

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 30th inst. Present : Aldermen Steel (in the chair) ; Councillors Pruen and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, including one for £14 18s. 0d. for stationery supplied.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th October, 1924.

Sir

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE on FRIDAY, the 31st day of October. 1924, 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 SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE 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, &c.

Yours faithfully, Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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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, 6th October, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett,

Aldermen Clara. Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Stanley, Stewart, St. Clair, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E. and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sawyer, Welstead and Whitaker

1—Resolutions of Sympathy—Resolved, That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Welstead in the loss of his son ; to Councillor Whitaker in his serious illness ; and to Councillor Sawyer in the serious illness of his wife.

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

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

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Public Health Meeting held September 8

Housing Meeting held September 8

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held September 8

Street and Highway Meeting held September 8

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 19 & 26*

*Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Moore : "That Minute No. 10, with reference to Montpellier Gardens—Auditorium—be referred back for further consideration."

(An amendment moved by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 8 (a) with reference to Alstone Washing Baths Roof, be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

(An amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold, seconded by Councillor Stanley : " That Minute No. 11 (a) with reference to Municipal Concerts—Catering—be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

St. George's Square—Resolved, also, That the best thanks of the Council be given to the Mayor for his generous gift of the Fountain recently erected in St. George's Square.

Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held September 24
Water	Meeting held September 18
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held September 23
Allotments	Meeting held September 8
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held September 8
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held September 19
Burial Board	Meeting held September 26
Public Library	Meeting held September 16
Finance	Meeting held September 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, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

4—Parking of Motors—Resolved, That the Regulations regarding the Parking of Motor Cars be published in the local newspapers, with a warning that if they are not observed it may lead to the withdrawal of the concession.

WALTER. J. M. DICKS.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees or the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 31st October, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th October, 1924: Present --- The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas and Yarnold (The Mayor 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.: Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft ; 36 Moorend Street ; 3 Ambrose Place ; 1, 2, 3 Malvern Cottages, Moorend Crescent 15 and 16 Whitehart Street ; 1 Evelyn Terrace : 1, 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages and 7 Northfield Terrace.--Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 31a Jersey 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—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 Southend Villas, Painswick Road ; 4 Henrietta. Street ; 28 Hermitage Street; 1 Moorend Villas ; 14 and 15 Andover Street and 6 Victoria Parade, Gloucester 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.

4—Insanitary Property-4 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft ; 15 and 16 Whitehart Street ; 1 and 5 Ewlyn Terrace ; 18 and 19 Fairfield Road ; 1, 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages ; 7 St. George's Street ; Northfield Cottage and Vine Cottage, Northfield Passage. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919, and Section to of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, 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—House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation-3 Croft Street.— 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, 1575, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Read, applications from Mrs. E. M. Jones of 29 Sherborne Street, and Mr. J. Lethbridge of 63 Sherborne Street to be registered as Purveyor of milk and Dairyman, respectively. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

7 —Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923. The Medical Officer of Health submitted copy of Bacteriological Reports upon samples taken in June, July, August and September of " Certified" milk produced by Woods Arle Dairies, Ltd. and retailed by the Cheltenham Creamery, Ltd. which had been examined by the National Institute of Research in Dairying. Resolved, That a copy be forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs. of beef; 3 cwt. pork ; 12 lbs. bacon ; 8 tins fish, fruit and beef.

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9—Health Department—Typewriter —Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to purchase a Smith-Premier Typewriter in place of a similar machine (worn out) at £29 10s. 0d. less special discount £4 10s. 0d. and allowance of £5 for old machine,—net cost £20.

10-Slaughtering of Animals—Bye-laws— Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Metcalfe, Miss E. M. FL Geddes, Rev. W. Bishop, Dr. Wilkins and Mr. Paddison attended as a Deputation from the Cheltenham and District Food Reform and Health Association and urged the adoption of clause 9B of the Model Slaughterhouse Bye-laws. which requires use of mechanically operated instrument for stunning animals before slaughter. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for enquiries.

11-18 Grosvenor Street--The Sanitary Inspector reported that a Notice served on the Owner of these premises on 12th ult., requiring him to make good a defective rain water pipe had not been complied with and a letter was submitted from Messrs. Haddock & Pruett (Solicitors for the Owner of the adjoining property) with reference thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the penalties unless the Notice is complied with

12-Sewers- Discharge from Gas Works—The Borough Surveyor reported a discharge of chemical fluid from the ammonia plant at the Gas Works into the sewers without treatment. He had an interview with the Directors on the 10th inst. and the Company had now admitted that the discharge complained of came from their works and they had promised to take steps to remedy the complaint.

13 -River Chelt—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported he had now had all moveable obstructions removed from the Chelt between the East and West Borough Boundaries.

(b) He also reported that Mr. E. R. Dangerfield, of " Abbotsford " had cleared the watercourse through his garden and the Corporation had removed the silt from culverts passing under the road, Nothing however had been done by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council to prevent the overflow of water from the Lilley Brook, so that flooding of Sandford Mill Road was liable to recur. The Town Clerk submitted letter of 11th ult., from the Clerk to the Urban District Council stating that they could not take any steps in the matter ; also letter from Mr. E. R. Dangerfield of 13th ult., urging that the Corporation should press for the work required to prevent flooding from the Lilley Brook being carried out. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owners of the land adjoining the Lilley Brook and upper portion of the Chelt urging them to have the bed of the stream cleaned out.

14—Floods—Park Place and Neighbourhood—The Borough Surveyor reported result of enquiries made of the occupiers of houses in this district as to frequency of floods. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

15—Hayden Sewage Farms—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary drawing for additional filters which would treat about half the dry, weather flow of sewage now being treated on the land, He estimated the cost of the work, if carried out by unemployed labour, at £9,700 of which £4,147 would be expended on washed Malvern Granite for the beds, but it might be possible to reduce the estimated cost if other satisfactory material could be obtained at a cheaper rate. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £9,700 for the cost of the Filters, and that Minute No. 15 of 1st July last be varied accordingly. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for the work

16—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst. Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, St. Clair, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 13th inst., 10 horses (6 at Depot); 137 head of cattle ; 7 calves ; 146 sheep and 67 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 8 calves and 9 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 19 heifers (in calf) ; 43 breeding ewes and 1 Suffolk Ram had been purchased for £687 6s. 0d. and other purchases amounted to £42 6s. 2d. Total purchases £729 12s. 2d. 26 heifers (2 dead) ; 2 heifers in calf ; 7 cows ; 8 calves; 1 lug teat and 6 ewes had been sold for £790 8s, 6d. 2 heifers had died from Murrain.

Stockman's Cottage—Resolved, That the account of Mr. E. Strawford for repairs amounting to £32 14s. 5d, be passed for payment.

Horses, etc.—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 2 horses suitable for town work, a cart horse collar and 300 land drain pipes.

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

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WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th October, 1924. Present--The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair)

1—Sales of Houses (a) The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	
92, Tennyson Road	Woodward, E. R.	Price. £450
104, do.	Brookes, W. J.	£450
110, do.	Stock, C. G.	£450
1, Spenser Road	Griffiths, F. F.	£450

The District Valuer's valuations of these houses were submitted.

Resolved, That (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) the offers be accepted, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sales, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with Messrs. Woodward, Brookes and Griffiths in Mortgages to the Building Society for advance of 50 per cent. to guarantee repayments until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the loan, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to offer the remaining 15 houses in course of erection in Tennyson and Milton Roads at £450.

(b) 114, Tennyson Road—Resolved, That this Parlour-Type House be offered to an intending purchaser at the price of £485, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health to the sale.

(c) 1, Orchard Terrace, Libertus Road—The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract for the sale of this house, containing covenants of indemnity by the Corporation in respect of rent charge for maintenance of roads on the Libertus Estate and old covenants. Resolved, That this be approved.

2-Additional Houses—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of from 10 to 15 pairs of semi-detached non-parlour houses similar to those now in course of erection and that Messrs. Chatters, Smithson & Rainger be instructed to submit lay out plan for the erection of these houses on the vacant frontages in Byron and Milton Roads.

3--Spenser Road—Resolved, That the road running West from Tennyson Road be named Spenser Road,

4—Repairs of Houses—Resolved, That it be a standing instruction to the Borough Surveyor to make good defects in respect of which deposits are from time to time forfeited by out-going tenants.

5--Prospect Villa and Land in Folly Lane—Read, letter from Mr. J. G. Villar offering for sale Prospect Villa and Prospect Cottage and market garden land, containing in all an area of 9 a. 0 r. 6 p.

6--Housing, etc., Act, 1923-- -Read, letter from Ministry of Health of 22nd ult., extending the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than 40 houses to be built by private enterprise, so as to apply to houses commenced by the 31st December next and completed by the 30th June next, but stating that a

considerable number of Local Authorities were adopting, for the purpose of administration, a limiting figure of cost, varying from £600 to £650, as a maximum all-in cost, including builders' profits, for house, for which they would grant a subsidy, and the Minister suggested that a subsidy should not be promised in any case where the net cost exceeds £600, and requested to be furnished with an assurance that effect would be given to this suggestion in respect of any future applications for a subsidy under the Council's Scheme. Resolved, That the granting of subsidies be limited to houses the net cost of which to the Purchaser or to the Owner-Occupier after allowing for subsidy does not exceed £600, inclusive of the land.

7—Subsidy Houses—(a) Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £75 be issued to Mr. T. F. Hough in respect of a house to be erected on land near Gloucester Road containing 1,204 superficial feet and to be built at a density of 4 to the acre.

(b) Resolved, That in view of the limitation suggested by the Ministry as mentioned in Minute No. 6, the application of Mr. G. Day for a subsidy in respect of a house proposed to be erected on land near Gloucester Road at a cost of £720 (exclusive of the land) be refused.

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(c) Resolved, That a subsidy of £75 be paid to Mr. John A. Hough in respect of a house erected on land near Gloucester Road certified by the Borough Surveyor as having been completed in accordance with the terms Certificate, of the Provisional Certificate.

8—Housing Conference—Resolved, That the Mayor and the Town Clerk or Borough Surveyor be appointed as representatives to attend a Conference at Bristol, arranged by the National Housing and Town Planning Council, on Friday, 28th November next.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

Third Report of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee appointed by the Council on the 7th January, 1924.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd October, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors St. Clair, Thomas and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—That the Improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, as amended by subsequent Acts now submitted for the Stanhope Street unhealthy area together with the plans, particulars and estimates relating to the Scheme be and the same are hereby made and adopted and that all necessary steps be taken to obtain confirmation thereof. (A copy of the scheme accompanies this Report).

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 23rd October, 1924. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, St. Clair, Stewart and Captain Trye; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society— Quarterly Report—Read, Report for Quarter ended 30th September, 1924. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows:—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ..	21.5	20.9
At Clare Street (11 Meetings) ..	15.9	12.10
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	26.8	31.2

There were 2 deaths of infants attending the Baker Street Centre during the Quarter.

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2 —Health Visitors' Report—The following is a Summary of the work for the Quarter ended 30th September.

No. of Children on Register ..	2,859
“ Children Visited (1 year and under)	1,088
„ “ (over 2 year) ..	673
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	2,133
“ Attendance of Health Visitors at Centres	61
“ Children remitted to Hospital .	7
“ Ante-natal Cases visited ..	37
“ Whooping Cough Cases visited ..	nil
“ Chicken Pox “ “	9
“ Measles “ “	nil
“ Un-notified Births discovered ..	7

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	24
New Orders ..	20
Orders discontinued during quarter	23
„ continuing to coming quarter	21

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Of the total number of orders during the Quarter 22 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 22 for infants or children under three years of age.

3—Grants—Read, application of 7th inst., from the Voluntary Health Society for an increase in the Grant made by the Corporation. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health the Grant be increased from £100 to £150 for the present financial year.

J. H. TRYE. Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th October, 1924. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair.)

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by Highways Department from 19th September to 16th October, 1924, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended 9th inst., 678 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 825 tons, 2 qrs.)

2—High Street (St. George's Street to Devonshire Street)— The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been found necessary to increase the thickness of the Aztecphalt wearing surface of the portion of the road being laid by Messrs. Constable Hart & Co., Ltd., from three to four inches, owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the foundation, and that the Contractors had agreed to accept an extra payment of 1s. per square yard for an area of 1370 yards. Resolved, That this be approved.

3— Workmen— (a) Hours—Resolved, That, for a period six weeks before and six weeks after Christmas, the Workmen's (including Tradesmen) hours be fixed from 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

(b) Accidents—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the Committee, from time to time, accidents in respect of which compensation is not payable for the first three days.

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4—Timber Supplies—The Borough Surveyor Reported that the period for which tenders for timber supplies were accepted expired on the 30th ult., but that supplies were being continued by the Contractors at the Schedule prices. Resolved, That this be approved.

1--Horse--The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse "Punch" died on 7th inst., and submitted report of Veterinary Surgeon with reference thereto.

6—Vittoria Walk—Resolved, That consideration of the kerbing and channelling of this road be adjourned for further view.

7—Sandford Mill Road—Danger Sign—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. E. J. Burrow to fix a Danger Sign to the Electric Lamp Standard in Sandford Mill Road be accepted.

S—Charlton Lane—The Town Clerk reported receipt of complaints as to the inconvenience caused by the portion of this road in the Borough being called Charlton Lane and the portion in Charlton Kings being called Greenhills Road. Resolved, That a name-post "Charlton Lane" be erected where the Borough Boundary crosses the road.

9—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1924.

to—Asphalt Plant —Read, report of Councillor Capt. Trye and the Borough Surveyor on the Conference of Engineers, held at Gosport on 27th inst., and the Committee expressed their appreciation of the information given thereby.

it--Trees— (a) Fairfield Park Road--The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of application from residents for trees to be planted in this road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Painswick Road— Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mr. J. W. Mercer, asking for the removal of Chestnut trees in this road. Resolved, That the same be viewed,

(c) Lansdown Road—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from Alderman P. P. Taylor, asking that a tree in front of his house be removed. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

12—Street Projections—(a) 84 and 372, High Street —Read, application of 30th ult., from Mr. C. H. Rainger (on behalf of MacFisheries, Ltd.) for permission to fix a projecting sign outside each of these premises. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Football Streamers--Read, application of 17th inst., from the Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Rugby Football Club, for permission to hang a streamer, advertising football matches, on ten occasions during the present Season. across the Colonnade. Resolved, That permission can only be granted for special occasions.

13—View Meeting — The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday,,5th inst., viz., Alderman Bendall (in the chair) ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows : Ambrose Street—Trees—That all the Plane trees in Ambrose Street, viz. : five on the East side and two on the West side, be removed.

St. George's Road—Tree—That the tree by "Donabate" be not removed but that the trees in this road be pruned generally.

79, Tennyson Road—That the Owner of this house be required to submit plans to scale of buildings proposed to be erected at the rear thereof

The Park—Trees—(a) That the Ash and Chestnut trees outside Benton House be not removed. but that the dead wood be taken out of the Ash tree.

(b) That the four trees at the back of the footpath in Tudor Lodge Road be not removed.

Petrol Pumps—(a) Bath Parade —That no objection be made to the proposal of Messrs. Chinn Bros. to Ss two petrol pumps on their own premises, with moveable delivery arms over the pavement, subject to the arms being at least eight feet clear above the footpath and to an Agreement being entered into as in other similar cases.

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(b) 10, Portland Sired—That, subject to the removal of the existing kerbside pump, no objection be made to the proposal of Messrs. A. A. Williams & Co., to erect two petrol pumps on their own premises, with moveable delivery arms over the pavement and subject, also, to the arms being at least eight feet clear above the footpath and to an Agreement 20th being entered into as in other similar cases. 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 2 inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed,

15—Sandford Mill Lane---Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. E. R. Dangerfield, of Abbotsford, Old Bath Road, offering to give up a piece of land at the corner of Sandford Mill Road (at its junction with Old Bath Road) for improving this corner and asking the Corporation to apply for an order to stop up Sandford Mill Lane as being unnecessary and agreeing to pay the costs of such application. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Council, the Highway coloured brown on the Plan submitted is unnecessary and it is expedient that the same should be stopped up in a manner shown on the said plan and that the Mayor do by Order in writing direct the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Council, acting as Surveyors of Highways, to apply to two Justices to view the portion of the said Highway, the expenses 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.

Resolved, also, That the offer to give up land at the corner of Sandford Mill Road, having a maximum width of 27 feet be accepted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th October, 1924: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Leigh James (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.
1911	Barnard, Miss H. C.	2 Semi-detached houses, Halland Road.
1912	Phillip, A. E.	Temporary Storeshed, 2, Cleeve View Terrace, Whaddon Lane.
1913	Trust Houses, Ltd.	Alterations to Buildings, Royal Hotel Yard, High Street.
1914	Brookes & Co.	Extension of Temporary Building, Swindon Road North.
1915	Eamonsen, Miss R.	Additions to " Tasmania," Whaddon Lane.
1916	Poulton, H. C.	New Bay Window, 4, Brighton Place.
1917	Ewens, A. D.	Temporary Motor-house and sheds, 79, Tennyson Road.
1918	Dudridge, P.	Temporary Motor-house, Fromefield, St. George's Road.
1919	Cavendish House Co.	Bringing forward of front and additions to rear at 5a, Promenade Villas.
1920	Haig, Col.	Temporary Motor-house, The Red Gables, Charlton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1911, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1919 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 1913 and 1919 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and also, in the case of Plan No. 1913, to all drains in the dis-used stables being taken up and to the removal of all polluted soil ; and in the case of Plan No. 1919, to the foundations at the rear being taken to a depth below the existing sewer ; that Plans Nos. 1912, 1918 and 1920 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, but that Plans No. 1918 and 1920 be subject also to the structures being lined with asbestos or other fire-proof material and that Plan No. 1918 be further subject to a proper crossing being provided ; and that Plan No. 1917 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 October, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Mineral Waters-Chalybeate Spring—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Medical Officer of Health made a further test of the Water from this Spring on 6th inst., which showed that it was of the same strength as on 12th September. It contained per pint of metallic iron equal to three grains per pint of ferrous carbonate (an additional amount of iron existed in the oxidised ferric state, approximately another grain per pint). As the well appeared to yield a Water of stable quality at the point now located of sufficient strength, it was not necessary to make any further boring. Resolved, That a Quantitative Analysis of the Water be obtained.

2—Town Hall—Read, letter of 17th inst., from C. & P. James, Ltd., offering, on behalf of Miss Elizabeth Arden, Old Bond Street, London (Toilet Specialist) an annual rent of £8 Ss. 0d. plus £2 2s. 0d. per annum for electric lighting, for the right to place a show case for the display of toilet products in the Ladies' Dressing Room.

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the arrangement to be for one year, determinable thereafter by three months notice in writing on either side.

3—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That Alstone and Montpellier Baths be let for Meetings at a charge of £5 5s. 0d. and £4 4s. 0d. per Meeting, respectively, inclusive of heating, lighting and cartage and use of chairs.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Central Brotherhood, thanking the Council for the use of the Gardens for their Meetings during the past Summer.

5—Spa Medical Advisory Committee—The Advisory Committee reported that it was necessary that an expert in Electro Therapy should be appointed a Member of their Committee and recommended the appointment of Dr. Curtis Webb. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Spa Federation Conference—A Report of the Biannual Meeting of this Federation, held at Leamington on 19th and 20th ult., was submitted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd October, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—Montpellier Gardens--Railings—Seven tenders were received for painting the railings round three sides of Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. N. G. Berryman of 6, Moorend Street, to carry out the work for £41 10s. being the lowest tender, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

8—Montpellier Baths-Dances—Read, application from Mr. Antonio Volpe, 2, Stanley Road, Fulham, S.W. 6, for the use of Montpellier Baths for Dances Resolved, That the Baths be let to Mr. Volpe on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 8 to 11 p.m., at a rent of £1 5s. 0d. per evening, inclusive, such rent to be paid weekly in advance.

9-**Concerts Sub-Committee**--The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 30th ult. and 14th inst. were read.

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They recommended as follows :—

Town Hall—(a) Lavatory—That two posts be fixed at the entrance to the external lavatory to prevent the parking of cars in the lavatory approach.

(b) Pianos—That the cottage piano be repaired at a cost of £9 9s. 0d., and that the grand piano in the Drawing Room be overhauled and toned.

(c) Dance Teas and Concerts—That Artistes and Press Representatives be provided with Teas when attending the Concerts or Dance Teas. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

10—Mineral Waters—Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 800 ; Montpellier Baths 62 ; Pittville Chalet 27 ; and Pittville Pump Room 32.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th October, 1924: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Coal Contract —The Committee considered 22 tenders received for supply of slack coal for the year ending 30th September next. Resolved, That the tender of the Park Colliery Co., Ltd., to supply Norchard Colliery rough small steam coal at 21s. 7d. per ton delivered in Corporation wagons be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—Institute of Electrical Engineers—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend a meeting in London on Monday the 27th October next, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent under Section 30 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919 to payment of his expenses.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd October, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3—Extension of Mains—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension recommended by his Report at an estimated cost of £36 10s. 0d., subject to the usual guarantee being given.

4—Allotments—Resolved, That the rent of the Allotments at the Electricity Works be reduced to 19s per chain as from the 29th September last.

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5—New Plant —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the installation of the new 2,000 K.W. turbo generator, etc., had now been completed and put into use and had so far run satisfactorily, but the official trials had not yet been carried out.

6—Albion Street Sub-Station— The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the terms he had arranged with Mr. F. May for continuing the use of a cellar at the Old Brewery, Albion Street as a Sub-Station. Resolved, That an agreement be entered into accordingly.

7—Prepayment Meters—Resolved, That these meters be supplied on hire at a rental of 5s per quarter.

8— I.M.E.A.—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association stating that the Government had invited Electricity Authorities to submit proposals for the development of Electricity Supply, including the erection of main transmission lines, overhead distribution lines in small townships and villages and schemes for agricultural development and asking that such proposals should be submitted not later than the middle of November. The Chairman reported result of interviews which he and the Borough Electrical Engineer had had with the Chairman and Electrical Engineer of Gloucester, from which it appeared that the Gloucester Corporation were considering the erection of a new Power Station and it had been suggested that the two Corporations should consider the establishment of a joint station for the two undertakings, which would also be capable of supplying an adjoining area, if thought desirable. The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that the Worcestershire and Shropshire Electric Power Company had made application to the Electricity Commissioners to extend their present area so as to include the northern area of Gloucestershire. Resolved, That objection be lodged against the application of the Worcestershire and Shropshire Electric Power Company for such extension of their area, and that this Committee be authorised to confer at once with the Gloucester Corporation, the County Council and other Authorities as to submission of a Joint Scheme for the erection of a

Power Station at Gloucester to supply both Gloucester and Cheltenham and the North Gloucestershire Area and as to making an application for an Order to supply Electricity within a suitable area from such Station.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to join the City Electrical Engineer of Gloucester in attending at an interview with the Electricity Commissioners with reference to these proposals.

9- Gas Tests —Periodical Reports Read, Reports of Tests made on the 27th and 30th ult. and 6th and 10th insts. which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 468.2, 470.4, 474.0 and 467.8 B.Th.U. and the Pressure 5.3, 4.8, 5.2, 4.8 and 5.0 inches.

Read, letter from the Gas Referees that as the test made on the 30th ult. had owing to the illness of the Gas Examiner, not been made within the prescribed interval of time it must be disregarded and the average ascertained from the other 12 tests. This was merely a matter of principle as in the present instance it had no practical significance.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th October, 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Pates, Moore and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

-Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 13th October, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	345,000 gallons	225,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,530,	749,000
Leckhampton Springs	80,000	53,000
Total	1,955,000	1,027,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 13th October, 1924.	Contents	Depth 13th October, 1923.	Contents
Hewletts		10,999 000 gallons		18,345,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 3in.	85.844,000 "	11ft. 9in	17,665,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	5ft. 0in.	675,000
Total Storage		98,328,000		36,685,000

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

	During September	During past 6 months.
No., of house-to-house inspections	603	4742
" " taps found leaking ..	65	453
" defective flushing boxes	5	101

" defective stop taps	2	10
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	65	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>35</u>	
	100	705
" notices served re fittings	32	310
" meters fixed and changed	16	104
" houses connected ..	135	524
" burst pipes discovered	3	42
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	56	218

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir--Mechanical Filters—Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Engineer be authorised to open and examine tenders preparatory to a further Meeting. Clerk of Works—Resolved, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to engage a Clerk of Works to supervise the execution of the Contract at a salary not exceeding £6 6s. 0d. per week.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st October, 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Moore, Stewart, Capt. Trye 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.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—Infected Areas Orders—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting.

(c) Imported Animals Order, 1924 (No. 2)---The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, revoking the Imported Animals Order, 1924, withdrawing prohibition on movement during the prescribed period of detention and permitting the issue of licences, and slightly modifying the existing arrangements for the disinfection of trucks, etc.

(d) Foreign Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order, 1924 (No. 4)—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, revoking Order (No. 3), which came into operation on the 29th ult.

(e) Foreign Animals Order, 1910—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of 29th ult. including the U.S.A. among the prohibited Countries specified in the First Schedule to the Order of 1910.

2-Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :--

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
28th September	Casey Compton	Slight	£10 15s. 6d.

1st October Central School, Gloucester Road Slight £4 6s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Report of Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—The Inspector reported that, since the last Meeting, repairs to the following Motor Cabs had been carried out to his satisfaction, viz. : Nos. 7, 10, 20, 25, 30, 32, 35, 38, 43, 45, 46, 50, 54, 55, 56, 58, 63, 67, 72 and 73. Resolved, That Licences in respect thereof be issued.

(b) New Licences—The Inspector submitted reports on his examination of the following Motor Cabs and recommended that Licences in respect of the same be granted

Cab No.	Registration No.	Name.	Address.
39 A.H. 865		Birt, Jesse C. F.	Tenby Cottage, Moorend Crescent.
9 P. 3106		Ellis, F.	6 Langdon Terrace.
5 A.D. 4962		Martin, F.	5 High Street.

Resolved, That Licences be granted accordingly. (c) Number of Passengers—Messrs. A. S. F. Pruen and E. W. Bishop attended, on behalf of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners Association, with reference to the limitation of passengers inserted in the licences issued. Resolved, That an additional passenger be allowed in the case of vehicles having an outside seat next to the driver.

4—Market—Fair—The Town Clerk reported that the Market had been let to Mr. H. Studt from the 10th to the 27th inst. at rent of £37 10s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

5—Parking of Motors—The Town Clerk submitted draft Notice of Regulations for insertion in the local Newspapers, in accordance with the Resolution of the Council at their last Meeting. Resolved That this be approved and inserted in the " Echo " and " Gloucester Citizen " three times, and in the Gloucestershire Chronicle once, and that a copy of the Notice be printed and posted outside the Municipal Offices and on the Weather Chart Board in the Promenade, and also that a copy be sent to the Police.

6—Cheltenham and District Light Railway--Fares--The Town Clerk submitted notice of application by the Company to the Ministry of Transport for an Order continuing the Order obtained by the Company dated the 26th March last, which expires on the 31st December next.

Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Company stating that if the application is granted it is proposed to continue in force the actual fares now being charged. The revenue of the Company for the current year to date was over £1,000 less than that for the corresponding period of last year and in spite of the concessions of the Company of cheap return fares made six months ago, the actual number of passengers carried was also below that of the 1923 period. A copy of the Company's balance sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1923 was also submitted.

Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Moore and Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report upon the matter and that, in the meantime, the Town Clerk be instructed to lodge an objection to the Company's application.

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7—Petrol Licences—Resolved, That a Licence be granted to Messrs. A. Williams & Co, to store 1,000 gallons of petrol in two new underground tanks at 10 Portland Street, instead of 500 gallons, subject to the tanks being installed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

8—Motor Omnibuses—Fire Extinguisher—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the several proprietors of Motor Omnibuses, plying for hire in the Borough, requiring two approved fire extinguishers to be carried on each vehicle.

9---Choice of Employment and Unemployment Insurance---The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the County Council herein, embodying the terms arranged with the Education Committee. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

10—Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts—Resolved, That Mr. W. H. Watkins, Destructor Weighbridge Clerk, be added to the Certificate of Exception, he having been in the employ of the Corporation more than three years.

11—Year Book 1924-25--The Town Clerk submitted two tenders for printing the Year Book for a period of three years. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to enable further tenders to be obtained.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th October, 1924. Present: Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Pruen and Stanley ; Messrs. F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Stanley in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Education Committee were not constructing a drain from Swindon Road School to the brook as mentioned by Mr. F. Taylor.

2-Vacancies--The Town Clerk reported that since the last Meeting he had let 8 allotments and the following allotments were still vacant :—Albert Road 3, Whaddon Lane 5, Alma Road 8, Turner's Field 1 and Wasley's Field 1.

A. E. STANLEY, Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th October, 1924. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Farrar, Pruen and Stanley (Alderman Steel in the chair).

s—Pittville Estate—Read, letter from Mr. E. Cooper asking that a tree near No. 20, Clarence Square should be pruned. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

2—Recreation Grounds—(a) Agg Gardner—Read, application of the 29th ult., from the Principal, Technical Schools, for per-mission to use this ground on Thursday's between 2 and 4.15 p.m. during the Winter Term for organised games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

(b) Naunton Park—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Correspondent of the Naunton Park Schools complaining of damage to the asphalt and also to a drain in the school playground from the roots of trees in the Recreation Ground. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for report.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th October, 1924 : Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Captain Trye ; The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C.; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sauzmarez (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—No. of Visitors during September 3,528 against 2,907 (a daily average of 136 against 116).

The Exhibition by the British Water-colour Society opened by private view on the 22nd September.

Receipts—The receipts for September were as follows :—Post Cards 10s 6d ; Catalogues £3 3s. 3d.; Contributions to Picture Purchasing Fund 15s; Collection box £1 4s. 4d. Total receipts £5 13s. 1d.

Donations—The following donations had been received :—Dr. Oliver H. Wild—Scone lifter from Bute. Mrs. Elwes-4 cases of Solan-Geese from Berkeley, Glos. Mr. F. J. Chambers--Photograph of the launching of the "Cheltenham" life-boat at Pittville, October 10th, 1866. Mr. R. Heming-4 Roman coins found locally. Mr. G. B. Harrison—Egyptian red ware pot, cir. B.C. 3633.

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

2- Read, letter from Miss Laura H. Montgomery asking that the Cabinet of British Dried Flowers which she presented to the Museum in 1922 be returned to her. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3—Board of Education Grant-in-Aid—Resolved, That this matter be left to the Chairman and Curator with power to act.

4—Resolved, That in the event of another party not exercising an option to purchase the oil-painting of " Gloucester," by L. Burleigh Bruhl, R.B.A., at present on loan, the work to be bought out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £18 18s. 0d.

5—Exhibitions---- Resolved, (a) That Water-colours of Italian Scenery by Mrs. M. E. Burrowes and (b) That Oil-paintings by the late William Gale be included in the exhibition during November ; (c) That the 5th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists be held from 8th December to 16th January ; (d) That a selection of work by the Students of the Cheltenham School of Art be held from 16th March to 4th April ; and (e) That the Curator be authorised to make preliminary enquiries as to an Exhibition of Paintings by St. Ives Artists.

6—Post Cards—Resolved, That a further series of six post cards be produced at a cost of £8 6s. 8d. for 3,000, the same to be sold at 1d. each.

7—Cleaning and Distempering—Resolved, That the quotation of W. East for cleaning and distempering the Local Print Room for £10 be accepted.

8—Gramophone Concert—Resolved, That the use of the Art Gallery be granted for a Gramophone Concert as recommended by the Library Committee.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd October, 1924. Present: Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Stewart (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (27th September to 23rd October inclusive) Interments, 35 ; Exclusive Rights in 10 graves sold (second class 1, third class 1, and fourth class 8). Monuments erected 14; Inscriptions 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7067 to 7074 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 : Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to graves Matilda Watts and Arthur S. Barradell, Headstones to graves of Edwin Mott and Thomas Moss, Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Edith G. Yorke and Charles J. Cooke, and Kerbing to graves of George F. V. Crowther and William Holder.

4—War Crosses—Resolved, That the estimate of Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Son to provide 5 oak rails, for the further War Crosses received, at £3 17s. 6d. per rail (not including fixing) be accepted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th October, 1924: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 15s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,736 (last year 4,092); Lending Library 10,063 (last year 10,164); Children's Library 5,642 (last year 1,412). Total for month : 16,441 (last year 15,668).

Presentations—Lady Avebury (1 vol.) ; Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., (14 town guides) ; Mr. E. J. Burrow (10 vols.) ; Messrs. E. Husk & Son (39 magazine reading covers) ; Kemp's Publishing Co. (1 vol.) ; London Association of Accountants (1 vol.) ; Miss M. J. Marshall (1 vol.) ; Town & Counties Directories, Ltd., (1 vol.) ; Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol (1 vol.); Rev. A. Richardson (2 vols.); Viscountess Rhondda (1 vol.).

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 9th inst. Present :—Councillor Mann ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:-

a) That 84 books, published at £33 9s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £21 9s. 8d.

(b) That the offer of the William Salt (Staffordshire) Archaeological Society's proceedings 30 vols. published at £31 10s. 0d. offered for £12 12s. 0d. be deferred for consideration by the full Committee on the 14th inst.

(c) That 70 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £10.

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(d) That 180 volumes be rebound at an estimated cost of

(e) That a reader's suggestion to add " The Morning Advertiser " (2d.) to the newspaper room be not entertained.

(f) That the offer of the " Islamic Review " (monthly) be not accepted.

(g) That a subscription of 10s 6d per annum be made for the National Home-Reading Union's Magazine.

(h) That an offer of 40s per ton for worn-out and discarded books be accepted.

(i) That the observations of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co's Inspector stating that no repairs are necessary to the Boiler be approved.

(j) That the quotation of W. East for cleaning and limewashing cellars, blacking hot-water pipes therein, and repairing glass in roof at entrance to cellars, for the sum of £10 be accepted.

(k) That in order to secure discounts, an order for 1 ton " Dusmo " sweeping powder be given, delivery and payment to be made for 5 cwt. consignments.

(l) That the offer of Mr. T. C. Weatherhead, M.A., to give a Gramophone Concert be agreed to, subject to the approval of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendations (a) and (c) to (l) be approved and adopted, and that the offer referred to in paragraph (b) be not entertained.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th October, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors of Moore, Pence, St. Clair and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Accountant dated 24th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,804 14s, 10d. Excused, irrecoverable and void £737 16s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £120 8s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 20th ult. Amount collected £17,748 8s. 5d, Abatement, defaulters and voids £73 17s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £3,995 19s. 6d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £300 on loan. Resolved,. That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans

(b) Resolved, Also, That a loan of £11,400 be borrowed from the County Fire Office. Ltd., for a period of 10 years with liberty for the Corporation to repay at the end of the 5th or 7th year and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage or Debentures for securing the said amount in respect of the loan of £11,400. sanctioned by the Ministry of Health on 13th August, 1924, for the purpose of Swindon Road Schools.

4—Banking Account—The Borough Accountant reported revised terms, to take effect as from 1st inst., viz. :

General Account—interest to be allowed at Country Deposit rate on all credit balances in excess of £2,500. Resolved, That this be approved, and that Minute No. 2 of the Committee at their Meeting on 13th March, 1923, be varied accordingly.

5—Advertising on Rate Demand Notes, etc.—The Borough Accountant reported receipt of enquiries from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., as to advertising on the reverse side of Rate Demand Notes and Receipts and other Corporation. Finance Notices. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

6—Education Act, 1921—Scholarships—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that it was proposed to charge to the Parish of Cheltenham during the current half-year the sum of £655 17s. 6d. in connection with the instruction of Scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar School. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Assisted Housing Scheme—Accounts—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the Housing (Assisted Scheme) Lay-out Final Account and stating that after full consideration the Minister was unable to allow the sum of £579 19s. 8d. charged against the Account in respect of making up Libertus Road.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee- Reported Meeting on 24th inst. Present : Aldermen Steel (in the chair) ; Councillors Moore and St. Clair. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 6th November, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Statutory **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 10th day of November, 1924, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON** at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
2. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
3. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of the Water Committee.
5. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees.
6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To appoint a Representative of the Governors of Cheltenham Grammar School and of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association in place of Messrs. W. Gerald Gurney and A. C. White, whose terms of office will have expired.
7. DELANCEY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES—To appoint five Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital for a term of three years, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of:—Aldermen Green and Margrett ; Councillor Stewart ; Drs. G. A. Cardew and R. Davies.
8. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.B.—Robes will be worn.

NOTE—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting, the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the Local Pension Committee, the Town Improvement and Spa Committee will meet to appoint Chairman and the Concerts Sub-Committee.

To each Member of the Council.

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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 Friday, 31st October, 1924, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E. in the chair).

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor : Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James. Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, St. Clair, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor ; Councillors Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker.

1—Resolution of Sympathy--Resolved, That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Stewart on the death of his wife.

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

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

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Public Health... Meeting held October 13*

*Subject to the following amendments, viz. : (a) Moved by Councillor Capt. Trye, seconded by Alderman Taylor, with reference to Minute No. 14—Floods : " That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit forthwith Plans and Estimates for dealing with the flooding with sewage of the houses in Park Place and neighbourhood." (b) Moved by Councillor St. Clair, seconded by Councillor Moore : " That Minute No. 15, with reference to Hayden Sewage Farms, be referred back for further consideration."

Housing	Meeting held October 14
Slum Areas Clearance	Meeting held October 22
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held October 23
Street aid Highway	Meeting held October 20

Town Improvement and Spa	... Meetings held October 17 & 23
Electricity and Lighting	Meetings held October 15 & 21
Water	Meeting held October 16
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held October 21
Allotments	Meeting held October 13
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held October 13
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held October 15
Burial Board	Meeting held October 23
Public Library	Meeting held October 14
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, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy Mayor.

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MINUTES of the committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 10th November, 1924.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 3rd November, 1924; Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Green and Councillor Pates (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Mechanical Filters—Six tenders were received for the construction of Filter House, ferro-concrete tanks and other works. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. William Drew of Golden Valley, Cheltenham to carry out the work for £3,788 10s. 4d. be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

The Borough Engineer reported that the total cost of the works (including the filters already contracted for) would be approximately £8,150. Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for Sanction to a Loan of £8,150 and for a grant of 50 per cent. of the interest on such loan for a period of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered, and that Minute No. 4 of this Committee on 22nd November last be varied accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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