

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 Monday, 10th November, 1924, at 12 noon. Present:

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

Aldermen Clara Frances Winterbotham, Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E. and Yarnold.

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

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

Frank Harry Bastin for the North Ward :

George Owen William Dunn, O.B.E. for the Central Ward :

John Poytress Pates for the East Ward :

Arthur Sidney Fitzgerald Pruen for the South Ward :

John Henry Trye (Capt.) C.B.E. for the Middle Ward : and

Thomas Edwin Whitaker for the West Ward :

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

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2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks be and he is hereby re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year. The Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath.

The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

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

4—Resolution of Sympathy— Resolved, That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Sawyer on the death of his wife.

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 Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 31st 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—Proceedings of Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting held on 3rd November inst., be approved and confirmed.

8—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 Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, 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 Sanitary Inspector, 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 1924, 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 outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

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

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Housing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall & Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore, Pates 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.

Slum Areas Clearance Committee —Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Slum Areas Clearance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, St. Clair, Welstead and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To carry out the Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme and to consider and report upon other Improvement Schemes.

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 Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Stewart, St. Clair, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, 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 and 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.

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To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., there ; any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts so far as regards new streets and buildings : The Public Health Acts, the Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to deal with any Town Planning scheme under the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Acts, 1909 and 1924.

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, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker, 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, St. Clair, 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 and Electricity Commissioners made thereunder.

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

General Purposes and Watch Committee— (Chairmen of the several Standing Committees, when appointed).

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

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 Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, 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 Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, 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 Farrar, Mann, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead 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, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Miss M. H. Miller, Messrs. E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, J.P., 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 Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Stewart, Captain Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold; with The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez as Consulting members, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum and all matters relating thereto.

Education Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen, Stewart, St. Clair, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Resolved, also, That Messrs. W. Gerald Gurney, J.P., and A. C. White, be re-appointed members of the Education Committee, as Representatives of the Governors of Cheltenham Grammar School and the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, respectively, their terms of office having expired, the appointments to expire on 9th November, 1925, in each case.

Pension Committee—Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, that their term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1924, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

9—Appointment of Delancey Trustees—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillor Stewart ; Drs. G. A. Cardew and R. Davies be re-appointed Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital for a term of three years.

WALTER J. M. DICKS. Mayor

MINUTES of the Committees on the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st December, 1924.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1924: Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and .Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Welstead and Yarnold.

1-Chairman-The Mayor intimated that he did not wish to be re-appointed as Chairman. Resolved, That Councillor St. Clair be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2 Farms Sub-Committee-Resolved, That Alderman Green ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year to supervise the Management of the Farms, including the Purchase and Sale of Stock, and also the Irrigation of the Land and Disposal of Sewage effluent, and that the Sub-Committee be requested to meet at the Farms once a month.

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

4-Farms Manager's Report--Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 11th inst., 11 horses (6 at Depot) ; 100 head of cattle ; 4 calves ; 129 sheep and 39 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 2 cart-horses and 4 cows (in calf) had been purchased for £136 5s. 0d., and other purchases amounted to £35 8s. 4d Total purchases £171 13s. 4d. cart-horse (dead) ; 6 fat cattle ; 33 heifers (2 in calf) ; cow ; 2 calves; 17 fat sheep ; and 28 store pigs had been sold for £995 8s. 2d. Resolved, That the Report be approved.

Apple Trees---Resolved, also, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 12 apple trees to replace dead trees in the Orchard.

5-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-- -26, Moorend Street ; 6, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road ; 32, Winstonian Road ; 37, Cleaveland Street ; and Nos. 1,2, 3 and 4, Railway Buildings, Norwood 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.

6- Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 34, 36 and 38, Fairview Road ; Workshop in Berkeley Avenue ; 40, Duke Street ; 11, 12 and 13, Naunton Crescent ; and 4 and 5, 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.

(b) 1, Southend Villas, Painswick Road ; 4, Henrietta Street ; 28, Hermitage Street ; and 6, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road.-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 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.

7-insanitary Property-29, Russell Street ; 19, 20, 25 and .26, Moorend Street ; 32, Millbrook Street ; 14, Russell Place ; 6, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road ; 18, Winstonian Road ; " Sycamore" and " Hyde Villa," Langdon Road ; and 1 and 2, Fossil Cottages, Croft 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 healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. pork ; 101 lbs. beef; 93 lbs. mutton ; and 9 Ox livers.

9—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. Michael Fortucci in respect of Nos. 20 and 21 Stanhope Street for renewal of their registration as keepers of these Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That Mrs. Evans registration be renewed for one year and Mr. Fortucci's registration for six months, in each case from the 9th inst.

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—Hayden Hill Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of application from the Sanitary Inspector to the Tewkesbury R.D.C. on behalf of Mr. Hinton, the Owner of two cottages at Hayden Hill, Old Gloucester Road, for permission to connect the effluent drain from a new tank and filter system to the ditch on the opposite side of the road belonging to the Corporation Sewage Farm land and recommended that the application be acceded to. Resolved That the application be granted subject to payment of an acknowledgement rent of one shilling per annum, and to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

12-River Chelt.—The Town Clerk submitted replies from the Owners of the land adjoining the Lilley Brook and upper portion of the Chelt intimating that they would do what they could to obviate flooding.

13 Flooding—Park Place and Neighbourhood—The Committee considered resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council on 31st ult. The Town Clerk submitted a letter of 23rd ult., from the Local Hon. Secretary, National Citizens Union. The Borough Surveyor reported that he was making further investigations in regard to the houses liable to flooding. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the further report from the Borough Surveyor and that he be asked to submit plans and estimates of the works required to prevent liability to flooding.

14—Slaughtering of Animals—Bye-laws—Read, letter from Professor Walker Hall of Bristol University and another from Cambridge University. Resolved, That in view of the opinions expressed no action be taken at present to alter the Bye-laws.

15-18, Grosvenor Street—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Mr. T. R. L. Edwards for repayment of expenses of making good defective rainwater pipes, etc., at these premises. Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment thereof.

16—Anti-Rabic[?] Treatment— The Town Clerk submitted Circular 523 of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health a copy of which had been supplied to the Medical Officer of Health by the Ministry.

17--Ladies Lavatories—Read, Resolution passed by the Women's Co-operative Guild asking the Corporation to consider the provision of additional Ladies' Lavatories. Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Councillors Leigh James and Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report on the matter.

18—Hayden Sewage Farms—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held to consider the reference hack by the Council at their Meeting on the 31st ult.

ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th November, 1924: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, St. Clair and Thomas (Councillor St. Clair in the chair).

19—Hayden Sewage Farms—The Committee considered the Minute referred back by the Council on the 31st ult., with reference to the provision of additional Filters. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit an estimate of the cost of a complete Filter Scheme for dealing with the dry weather flow of sewage. Resolved, also, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to visit Sheffield, Bolton, Stoke-on-Trent and other places to inspect " Activated Sludge " systems in operation and report thereon to this Committee.

ALEXANDER, ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th November. 1924. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavanagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Moore.

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

2—Selection of **Tenants Sub-Committee**--Resolved, That Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin and Pates be appointed the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—**Garden Prize-Scheme Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavanagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Moore be appointed the Garden Prize-Scheme Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Sale of Houses—(a) The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
77 Tennyson Road	Coe. L. J.	£450
83 do.	Pearce, G. B.	£450
101 do.	Bayley, A. K. M. (Mrs.)	£450
137 do.	Wheeler, C. G.	£450
57 Milton Road	Hawker, C. J.	£450
59 do.	Oughton, M. H. (Mrs.)	£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. Coe, Wheeler and Hawker in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 50 per cent, to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the loan, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

(b) 29 Byron Road—The Town Clerk reported that this house was vacated by the police on the 10th inst., the officer having been transferred to 121 Tennyson Road. Resolved, That the house be offered for sale at £450.

NOTE—The total number of houses provided is :—Under Assisted Housing Scheme—120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923-50 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 1 has been sold and 159 are let, and of the latter, 36 have been sold, 5 let to Chief Constable, leaving 9 for sale, 8 of which are not yet completed.

5—Tender for Houses—The Town Clerk submitted tender from Mr. W. Drew for the erection of 15 pairs of Non-Parlour type houses similar to those in course of erection for £440 per house. 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 to a loan being obtained) the tender be accepted.

Loan—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan of - £14,040 for the cost of the houses (including Architects fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies).

Site—Resolved, That the houses be erected on the South side of Byron Road and North side of Milton Road and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give 3 months' notice to the Allotment holders to terminate their tenancies.

6—Shop Site---(a) The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract for the sale to Mrs. L. M. Neate for £152 of a plot of land on the South-west side of Tennyson Road at its junction with Shakespeare Road, having a frontage to Tennyson Road of 38 feet and a depth of 102 feet and a design of the proposed building was also submitted. Resolved, That (subject to the District Valuer's formal valuation and the consent of the Ministry of Health) the same be approved, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance

7—Outbuildings— The Borough Surveyor submitted applications from the Purchasers of Nos. 58 and 83 Tennyson Road for consent to the erection of sheds thereat, together with plans. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the plans by the Plans Sub-Committee no objection be made to the erection of the sheds as temporary buildings. Resolved, also, That this Committee recommend that all plans for the erection of buildings on the Housing Estate shall be submitted for the approval of this Committee in addition to the approval of the Plans Sub-Committee.

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8-37 Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Tenant of this house had erected a fowl-house in an unsuitable position without applying for consent. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to require this to be removed.

9—Shakespeare Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare Plan, Specification and Estimate of the cost of making up this road and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a Grant towards the cost thereof in accordance with the terms offered.

10—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) House off Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Messrs. L. W. Barnard and Partners, Architects, forwarding revised application on behalf of Mr. G. Day for a subsidy in respect of house proposed to be erected on land off Gloucester Road at a cost of £591 18s. 0d. (inclusive of land) after allowing for a subsidy of £75. Area of house 835 superficial feet : density 4.4 to the acre. Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £75 be issued.

(b) House in Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That a subsidy of £95 be paid to Mrs. E. Mills in respect of a house erected in Whaddon Lane certified by the Borough Surveyor as having been completed in accordance with the terms of the Provisional Certificate.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1924. Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Captain Trye and Welstead ; Mrs. E. Booy and Mrs. E. C. Gurney.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1924. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Kendall; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways.—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 17th October to 13th November, 1924, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended 6th inst., 730 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 944 tons, 2 qrs.)

3—Workmen's Compensation—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to pay disablement compensation for first 3 days after accident provided he is satisfied that in the particular circumstances of the case such payment is justified.

4—Main Roads—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had applied to the County Surveyor for a contribution out of the Special Grant of £75,000 made to the Gloucestershire County Council for road improvements, to provide for the costs of asphaltting Gloucester Road from Arle Court to the Borough Boundary and he submitted a letter dated 7th inst. from the County Surveyor that this was not possible. Resolved, That the County Council be asked to reconsider the matter and provide the cost of the portion of this road out of the Grant.

5—Horsekeeper—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr J. Legge wished to relinquish his employment as Horsekeeper owing to advancing years and as to the arrangements he had made for

filling the vacancy. Resolved, That these be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to find light work for Legge at £1 per week.

6—Street Projections—(a) 84 and 372 High Street—Read amended application of 3rd inst. from Mr. C. H. Rainger (on behalf of MacFisheries Ltd.) for permission to erect an additional projecting sign outside each of these premises. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Montpellier Wine Stores— Read, application of 28th ult. from Mr. C. Stevens for permission to fix an electric projecting sign at these premises. Resolved. That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Imperial Hotel, High Street—Read, application of 23rd ult., from Mr. C. H. Rainger for permission to fix an illuminated projecting sign at these premises. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

7—Petrol Pumps—(a) Sunningend, High Street ; (b) Tewkesbury Road Garage—Read, application from Messrs. W. G. Tibbles & Co. Ltd., for permission to erect an additional Petrol Pump on their premises with moveable delivery arm over the footpath and also a similar application from Messrs. Little & Son to erect a Pump on their premises in Tewkesbury Road. 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.

Resolved, also, That no objection be made to the re-erection of the existing kerbside Pump on the premises of Messrs A. A. Williams & Co. with moveable delivery arm subject to the usual conditions.

8—Telegraph Poles—Read, application of 22nd ult., from the Sectional Engineer Post Office Engineering Department for permission to the placing of one stay in Sandford Mead Allotments and one in Keynsham Road Yard. Resolved, That consent be given to the placing of these stays subject to an annual payment of 1s per stay.

9—Swindon Road Schools---Danger Signs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply for two Danger Signs from the Automobile Association and that these be fixed near Swindon Road Schools.

10—Rowanfield Road —Read letter of 12th inst. from Mr. W. E. Palser on behalf of the property owners in this road stating that he had now obtained the authority of all the abutting Owners to have the road repaired at their cost for a sum not exceeding £200. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road repaired accordingly.

11—Park Place and Suffolk Road—Read letter from Major W. Bell-Howarth calling attention to the channels in these roads which he considered were so much below the level of the road as to be dangerous and had been the cause of an accident to himself. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and attention.

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12-Vittoria Walk—Resolved, That the West side of this road be kerbed and a surface water drain laid at a total estimated cost of £182.

13—Reddings Road—Resolved, That notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon this road requiring to be

levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, or made good, requiring them to do the works specified and shown on the plans and estimates prepared by the Borough Surveyor within 28 days, and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Borough 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.

14—View Meeting — The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th November, 1924—Alderman Bendall (in the chair) ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Mann, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :

Gloucester Road—That the tree outside " Oak Villa " be not removed.

Lansdown Road—That the tree outside " Crenden " be not removed.

Painswick Road—That the tree outside " The Crossways " be not removed.

Fairfield Avenue—That no trees be planted in Fairfield Avenue at present.

Fairfield Park Road—That in compliance with Memorial from residents in this road trees be planted on each side of the road, but that no tree be placed in front of a house.

Hayward's Road—That Notice be given to the Owner of No. 48 Hayward's Road to show cause why the projection erected by him should not be pulled down and removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Thomas (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.
1442	Warren, J.	New Stables and Shed at New Street.
1917	Ewens, A. D.	Temporary Garage and sheds at 79 Tennyson Road (Amended Plan).
1921	Short, T.	Temporary Motor House, Pilford Road.
1922	Taylor, F. C.	New bedroom and addition to Scullery, 10, Princes Street.
1923	Griffin, Mrs.	Coal Shed and Tool house, Old Bath Road.
1924	Bendall, J. L.	Coal House, Old Bath Road.
1925	Committee of C.A.W.G.	New bath room, 24 Cambray.
1926	Abercrombie, Mrs. E. C.	Motor House, 2 College Lawn,
1927	Oswell, F. Lloyd	Motor House, " Hazel Lea," Queen's Road.
1928	Watterson, J.	Temporary Motor House, " Sabrina," Charlton Lane.
1929	Pattison, Mrs. T.	Detached House, London Road.
1930	Cornock, Mrs. E.	Temporary Shed side of new house, London Road.

1931	Bowie Evans, Gen.	Temporary Motor House, " Applegarth," Queen's Road.
1932	Pearce, G. B.	Temporary Shed, 83 Tennyson Road.
1933	Davis, Miss E. L.	Temporary Shed, 58 Tennyson Road.
1934	Hunter Campbell, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, Eildon," Lansdown Place.
1935	Dr. Blakeney	Alterations and New Shop Front at 5 Crescent Terrace.
1936	Neate, H. H.	New house and Shop, corner of Tennyson and Shakespeare Roads

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Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1442, 1926, 1927 and 1936 be approved ; that Plan No. 1929 be approved subject to the coal house being constructed in brickwork ; and that Plans Nos. 1925 and 1935 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1917, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934 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 Nos. 1928 and 1934 be also subject to the structures being lined with asbestos or other fire-proof material, and that Plan No. 1922 be disapproved.

2-Contravention of Bye-Laws—It was reported that Mr. T. H. Poynton had converted Stables and other buildings at the rear of Malden Court, Pittville, without Plans having been submitted to and approved by the Corporation. Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. T. H. Poynton to show cause why the buildings erected by him 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 Monday, 10th November, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas.

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 Bath Councillors Sawyer and Thomas.

Montpellier Gardens .. Councillors Pruen and Thomas,

Town Hall and Winter Gardens Councillors Pates and Stewart.

Alstone Baths .. The Mayor and Councillor Stewart.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Spa Medical Baths—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, That a Probationer Nurse be appointed at wages of 10s per week, and that the Chairmen of this Committee and the Medical Advisory Committee be appointed, with the Sister-in-Charge, to interview Candidates

5—Medical Exhibitions—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Hon Sec., British Spa Federation, with reference to the London and Bath Medical Exhibitions and the Spa Medical Advisory Committee recommended that Cheltenham should join with the other Spas in taking a combined space. Resolved, That the recommendation be not adopted.

6—Army Band Fees—Read, circular letter of 7th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Conference of Health and Pleasure Resorts, with reference to an Order issued by the War Office regarding fees for the services of Army Bands, and asking if the Corporation would refrain from entering into Band engagements, Civil or Military, for the Summer Season, 1925, pending the reception by the Secretary of State of a Deputation from the Conference. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Shopping Guide—Advertisement—Resolved, That an advertisement relating to the Medical Baths be inserted in this Guide for 52 weeks at 2s 6d per week.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st November, 1924. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Mineral Waters—(a) Chalybeate Spring—Resolved, That the offer of Dr. John C. Thresh, M.D., D.Sc., etc., to make quantitative and qualitative analyses of water from this Spring, at a fee of £10 10s. 0d. be accepted.

(b) Sales—The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows :—Central Spa 732 ; Montpellier Baths 31; Pittville Chalet 27 ; and Pittville Pump Room 19.

9—Montpellier Gardens—Messrs. J. H. and Claude Chandler attended with reference to the application of the latter to hire the Concert Pavilion at Montpellier Gardens for 12 weeks during June, July, August and September, 1925. Resolved, That the Pavilion be let to Mr. Claude Chandler on the following terms :—

Rent, etc. £10 per week, payable monthly in advance (including use of Pay-Box) plus lighting ; subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into and to Mr. Chandler, Senior, joining in the Agreement as Surety ; the Tenant to have the option of taking the Pavilion for three or four months for a further term of three years on the same terms, such option to be exercised before the end of October next.

Alterations, etc.—The Corporation to paint the inside of the Pavilion and the Tenant to close in the sides and carry out any other alterations required (and first approved by the Corporation) at their own expense.

10—Summer Orchestra—Resolved, That, in view of the letting of the Pavilion at Montpellier Gardens, arrangements be made for the Summer Orchestra to play as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens-2 evenings per week (from 6 till 8 p.m.)

Winter Gardens-2 evenings per week.

Pittville--1 evening per week.

No Performance on Thursdays.

11—Town Hall—Supper Room—The Committee inspected specimen electric lamp fittings in the Supper Room. Resolved, That the central fitting (No. 3) and four fittings (No. 2) be purchased at a total cost of £15 13s. 4d.

12—Winter Garden-- Lease—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., asking that the Lease to the Company be extended for a further 21 years with an option for the Company to break at the seventh or fourteenth years. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

Parking of Motors—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., offering to pay £20 per annum for the parking rights. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, for one year from 1st December next, subject to the Company agreeing not to charge more than 1s for a car and 6d. for a motor bicycle and to provide an Attendant to be on duty at all times when the Town Hall is engaged privately or otherwise.

13 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 18th ult. and 17th and 20th inst. were read :

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Baths—Dances—That the Baths be let to Mr. Antonio Volpe from 7.30 to 11 p.m., instead of from 8 to 11 p.m. at an additional charge of 10s. per week, and that Minute No. 8 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on the 23rd ult. be varied accordingly.

Town Hall—That a Cinderella Dance be held on Armistice Night from 8 to 11 p.m. (Charge 2s 6d) and that Mr. Leo Dawes' Orchestra be engaged for the sum of £8 8s. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

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Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th November, 1924 : Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Welstead.

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

2-Public Lighting--(a) Fairfield Parade—Resolved, That the complaint from Mr. W. Paget as to the lighting of the road be adjourned for view.

(b) Lane from Hatherley Lane to Sunnymede—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Ministry of Transport, consenting to the placing of overhead lines in this road for the transmission of electric energy at a pressure of 200 volts, subject to the Regulations prescribed by the Electricity

Commissioners on 1st January last, and to the lines being erected along the route shewn on the map accompanying the application.

3—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 December Quarter :—

LIGHTING—Maximum Demand—

For the first 125 hours use per quarter of the Maximum

Demand as shewn by the Demand Indicator . 7d. per unit.

For all additional units 3d. per unit

Flat Rate---Ordinary Consumers (other than special
supplies) . 6d. per unit

Larger Consumers (subject to guarantee and
discounts as before) . 4 ½ d. per unit

Churches and Chapels 4 ½ d. per unit

Cinematograph Halls -- Combined rate . 3d. per unit

POWER- (other than special Contracts) 1 ¼ 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.

4—Proposed Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Scheme—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted preliminary plan and estimates of the probable cost of Transmission Lines for supply of the North Gloucestershire area (East of the Severn) and of the cost of a Trunk Transmission Line from Cheltenham to Gloucester and of the cost of change of system of the Cheltenham Undertaking from single phase to three phase which would be necessary if the Scheme was carried out. The Gloucester City Electrical Engineer was preparing similar estimates of the cost of Transmission Lines for the North Gloucestershire area (West of the Severn) and of the proposed Power Station. Resolved, That the estimates be submitted to the Electricity Commissioners and that they be informed that the proposals are submitted subject to adequate financial assistance being made by the Government towards the expenditure required.

5—Trunk Road Reconstruction Scheme- Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council, giving notice that arrangements were being made for reconstruction of the following main trunk roads, viz. :—Gloucester—Cheltenham ; Cheltenham---Charlton Kings ; and Charlton Kings--Northleach, and asking that the Corporation should consider the advisability of repairing, re-laying and reconstructing any mains or other works in these roads, previously to or at the same time as the road reconstruction works are in progress, to avoid the same being broken up after completion. Notice a was further given that, in the event of the roads being opened subsequently, the County would require the Corporation to re-instate the same at their own expense. Resolved That the County Council be informed of the proposals which have been submitted to and are under consideration of the Electricity Commissioners for mains extensions to the Rural Districts which will involve laying cables in all the roads in question and suggesting that the proposed works should be postponed pending consideration of the cable extensions.

6—Damage to Electric Lamp Standard--Albion Street—Read, Police Report of the 1st inst., as to damage to an electric lamp standard at the corner of Albion Street and Gloucester Place. Resolved,

That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage and, if necessary, to take proceedings in respect thereof.

7—Gas Tests—Gas Examiner's Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th September last, which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 472.6 B.Th.U.

Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Tests made on the 24th ult. and 5th and 12th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 472.0, 473.0 and 473.3 B.Th.U. and the pressure 4.8, 5.2 and 4.7 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th November, 1924; Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Green Councillor Moore, Sawyer and Stewart.

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 10th November, 1924.	Average for corresponding period- during last 3 years.
Hewlett: Springs	523,000 gallons	260,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,992,000	1,128,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	129,000	67,000
Total	2,644,000	1,455,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th November, 1924.		10th November, 1923.	
Hewletts		19,419,000 gallons		21,906,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 "	16ft. 6in.	32,025,000 "
Leckhampton	13ft. 0in.	5,756,000	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		121,198,000		55,146,000

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

	During October	During past 7 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	792	5534
" taps found leaking	90	543
" defective flushing boxes	8	109
" defective stop taps	1	11

	During October	During past 7 months
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>49</u>	
	139	844
“ notices served re fittings	48	358
“ meters fixed and changed	25	129
“ houses connected ..	127	651
“ burst pipes discovered • •	6	48
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	40	258

4—General Repairs--The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during October :-

Hydrants fixed 1; Main laid (Montpellier Street) 200 yards of 4 inch.

Hydrants repaired	6
Mains do.	1
Valves do.	2
New Valves fixed	1
House Services pumped out	4

5—Supplies to Bungalows off Gloucester Road—The Borough Engineer submitted application of 5th inst., from Messrs. L. W. Barnard and Partners for permission to lay a joint service to three new Bungalows off Gloucester Road. Resolved, That a separate service to each of the three bungalows be required in pursuance of the Water Acts.

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 Tuesday, 18th November, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, St. Clair, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Welstead.

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 ; 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 the outbreak of a case of Swine Fever at Roland's Field, Pilley, otherwise 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. He also submitted circular of the 5th inst., from the Ministry with reference to Order No. 164 and Memorandum explaining the Restrictions contained in the Order.

(c) Imported Animals Order, 1924 (No. 3)—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order and accompanying Memorandum T.A.5237 of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture with reference thereto.

(d) Publication of Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted Circular of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture drawing attention to the necessity of notifying the Ministry's Inspectors at Landing Places of Regulations made affecting the importation of animals.

5—Fire Brigade -(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the County Court, on the 29th ult. Damage slight. Brigade expenses, £3 17s. 0d.

6—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. 38 and 43. Resolved, That licences be issued in respect thereof.

(b) New Licences—The Inspector submitted report on his examination of the following Motor Cab and recommended that a licence in respect of the same be granted :—

Cab No.	Reg. No.	Name.	Address.
11	AM 1366.	Giles, E. 9	Croft Avenue, Charlton Kings.

Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly.

(c) Hackney Carriage Licences Nos. 13, 18 and 42—Applications were made by the Proprietors of these cabs in respect of which renewal of the licence had been refused for grant of a temporary licence in each case to allow them time to replace their present cabs. Resolved, That temporary licences be granted for a period not exceeding 4 months, subject to such repairs being done to the cabs as the Inspector may consider necessary to make them fit for use for this period.

(d) Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be issued to Robert Fisher, of Leslie Villa, Swindon Road.

7—Omnibus Service—Cheltenham to Evesham—Read, application of 15th inst., from Mr. F. Martin, 5 High Street, for a licence in respect of a Motor Omnibus, seating 30 persons, to ply between Cheltenham and Evesham, 3 journeys and return daily (Sundays 2 journeys and return) and proposed scale of fares. Resolved, That the scale of fares and timetable be approved and that licences be granted to Mr. F. Martin in respect of one omnibus, two drivers and one conductor.

8—Motor Omnibuses—hire Extinguishers—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd., stating that their vehicles were provided with a Pyrene Extinguisher which was considered adequate. Resolved, That they be asked to provide an additional Extinguisher.

Read, also, letter of 7th and 5th from the National Omnibus and Transport Co. Ltd., and Miss I. V. Morris, respectively, stating that two fire extinguishers would be provided for each of their vehicles.

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9--Parking of Motors—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. H. W. Thomas, applying on behalf of the owners and occupiers of shops in Montpellier Walk, for the inner road to be approved as a Parking

Place for Motors. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that Montpellier Walk be included in the Public Notice of Parking Places.

10—Petrol Licences—(a) Resolved, On the report of the Inspector, that the following applications for new licences be granted :—Mr. T. H. Little, Pilford Garage, Old Bath Road, 30 gallons of Petrol Mr. H. W. J. Little, 300 gallons of Petrol at 142 Tewkesbury Road.

(b) Light Railway Depot--Resolved, That a Licence to store 200 gallons of Petrol at these premises be granted to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., subject to the proposed place of storage being approved by the Inspector.

11----Borough Arms—Read, application of 14th inst., from the " Expert " Advertising Co. Ltd., Sheffield, for permission to display the Borough Coat of Arms on the cover of a Shopping Directory proposed to be issued by them. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

12-Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—The Town Clerk submitted report received from Messrs. Robertson and Melville, herein. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to a special Meeting of the Committee and that a copy of the report be furnished to each member of the Council.

13—Corporation Year Book, 1924-25--The Town Clerk submitted four further tenders for printing the Year Book for a period of three years. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Gillham and Son, for printing the Year Book be accepted, as follows :- 50 copies (insets for leather cases) and 60 copies (cloth binding) for £35, additional matter (if required) 4s 9d. per page.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

LIGHT RAILWAY (FARES) SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 26th November, 1924 : Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), The Mayor Councillors Moore and Capt. Trye.

1—Fares —The Town Clerk submitted letter of 18th inst. from Mr. H. J. McCormick (who attended the Meeting) giving particulars of receipts and passengers carried between the following dates :—

1923. April 1st to Sept. 30th.	Receipts ..	£15,058 4s. 0d.	Passengers..	1,300,805.
1923-4. Oct. 1st to Mar. 31st.	“	£11,064 3s. 7d.	“	1,052,443.
1924. April 1st to Sept. 30th.	“	£14,316 0s. 5d.	“	1,312,944.

The Sub-Committee recommend the Council not to oppose the application of the Company for an extension of the present Order for a period of twelve months from the 31st December next, subject to the Company entering into an Agreement not to charge fares exceeding the present fares charged and containing the other provisions in the Agreement of 27th March, 1924.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1924. Present : Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and E. M. Yeend.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Welstead 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 .. Councillor Dunn and Mr. E. M. Yeend.

South Ward Councillor Farrar.

3—North Ward Allotments—Resolved, That Allotment No. 179, which Mrs. Morgan was willing to give up, be let to Mr. Walter Hope.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1924. Present—Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Sawyer, 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 Dunn and Sawyer.

3—Pittville Estate--(a) Read, Report of Park Constable of boys playing football. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys cautioning them against further breach of the Bye-Laws by their boys.

(b) Albert Road—Tree—Read, letter from Col. T. E. Clarke suggesting the removal of an Ilex tree opposite " Sandown Lawn " and also that the Elm tree near the lodge at the entrance to the main garden should be lopped. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th November, 1924: Present- Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Stewart and Captain Trye; and Mr. F. B. Sausmarez.

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

2—Curator's Report—No. of Visitors during October 3,620 against 3,598.

British Water-colour Society—The Exhibition of the British Water-colour Society closed on the 1st inst.; attendances 5,178 (daily average 144) ; estimated proceeds £16 13s.; estimated expenses £8 14s. 7d.; balance £7 18s. 5d. The Committee of the Society had expressed their thanks for the use of the Gallery for the Exhibition.

Riviere Exhibition—The Exhibition of the works of the Riviere family and other local artists was opened on 5th inst., when 207 visitors attended.

Cheltenham Artists—The Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists will open on the 8th proximo.

Cadmus Bowl--The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., had promised to have made a copy of the Cadmus Bowl, presented by him to the British Museum, and to present the same to the Museum.

Donations—The following donations had been received: The Ven. Arch. Deacon Gardner, M.A.—Silhouette group, in colour, of Cheltenham Worthies (19th Century). Mrs. Edmund Harford—Local Roman Coins and sculptured stone. Mr. H. Beresford Stevens—Golden-crested 'Wren and little owl. Mr. J. Rodway -Case of Specimens of Fishes. Capt. Owen Wheeler—Old English Bottle and specimen of Waterford Glass.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir James Agg-Gardner and the other donors.

3—Entrance Hall Lamp—Resolved, That an indirect lighting Bowl be provided for the Entrance Hall at a cost, not exceeding £2.

4—Catalogue of Permanent Collection of Pictures—Resolved, That the compilation and publication of a catalogue of the Permanent Collection of Pictures be referred to the Chairman and the Curator with power to act, the cost of such catalogue not to exceed £15.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, Present: The Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st November, 1924: Present : Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2-Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (24th October to 21st November inclusive). Interments, 49 ; Exclusive Rights in 19 graves sold (first class 4, second class 2, third class 3, and fourth class 10). Monuments erected 9 ; Inscriptions 7.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7075 to 7093 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved : Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Hylton Jessop and Caroline E. Bishop ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Harriet E. Brown, Cyril Stevens, Harry Haywood and Alistair G. Smith Memorial Footstone to grave of Amy M. Morin ; and Kerbing to grave of Henry T. Young.

5—Additional Land—Read, letters of 20th ult., and 18th inst., from Mr. J. Denley the tenant of the field adjoining the Cemetery stating that he Was willing to give up half of the field nearest the Cemetery and plough, harrow, clean, level and plant came for the sum of £6 ; the Corporation to provide the grass seeds ; and to retain the remaining half of the field for 1925 for which he would be willing to pay halt the present rent and then seed down to grass at his own expense in readiness for the summer of 1926. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1924: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, St. Clair, Cap Trye and Yarnold ; Miss M. H. Miller ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies 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 ; Miss M. H. Miller and Mr. E. C. Rogers be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 6s. 1d (including £4 4s. 0d. for storage rental from the Cheltenham Medical Library). Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,207 (last year 4,301); Lending Library 10,623 (last year 9,355) Children's Library 1,828 (last year 2,086). Total for month : 17,658 (last year 15,742).

Lectures—There was an attendance of 96 at the Lecture given by Major Marriott on " Birds, Ancient and Modern " on the 20th ult. and 187 persons attended Dr. G. F. Edwards' Lecture on " Making Friends with Shakespeare."

Presentations --Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (2 vols.) ; W. Blythwayt (1 vol.) ; Ed. J. Burrow (5 vols.) ; Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (2 vols. and 31 Guides) ; W. R. Carles, C.M.G. (49 vols. and 18 Maps and Guides) ; H. J. Constance (15 vols.); Miss Marshall (1 vol.) ; Miss L. Critchley (2 vols.) ; R. F. Fowles (1 vol.) ; The Ven. Archdeacon Gardner, M.A. (79 vols.) ; J. Howell, F.R.C.S. (5 vols.) ; Miss M. Norkett (4 vols.); Mrs. F. G. Parris (7 vols.) ; the Salvation Army (1 vol.) ; Theosophical Society in England (1 vol.)

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

4—Purchase of Books—Resolved, (a) That 54 new volumes published at £15 7s. 0d. be purchased for £13 14s. 0d.

(b) That 90 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £12.

5—Shelf Guides—Resolved, That 80 Shelf Guides be purchased at a cost of £6.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At Meeting-of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1924 : Present-The Mayor; Alderman Steel and Councillor Welstead.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th November, 1924. Present The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2--General District Rate--Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,781 13s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £27,813 18s. 11d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £4,967 14s. 7d. leaving outstanding £14,566 10s. 3d.

4-Loans--Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £9,173 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock- The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £1,500 Corporation Stock at 67 per cent. plus expenses £3 18s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £1,500 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, he and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

6—Housing Bond Interest Warrant—The Borough Accountant reported loss in the post of a Dividend Warrant for 15s addressed to Miss E. R. Grant, Southam de la Bere on 30th September last, which the Post Office Authorities had been unable to trace. Resolved, That a duplicate Warrant be issued to Miss Grant, on her giving the usual indemnity.

7—Housing, etc, Act, 1923—Read, letter of the 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Health, intimating that the 30 houses in course of erection in Milton, Spenser and Tennyson Roads, would be eligible for financial assistance under Section 1 of this Act, subject to the provisions and conditions as to size, construction, etc., laid down in the Act.

8--Borough Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that Miss G. C. Moore, Typist and General Clerk, had given notice to terminate her appointment on 31st proximo. Resolved, That consideration of filling the vacancy be adjourned until the next meeting.

9—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 25th inst. Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel (in the chair) and Taylor. The Accounts were examined and recommended for

payment, except an account for one year's subscription for the Architectural Review," which was referred back to the Public Library Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 19th December, 1924.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of January, 1925, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Special Business is proposed to be transacted.

1. To consider, and, if deemed expedient, to pass the following resolution on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee adopting the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 :—

"That in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 2 of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the Council, being a Local Authority within the meaning of Section 3 of the said Act, do hereby adopt the said Act and designate as "Established Posts" for the purposes of the Act, the 404 posts mentioned in the Schedule now submitted, such Act to come into operation and to have effect as from the 1st day of April, 1925 (the Appointed Day')."

"That this resolution be submitted for confirmation to the regular Meeting of the Council to be held on the 2nd day of March next (being not less than one month from the date of the passing hereof), and subject to such confirmation that the resolution be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval."

The following documents are sent herewith :—

(1) Report of the General Purposes and Watch Committee recommending the adoption of the Act and containing Schedule of the posts recommended to be declared " Established Posts" for the purposes of the Act, and

(2) Copy of the Report and Estimate of J. H. Robertson, Esq., M.A., Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries, Certifying the cost to the Council of adopting the Act.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town, Clerk.

NOTE.—The foregoing resolution must be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the Council present and voting.

MINUTES of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, 20th January, 1925.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Welstead (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

The Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, To recommend the Council to adopt the Act.

And at a Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 16th December, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

Was RESOLVED, To submit the following Report for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council to be called in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act.

1—On the 5th May last, the Council decided to obtain an Actuarial Report on the cost of a Scheme under the above Act and authorised this Committee to settle list of "Established Posts " and other details to be submitted to the Actuary for the purpose of making a Report.

2 —An Actuarial Report has been made by Mr J. H. Robertson, Actuary, of Glasgow, a copy of which accompanies this Report.

3--The Actuary's valuation of the annual contributions by the Council is £5,112, divided as follows

	Chargeable to Trading Depts.	Chargeable to Rating Depts.	Total.
Administrative and Clerical Staff	£451	£1,468	£1,919
Workmen	<u>£597</u>	<u>£2,596</u>	<u>£3,193</u>
	£1,048	£4,064	£5,112

But as pointed out by the Actuary, the adoption of the Act will enable the Council to apply for an " Exception " from payment of contributions for Health Insurance and Unemployment Insurance and some set off must be allowed for increased efficiency.

4—The " set off " on these accounts is estimated as follows

- (a) Actual saving of payments in nature of Pensions now made to six persons .. £482
- (b) Estimated saving by replacement of officials eligible for pension by new appointments at salaries on scale fixed by Council, after allowing for pensions to the retiring officials . £527
- (c) Reduction in staff and increased efficiency by retirement of aged employees £1522

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(d) Exemption from Health and Unemployment Insurances now paid-

National Health Insurance	£406
Unemployment Insurance	<u>£748</u>
	£1154

Total £3685

Total contribution under Scheme ..	£5112
Less savings as above ..	<u>£3685</u>
	£1427

Allocated as follows

Trading Undertakings :

Electricity and Water	£566
Rates. Education ..	£230
General (including Farms, Library and Slab Factory)	<u>£611</u>
	£1427

5 —The Committee have carefully considered a detailed statement and estimate submitted by the Borough Surveyor showing 117 the sum of £1,522 in item (c) above is made up, and the Committee are of opinion that this is a fair and reasonable estimate of the saving under this head.

6--With regard to item (d) it should be pointed out that before granting a Certificate of Exception, the Minister of Health would require to be satisfied that the terms of employment are such as to secure provision in respect of sickness and disability on the whole no less favourable than the corresponding benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts. In some cases sick pay allowances have been made but if a Certificate of Exception ill applied for some definite arrangement as to sick pay will have to be made for all the employees to be included in such Certificate. Sonic deduction must, therefore, be allowed from the item of £406 now paid for National Health Insurance to meet payments for sickness, but it may be pointed out that the larger number of cases of illness occur among the elderly employees of retirable age, so that the Committee think that there will be a substantial saving in the item of £406 now paid for Health Insurance, and as will be seen by later paragraphs there are other savings which have not been included in the foregoing estimate.

7—It is hoped that part of the contributions may be charged to the Guardians in respect of Assistant Overseers and the Ministry of Health in respect of the Maternity and Child Welfare, the Ministry of Transport in respect of grant for Borough Surveyor and the County Council for salaries for Medical Officer of ['catch and Sanitary Inspector, but the Committee have not taken this into account.

8—The fact that £5,000 to £6,000 a year will be available for use by the Corporation for loan purposes at 4 per cent., free of tax, must be taken into account. In addition to saving of interest, there would be a saving in Stamp Duties on Debentures and brokerage for loans.

9—All the Administrative Staff desire to come under the Act if adopted by the Council and 270 of the other Employees have expressed their desire to do so and no objection has been received from any of the remaining employees in reply to the Questionnaire sent to them.

10 —The Act is being adopted by Local Authorities in different parts of the Country from day to day and according to the latest returns 186 Local Authorities have already passed resolutions adopting the Act which number does not include Schemes under Local Acts covering 270,000 officers and workmen. 160 other Local Authorities have obtained an Actuarial Report and are considering it, and 145 have decided to obtain a Report. The time it therefore, approaching when a Local Authority which has not adopted the Act will experience difficulty in attracting suitable officers to its service to fill posts becoming vacant.

The following other classes of Government and Local Authorities' Servants come under Superannuation Schemes, representing a total of 516,376 persons:—

Civil Servants	Since 1859.
Police ..	Since 1860.
Poor Law Officers	Since 1896.
Teachers ..	Since 1898
Asylum Officers ...	Since 1909.

11—We recommend that the Act be adopted in respect of the Officers and Workmen whose posts are designated as " Established Posts " in the Schedule now submitted.

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THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

DESIGNATED POSTS,

Town Clerk's Department.

Town Clerk. 3 Clerks Assistant Town Clerk.

Borough Accountant's Department

Borough Accountant. Cashier.

Chief Assistant. 6 Clerks. Consulting Accountant.

Rates Office.

3 Assistant Overseers and Collectors. 1 Clerk.

Borough Surveyor's Department.

Borough Surveyor. Assistant Surveyor. Building Inspector. Outdoor Superintendent. Draughtsman (r).

Chief Clerk. Wages Clerks (2). Destructor Manager. Destructor Clerk. Bath Superintendents (2).
Storekeeper. Assistant Storekeeper.

Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health. Assistant Inspector and Disinfecter (r). Chief Sanitary Inspector. Clerk (1).
Assistant Inspectors (3). Health Visitors (2).

Library and Art Gallery

Librarian and Curator. Assistants (5). Deputy Librarian. Porter. Art Gallery Attendant.

Electricity Department.

Electrical Engineer, Works Superintendent, Mains Superintendent. Assistant Mains Superintendent.
Turbine or Engine Drivers (3). Stokers (4) Mechanical Fitters (3). Mains Foreman (r). Meter Readers
(3).

Shift Engineers (5). Storekeepers (2). Accountant. Clerks (3). Public Lighting Attendant (r). Engine
Room Assistant (1). Bricklayer (1). Jointers (2). Labourers (19).

Waterworks Department.

Chief Clerk. Assistant Clerk, Works Manager, Tewkesbury, Foreman. Inspectors (4).

Reservoir Keeper, Dowdeswell. Reservoir Keeper, Hewletts. Engineer. Engine Drivers (3). Labourers (11).

Farms.

Farms Manager. Foreman. Stockman. Watermen (3). Carters (2) Drivers (2). Horsekeeper (1). Labourers (8).

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Cemetery. Cemetery Superintendent. Gravediggers (4)• Gardener (1). Labourer (1).

Miscellaneous.

Spa Manager. Office Caretaker. Weighing Machine Attendant.

Surveyor's Department.

Abattoir Superintendent (1). Ashmen (15). Bath Attendants (4)- Constable (Park) 1. Custodians, Recreation Grounds (3). Charwomen (Baths) (2). Chauffeur (1). Drain Tester (1). Destructor and Slab Factory Workmen (20). Engineers (2). Ford Driver (1). Foden Drivers (2). Foremen and Gangers (11). General Labourers (67).

Gardeners (6). Gardeners (Labourers) (9). Horse Drivers (25). Horse Keepers (2). Nurses (2). Paviers (4). Roller Drivers (3). Sweepers (42). Stoker (Montpellier) (1). Storeman (1). Tradesmen (12). Town Hall Custodian (2). Wheelwright (2). Lavatory Attendants (2). Treeman and Mate.

Education Department. Secretary. School Nurses (2). Assistant School Medical Officer. School Attendance Officers (3). Clerks (4). Juvenile Employment Officer.

CHAS. MARGRETT, Chairman.

Cheltenham Municipal Council. Report showing the cost to the Cheltenham Municipal Council of adopting the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

In accordance with instructions received from the Town Clerk, I have made a full investigation as to the cost to the Cheltenham Municipal Council of adopting the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, and the result now falls to be reported.

DATA.

The information necessary for the investigation was collected by means of Schedules which gave the following particulars regarding the Officers and Servants occupying posts which are proposed to be designated as established posts for the purposes of the above Act 1—

(1) Date of Birth.

(2) Total of completed years' service including service with other Local Authorities (Section 16, Sub-Section 2 of the Act).

(3) Particulars regarding Annual Salaries or Wages and Emoluments,

The following Table shows the total numbers and the yearly wage bill of the Officers and Servants whom it is proposed to bring under the provisions of the Act :—

OFFICERS.

	No.	Males.	No.	Females.
Aged under 55 years	41	£10,685	9	£1,204
Aged 55 but under 65 years ..	13	£4,868	Nil	Nil
Aged 65 years and over	<u>7</u>	<u>£2,056</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Total	61	£17,609	9	£1,204

SERVANTS.

Aged under 55 years ..	196	£24,785	10	£665
Aged 55 but under 65 years	83	£10,623	2	£109
Aged 65 years and over ..	<u>31</u>	<u>£3,629</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>£78</u>
Total	310	£39,037	13	£852

BASIS OF CALCULATIONS.

The rates of Mortality, Withdrawal and Retirement employed in the calculations have been derived from the experience of existing similar Superannuation Schemes. It is not anticipated that the rates adopted will be exactly reproduced in future as these rates are liable to fluctuations from time to time and each Scheme develops peculiarities which can be ascertained only by experience

The next factor which entered into the calculations was the average salary or wage at each age which will be paid in future years. Under normal conditions, where no violent fluctuations in salaries or wages appear probable, this factor can usually be determined with sufficient accuracy for practical purposes, but within comparatively recent years conditions have been far from normal. At first there were considerable advances in salaries and wages consequent on the increased cost of living and altered industrial conditions. However, more recently, a reverse process has taken place, and there has been a marked decrease in salaries and wages. Further, it seems probable, from the prevailing conditions, that these decreases will continue, and salaries and wages will not attain any degree of stability until industrial conditions generally become normal.

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It is important that the salary or wage adopted in the calculations should not be too low because a general advance over that assumed means an increased liability and vice versa. In these circumstances it has not been considered expedient to make more than a conservative estimate of the future trend of salaries and wages based on the information which has been placed before us. Any variation from the assumed average will be more likely to operate favourably on the Fund than otherwise.

The calculations have been made at 4 per cent. interest and on the assumption that the Fund will receive the full benefits, including exemption from Income Tax, conferred by Section 32 of the Finance Act, 1921.

COST OF THE SCHEME.

A Valuation has been made as at 1st April, 1925 (the " Appointed Day " when the Scheme is assumed to come into operation) of the Benefits and Contributions in respect of each Officer and Servant, and the results of this Valuation are shown in the appended Valuation Summary.

The Benefits and Contributions valued are those laid down in the Act ; and, in the case of Officers and Servants aged over 65 years on 1st April, 1925 (the " Appointed Day ") any service after the age

of 65, but before the " Appointed Day " has been taken into account in arriving at the amount of such Officer's or Servant's pension (see paragraph 16 of the Circular dated 8th January, 1923, issued by the Ministry of Health).

The following statement shows the annual cost to your Council under the Act : —

	Payable by Trading Departments.	Payable by Rating Departments.	Total.
5 per cent. of Salaries or Wages and Emoluments of Officers and Servants aged under 55 years ..	£527	£1,339	£1,866
Equal Annual Charge payable for 40 years	<u>£521</u>	<u>£2,725</u>	<u>£3,246</u>
Total Annual Charge .	£1,048	£4,064	£5,112

It will be observed that the above annual charge of £5,112 is composed of two parts. The first part consists of the 5 per cent. of salaries of Officers and Servants aged under 55 years and may be called the normal contributions payable by the Council. Similar contributions are payable by the Officers and Servants and both these contributions will vary with the wage bill each year. The second part of the Council's contribution is the fixed annual charge of £3,246 payable for forty years This charge is required firstly to redeem the arrears of contributions in respect of the years of service prior to the " Appointed Day" which rank for Superannuation Benefit, and secondly to make provision for Officers and Servants aged 55 and over in respect of whom no contributions are payable.

The total immediate annual cost to the Council is therefore £5,112 of which £1,048 is paid by the Trading Departments and forms an ordinary business charge in respect of these Departments. The balance of £4,064 is the annual charge payable by the Rating Departments. It must not be concluded however that the establishment of a Superannuation Scheme will mean an additional burden with no compensating advantages.

In commercial undertakings machinery is subject to constant depreciation; and, in the course of time, must be replaced by new machinery in order to maintain an efficient standard of production. The only sound method of carrying out this object is to build up gradually from year to year a fund which will replace the machinery without causing financial strain.

A similar principal is applicable to labour; because it is generally admitted that, in the interests of humanity, employees who have rendered long and faithful service cannot be left unprovided for in their old age or when they break down in health. It is, therefore, necessary gradually to build up a fund which will be sufficient to provide for these employees when they become unfit for service.

If, however, an Employer does not have a Superannuation Fund, he will generally find himself retaining in his service, on compassionate grounds, at full salaries or wages, employees who on account of age are absolutely unfit to render efficient service in place of promoting younger and more efficient employees drawing smaller salaries. This method is expensive, it lowers the quality of the service Generally and retards promotion of the younger employees. On the other hand a service which has a definite Superannuation Fund, with a compulsory retireable age, attracts and retains a more efficient type of employee and consequently gives greater stability to the service. Further it is the actual experience of Employers who have established Superannuation Funds that their wage bill

is invariably lower than in cases where there is no Fund, the difference being at least equivalent to their contributions to the Fund.

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It would, therefore, appear that the cost of the Superannuation Scheme will be more than counterbalanced by the benefits which will accrue both to the Council and its Employees. The Scheme will assist the promotion of young and efficient employees in place of retaining older employees at their full salaries up to practically the ordinary limits of life. Further, the Scheme guarantees a definite pension at a fixed age, and thus relieves employees of any anxiety as to old age.

In conclusion, I would point out that the present unsettled conditions make a forecast of the future a matter of extreme difficulty. There have been, in the past few years, large increases in salaries and wages ; and it is possible that the rates of Mortality and Retirement experienced by Superannuation Funds may be altered. The Scheme if adopted however will be subject, in terms of Section 19 of the Act, to an Actuarial investigation at the end of five years. If, as is hoped, industrial conditions have then attained some degree of stability, the cost of the Scheme can be adjusted, although I do not anticipate that the conditions which may then prevail will adversely affect the estimate given above.

Subject to these reservations, I hereby certify that the above estimate represents my estimate as at 1st April, 1925, of the cost to the Cheltenham Municipal Council of adopting the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

79, West Regent Street, Glasgow. 21st October, 1924.

(Signed) J. H. ROBERTSON, Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries.

SUMMARY OF VALUATION AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1925

IN RESPECT OF OFFICERS AND SERVANTS.

Officers and Servants aged under 55 years.	£
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits	62,970
do. Death Benefits	5,742
do. Withdrawal Benefits	<u>172</u>
Present Value of Total Benefits	68,884
Present Value of Combined Contributions of the Council and Officers and Servants ..	<u>46,030</u>
Nett Liability in respect of Officers and Servants aged under 55 years	22,854
Officers and Servants aged 55 but under 65 years.	
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits . . .	28,666
Officers and Servants aged 65 years and over.	
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits ..	<u>12,723</u>
Total Liability as at 1st April, 1925, .	<u>64,243</u>
Annual Charge to redeem Total Liability within 40 years	£3,246

APPORTIONMENT OF ABOVE ANNUAL CHARGE BETWEEN THE RATING AND TRADING DEPARTMENTS.

Rating Department	£2,725
Trading Department	<u>£521</u>

Total as above £3,246

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SUMMARY OF VALUATION AS AT 1ST APRIL 1925

IN RESPECT OF OFFICERS.

TRADING DEPARTMENT.

Officers aged under 55 years.	£
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits..	8,004
do. Death Benefits ..	735
do. Withdrawal Benefits	<u>20</u>
Present Value of Total Benefits ..	8,759
Present Value of Combined Contributions of the Council and Officers	<u>5,963</u>
Nett Liability in respect of Officers aged under 55 years	2,796

Officers aged 55 but under 65 years.	
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits..	1,952

Officers aged 65 years and over.	
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits ..	<u>377</u>
Total Liability as at 1st April, 1925	5,125

Annual Charge to redeem Total Liability within 40 years	259
5 per cent. of Salaries or Wages of Employees ..	<u>192</u>
	£451

SUMMARY OF VALUATION AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1925 IN RESPECT OF SERVANTS.

TRADING DEPARTMENT.

Servants aged under 55 years.	£
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits..	9,910
do. Death Benefits ..	1,048
do. Withdrawal Benefits	<u>33</u>
Present Value of Total Benefits	£10,991
Present Value of Combined Contributions of the Council and Servants	<u>8,560</u>
Nett Liability in respect of Servants aged under 55 years	2,431

Servants aged 55 but under 65 years.	
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits	1,700

Servants aged 65 years and over.	
Present Value of Superannuation Benefits	<u>1,054</u>
Total Liability as at 1st April, 1925	£5,185

Annual Charge to redeem Total Liability within 40 years	£262
5 per cent. of Salaries or Wages of Employees ..	<u>335</u>
	£597

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SUMMARY OF VALUATION AS AT 1ST APRIL 1925

IN RESPECT OF OFFICERS. RATING DEPARTMENT.

Officers aged under 55 years.

Present Value of Superannuation Benefits.... ..	£17,247
do. Death Benefits ..	1,426
do. Withdrawal Benefits	<u>24</u>
Present Value of Total Benefits	£18,697

Present Value of Combined Contributions of the Council and Officers.

10,992

Nett Liability in respect of Officers aged under 55 years.

7,705

Officers aged 55 but under 65 years.

Present Value of Superannuation Benefits .. 8,655

Officers aged 65 years and over.

Present Value of Superannuation Benefits .. 4,728

Total Liability as at 1st April, 1925 21,088

Annual Charge to redeem Total Liability within 40 years 1,066

402

£1,468

SUMMARY OF VALUATION AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1925 IN RESPECT OF SERVANTS.

RATING DEPARTMENT.

Servants aged under 55 years.

£

Present Value of Superannuation Benefits.. .. 27,809

do. Death Benefits .. 2,533

do. Withdrawal Benefits 95

Present Value of Total Benefits 30,437

Present Value of Combined Contributions of the Council and Servants ..

20,515

Nett Liability in respect of Servants aged under 55 years 9,922

Servants aged 55 but under 65 years.

Present Value of Superannuation Benefits .. 16,359

Servants aged 65 years and over.

Present Value of Superannuation Benefits.. 6,564

Total Liability as at 1st April, 1925 32,845

Annual Charge to redeem Total Liability within 40 years 1,659

5 per cent. of Salaries or Wages of Employees 937
£2,596

NOTE. —It is estimated that one year's delay in adopting the Act would increase the Equal Annual Charge by £318 per annum payable for 40 years and two years' delay by £650 per annum payable for 40 years.

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" Exception" from Contributions under :-

THE NATIONAL HEALTH UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS.

Through the adoption of the Superannuation Act of 1922, it is possible to obtain "Exception " from payment of contributions under the National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts, and thus to secure an annual saving.

1.- National Health Insurance- -In cases where " Exception " has been granted, the conditions have been two-fold,

(a) A Superannuation Scheme must have been in operation, And,

(b) The provision for Employees, in time of illness, must be no less favourable than what they would have enjoyed under the Insurance Act.

In actual practice, Exception has been granted on the following terms:-

Case (1) A Railway Company has been granted Exception on the understanding that they pay full salary for the first three months of sickness, half pay for the next three, months and Superannuation thereafter.

Case (2) A Local Government Authority has obtained the Certificate by reason of the fact that, for many years, they have made a practice of paying full salary for the first two months of illness. They also, of course, introduced a Superannuation Scheme which made provision for the permanent invalids.

Case (3) Two Months full pay was promised with half pay for the following month. Then, after that, remuneration to be given at the discretion of the Council. Doubtless on production of a Medical Certificate as to permanent invalidity, the sick Member would be placed on Superannuation

The Act of Parliament dealing with the subject is,--

The National Insurance Act, 1911, First Schedule, Part II. (1)).

2.-Unemployment Insurance—" Exception " 'nay be applied for by " Any Industry." (See Section 18 (I) of the 1920 Act).

In cases where Exception has been granted, the conditions have been two-fold,—

(a) The positions concerned have been regarded as more or less of a permanent character. In other words, in the event of dismissal, an Employee would have the right of appeal to the Governing Body under which he served.

(b) An Employee has been required to have contributed for Three Years before Exception was granted.

An Employee leaving the service of an " Excepted " Authority, would, of course, receive no " Dole " ; but, if Superannuation were in force, he would take away all his own past contributions to the Superannuation Scheme.

The Acts of Parliament dealing with the subject are,— The Unemployment Insurance Act of 1920, Section 18 and The Act of 1921, Second Schedule.

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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 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 Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Green, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

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

1—Queen Alexandra's Birthday— Resolved, That the following congratulatory message be forwarded to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra :—

" Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, Sandringham—The Mayor and Corporation and Town of Cheltenham offer their loyal and hearty " congratulations on Your Majesty's birthday and their best wishes for " your health and happiness.—Mayor of Cheltenham."

2-Minutes of Previous Meeting— Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 10th November last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ...	Meetings held November 11 & 20
Housing	Meeting held November 13
Street and Highway	Meeting held November 17
Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held November 10,14 &21*

*(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye, seconded by Alderman Green : " That the Second Resolution to Minute No. 12—with reference to Winter Garden—Parking of Motors—be not approved," was lost).

Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held November 13
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Water	Meeting held November 13
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General Purposes and Watch and "Light Railway (Fares) Sub-Committee.

Meetings held November 18 & 26*

Allotments ...	Meeting held November 11
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held November 11
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held November 12
Burial Board ...	Meetings held November 14 & 21
Public Library ...	Meeting held November 11
Finance	Meetings held November 14 & 25*

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

4—Appointment of Grammar School Governors — Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.) Messrs. John Waghorne and H. N. Winterbotham be re-appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School for a further term of three years from the 6th December, 1924.

5—Education Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Leigh James be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Education Committee.

6—Town Hall—Read, application from Mr. H. H. Chandler for the use of the Town Hall on 23rd inst., for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Cheltenham and District Unemployed Christmas Fund. Resolved, That this be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee with power to act.

WALTER J. M. DICKS. Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st January, 1925.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1925, 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 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.

To each Member of the Council

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th January, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th December, 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore and Yarnold (The Deputy 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.: 36, 37, 38, 40 and 41 Malvern Street ; 46a and 100 Upper Bath Read ; 157 Fairview Road ; Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Street ; 1 and 2 Gothic Cottages, Portland Street ; 13 Providence Square and 12 Hanover Parade.—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) 6 Albert Place, Pittville ; 8 Northwick Terrace ; Plough Hotel, High Street ; Home and Colonial Stores. High Street and Lipton's Ltd., High Street.--The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses. were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 4 and 5 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road ; 11, 12 and 13 Naunton Crescent ; 34, 36 and 38 Fairview Road and Workshop in Berkeley Avenue. 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 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 ; Barclay's Bank Ltd., High Street ; 108 High Street and Land situated at rear of these premises. -The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment between the Owners of the expenses incurred amounting to £76 0s. 0d. in carrying out the drainage and sanitary work at these premises. Resolved, That the same be approved and that an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses, and that Notice of the apportionment be served on the Owners and demand for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

3—Insanitary Property-36, 37, 39, 40 and 41 Malvern Street ; 100 Upper Bath Road; 1 and 2 Gothic Cottages, Port-land Street ; 12 Hanover Parade ; 30 and 32 Brunswick Street ; 23 St. James' Street ; 12 Upper Bath Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Britannia Square and 7 Fairview Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 9.4 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,

4—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.

5—Nuisance from Smoke—Cheltenham Steam Laundry—The Sanitary Inspector reported receipt of complaints of nuisance from smoke from the chimney of these premises. Several observations had been taken when dense black smoke was seen to issue from the chimney in such a quantity as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupier thereof requiring him to abate the same.

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6—Royal Sanitary Institute Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Secretary, inviting the attendance of Delegates at the 36th Congress of the institute to be held at Edinburgh from 20th to 25th July next. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

7—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting held at the Farms on 4th December inst. Present— Councillors Farrar and Leigh James (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report-Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 4th inst., 11 horses (6 at Depot); 57 cattle ; 5 calves ; 111 sheep and 19 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 1calf had been bred. Purchases for Feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to £63 4s. 3d. 2 cows, 16 heifers, 18 sheep, 20 pigs and 665 lbs. of wool had been sold for £501 0s. 2d., and other sales amounted to £122 7s. 7d.

Repairs—Resolved, That the stables and cowshed at the Barn Farm be repaired with bricks at an estimated cost of £20 and that the approach road to the Farm be repaired with old road metal.

Underdrainage—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to submit estimates of the cost of underdraining Little Hay Furlong and Further Long Hill at the Barn Farm and Jacobs Piece at Hayden Farm.

Osier Bed—Resolved, That the question of planting an additional Osier Bed at Hayden Farm be considered. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved.

8—Underdrainage—The Farms Manager's Estimates for underdrainage, were submitted, as follows :—Little Hay Furlong, £64 16s. 5d. ; Further Long Hill, £135 10s. 0d. and Jacobs Piece, £196 11s. 6d. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to carry out the work at Little Hay Furlong and Further Long Hill.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th December, 1924: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair and Yarnold (Councillor St. Clair in the chair).

9—Hayden Sewage Farm—The Committee considered Report of the Chairman and Borough Engineer, of this date, on visits to Sheffield, Bury, Bolton, Macclesfield and Birmingham to inspect different applications of the activated sludge system with a view to deciding whether the process could be adopted with advantage at the Sewage Works instead of the proposed extension of filters. including estimates of the cost of the two systems. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held at the Farms on the 7th proximo.

10--Flooding—Park Place and Neighbourhood—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report upon his further investigations from which it appeared that 99 houses were flooded during the abnormally heavy fall of rain in May last, which amounted to 7.06 inches, being the highest fall recorded since observations had been taken over the past 58 years, but if the flooding in May was not taken into account the 99 was reduced to 27 houses of which

13 had been flooded once,

6 " " twice to four times,

5 " " after heavy storms,

3 " " " (but the flooding caused little or no inconvenience).

The present sewers were capable of discharging a little more than an inch of rain in 24 hours without becoming surcharged, provided the rain fall was at a fairly uniform rate and flooding only occurred when there was an abnormally heavy storm of rain and the sewers were already carrying a large volume of rain water. In several cases owners of houses had already provided means of preventing their premises being flooded and it was possible for the owners of the other houses to adopt means for preventing risk of flooding at a comparatively small cost. He submitted alternative Schemes for remedying the flooding. The first Scheme provided for a complete system of surface water drainage for the South Eastern district at an estimated cost of £17,600. The second Scheme provided for a relief culvert at an estimated cost of £6,200, which would remedy the flooding. This could be extended by additional works from time to time to make a complete system, at a total estimated cost for the second Scheme of £13,500. The estimate of either Scheme was approximate. Neither estimate included compensation for crossing private lands, nor for providing a screen at the outfall of the culvert which might be found necessary in respect of the second Scheme. Resolved, That in view of the heavy cost of either Scheme, and the small cost to the owners of providing means for preventing flooding of their basements, this -Committee do not see their way to recommend the Council to carry out either of the proposed Schemes at the present time.

ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th December, 1924, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall,- Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, 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.
29 Milton Road	W. H. Clough	£450
55 do.	C. and H. M. Allen (The Misses)	£450
134 Tennyson Road (Assisted Housing Scheme).	S. J. Wilcox	£510

Strip of land at rear of 79 The Crescent, Tennyson Road (4 feet frontage to Shakespeare Road and 58 feet deep) A. D. Ewens £5

The District Valuer's valuations of these houses and strip of land were submitted, together with valuation of the Shop Site sold to Mrs. L. M. Neate. (Minute No. 6-13th Nov., 1924).

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 Mr. S. J. Wilcox in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance of not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the loan and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

(b) 21 Milton Road--An offer of £475 was submitted from Mr. W. J. Rogers for 21 Milton Road (one of the houses about to be erected under the new Contract with Mr W. Drew). Resolved, That (subject to the consent of the Ministry) the offer be accepted.

(c) 54 Tennyson Road—The District Valuer's valuation of this house was submitted. Resolved, That the same be offered for sale at £550.

NOTE-The total number of houses provided is :—Under Assisted Housing Scheme— 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type and under the Housing, etc. Act. 1923—50 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let, and of the latter, 38 have been sold, 5 let to Chief Constable, leaving 7 for sale, which are not yet completed. The erection of 30 additional Non-Parlour type houses in Byron and Milton Roads has been commenced. Total houses erected, or to be erected, on Housing Estate-240.

2—Houses for Police- The Town Clerk reported that he had offered No. 4 Tennyson Road (vacant) ; 8 Orchard Terrace, Libertus Road and 54 Milton Road (both expected to become vacant) to the Chief Constable in exchange for new houses occupied by police officers in Byron and Milton Roads. Resolved, That this be approved.

3—Re-decoration of Houses—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have necessary internal re-decorations carried out to the three houses named in Minute No. 2 and also to No. 43 Tennyson Road, which had recently been let to a new tenant, and also necessary renovations and repairs at Nos. 39 and 41 Byron Road and No. 97 Tennyson Road.

4—Outbuildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted applications from the Purchasers of Nos. 52 Byron Road and 1 Spenser Road for consent to the erection of a shed and motor garage thereat, respectively, together with plans. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the plans by the Plans Sub-Committee, no objection be made to the proposed out-buildings as temporary buildings, but subject ill the last-mentioned case to the Garage being erected behind the building frontage line.

5—Footpaths--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the private footpaths leading to the rear of Nos. 75, 83 and 85 The Crescent, Tennyson Road, made up with clinker.

6—Levelling of Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gardens of new houses made level with spare soil.

7—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Period— 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 31st March and completed by 30th September, 1925.

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(b) Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Subsidy—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval for purposes of subsidy under the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, of the 30 houses to be erected by Mr. W. Drew in addition to the 50 houses erected under his two previous contracts.

(c) House in Old Bath Road--Resolved, That a subsidy of be paid to Mrs. M. Griffin in respect of a house erected in Old Bath Road certified by the Borough Surveyor as having been completed in accordance with the terms of the Provisional Certificate.

(d) House off Old Bath Road —Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. H. A. Bendall in respect of a house to be erected at Pilford Gardens, off Old Bath Road, containing 935 superficial feet and to be built at a density of 10 to the acre.

8—Housing, etc., Act, 1924—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum with regard to rent to be charged for houses erected under this Act. Resolved, That a copy be sent to each Member of the Council.

9—Shakespeare Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Plan and Estimate for the construction of this road amounting to £1,173 18s. 0d. Resolved, That application be made for Sanction to a Loan for this amount.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

Fourth Report of this Committee.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 5th December, 1924. Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and St. Clair (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme----It was Resolved, That the Architect be instructed to prepare drawings and specifications for the under-mentioned houses and that the houses be of brick construction, with boarded floors in the living room, and provided with gas pipes and brackets, viz.

Elm Street ..	11 two-bedroomed houses.
Malvern Street	10 three-bedroomed houses.
Swindon Road	<u>11</u> do. do.
Total	32

Resolved, also, That the line of frontage be set back 30 feet from the centre of the road.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th December, 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 14th November to 11th December, 1924, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended 4th inst., 763 loads collected ; 740 consumed and 23 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,051 tons, 19 cwt. 2 qrs.)

2---Cemetery Road—Footpath —Resolved, That the verge of this footpath, damaged by cattle, be made good.

3—Regional Town Planning—Read, letter from the Secretary, Institute of Municipal and County Engineers, stating that it was proposed to form an Advisory Committee of Engineers or Surveyors with reference to the preparation of Schemes for Regional Town Planning. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be nominated as a member of the Advisory Committee,

4—Church Direction Sign—The Town Clerk reported receipt of application from Mr. W. H. Mack, on behalf of the Trustees, Wesley Church, St. George's Street, for permission to place an iron standard with a direction sign to the Church against or inside the railings of the underground lavatory at the junction of High Street and Ambrose Street. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

5—Petrol Pumps—(a) Maud's Elm- --Read, letter of 5th inst., from Messrs. J. Jones & Son. withdrawing their application for permission to erect two roadside petrol pumps in Swindon Road, as they had arranged for the pumps to be erected inside their yard.

(b) Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street—Read, application of 8th inst., from Messrs. Westborough and Wiggett for permission to erect a second petrol pump on their premises at Berkeley Garage, with a moveable delivery arm. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to an Agreement being entered into as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

(c) Winchcomb Street—Read, application of 13th inst., from Messrs. Edwards and Marshall for permission to erect a second petrol pump on their premises in Winchcomb Street, with a moveable delivery arm. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to an Agreement being entered into as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

6—View Meeting — The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th inst.:--Alderman Bendall (in the chair) ; The Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:-

Ormond Place and Regent Street—Corner—That consideration of rounding off this corner be adjourned until plans are submitted for building on the site.

Ormond Place.—That no objection be made to a six-inch strip of marble paving being laid along Madame Wright's premises, on condition that this is inscribed at each end, indicating that this forms part of the public footway.

Wolseley Terrace—Private Improvement Works—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates of the work required to be done to the road by the abutting owners.

Hall Road—Footpath—That the repairs to the footpath in Hall Road be discontinued pending further report.

Trees—(a) The Park —(i) That the Ash tree outside " Redesdale " be removed. (ii) That the tree outside Tudor Lodge be not removed, but lopped.

(b) Gloucester Road—That the tree by " Petersham" be not removed, but pruned.

(c) Tewkesbury Road—That the remaining large trees from Stanhope Street to Townsend Street be removed and small trees planted (except opposite houses on the South side,) Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

7—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 2nd and 15th 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, 2nd December, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Contravention of Bye-Laws-48 Haywards Road—Mrs. A. Lewis attended with reference to contravention of Bye-Laws reported at the last Meeting and stated that she would submit a plan showing the Porch erected by her at 48 Haywards Road set back in line with the bay window. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned pending receipt of plan.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1917	Ewens, A. D.	Motor House, 79 Tennyson Road (Amended Plan).
1937	Headley, Miss E. L.	Detached house, London Road.
1938	Young, T.	Additions to house, Naunton Nursery, Langdon Road.
1939	Ryan, Rev. Father	Dynamo Chamber, St. Gregory's Church, Manchester Street.
1940	Smith, J. H.	Temporary Shed, 52 Byron Road.
1941	Reid & Pattison	New workshop, Bon Marche, Suffolk Road.
1942	Husband, J. F.	New Kitchen and W.C., 46 Winchcomb Street
1943	Roper-Ireland, J. H.	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941 be approved ; but that Plans Nos. 1938 and 1941 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans No. 1917 and 1943 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. 1942 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 15th December, 1924 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann and Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1922	Taylor, F. C.	New bedroom addition, 10 Princes Street.
1942	Husband, J. F.	New Kitchen and China Pantry, 46 Winchcomb Street (Amended Plan).
1944	Bendall, H.	Detached House, Pilford Gardens off Old Bath Road.
1945	Cheltenham College Council	New Lavatory, Thirlestaine Road.
1946	Nixon, S. H.	New Shop Front, Ormond Place.
1947	Barnard, L. W.	New Lavatory, 31 Promenade.
1948	Jackson, J.	Lock-up Garages, Albert Road, Pittville.
1949	Griffiths, F. F.	Temporary Motor House, 1 Spenser Road.
1950	Lewis, Mrs.	Glass Porch, 48 Haywards Road.
1951	Trust Houses, Ltd.	New Lavatory, Royal Hotel Yard.
1952	Raven, J. W.	Temporary Motor House, Pilford Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1942, 1944 and 1946 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1922, 1945, 1947 and 1951 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plan No. 1922 be further subject to a window being fixed in side wall of existing kitchen ; that Plan No. 1952 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, that Plans Nos. 1948, 1949 and 1950 be disapproved.

4—Contravention of Bye-Laws—Stables rear Malden Court—Mr. T. H. Poynton attended with reference to the contravention of Bye-Laws reported on the 17th ult., and stated he would submit a plan for consideration by the Sub-Committee at their next Meeting. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th December, 1924. Present : Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—Messrs. Benjamin Pearson (Secretary, -Dudley Co-operative Society, Ltd.), Ernest Baidon (Birmingham and Midland Omnibus Co. Ltd.) and W. H. Hudson (Managing Director of George's Ltd.) attended with reference to the application of the first-named Society for the use of Pittville Gardens on 8th July next. for the Society's Summer Outing, which, it was expected, would be attended by some three thousand members. The Gardens would only be required for the erection of Marquees, in which the members could have dinner and tea, Resolved, That the use of the Gardens (and, if wet, the Pump Room) be granted to the Society on the following terms :—Payment--£10 in advance ; the Marquees to be erected on the playground portion adjoining Evesham Road ; the

Society to undertake to make good any damage caused to the buildings or ground. Resolved, also, That the Municipal Orchestra play in the Bandstand during the afternoon, the Corporation to take receipts from chairs. Resolved, also, That the Superintendent of Police be asked to make arrangements for the parking of the char-a-bancs (about 100 in number) in Albert Road and adjacent roads.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 5th December, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2 —Advertising—(a) Joint (Railway) Advertising Scheme—Messrs. W. H. Fraser and G. E. Orton (Publicity Department G.W.R.) attended with Mr. E. J. Burrow with reference to the proposed inauguration of an advertising scheme by the Corporation in conjunction with the L.M.S. and G.W. Railways. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until January to enable the Publicity Agent of the L.M.S. Railway to attend.

(b) Holiday Haunts—Resolved, That Mr. Burrow be instructed to insert a full-page advertisement in the 1925 edition of the Holiday Haunts Guide at a charge of £16.

3—Town Hall—Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Committee of the Cheltenham and District Unemployed Christmas Fund on the evening of 23rd inst., for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Fund, free of charge, except the cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses and also on an afternoon (to be arranged) for a Dance Tea on the same terms.

4--Winter Garden—Parking of Motors (a) Read, letters of 2nd and 4th inst, from the Garage Proprietors, protesting against the letting of parking rights at the Winter Garden to the Winter Garden Co., together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., intimating that it was not proposed to provide for the services of an attendant on Sundays. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th December, 1924: Present — The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5—Town Hall—(a) Photograph—Resolved, That the enlarged framed photograph of Montpellier Gardens by Mr. Paul Fripp be purchased for £10 10s. 0d. and charged to Advertising Account and that the photograph be hung in the Entrance Hall of the Town Hall.

(b) Hockey Dance—Resolved, That no charge be made to any of the members of the East and West England Hockey Teams (including the two referees) who may attend the Municipal Evening Dance on Saturday the 17th January next.

6--Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 25th ult. and 9th inst. were read.

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They recommended as follows :

Town Hall--(a) That Monsieur Pierre be paid the sum of £2 for services at the Exhibition Dance Tea on 12th December.

(b) That a Children's Fancy Dress Tea, held on the 27th December and that the Spa Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £5 in prizes.

(c) That the Musical Director be authorised to engage an additional performer for Dance Teas and Evening Dances and that he be paid an additional sum not exceeding £2 2s. 0d. (free of deduction) per week in respect thereof.

(d) That the Spa Manager be authorised to engage Mr. H. C. Mould to give a Punch and Judy Show on Boxing Day morning at a cost not exceeding £1 11s. 6d. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman,

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th December, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye. (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Extension of Mains- Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension recommended by him at an estimated cost of 4too and that the other extension reported upon by him be not approved.

2-Public Lighting—The Committee considered an application for improvement of the lighting in the neighbourhood of Montpellier Rotunda, Resolved, 'That the Committee do not consider any further lights are necessary.

3—Electrical Contractors— Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to serve as a Representative of the I.M.E.A. on the Local Advisory Committee appointed to deal with the registration of Electrical Contractors under a National Scheme.

4--British Empire Exhibition--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from the Electrical Development Association Council thanking the Corporation for their help and support in connection with the Electricity in Service Exhibits at the British Empire Exhibition.

5— West Midlands Electricity District —The Town Clerk submitted Notice of Enquiry held by the Electricity Commissioners at Wolverhampton on the 16th inst. with reference to an Order establishing this District. The area did not include any part of the County of Gloucester.

6—Trunk Road Reconstruction Scheme --Read letter of 6th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council stating that they were unable to postpone this work as it had to be completed within a period of 15 months, but that the County Surveyor would confer with the Borough Electrical Engineer as to the laying of any Electric Cables that may be necessary in connection with the proposed transmission lines to the rural Districts, so as not to require the breaking up of the main roads after reconstruction.

7—Cables—Moorend Park Road Bridge—Resolved That the Common Seal be affixed to an Undertaking for wayleave in respect of a cable laid over this bridge belonging to the Great Western Railway Company.

8—Thrust Borer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the new Thrust Borer had been tested and proved satisfactory.

9-Damage to Electric Lamp Standard-Albion Street-The Town Clerk reported that the Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd. were willing to enter into an Agreement for settling all claims on a halving basis as in other similar cases and to settle the above claim for damage on that basis. Resolved, That this be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

10—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 24th and 28th ult. and 7th and firth inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 468.9, 469.8, 472.6 and 465.9 B.Th.U. and the pressure 5.0, 4.7, 4.9 and 4.2 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th December, 1924: Present--The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Green ; Councillors Moore, Pates and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 8th December, 1924.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	492,000 gallons	262,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,844,000	1,164,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	80,000
Total	2,480,000	1,506,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th December, 1924.		8th December, 1923.	
Hewletts		28,861,000 gallons		19,407,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000	19ft. 9in.	43,745,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	8ft. 0in.	1,215,000 "
Total Storage		130,504,000		64,367,000

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

	During November	During past 8 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1376	6910
“ taps found leaking	104	647
“ defective flushing boxes	23	132
“ defective stop taps	6	17
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	104	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>42</u>	
	146	990
“ notices served re fittings	51	409

“ meters fixed and changed	28	157
“ houses connected ..	88	739
“ burst pipes discovered	6	54
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	19	277

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Mechanical Filters —Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee intimating that they were prepared to allow the grant approved in respect of the Scheme to be applicable to the increased cost, viz. £8,150. The grant would be payable for a period of 15 years and the date for the commencement of the work was extended to the 31st December inst. Read, also, letter of 8th inst., from the Ministry of Health forwarding Sanctions to Loans of £4,440 and £3,710 repayable, respectively, within 20 and 15 years.

4—Prestbury Lower Mill—The Borough Engineer reported that the annual returns from premises supplied from the main laid to this Mill in 1914, on the application of Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., (Minute —19th March, 1914) was £9 15s. 4d. being more than the required 10 per cent on the outlay (£50). Resolved, That the deposit of £25 made by Messrs. Webb Bros. be returned.

5—Water Charges—The Committee considered Report of the Borough Engineer on the financial position of the Undertaking (copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Committee). Resolved, That a rebate of 10 per cent. be made as from 30th September last in respect of premises to which the increased charges apply, the allowance in respect of the current half year to be deducted from the Consumers' accounts for the half year ending 29th September next.

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 Tuesday, 16th December, 1924: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that, except for one case of Swine Fever at Roland's Field, Pilley, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i) The Town Clerk reported receipt of Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture since the last Meeting.

(ii) The Town Clerk submitted copy of Circular T.A. 8256/C.L. from the Ministry of Agriculture, to Masters of Foxhounds with reference to hunting in infected areas.

(c) Swine Fever Orders, 1908 to 1917—Service of Restriction Notices—Read, Circular T.A. 3134/C.L. of 10th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture with reference to the service, duration, period of operation and withdrawal of Notices (Form B). The Town Clerk reported that Superintendent Hopkins had been furnished with a copy of the circular.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain--The Captain reported that on the 6th inst., the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 26 Brunswick Street. Damage slight. Expenses £4 11s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences — (a) Report of Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—The Inspector reported that, since the last Meeting repairs to Motor-Cab No. 42 had been carried out and the Town Clerk reported that a temporary Licence had been issued expiring on 31st March next in accordance with the instructions of the Committee (Minute 6 (c) 18th Nov., 1924).

(b) Read, application of 9th inst., from Mr. W. J. Martin for Licence No. 58, held by him in respect of Motor Cab DD. 348, to be transferred to Motor-Cab LA. 8192. The Inspector reported that he had inspected the latter cab and found same to be in every way satisfactory. Resolved. That a Licence be granted accordingly.

4—Motor Omnibuses—Fire Extinguishers—Read. letter of 24th ult., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd, that they were providing an additional Fire Extinguisher for each of their vehicles.

5—Petrol Licence—Resolved, on the Report of the Inspector, That the following applications for new licences be granted:—Wood's Arle Dairies Ltd., Arle, and Mr. John Jones, Maud's Elm, 300 and 500 gallons of Petrol, respectively.

6—Game Licences—Resolved, That a Game Licence be granted to Mr. C. Spencer, 3 High Street, such licence to expire on the 1st July next.

7---Parking of Motors— Resolved, That Notices " Parking Entrance " and " Parking Exit Only " be erected at the Northern and Southern ends of the Long Garden, Promenade, respectively Resolved, also, That 5,000 copies of the Regulations be printed in leaflet form for distribution by the R.A.C. Attendant amongst motorists using the Parks.

8— Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Fares— The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum of Agreement as to fares and charges signed on behalf of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company. Resolved, That he be authorised to sign the same on behalf of the Corporation.

9—Leckhampton Quarries--Blasting Operations—Read, Resolution of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on the 4th inst., together with letter of the 8th inst., from Miss T. F. Mills. Resolved, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration and report.

10-21 Promenade —Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Promenade Club, applying for the front door of the Club to be painted. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work carried out.

11- Shops Acts—(a) Read, Circular letter of 20th ult., from the Home Office stating that an Order had been made under Section (1) suspending operation of the General Early Closing Order from the 18th to the 24th inst., (inclusive).

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Postmaster asking if the Corporation objected to the Sub Post Offices being closed on Saturday, 27th inst. Resolved, That no objection be offered.

(c) Resolved, That the Municipal Offices be closed from the 25th to 27th inst., (inclusive).

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th December, 1924. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Head Gardener's Quarterly Report—Read, the Head Gardener's Quarterly Report. Resolved That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the following allotments reported as being in a dirty condition :---Nos. 16 and 17 Baglin's Piece ; No. 2 Creamery Piece; Nos. 183, 184 and 185 North Ward; Nos 8, Li, 29, 31 and 39 Alma Road ; Nos. 4 and 5 Tennyson Road ; No. 9 Brooklyn Road ; No. 14 College Road Tip ; No. 22 Hall Road ; Nos. 25, 35 and 41 Asquith Road ; Nos. 4, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 58 and 59 Albert Road ; Nos. 81 and 83 Whaddon Lane and Nos. 7, 9 and 17 Whaddon Lane (1920).

2 —Allotments - - (a) North Ward—Resolved, That allotment No. 30 which G. J. S. Barter was willing to give up be let to F. Matthews.

(b) Gapper's Field— Resolved, That allotment No. 20 which H. Guest was willing to give up be let to W. Williams.

(c) Creamery Piece—Resolved, That allotment No. 24 which A. O. Oakley was willing to give up be let to H. Dunn.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th December, 1924. Present— Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate — (a) Paddle Boats -- Read, letter of 15th ult. from Councillor J. P. Pates asking the Committee to consider the provision of paddle boats for children. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) Storks---Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase two Storks, at an estimated cost of £5 10s. plus carriage, from Harwich.

W. SAWYER, Chairman

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th December, 1924 : Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Green and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Stewart and Captain Trye ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in November 2,841 (against 2870) including classes from the Parish Boys' School, Practising School and Christ Church School. The exhibition of Riviere and other pictures, which closed on the 5th inst., was attended by 2,984 visitors, the expenses amounted to £9 13s. 9d., the receipts were £12 4s. 0d. The exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists was opened on the 8th inst.

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2 -Crawshay Bequest—Resolved, That the bequest by the late E. H. Crawshay of valuable Buhl Table, Clock, China Ornaments etc. be accepted and insured for £500.

3—Donations—Some specimens of Mediaeval Potsherds had been received from the Rev. G. S. Sharpe of Lower Guiting, Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

4—Exhibitions—Resolved, That the Committee approve of the proposal of the Curator to arrange an Exhibition of pictures by St. Ives Artists in March, and also exhibition of pictures by Mr. John Hassal, R.I. and New Forest group.

5—Christmas Holidays Resolved, That the Museum and Art Gallery be closed on the 24th and 25th inst. and reopened on Boxing Day.

6—Insurance-- Resolved, That the Committee consider the question of insurance of the Collections at the Art Gallery and Museum.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th December, 1924. Present: Councillors Farrar and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (22nd November to 19th December inclusive). Interments 45 ; Exclusive Rights in 14 graves sold (first class 1, second class 1, third class 1, and fourth class 11). Monuments erected 10 ; New Inscriptions 4.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7093 to 7106 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 Emily G. Waghorne, Katharine M. Carbonell, Robert Noyes, and Louisa A. Stewart ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Jane Stubbs, Emily A. Wakefield, Sophia Jackson, Alfred Barrett, Elizabeth A. Probyn, Alistair G. Smith and Hester Pizer ; and Kerbing to graves of Albert E. Dangerfield, Alice A. Squire and Mary Osborne.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th December, 1924: Present - Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1---Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 6s. 1d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,096 (last year 4,386) ; Lending Library 10,999 (last year 10,409) ; Children's Library 2,188 (last year 2,344). Total for month 18,283 (last year 17,139).

Presentations—Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner (2 vols.); Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (20 guides); Mrs. E. L. Daubeny (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. J. Leist (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Webb (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. C. Beetham (10ft. Lantern Screen for use in Lectures); Lady Yarrow (1 vol.). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

Lectures—An audience of 100 attended Mr. T. C. Weatherhead's Gramophone Concert on 19th November, and 184 attended Mr. T. Overbury's Lecture on " Churches on the River Leach " on 8th December.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 2nd inst. Present :— Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillor Mann ; Miss M. H. Miller, The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Dr. R. Davies. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

Architectural Review—(Account referred back be Finance Committee) — Read, statement of Librarian, and Resolved unanimously, That account be again approved and that copy Librarian's statement be communicated to Finance Committee.

Roof—The Librarian reported as to accident by workmen on Jubilee Tower and damage to Art Gallery. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be asked to inspect 24 ornamental stone balls on various parts of roof and to report,

They recommended :—

- (a) That the offer of "Universe," weekly, as a gift from Mr. Darbyshire be accepted.
- (b) That 6 volumes, new books, published at £11 13s. 0d. be purchased for the Reference Library out of Leslie Young Benefaction.
- (c) That 39 books, published at £18 1s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £15 1s. 6d.
- (d) That 150 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £25.
- (e) That 120 volumes be rebound at an estimated cost of £20.
- (f) That the following rule be adopted in the Lending Department :--

Renewals : The time allowed for reading may be renewed in the case of Non-fictional books only, provided that the book has not been bespoken by another borrower, In renewing, the date of issue, as well as the number of the book must in every case be given.

(g) Christmas Closing—That the Libraries and Newspaper Room be closed on December 25th, 26th and 27th.

Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations be approved and adopted, and that Alderman Bendall be asked to inspect and report upon the condition of the roof, more particularly those portions of it where sawn " slates had been used.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1924. Present—The Mayor Alderman Steel ; Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £10,996 8s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £22,599 3s.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £7,757 19s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £11,776 5s. 4d.

3 —Loan -- The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £180 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

4—Borough Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported receipt of a large number of applications for the appointment of Typist and General Clerk in his Department and submitted the names of three candidates, whom he considered most suitable, for consideration. Resolved, That Miss Lilian S. Rider, Post Office House, Hewlett Street, be appointed on three month's trial at a salary of £78 per annum.

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanctions to the following loans :—

Period of Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Repayment.
1924.			
Dec. 8	Dowdeswell Reservoir—Mechanical Filters, Filter-house, Ferro-Concrete Tanks, etc.	£4,440	20 years.
	Dowdeswell Reservoir—Fittings and Labour in connection with the mechanical portion of above work	3,710	15 years.
Dec. 18 .	Housing—Erection of 30 Non-Parlour Type Houses ..	14,040	60 years.

6—Unexercised Borrowing Powers The Town Clerk reported that the list of Sanctions to Loans unexercised or partly exercised, considered by the Committee on 30th September last, had been submitted to the several Committees concerned, who agreed to the extinction of the following Sanctions :—

Date.	Purpose. (Committee).	Amount Sanctioned	Expended	Unexercised
17th Sept., 1903—	Sewers 1 and 2 Public Health.	4,379	4,369	10
14th Jan., 1905-- 26th Mar., 1920-	St. Peter's Sewer Erection of Houses : (Assisted Housing Scheme) Housing.	6,652 237,500	6,100 172,893	552 64,607
29th Sept., 1903—	High Street Paving .. Street and Highway.	14,447	8,213	6,234
25th Aug., 1914—	Mineral Water Main Town Improvement & Spa.	1,000	900	100
21st Feb., 1885—	Library Buildings Public Library.	12,000	11,650	350
15th July, 1915—	Marlborough House : (Equipment, etc.) Education.	278	—	278

7—Receipt Books—Resolved, That all Receipt Books for use in the several Departments of the Corporation be ordered through the Borough Accountant.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 23rd inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); Councillors Moore and Pruen. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, including one referred back to the Public Library Committee at the last Meeting.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, 20th January, 1925, 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 Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

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

1—Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922—After considering the Report and Recommendations made by the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meetings held on the 3rd and 16th December ultimo

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and an Estimate certified by an Actuary (a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Council with the Notice of the Meeting one month prior to the date of the Meeting) of the cost to the Local Authority of adopting the above Act, it was moved by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Bendall, and [missing text]

Resolved, That in pursuance of the powers conferred it; by Section 2 of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the Council, being a Local Authority within the meaning of Section 3 of the said Act, do hereby adopt the said Act and designate as Established Posts " for the purposes of the Act, the 392 posts mentioned in the Schedule hereto, such Act to come into operation and to have effect as from the 1st day of April, 1925 (the "Appointed Day ").

That this resolution be submitted for confirmation to the regular Meeting of the Council to be held on the 2nd day of March next (being not less than one month from the date of the passing hereof), and subject to such confirmation that the resolution be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval.

Resolved, also, That the Ministry of Health be asked to approve of the inclusion in the Scheme of the following posts, omitted from the Actuary's Valuation, Deputy Librarian. 4 Water Inspectors.

Resolution was carried by 16 votes to 3. Councillor Pruen did not vote and Councillor Thomas had left the Meeting].

(An amendment moved by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : " That consideration of this question be adjourned until the regular Meeting of the Council to be held in January, 1926 " was lost by 17 votes to 4.

And a further amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Dunn : " That consideration of the adoption of the Superannuation Scheme be adjourned until the Meeting of the Council on Monday, 2nd February next in order that arrangements may be made in the meantime for those employees who will be over 55 years on the 1st April next to contribute to the cost of the Scheme to the ratepayers by voluntary reduction in their salaries or wages of 21 per cent. per annum " was lost by 14 votes to 6).

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THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.
ESTABLISHED POSTS.

Town Clerk's Department.

Town Clerk. 2 Clerks. Assistant Town Clerk.

Borough Accountant's Department.

Borough Accountant. Cashier. Chief Assistant. Consulting Accountant. 5 Clerks.

Rates Office.

3 Assistant Overseers and Collectors. 1 Clerk.

Borough Surveyor's Department.

Borough Surveyor. Assistant Surveyor. Building Inspector. Outdoor Superintendent. Draughtsman (1)

Chief Clerk. Wages Clerks (2). Destructor Manager. Destructor Clerk. Bath Superintendents (2).

Storekeeper. Assistant Storekeeper.

Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health. Chief Sanitary Inspector. Assistant Inspectors (3).

Assistant Inspector and Disinfector (1). Clerk (1). Health Visitor (1).

Library and Art Gallery.

Librarian and Curator. Porter. Assistants (5). Art Gallery Attendant.

Electricity Department.

Electrical Engineer. Works Superintendent. Mains Superintendent. Assistant Mains Superintendent.

Turbine or Engine Drivers (3). Stokers (4)

Mechanical Fitters (3). Mains Foreman (1). Meter Readers (3). Shift Engineers (5). Storekeepers (a).

Accountant. Clerks (3). Public Lighting Attendant (s). Engine Room Assistant (i). Bricklayer (l). Jointers

(a). Labourers (8).

Waterworks Department.

Chief Clerk. Assistant Clerk. Works Manager, Tewkesbury. Foreman

Reservoir Keeper, Dowdeswell. Reservoir Keeper, Hewletts. Engineer. Engine Drivers (3). Labourers (10). ..

Total Carried forward 119

Brought Forward 119

THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

ESTABLISHED POSTS.

Town Clerk's Department.	Number.	
Town Clerk.	2 Clerks.	
Assistant Town Clerk.	4	
Borough Accountant's Department.		
Borough Accountant.	Cashier.	
Chief Assistant.	5 Clerks.	
Consulting Accountant.	9	
Rates Office.		
3 Assistant Overseers and Collectors.	1 Clerk.	4
Borough Surveyor's Department.		
Borough Surveyor.	Chief Clerk.	
Assistant Surveyor.	Wages Clerks (2).	
Building Inspector.	Destructor Manager.	
Outdoor Superintendent.	Destructor Clerk.	
Draughtsman (1)	Bath Superintendents (2).	
	Storekeeper.	
	Assistant Storekeeper.	14
Health Department.		
Medical Officer of Health.	Assistant Inspector and Disinfecter (s).	
Chief Sanitary Inspector.	Clerk (1).	
Assistant Inspectors (3).	Health Visitor (1).	8
Library and Art Gallery.		
Librarian and Curator.	Porter.	
Assistants (5).	Art Gallery Attendant.	8
Electricity Department.		
Electrical Engineer.	Shift Engineers (5).	
Works Superintendent.	Storekeepers (2).	
Mains Superintendent.	Accountant.	
Assistant Mains Superintendent.	Clerks (3).	
Turbine or Engine Drivers (3).	Public Lighting Attendant (1).	
Stokers (4)•	Engine Room Assistant (1).	
Mechanical Fitters (3).	Bricklayer (1).	
Mains Foreman (s).	Jointers (2).	
Meter Readers (3).	Labourers (8).	52

Waterworks Department.		
Chief Clerk.	Reservoir Keeper, Dowdeswell.	
Assistant Clerk.	Reservoir Keeper, Hewletts.	
Works Manager, Tewkesbury.	Engineer.	
Foreman	Engine Drivers (3).	
	Labourers (18).	20
	Carried forward	119
	59	
		Number.
	Brought forward	119
Farms.		
Farms Manager.	Carters (2).	
Foreman.	Drivers (2).	
Stockman.	Horsekeeper (1).	
Watermen (3).	Labourers (8).	19
Cemetery.		
Cemetery Superintendent.	Gravediggers (4)	
Gardener (1).		6
Miscellaneous.		
Spa Manager.	Office Caretaker.	2
Surveyor's Department.		
Abattoir Superintendent (1).	Gardeners (6).	
Ashmen (15).	do (Labourers) (9).	
Bath Attendants (4).	Horse Drivers (24).	
Constable (Park) (1).	Horse Keepers (2).	
Custodians, Recreation Grounds (3).	Paviors (4).	
Charwomen (Baths) (a).	Roller Drivers (3).	
Chauffeur (1).	Sweepers (39).	
Drain Tester (t).	Stoker (Montpellier) (1).	
Destructor and Slab Factory Workmen (15)	Storeman (t).	
Engineers (2).	Tradesmen (12).	
Ford Driver (t).	Town Hall Custodians (2).	
Foden Drivers (2).	Wheelwrights (2).	
Foremen and Gangers (us).	Lavatory Attendants (2).	
General Labourers (63).	Treeman and Mate ..	234
Education Department.		
Secretary.	School Nurses (2).	
Assistant School Medical Officer.	School Attendance Officers (3).	
Clerks (4).	Juvenile Employment Officer. ..	<u>12</u>
	Total	392

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, January, 1925.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1925, 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 approve of the Minutes of the previous Meetings.
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 and to consider Application for Special Order by West Gloucestershire Power Co., Ltd. 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. GRAMMAR SCHOOL GOVERNORS.---To appoint two Representative Governors to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Alderman Bendall and Councillor Mann on 1st March next.

5. COUNCILLOR PRUEN TO MOVE :-

1. " That Standing Order No. 35 of the Council be and the same is hereby as from the 8th November, 1925, revoked down to the words 'Standing Committees,' and that the following words shall as from that date take the place of the portion of the said Order so revoked, namely :—

The General Purposes and Watch Committee shall consist of the Chairmen of the following eight standing Committees of the Council, namely :—

- (a) Public Health Committee.
- (b) Housing Committee.
- (c) Street and Highway Committee.
- (d) Water Committee.
- (e) Town Improvement and Spa Committee.
- (f) Electricity and Lighting Committee.
- (g) Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.
- (h) Finance Committee.' and that Standing Order No. 37 of the Council be amended by omitting the words 'General Purposes and Watch.'

2. That the following new Standing Order be made and shall be numbered 39a :—

"No Member of the Council shall be Chairman of any Standing Committee of the Council for more than three consecutive years, Provided always that any Member of the Council who is at the date of the passing of this Standing Order Chairman of any such Committee shall not become subject thereto until the 9th November, 1927, but when he does become so subject, any period after the 9th November, 1924, during which he has been Chairman of such Committee shall count as part of such three years."

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faith fully,

To each Member of the Council

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th January, 1925, 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 Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

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

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

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2—Queen Alexandra's Birthday—Read, the following telegram from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, in acknowledgment of the Resolution of the Council Passed at the last Meeting :—<< The Mayor of Cheltenham—Please accept and convey to Corporation " and Inhabitants of Cheltenham my sincere thanks for kind birthday " congratulations which I much appreciate.—Alexandra."

3—Councillor Whitaker—Resolved, That this Council sends its hearty New Year Greetings to Councillor Whitaker and assures him of the Members' sympathy with him in his serious illness and their earnest hope that he may soon he restored and able to take his place in the Council again.

4—Mr. J. M. Robb, deceased—Resolved, That the Council deeply regret the death of Mr. J. M. Robb, the Works Engineer of the Electricity Undertaking, who had been in the service of the Corporation for over 26 years and desire to convey to his Widow and Family their sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

5—County Territorial Force Association—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Clerk, Gloucestershire County Council, stating that it had been suggested that Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Collett, C.M.G., should be appointed by the County Council to fill a vacancy on the above Association caused by the resignation of Major F. B. Pottinger, T.D., and asking for the views of the Council thereon. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved.

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

Public Health ... Meetings held December 8 & 30*

*(An Amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Councillor Dunn : " That Recommendation No. 10 of the Public Health Committee regarding the Flooding at Park Place be not approved and that a relief culvert be constructed at an estimated cost of £6,200 as outlined in the Minutes," was lost by 16 votes to 4).

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Housing ... Meeting held December 9
Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held December 5
Street and Highway Meeting held December 15
Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held December 4*, 5 & 19 .

*Except Minute No. 1 which was to be further considered.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 17
Water ... Meeting held December 11
General Purposes and Watch... Meeting held December 16
Allotments Meeting held December 8
Parks and Recreation Grounds... Meeting held December 8
Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 10
Burial Board . Meeting held December 19
Public Library Meeting held December 9
Finance Meeting held December 23*

* Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, of 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 2nd February, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th January, 1925: Present--The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, St. Clair, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor St. Clair in the chair).

1-Hayden Sewage Farm—The Committee inspected the Sewage Farms and Works.

ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th January 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor St. Clair in the chair).

2 — Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—Nos. 1, 2, 9 and 16 St. Philip Street ; 33 Windsor Street ; 16 Duke Street ; 35 North Street and 9, 23, 25, 26, 29 and 31 Lansdown Crescent.— Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3 -Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Nos. 24 and 26 Upper Bath Road ; 32 Jersey Street ; 2, 4, 6 and 7 News Cottages, Alstone Lane and Western House, Great Western Road.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b), Nos. 14 and 15 Andover Street ; 1 Moorend Villas, Shurdington Road ; Plough Hotel, High Street ; Lipton's Ltd., High Street and Home and Colonial Stores, High Street. - The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4—Insanitary Property-26 Sun Street ; 12 Gloucester Place ; 57 Keynsham Street ; 19 Park Place; 9, 16 and 34 St. Philip Street ; 35 North Place and 3 St. Paul's Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be it nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5— Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 114 lbs. beef ; 46 lbs. mutton and 4 cwt. fish.

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, and want of ash receptacles. etc., served but not complied with . Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings.

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7--Houses unfit for Human Habitation — (a) 18 Grosvenor Street — The Town Clerk submitted Order, dated 22nd ultimo, made by the Minister of Health dismissing the Appeal of Mr. T. It. L. Edwards against a Closing Order made by the Council in respect of the basement rooms of these premises for want of prosecution. Resolved, That Notice be given to the occupier to quit the premises.

(b) 1 Limbrick Cottages—Resolved, That the question of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for another three months.

(c) Nos. 1 and 2 Malden Court Cottages, Pittville.—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises 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 a special meeting of the Committee be held on the 22nd inst. to consider same and that notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders.

8—Hayden Sewage Farm—The Committee further considered the Report of the Chairman and Borough Engineer on their visits to various towns to inspect activated sludge systems in operation and their recommendation that, having regard to the annual cost of the activated sludge system, it would be more economical to make an extension of the present filters, and it was decided to recommend to the Council to provide additional beds so as to deal with a dry weather flow of 1 ¼ million gallons per day. This would leave a dry weather flow of ¼ million gallons per day to be treated at Barn Farm. Resolved accordingly, That the Council be recommended to provide additional filters at an estimated cost of £15,000 that the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare detailed drawings and estimates of these works and to obtain tenders therefor; that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £15,000 and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 75 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan for a period of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered by their circular letter of 19th August last.

9—Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 547 of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding copy of these Regulations which would come into operation on 1st April next and the regulations were based on the recommendations of a Departmental Committee on Meat Inspection and were designed to secure more adequate inspection of animals slaughtered in this Country and improvements in the handling, transport and distribution of meat.

Resolved, (a) That the provisions of the Regulations be advertised by Posters ;

(b) That notices required by the Regulations to be given by butchers as to hours of slaughtering be addressed to the Sanitary Inspector ; and that notice of this direction be given to the occupiers of slaughterhouses and advertised in the press.

(c) That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect and report upon any alterations to slaughter houses which may be required to comply with the Regulations ; and

(d) That butchers and meat vendors be asked to exhibit suitable notices urging customers not to handle meat before purchase,

10—Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health—Read, circular (540) of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health as to contents and arrangement of Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health to whom a copy of the circular had been transmitted by the Ministry.

11—Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1912 and 1921—Read, circular (549) of 22nd inst, from the Ministry of Health directing attention to the requirements of the Regulations as to (I) Notifications of Tuberculosis and (II) Keeping of Registers and Census of Cases. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

12—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923-- (a) Producer's Licence—Read, memorandum of 9th inst., from the Ministry of Health notifying the grant to Mr. S. G. Wood of Moat House, Uckington of a Producer's Licence to sell under the designation " Certified " milk and that the licensee was also entitled to sell the milk produced under the conditions of the licence as " Grade A (Tuberculin Tested) " or " Grade A." The licence would operate until 31st December, 1925, unless previously revoked.

(b) Pasteuriser's Licence—Read, application of 9th inst., from the Gloucestershire Dairy Co., Ltd- for renewal of their licence to use the designation " Pasteurised " milk in connection with the sale of milk treated by them at their Dairy, Imperial Lane, Cheltenham. Resolved, That the application be granted, the licence to expire on 31st December, 1925, unless previously revoked.

(c) Deniers' Licences—Read, applications from (i) Mr. Richard Davies for renewal of his licence to sell " Pasteurised " milk from 3 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street and (ii) The Cheltenham Creamery Ltd. to sell " Certified milk from Norris Place Milk Depot and 4 Pittville Street. Resolved, That the applications be granted, the " licences " to expire on 31st December, 1925, unless previously revoked.

(d) Bacteriological Examinations—Read, letters of 6th November and December last, from Mr. R. H. Ellis, F.I.C., F.S.C., Analyst to the City and County of Gloucester, offering to undertake the bacteriological examination of samples of milk under the Order at 5s per sample. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Ellis be appointed to make analyses on these terms.

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13—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**--Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present— 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 14th inst., 12 horses (5 at Depot); 83 head of cattle ; 4 calves ; 51 sheep and 10 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. Purchases for Feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to

£37 3s. 9d. 3 cows, 2 heifers, 4 calves, 59 sheep, 1 ewe and skin and 9 pigs had been sold for £441 1s. 2d., and other sales amounted to £61 6s. 2d. Total sales £502 7s. 4d.

Underdrainage--The Farms Manager reported that he had been unable to obtain a supply of pipes from the firms who gave a quotation on which his estimate was based and that the cost of pipes would consequently be increased by £17. Resolved, That this be approved.

Lakestone Meadow—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to provide a sleeper bridge for passage of cattle over the brook running through this meadow in the occupation of Mr. A. E. Margrett at an estimated cost of £3.

Farms Visiting Rota Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, the Chairman of this Sub-Committee with one member of the Sub-Committee (in rotation) visit the Farms on the Tuesday following the first Monday in each month, leaving the Municipal Offices at 2 p.m. and that the ordinary Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held prior to the Public Health Committee as hitherto.

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

ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd January, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James and Moore (The Mayor in the chair).

14-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2 Malden Court Cottages, Pittville--The Representation made by the Medical Officer of Health was considered. The Owner attended and made no objection to a closing order being made 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 now 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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th January, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1--Sale of Houses—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
54 Byron Road	Brooks, J. B.	£450
64 do.	Morgan, C. E. (Mrs.)	£450
1 Milton Road	Ryland, G. H.	£475
3 do.	Cole, E.	£475
41 do.	Dunstall, W. G.	£450

53 do.	Price, W. J.	£450
103 Tennyson Road	Haywood, H. E.	£450

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.

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Resolved, also That the Corporation agree to join with Mr. W. J. Rogers, Mrs. C. Morgan, Messrs. Ryland, Dunstall, Price and Haywood in Mortgages of the houses purchased by them to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is two-thirds of the loan in each case and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

NOTE.--The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme: 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc., Act, 1923 ; 50 Non-Parlour type. Of the former a have been sold and 158 are let, and of the latter 43 have been sold, 2 let to the Chief Constable, leaving 3 for sale, which are not yet completed. The erection of 30 additional Non-Parlour type houses in Byron and Milton Roads is proceeding and, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health, 4 of these have been sold.

2—Housing Act, etc., 1923—(a) Subsidy—House in Cleeve View Road—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. P. R. Green in respect of a house to be erected in Cleeve View Road, containing 938 super. feet and to be built at a density of 16.8 to the acre.

(b) Tender for Houses—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister raised no objection to the acceptance of the tender of Mr. W. Drew for the erection of 15 pairs of Non-Parlour type houses (3rd contract) at £40 per house. Read, also letter of 8th inst., from the Ministry stating that the Minister was prepared to recognise the houses as eligible for financial assistance under Section 1 of the Act.

(c) Period—Read, letter 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 31st March next and completed by 30th September next.

3—Housing Estate—Trees—Resolved, That the Elm tree near No. 99 Tennyson Road be felled and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have any trees which may be reported as dangerous from time to time removed.

4—Allotments—Resolved, That the town Clerk be authorised to arrange terms as to compensation with holders of Allotments required to be given up for the erection of houses under the Contract with Mr. Drew.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

Fifth Report of this Committee.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th January, 1925. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Houses—Seven tenders were received for the erection of 21 three-bedroom houses and 11 two-bedroom houses proposed to be erected on the Cottage site in Swindon Road.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Eggleton & Co., of 3 Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham of £8,273 0s. 0d. for 21 three-bedroom houses and £3,135 0s. 0d. for 11 two-bedroom houses—total £11,408 0s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to sanction to loan being obtained.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval and to a loan of £12,150 for the cost of the houses (including Architects' Fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies.)

2-Inquiry-The Town Clerk reported that the Local Inquiry in respect of Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme was fixed for the 3rd February at 10.30 a.m.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th January, 1925. Present: Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Stewart, Captain Trye, Yarnold and Welstead ; Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs'. Willoughby. (Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society— Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1924. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :,

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) .	20.11	22.8
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	18.11	14.9
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	32.5	30.6

One infant attending the Highbury Centre had died.

2 —Health Visitors'—Annual Report--The following is a Summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended 31st December, 1924:

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under	2,218
(b) over one year	2,384
“ Children remaining on Visiting Register	2,921
“ Un-notified births discovered	32

" Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	8,094
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres (Baker Street 87 ; Clare Street, 83 ; Highbury 85) ..	255
" Talks to Mothers at Centres	22
" Children re-mitted to Hospital	49
" Ante-natal Cases visited ..	145
" Chicken-pox "	18
" Measles "	53
" Whooping-cough "	6
" Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	2

Grants of Milk :

To Nursing and Expectant Mothers	54
To Infants and Children (under 3 years)	<u>48</u>
Total	102

Cost of milk during the year 1924 £152 18s 4 ½ d.

Quarterly Report--The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1924 :-

No. of Children on Register	2,921
" Children Visited (1 year and under)	887
" " (over 1 year) ..	573
" Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	1,852
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	58
" Un-notified Births discovered	10
" Children remitted to Hospital	12
" Ante-natal Cases visited ..	31

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	21
New Orders	18
Orders discontinued during quarter	12
„ continuing to coming quarter	27

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter 21 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 18 for infants or children under three years of age.

3—Estimate—The Chairman submitted estimate for the next financial year showing a total estimated expenditure of £857 which was £20 less than the estimate submitted to the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—International Congress on Child Welfare—Read, circular letter inviting attendance of delegates at a Conference on Child Welfare to be held at Geneva on the 24th to 28th August next.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th January, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**- - The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 6th and 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 12th December, 1924, to 15th January, 1925, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal--During five weeks ended 8th inst., 945 loads collected ; 935 consumed and so tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,332 tons, 16 cwt. 2 qrs.)

3--Private Improvement Works--(a) Royal Well Lane—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of Private Improvement Works to this road amounting to £143 13s. 2d. (including supervision). Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice thereof and demand for payment be served upon the Owners named therein.

(b) Gloucester Road (i) Fronting Lansdown Inn--The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of Private Improvement Works to the footpath on the South side of Gloucester Road (fronting Lansdown Inn) amounting to £18 18s. 2d. (including supervision). Resolved, That the same be approved and that notice thereof and demand for payment be served upon the Owners named therein.

(ii) Libertus Road to Roman Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of Private Improvement Works to the footpath on North West side of Gloucester Road (from Libertus Road to Roman Road) amounting to £54 1s, 1d. (including supervision). Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice thereof and demand for payment be served upon the Owners named therein.

(c) Wolseley Terrace—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.

(d) Road--Bath Parade to Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground—Read, letters from several abutting Owners protesting against the proposed Private Improvement Works in this Street. Resolved, That the work be postponed for the present.

4—Footpaths—(a) Portland and Winchcomb Streets—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 17th inst., from Mr. Councillor Dunn, asking for new paving to be laid in these streets.

(b) Ormond Place—The Borough Surveyor also submitted letters of the 1st and 15th inst., from Madame Wright, asking for new paving to be laid in Ormond Place, adjoining her premises. Resolved, in each case, That consideration be adjourned for view.

5—Street Projections —(a) Medical Baths—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the electric sign at the Baths made a fixed sign.

(b) 5 Promenade—Read, application of 2nd inst., from C. & P. James, Ltd., for permission to fix an electric projection sign at these premises. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

6—Cemetery Road—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the verge of this footpath had been renewed and subsequently damaged by cattle. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against any person found driving cattle along the footpath.

7—Vittoria Walk—Resolved, That the proposed kerbing on the West side of this road and the provision of a surface water drain be deferred until the new financial year.

8—Slum-Clearance Scheme—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply slabs for use in connection with this Scheme at 4s 6d. per square yard.

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9—Main Roads--Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council, stating that the application of the Corporation for a contribution to be made towards the cost of asphaltting Gloucester Road from Arle Court to the Borough Boundary, out of the special grant of £75,000 made to the County Council for road improvement had been considered but the County Council were unable to accede thereto.

10—Petrol Pump—Sunningend, High Street—Read, application of 17th ult.. from W. G. Tibbles for permission to erect a Petrol Pump at his premises, with a moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath in College Road. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to an Agreement being entered into as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 6th January, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Thomas (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.
1950	Lewis, Mrs.	Glass Porch, 48 Hayward's Road.
1953	Child, A. G.	Temporary Garages, Argyle Road.
1954	Herrington, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, " Craigleith," Moorend Park Road.

1955	Goddard, The Rev., L. E.	Detached House, Painswick Road.
1956	Poynton, T. H.	Conversion of Stables at rear of 'Malden Court, Pittville into two dwelling houses.
1957	Jackson, A. J.	Two semi-detached houses, Cranham Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1950, 1953 and 1954 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. 1955, 1956 and 1957 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th January, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor 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.
1889	Messrs. Lewis & Son	Alterations to 8 Bath Street (Amended Plan)
1948	Jackson, J.	Temporary Lock up Garages, Albert Road.
1949	Griffiths, F. F.	Temporary Motor House 1 Spenser Road.
1957	Jackson, A. J.	Two semi-detached houses, Cranham Road (Amended Plan).
1958	Pritchard, F.	Temporary Motor House, " The Chase," Whaddon Lane.
1959	Donald, Mrs.	Motor House, The White House, Old Bath Road.
1960	Green, P. R.	Detached House, Cleeve View Road.
1961	Jackson, A. J.	Temporary Motor House, Cranham Road.
1962	Original Brewery Co.	New Lavatories and open steel frame Shed, High Street.
1963	Banks & Son	New Packing Room, Regent Street.
1964	Griffiths Bros.	Alterations and Additions shop front, Portland Street.
1965	Rainger, H. T.	Motor House, White Gables, London Road.
1966	Bayliss, R. C.	Temporary Motor House, rear of 8 Naunton Park goad.
1967	Vicar and Churchwardens	New Chamber for Electric Organ Blower, Christ Church. Christ Church.

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Resolved. That Plans Nos. 1957, 1960, 1965 and 1967 be approved, but that Plan No. 1965 be subject to provision being made for taking car on footpath, that Plans Nos. 1889, 1959, 1962 and 1963 be approved subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, but that Plan No 5959 be also subject to provision being made for taking car on footpath ; that Plans Nos. 1949, 1958, 1961 and 1966 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 Plan No. 1961 be also subject to a proper crossing being provided over footpath and that Plans Nos. 1948 and 1964 be disapproved.

3--Contravention of Bye-Laws—Stables, rear of Malden Court—Plan No. 1956—Mr. T. H. Poynton attended with reference to the conversion by him of Stables into two dwelling houses in contravention of the Bye-Laws in respect of which plans were disapproved by the Sub-Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. T. H. Poynton for infringement of the Bye-laws.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th January, 1925. Present The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens ---The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement for the tenancy of the Proscenium. etc., at Montpellier Gardens by Messrs. Claude B. Chandler and James H. Chandler from 1st July to 26th September next, as finally settled by between the Solicitors for Messrs Chandler and himself. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment thereof.

2-Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That a deputation of residents on the Pittville Estate be received at the next Meeting with reference to objections made to the use of the Gardens on the 8th July next in connection with the Summer Outing of the Dudley Co-operative Society, Ltd,

3—Army Band Fees—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Conference of Health and Pleasure Resorts, stating that the Order issued by the War Office regarding fees for the services of Army Bands was to be withdrawn and that, in future, Military Bands would be allowed to accept civil engagements provided that it had been ascertained that the terms offered were not less than those charged by local civilian bands.

4—Town Hall—Internal Re-decoration—Resolved, That the sum of £600 be included in the Estimates for the next financial year towards the cost of redecorating the Large Hall, and that tenders be invited for the work with a view to the same being carried out from the middle of May to the end of July next.

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, A.R.C.A. (Principal of School of Arts and Crafts) to advise as to colours be accepted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd January, 1925 : Present— The Mayor ; Councillors Pales, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5--Pittville Gardens—Mrs. Attwell Lake, Lieut. Col. Bourne, Col. Clarke, Dr. Dent, Councillor G. O. W. Dunn, O.B.E and Mr. H. A. Thomas attended as a deputation from residents on the Pittville Estate, in regard to the letting of the Gardens on the 8th July next for the Summer Outing of Dudley Co-operative Society, Ltd. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens (and if wet, the Pump Room) be

granted to the Society for a payment of £10 and on condition that the Society undertakes to make good any damage caused to the Corporation property, but that the Marquees for meals be erected in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, adjoining the Marle Hill Annexe. Resolved, also, That the Municipal Orchestra play in the Bandstand during the afternoon, the Corporation taking receipts from chairs.

Resolved, also, That the arrangements for parking the cars be left to the Police, but that the Superintendent be asked to arrange for them to be distributed between several roads, so as to avoid any nuisance being caused.

6— Advertising- --Joint (Railway) Scheme—Messrs. W. H. Fraser and T. C. Jeffrey, Publicity Agents of the G.W. Railway and L.M. & S. Railways, respectively, attended and submitted the following proposals for a joint advertising Scheme, viz.: A minimum of £1000 and a maximum of £1200 to be expended during year, half of which to be contributed by Cheltenham, and the balance to be provided by the Companies. Allocation of Expenditure (if £1200 provided)—Newspaper advertisements £650 ; Art Poster (double royal) of Cheltenham to be exhibited at all the principal stations on both systems, free of site rents, £450. The " copy " of advertisements proposed to be inserted by the Companies and the names of Newspapers in which it is proposed to advertise and the design of the poster to be submitted for the approval of the Corporation. Resolved, That the proposals be approved and the Council recommended to include £700 for advertising in the Estimates for the ensuing year to be allocated as follows :—Joint Railway Scheme £500: Federated Spas Advertising Scheme £100 ; Miscellaneous Advertising £100.

Resolved, also, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to contribute £100 towards the Railway Advertising Scheme to make up the £600.

7—Medical Baths— Assistant Masseuse—The Spa Medical Advisory Committee reported resignation of Miss M. Kirby to take effect on 24th inst., and recommended the appointment of Miss W. Griffiths, C.S.M.M.G. of Barry island, Cardiff, at a commencing salary of £3 per week, plus 2s 6d laundry allowance, subject to a month's satisfactory trial service, duties to commence and February.

8—Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 23rd ult. and 6th and 20th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows :

Town Hall— (a) Bechstein Grand Piano—That the charge for the hire of this Piano be reduced to £1 11s. 6d. per hiring,

(b) Exhibition Dance Tea--That the Spa Manager be authorised to arrange an Exhibition Dance Tea in February—Cost of Artistes not to exceed £10. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st January 1925: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Extension of Mains—(a) Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension referred to in his Report at an estimated cost of £281 subject to payment of half the cost by the Owner and the usual guarantee being given in respect of the balance.

(b) Evesham Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended, in view of the increased number of consumers in Evesham Road and Prestbury District, that a new high pressure cable be laid from the corner of the Burgage and Tatchley Lane along New Barn Lane to the corner of Evesham Road at an estimated cost of £803 ; which would improve the supply in both districts. Resolved, That this be approved.

2 —Electric Lamp Standards—(a) Regent Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp post in this street was broken by a motor van belonging to Messrs. Dennis on the 19th ult. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

(b) Upper Norwood Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 20th ult., a lamp standard at the corner of Upper Norwood Street and Shurdington Road was damaged by a Motor car, but up to the present he had not been able to trace by whom the damage was caused.

(c) Naunton Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 7th inst., a lamp post was knocked down in Naunton Lane and that the cost of the damage amounting to £5 15s. 9d. had been paid.

3—Public Lighting--(a) Ormond Place—Read, application from Madame Wright for an additional lamp standard to be placed in this street. Resolved. That this be not granted.

(b) Albion Street and Winchcomb Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the lighting at the junction of these streets should be improved. Resolved, That he be authorised to fix a bracket lamp on the premises of Messrs. Jackson & Painter, subject to obtaining their consent.

(c) Resolved, That applications for improvement of the lighting in the Christ Church District, North Place and Clarence Square and other streets be adjourned for consideration at a View Meeting.

(d) Extension of Lighting Hours—Resolved, That a charge of 15s per hour be made to persons requiring an extension of the hours of lighting of the " All-Night " public lighting circuit on the occasion of Balls, dances etc.

4- Mains Truck—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a small platform truck for use in the Mains Department at an estimated cost of £14 10s. 0d.

5--Station Superintendent--Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to advertise the post of Station Superintendent at the salary as fixed for Class C Grade 3 in accordance with the Schedule of the District joint Board. Resolved, also, That the Chairman, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Bastin be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications received and to select

three or four applicants for interview by the Committee and that the Committee be authorised to make an appointment.

6—I.M.E.A.--(a) Convention, 1925—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the 30th Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. at Brighton from 15th to 20th June next.

(b) Council--Read, circular letter from the I.M.E.A. of 12th inst., inviting the Committee to submit names of Committee Members or Engineers for election as Members of Council for three years ending June 1928. Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Moore) be nominated.

7—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 20th, 23rd, 29th and 30th ult. and 12th and 15th inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 473.8, 480.3, 483.1, 474.8, 474.9 and 467.1 B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.9, 4.5, 4.5, 4.7, 5.0 and 4.7 inches.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th January, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Borough Engineer's Report--The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer was read ; -

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 12th January, 1925.	Average for corresponding Period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	509,000 gallons	389,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,586,000	2,311,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	99,000
Total	3,239,000	2,799,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 12th January, 1925.	Contents	Depth 12th January, 1924.	Contents
Hewletts		30,933,000 gallons		17,162,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	27ft. 0in.	74,900,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	2,620,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		132,553,000		93,547,000

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

	During December, 1924.	During past 9 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1438	8348
“ taps found leaking ..	151	798
“ defective flushing boxes	19	151
“ defective stop taps ..	0	17
“draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	148	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>43</u>		
	191	1181
“ notices served re fittings ..	46	455
“ meters fixed and changed .	24	181
“ houses connected	66	805
“ burst pipes discovered	7	61
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	20	297

3-General Repairs The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during December:—

Hydrants repaired	7
Mains do.	2
Valves do.	3
New Valves fixed	1

Mains washed out in North, Central and Fast Wards.

4-Dowdeswell Supply Main—Meters—The Borough Engineer reported that the existing meters on this main were of obsolete type and practically worn out and recommended that a Venturi meter, similar to that at Tewkesbury Works, be provided at an estimated cost of £350. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

5- Hewletts Reservoirs—Valve Tower—The Borough Engineer recommended the installation of a Valve Tower at No. 4 Reservoir at a cost of £278 (similar to that provided at No. 3 Reservoir in 1924); he estimated the cost of the brick-work, masonry, etc., at £72, making a total estimated cost of £350. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

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6—Supply to Stanhope Lodge Cottage—The Borough Engineer submitted an application from Mr. John Jackson for the Cottage at the rear of Stanhope Lodge, Queen's Road, which had been sold separately therefrom, to be supplied with water from the same service as Stanhope Lodge. Resolved, That a separate service be required in pursuance of the Water Acts.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th January, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkin reported that Swine Fever existed at Roland's Field, Pilley, and at the Shallows, Lower Alstone : otherwise 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.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain---The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire, viz.—

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
9th January, 1925	Canine Bureau, 33 Winchcomb Street.	Not estimated.	£6 12s. 6d
18th "	215 High Street.	£50.	£5 0s. 6d.

Assistant Engineer F. Boite was injured at the first-named fire by broken glass.

3—Market—Fair—Read, application from Miss S. Hancock for use of a portion of the Market for a Fair from 11th to 18th April next. Resolved, That the application be granted at a rent of £25, plus charges for water.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Transfers—(a) Read, application of 19th inst., from Mr. Arthur Webb for licence No 20 held by him in respect of Motor Cab AP. 2185 to be transferred to Cab No. AD. 1615. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to a satisfactory report from the Motor Inspector.

(b) Read, application of 7th inst., from Mr. Sidney Butt, junior, for licence No. 7 to be transferred to him from his father, from whom he had purchased Motor Cab AD. 2378. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(c) Read, application of 21st inst., from Mr. R. Yiend for licence No. 58 to be transferred to him from Mr. W. J. Martin. Resolved, That this be granted,

New Licence—Read, application of 7th inst., from Mr. Sidney Butt, senior, for a licence in respect of Motor Cab AD. 1327, which the Motor Inspector reported was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

Conductor—Resolved, That a Motor Omnibus Conductor's Licence be granted to F. E. G. Ballinger, to Chapel Street, on the application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co,

5—Licences to store Petrol, etc.—Resolved, That the following applications for new licences be granted, subject to the places of storage being approved by the Inspector.

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petrol.		Carbide.
		Pump Storage. gallons.	Brick Storage. gallons.	lbs.
Marshall, R. D. R. Co.	30 Winchcomb Street.	300	—	—
Williams & Baylis's (Transfer from N. S. Tarr).	50 Winchcomb Street.	—	500	—
Cheltenham Gas, Light and Coke Co. Gas Works,	Six Chimney Lane.	500	—	—
Paynter, W. J. Leslie.	29 Bath Street (in place of Store in Ormond Place).	—	250	250
Westborough & Wiggett	Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street.	300	—	—

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6—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Resolved, That the Licences of Messrs. H. G. Beard, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd" Daffodil Picture House Ltd., and Shakspeare Shenton in respect of the Coliseum Theatre and Picture House, North Street ; the Winter Garden ; the Daffodil Picture House and the Palace Picture Theatre, respectively, be renewed for one year from 6th February, 1925, on the same conditions as previous year.

7—Leckhampton Quarries—Blasting Operations—The Committee considered report submitted by the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company requiring the abatement of the nuisance caused by the noise from blasting, etc.

8—Shops Act, 1912—Certificate of Exemption—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 4 (6) 2nd Sched. of the Shops Act, 1912, in respect of the Industrial Trades Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from 21st April to 1st May next, inclusive, as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition would be ancillary and subsidiary to the main purpose of the Exhibition. Fishmongers Shops Closing Order- - Read, Memorial from the Proprietors and Managers of 16 shops carrying on business as Fishmongers, Game and Poultry Dealers asking that an Order should be made under Section 5 of the Shops Act, 1912, requiring all shops where the retail trade or business of a Fishmonger, Game Dealer or Poultry Dealer or any of the said trades is carried on to be closed on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on the other weekdays at 7 p.m. (except on day fixed for weekly half-holiday), provided that the fourteen days next preceding the 25th day of December and also any weekday next preceding a National Bank Holiday be exempted from the provisions of the Order. The Memorial had been signed by all persons carrying on the said businesses, excepting four. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for making an Order, a Register of Shops be prepared and that Notices be given of intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of the Home Office.

9—Flag Days—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to the Mayor urging that the number of Flag Days should be reduced and (apart from collections for local objects) should be limited to appeals for Institutions of national importance. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that the number of Flag Days should not be allowed to exceed 8 in one year with an interval of not less than one month between each and that it be left to the Mayor for the time being to approve Institutions, in respect of which permits should be granted.

to —Postal and Telegraph Facilities—Read, Circular letter of 17th ult., from the Town Clerk, Eastbourne, to ascertain the views of the Local Authorities and Chambers of Commerce of Seaside and Health Resorts as to the present Postal and Telegraphic facilities. Read also, a letter from the Secretary, Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce with reference thereto and urging that representations be made to the Postmaster-General that the following standard hours be fixed for opening and closing Post Offices generally throughout the Country :—

(a) Sale of Stamps, etc., Telegraph Business 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(b) Money Orders, Savings Bank, Annuity, Insurance and Inland Revenue business. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

(c) Sundays 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (for postal and telegraphic business only).

The Chamber further urged that all telegrams should be delivered on the day of acceptance, that penny and halfpenny postal rates be restored and that the restriction of hours for posting halfpenny communications be removed. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to support the suggestions of the Chamber of Commerce.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th January, 1925. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments—(a) Resolved, That Allotment No. 113 be transferred from Mrs Davis to Mr. C. G. Selley.

(b) Resolved. That Allotment No. 172 be transferred from Mr. H. J. Trigg to Mr. L. O'Brien.

2—Wasley's Field—Read, application from tenant of No. 10 Allotment for a reduction in the rent. Resolved, That the visitors be asked to inspect and report at the next Meeting of the Committee.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th January, 1925. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair.)

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Swans—The Borough Surveyor reported that the pair of white swans presented by the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd. were placed on the Marle Hill Annexe Lake on the 6th inst.

(b) Paddle Boats- —The Committee further considered the question of providing paddle boats for children. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the provision of these boats having regard to the depth of the lake.

(c) Steamboat- --Resolved, That the offer of J. Healey of £3 for the old steamboat be accepted.

(d) Malden Court—Stables—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the conversion of stables at rear of Malden Court into dwelling houses for Mr. T. H. Poynton, Resolved, That they be disapproved, and that the Committee view the premises.

(e) Albert Road—Garages—The Borough Surveyor also submitted plans of lock up Garages in Albert Road for Mr. J. Jackson. Resolved, That they be disapproved.

(f) Trees—The Committee considered two applications for the removal of trees at Pittville Crescent and Albert Road. Resolved, That they be viewed.

2 -View Meeting—Resolved, That a view meeting of the Committee be held on the 16th inst.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Friday, 16th January, 1925: Present—Councillors Dunn and Pruen (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

3---Pittville Estate (a) Trees—The Committee inspected the following trees for the removal or lopping of which applications had been received. Resolved :—

Pittville Gardens—That the Elm tree near the entrance to these Gardens be lopped.

Albert Road—That two Elm trees in this road be lopped.

Pittville Crescent—That the Oak tree between " Scoriton " and " Elton " be lopped.

Pittville Crescent Garden—That an Ilex tree near Copper Beech tree be removed.

(b) Malden Court—Stables—The Committee inspected these premises which had been converted into two dwelling houses by Mr. T. H. Poynton as referred to in Minute No. 1 (d) above

(c) Pittville Court—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to lay a surface water drain from the garden of Pittville Court connecting with the surface water drain in the gardens leading to the lake at an estimated cost of £12 to be paid by the Owner.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th January, 1925: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring and Captain Trye ; Dr. R. Davies and Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez. (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in December 3,368 (against 2,379) including classes from the Ladies' College and St. James's Girls' School. The attendance during the past four years, 1921-24 inclusive, had been: 26,745 ; 28,317 36,209 ; 47,579. The receipts for the month were £13 1s. 3d.

2-Committee-Resolved, That the Committee recommend that Colonel J. C. Griffith, J.P., V.D., be appointed a Consulting Member of the Committee.

3—Donations and Loan—From Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S.:—1 Chipped Glass Arrowhead ; 4 specimens tracing the chipping out of a stone celt ; and 1 Roman Coin from Leckhampton Hill.

From Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, J.P. :—Wig Curler from Painswick ; Old Cotteswold Powder Horn ; Japanese Military Flask ; Hone from Painswick ; Japanese Glass Bottle ; Fragments of Roman Mosaic Pavements ; Small Chinese Flask ; Bugler's Token from Waterloo ; Cigar Guard from Odessa ; Carved Ivory Plaque ; Rosary ; Arab Pipe ; Nubian Scissors ; Head of a State Mexican Halberd ; Sacred Jug in Carved Ivory.

From Mr. A. D. Passmore, Swindon, Wilts. :- Plaster Cast figure of Mars found at Stow-on-the-Wold.

From Mrs. Sutton-Gardner —10 frames containing 69 prints showing Cheltenham 100 years ago collected by late W. J. Sutton-Gardner, Esq., of Cheltenham.

From Mrs. E. Harford :-2 Civil War Spurs from Andoversford ; 2 stone Canon Balls from Dover Beach.

Presented by private subscriptions:- 1 oil painting, " Dieppe Beach " by R. Heyworth, R.O.I.

Illuminated Manuscript by Alberto Sangorski, 1918 (lent anonymously).

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Lender.

4—Exhibitions—Resolved. That the Committee authorise the Curator to arrange for an exhibition of pictures by Frank Brangwyn, R.A. on loan from the artist and Mr. W. W. Gibbings ; also for an exhibition of English Water-colour masters, offered on loan by Sir Francis Colchester Wemyss.

5—New Show-case —Resolved, That the tender of the Cheltenham Shopfitting Company to supply new show-case 10 ft. 6 ins. long by 7 ft. 6 ins. high and 15 ins. deep, for the sum of £54 12s. 6d., being the lowest quotation received, be accepted.

6—Electric Lighting—Resolved, That the Committee approve the proposal of the Curator to try 2 pendants in place of 10 now in use in the Dutch Gallery.

7—Decorative Art Room—Resolved, That the quotation of W. East for cleaning and distempering the Decorative Art Room for the sum of to, be accepted.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd January, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (10th December to 23rd January). Interments 73 Exclusive Rights in 14 graves sold (second class 2 and fourth class 12). Monuments erected 14 ; Inscriptions 7.

2 — Grants of Grate Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7107 to 7120 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 Ernest W. E. Dodwell ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Edwin H. Crawshay and Alice Iloft; and Kerbing to graves of Kate Hinton, Katherine G. Baker and Caroline E. Howarth.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th January, 1925: Present—Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; and Mr. E. Gridley (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £7 17s. 5d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,987 (last year 3,473) Lending Library 9,802 (last year 10,515) ; Children's Library 1,860 (last year 1,891). Total for month 16,649 (last year 15,879).

Presentations—Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., (8 guides) ; Incorporated Society of Musicians (a pamphlet) ; Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S. (1 vol.) ; Swiss Railways (1 pamphlet) ; Scientific Press (1 pamphlet). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

Lectures—An audience of 185 attended Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley's Lecture on " The Charms of the Roman Campagna " on 5th January.

Roof—The Librarian reported completion of the repairs to the roof and that following recent gales 15 further slates had to be replaced.

2 —**Sub - Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and St. Clair ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 48 volumes, new books, published at £24 6s. 0d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £17 17s. 6d.

(b) That 90 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £15.

(c) That 100 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) Read, The Borough Engineer's Report advising the removal of five more of the spherical stone ornaments on the Library building to avoid risk. Resolved, That these and the remainder be removed,

(e) That a two-way electric switch be fixed in the Cellar at a cost of £1.

(f) That the Questionnaire of the Departmental Committee on Libraries, received from the Board of Education, be filled in by the Librarian, on the understanding that answers to questions involving matters of policy be the expression of his personal opinion only.

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

A. MANN, Chairman

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th January, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillor, Pruen, Moore and St. Clair (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Stock The Borough Accountant submitted the following offers from an Agent on behalf of a group of Insurance Companies for the issue of stock, viz.:- £250,000 at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. to be issued at 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or, alternatively, £150,000 at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. to be issued at 97 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Resolved, That the offers be not accepted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th January, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead. (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 £22,486 12s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £11,105 19s. 10d.

3 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending '2,-,th March next. Amount collected £13,273 13s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £7,326 Ss. 6d.

4----Corporation 3 per cent. Stock The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £750 Corporation Stock at 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Plus expenses £2 2s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £750 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by weary; 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.

Rates Office Suf.,. It was reported that the Overseers had purchased a new Safe at a cost of £45 5s. Od. Resolved, That half the cost of purchasing and fixing this be paid by the Corporation.

6 Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); Councillor, Moore, and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. Resolved, That the recommendation he adopted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 26th February, 1925.

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 March 1925, 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. OVERSEERS. To appoint Overseers for the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the year ending 31st March, 1926.
4. To pass a Resolution confirming the resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting on the 20th January, 1925 adopting the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 and designating as " Established Posts " the 392 posts mentioned in the Schedule to the said resolution and also to pass a resolution confirming the resolution as to inclusion of Deputy Librarian and 4 Water Inspectors in the Scheme.
5. 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

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THE WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to approve Regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847 as to Traffic etc., for the Races on the 10th, 11th and 12th March and to grant Special Hackney Carriage Licences.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND
MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 2nd February, 1925, 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 Frances Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green and Councillors Sawyer and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th 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, and that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 20th January last be approved as a correct record, subject to confirmation at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 2nd March next.

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 :—

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Public Health ... Meetings held January 7, 14* & 22

*Subject to the Amendment, viz. :—" That the words 'subject to a grant being received from the Unemployment Grants Committee' be inserted in Minute No. 8 after the words 'estimated cost of £15,000.' "

(An Amendment moved by Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 8 be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Housing ... Meeting held January 13

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held January 27

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 26

Street and Highway Meeting held January 19

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held January 16 & 23*

* Subject to the following amendment viz:—

" That the words in 'several different localities ' be substituted for 'between several roads' in last paragraph of Minute No. 5).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Dunn and seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to contribute £200 towards the cost of advertising instead of £100 " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held January 21

Resolved, also, That the application of the West Gloucestershire Power Co. Ltd., be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee with power to lodge objections thereto on behalf of the Council.

Water ... Meeting held January 15

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held January 27

Allotments ... Meeting held January 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meetings held January 12 & 16

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held January 14

Burial Board ... Meeting held January 23

Public Library ... Meeting held January 13

Finance ... Meetings held January 9 & 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, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

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

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4—Standing Orders—(a) General Purposes and -Witch Committee—Councillor Pruen moved in accordance with notice:-

"That Standing Order No. 35 of the Council be and the same is hereby as from the 8th November, 1925, revoked down to the words 'Standing Committees,' and that the following words shall as from that date take the place of the portion of the said Order so revoked, namely :—

`The General Purposes and Watch Committee shall consist of the Chairmen of the following eight standing Committees of the Council, namely :---

- (a) Public Health Committee.
- (b) Housing Committee.
- (c) Street and Highway Committee.
- (d) Water Committee.
- (e) Town Improvement and Spa Committee.
- (f) Electricity and Lighting Committee.
- (g) Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.
- (h) Finance Committee.'

and that Standing Order No. 37 of the Council be amended by omitting the words 'General Purposes and Watch.' " Councillor Pates seconded.

On the motion being put to the Meeting 9 voted for and 9 against and the Mayor gave his Casting Vote against the motion.

(b) Chairmen of Committees—Councillor Pruen also moved in accordance with notice :—

" That the following new Standing Order be made and shall be numbered 39a :—

`No Member of the Council shall be Chairman of any Standing Committee of the Council for more than three consecutive years, Provided always that any Member of the Council who is at the date of the passing of this Standing Order Chairman of any such Committee shall not become subject thereto until the 9th November, 1927, but when he does become so subject, any period after the 9th November, 1924, during which he has been Chairman of such Committee shall count as part of such three years." Councillor Thomas 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 March, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th February 1925: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor St. Clair 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, 4 and 5 Reform Place ; 10 Clare Place ; 1, 2a, 3a, 4 and 5 Rutland Street ; Marle Hill Road ; 9 Montpellier Retreat ; 10 Croft Street ; 1, 2, 3 and 5

.4Alstone Place, Gloucester Road ; 1 Blissworth Cottages, Short Street and 12 Worcester 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) 3 Brooklyn Terrace, Millbrook Street ; 3 Garden View, Granley Road ; 10 St. Mark's Place ; 8 Granley Cottages and Messrs, Shark's Leather Warehouse, County Court Road.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) Western House, Great Western Road ; 6 Albert Place, Pittville and 24 and 26 Upper Bath Road. - 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.

3— Insanitary Property-5 Barnes Yard, Grove Street ; 20 Hatherley Street ; 19 Park Place ; 3, 4, 5 and 6 Alstone Place, Gloucester Road ; 12 Worcester Street ; 9 Montpelier Retreat ; 36 Marle Hill Road and 1 Hereford 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 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1919 and Section no 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 —Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 58 lbs. of beef; 65 lbs. of veal ; 18 lbs. of mutton ; 11 lbs of tripe ; 6 tins of corned beef ; 12 tins of fruit ; 9 tins of fish and 4 tins of milk.

5--Factory without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Cold Stores, Henrietta 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, and the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

6—Gas Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that there had been a further discharge of deleterious matter into the sewers from the Gas Works and the continuance of such discharge might result in serious damage to the Filter Beds. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Company requiring them to take immediate steps to prevent any further discharge.

7—Brunswick Street —Cellar Flooding—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made enquiries into the flooding of cellars and grounds in Brunswick Street and that he found that the flooding was due to the level of the ground water having risen as the result of the heavy rainfall.

8—Public Conveniences—The Sub-Committee recommended the provision of an underground public convenience for both sexes either at the Clarence Street Lamp or between the two flower beds opposite the General Post Office, this might be combined with an Electrical Sub-Station (which was required in this neighbourhood) and so reduce the cost. They also recommended the provision of a public convenience for both sexes in the neighbourhood of the Norwood Arms, and were making enquiries with a view to obtaining a suitable site. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates in conjunction with the Borough Electrical Engineer for the provision of an underground public convenience at the Clarence Street lamp.

9- W. J. Cock--The Town Clerk submitted Notice received from Messrs. Treasure, Solicitors, Gloucester of Mr. Cock's intention to bring an action against the Corporation in respect of the neglect or breach of contract of the Corporation in pumping sewage on land in his occupation and adjoining property owned by him, Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to defend any proceedings taken.

10—Report of **Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 9th inst. Present - Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, St. Clair, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Managers Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 9th inst., 12 horses (5 at Depot); 5 calves; 70 head of cattle ; 51 sheep and 9 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. Purchases for Feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to £23 8s. 3d. 1 bull, 6 cows, 6 heifers, 1 calf and 1 sow had been sold for £311 7s. 2d. Sales of corn straw etc., amounted to £95 7s. 0d. Total sales £406 14s 2d.

Requisitions--Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 4 tons of basic slag.

Shooting at Farms—Resolved, That the offers of Mr. W. C. Unwin and Mr. G. McIlquham 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.

Great Stocking's Field ---Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Mr. W. J. Cock, twelve months' notice to terminate his tenancy of this land on the 25th March, 1926.

Farms Visiting Rota Committee—Resolved, That the whole Sub-Committee be invited to visit the farms on the Tuesday following the first Monday in each month and that the Minute relating thereto passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

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

ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th February, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Resignation—Read, letter from Alderman J. D. Bendall intimating that in view of the discussion at the last Meeting of the Council he felt it his duty to resign his position as Member of the Housing Committee. Resolved, unanimously, That he be asked to reconsider his decision and that Councillors Dunn and Moore be requested to see him and assure him of the entire confidence of the Committee and of their urgent wish that he should continue his Membership and Chairmanship of the Committee.

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2--- Sale of Houses-The following offers were reported :

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
94 Tennyson Road	Mr. and Mrs. Simpson.	£450.
96 do.	Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Croome.	£450.
98 do.	Miss B. A. Richards.	£450
102 do.	Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hersee.	£450.
6 Byron Road	Mr. H. C. Vizard.	£475.
66 do.	Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lawson.	£450.
5 Milton Road	Mr. F. King.	£475.
15 do.	Mr. A. R. Pike.	£475.
17 do.	Mr. C. G. Munden.	£475.
39 do.	Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lloyd.	£450.

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 the Purchasers of Nos. 94, 98 and 102 Tennyson Road 6 and 66 Byron Road ; 15, 17 and 39 Milton Road and also with Mr. Eric Cole (whose offer for the purchase of No. 3 Milton Road was accepted last month) in Mortgages of the houses to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 50 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value in each case and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

NOTE : --The total number of houses provided, is :--Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923 : 50 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let, and of the latter 49 have been sold leaving 1 for sale, which is not yet completed. The erection of 30 additional Non-Parlour type houses in Byron and Milton Roads is proceeding, and, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health. 6 of these have been sold.

3 —Sale of Land—Resolved, That subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health that a Site for two houses in Milton Road with a frontage of about 85 feet be sold at £2 per foot straight frontage to Mr. J. K. Bradbury, subject to approval of plans of the buildings and to the same covenants as contained in other conveyances.

4 --Housing, etc. Act, 1923—(a) Period--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 24th June and completed by 31st December, 1925.

(b) Subsidy—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate be granted to Mr. J. K. Bradbury for a subsidy of £75 per house in respect of two houses to be erected by him in Milton Road containing 947 superficial feet and to be built at a density of 15.6 to the acre.

5-- Housing Conference—Resolved That the Chairman (Alderman J. D. Bendall) and the Town Clerk be appointed as Representatives to attend Conference at Bristol arranged by the National Housing and Town Planning Council on Friday the 27th inst.

6—Houses let to Police--(a) Read, letter from the Chief Constable asking for the removal expenses of the 6 Constables for moving out of the houses let to them to enable these to be sold by the Corporation. The expenses of the 4 Constables who had already moved out amounted to £4 15s. 0d. Resolved, That these expenses be paid.

(b) 114 and 116 Tennyson Road—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary internal decorations carried out to these two houses.

7—Additional Houses—Mr. H. Rainger submitted plans for the erection of 22 Parlour houses of a superior type proposed to be erected on the frontage to Gloucester Road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

8—Housing Estate—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had only received an offer of £3 for an elm tree near No. 99 Tennyson Road (including 19 plane trees in Tewkesbury Road). Resolved, That this offer be not accepted and the elm tree be felled and retained by the Corporation.

9-7 Tennyson Road —Resolved, That the tenant of No. 7 Tennyson Road be allowed to make an entrance in the allotment road at the back of these premises, to give access to a motor house proposed to be erected by him. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to payment of an annual acknowledgement of 5s and to his undertaking to remove the gate and make good the fence on the termination of his tenancy.

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10—Outbuildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Owners of No. 51 Byron Road for permission to erect a tricycle shed at the rear of their house. Resolved, That consideration of the plan be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to make further enquiries thereto and also in respect of a shed recently erected at the back of No. 52 Byron Road.

11—Guarantees to Building Societies—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 555 dated the 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health calling attention to the arrangements recently made with the Building Societies' Association with regard to guarantees which might be given by Local Authorities to Building Societies under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Housing, etc. Act, 1923 and that they would favourably consider proposals submitted from Local Authorities for Guarantees in accordance with these arrangements.

12—Augmentation of Building Trades —Read, circular No. 520a of the 3rd inst, from the Ministry of Health asking Local Authorities to give, before the 1st March next, as close an estimate as possible of the number of houses to be erected by Local Authorities or by private enterprise, with the assistance of subsidies, during the period ending 1st October, 1926. Also giving information of the arrangements made by the National Housing Building Committee with a view to increasing the

number of skilled craftsmen in the Building Industry by increasing the number of apprentices. Arrangements were being made for the appointment of a Local Building Industry Committee for each area with this object, and the Minister proposed to make it a condition of approval of Housing Schemes of Local Authorities, where such a Committee has been appointed, that all future Contracts for houses should contain provisions for the employment by the Contractor of apprentices in the ratio of not less than one apprentice for every three building trade craftsmen employed by him in connection with a Housing Contract, subject to an overriding maximum for the area of the Local Building Industry Committee, and enclosing copies of the clause to be inserted in Contracts by Local Authorities to secure the observance of these conditions.

Read, also, letter from the Master Builders' Association asking the Council to appoint two representatives on the Local Committee which was being appointed. Resolved, That the Chairman and Alderman Taylor be appointed representatives on this Committee.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

Sixth Report of this Committee.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th February, 1925. Present The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, St. Clair, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Houses—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Eggleton & Co. had written stating that by a mistake they had tendered their net figures and asking to be allowed to withdraw their tender. He had asked them to submit a revised tender which he now submitted, Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Wm. Drew of £9,240 for the erection of 21 three-bedroom houses and the revised tender of Messrs, Eggleton & Co., of £3,526 17s. 6d. for the erection of it two-bedroom houses (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into in each case, and to sanction to loan being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their Sanction to a loan of £13,579 for the cost of the houses (including Architects' Fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies).

2- Plans Read, letter of 7th inst., from Ministry of Health suggesting that the plans of these houses should be amended by providing a partition to separate the bath from the rest of the scullery. Resolved, That the Ministry be asked to waive this requirement.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th February, 1925. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1---**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 3rd and 16th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways -The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 16th January to 12th February. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended 5th inst., 780 loads collected ; 760 consumed and 20 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,072 tons, 3 cwt. 2 qrs.)

3—Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A. complaining of the slippery state of this road and the Borough Surveyor reported that the foreman had instructions to grit this when required.

4—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Reported meeting held on Monday, 16th inst. Present : Alderman Bendall in the chair ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold.

171 Tenders were received.

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

India Rubber Goods—Sessions & Sons, Ltd.

Cement--Oxford Portland Cement Co. Ltd.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—G. Bence & Sons, Ltd. ; Smith Bros. ; Webb Bros. ; Sessions & Sons, Ltd. ; Mark Williams & Co., Ltd. Castings—Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

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

Electric Light Fittings, etc.—The General Electric Co. Ltd.

Ironmongery—J. Fisher & Sons Ltd. : Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. Tools--Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

Lead Piping, Fittings, etc.—Session & Sons, Ltd.

Uniforms, Overalls, etc.— A. N. Cole ; C. S. Watts.

White Lead, Oils and Colours, etc.—The British Petroleum Co., Ltd. : J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd. ; Sessions & Sons, Ltd.

Disinfectants—Burt, Boulton & Haywood, Ltd. ; The United Alkali Co.

Household Goods and Sundries—Jackson & Painter ; W. & F. Archer, Ltd. : W. H. Mack & Co. Ltd. ; The Thames Sack & Bag Co, Ltd. ; J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd. ; T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd. ; Geo. Tyrie ; E. Joyner & Co. ; Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd. ; Drake & Co. ; Cheltenham Workshops for Blind ; F. C. Harris; A. C. Woodrow & Co. ; J. Lance & Co. Ltd

Printing and Stationary—Norman Sawyer & Co. Ltd. ; J. Halden & Co. Ltd.: J. J. Gillham & Son, Ltd. ; Harvey & Healing ; Allot Jones & Co. Ltd. ; W. W. Bastin & Son ; J. Reynolds & Co. Ltd. Stoneware Pipes—Smith Bros.

Timber—Smith Bros.

Forage—W. J. Oldacre, Ltd. ; W. H. Wallis & Co. ; J. T. Wyatt, in addition to supplies from Sewage Farms.

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

5-- Petrol Pump—Suffolk Road—Application was received from Messrs. Reid & Pattison for permission to erect a petrol pump on their premises in Suffolk Road with a moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath. Resolved, That objection he made, subject to an Agreement being entered into as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

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6—Municipal and County Engineers—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual General Meeting of this Institution to be held at Harrogate on 17th to 20th June.

7—Sandford Lawn, Bath Road—Read, letters from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. on behalf of ten householders in Montpellier Grove and letters from Col. A. B. Maxwell, Mr. G. W. Collinson and Miss M. Phillips complaining of the nuisance caused by the frequent use for rehearsals and musical performances of the Building at the back of this house which had been allowed by the Corporation to be erected by Madame Ethel Irving as a temporary building for the purposes of a Gymnasium subject to removal on three months' notice. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Madame Irving that the Corporation cannot allow the building to remain if it is used in such a manner as to cause a nuisance to the neighbourhood.

8—Workmen's Wages—Read, letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Area Organiser of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers making application for an advance of ½ d. per hour on the ground of the increased cost of living as shewn by the Board of Trade figures and the low rate of wages being paid in comparison with other general labourers in the town and stating that the National Joint Industrial Councils for Non-Trading Services had given increases in wages on account of the increased cost of living. Resolved, That the Committee recommend that the application be not acceded to.

9—Charlton Lane—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking the Corporation to change the name of Charlton Lane to Greenhill's Road to avoid confusion caused by the portions of the road in the Borough and Charlton Kings being called by different names. Resolved That they be asked to ascertain the wishes of the residents in the road as to the proposed change,

10—Princes Road—Advertising Board—Read, letter from Mrs. Martin of " Penrith," Princes Road, complaining of an advertisement board of the Coliseum Theatre fixed to a house at the corner of Hatherley Street and Princes Road. Resolved, That no action be taken.

11-Leckhampton Road—Tree--Read, Report from Supt. Hopkins of damage to a tree near " Morningside," Leckhampton Road by collision with a motor car.

12—Telegraph Lines—Read, application of the 27th ult. from the Superintending Engineer Post Office Telegraphs for per-mission to lay an underground telegraphic line along Well Place and Douro

Road and an overhead telegraphic line in Douro Road near Christ Church Road with a pole and stay at the corner of Christ Church and Douro Roads. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject the exact position of pole and stay being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the pole, if required.

13—View Meeting The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th inst. : Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :

Ormond Place—That the application of Madame Wright for new footpath paving to be laid adjoining her new premises be acceded to, the work to be done upon completion of the building.

Portland Street--That the footpath on the east side from Albion Street to Clarence Road be repaired.

Winchcomb Street—That the footpath on the east side from Fairview Road to Berkeley Avenue be paved with new slabs,

Highbury Lane—That Messrs. Smith Bros, be asked to keep this road in a cleaner condition.

Old Bath Road--That Mr. A. L. Vanderplank's application for the removal of a small tree in front of "Glen Eagles" to a new position in this road be granted.

Wesley Church sign—That subject to the Electricity Committees' consent, no objection be made to this sign being lowered to 8 feet from the ground. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee 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 the 3rd February, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Mann (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1964	Griffiths Bros.	Alterations and additions to 20 Portland Street (amended plan).
1968	Green, S.	New scullery and bedroom at 11 Nash Cottages, Hayward's Lane.
1969	Berryman, R. G.	Detached House, Moorend Park Road.
1970	Jackson, J.	Conversion of coach-house and stable into cottage at Stanhope Lodge, off Christ Church Road.
1971	Ford, H.	New bedroom addition to "Alberta," Old Bath Road.
1972	Chatters, H. W.	Temporary motor house and coal house, Old Bath Road.
1973	Bradbury, J. K.	2 Semi-detached houses, Byron Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1969 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1964, 1968 and 1971 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary

Inspector but that Plan No. 1968 be further subject to wall of coal house being made 9ins. thick ; that Plan No. 1972 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Act (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and that Plans Nos. 1970 and 1973 be disapproved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 16th February, 1925 : Present : Alderman Bendall 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.
1970	Jackson, J.	Conversion of Coach-house and Stable at Stanhope Lodge off Christ Church Road, into Cottage.
1973	Bradbury, J. K.	Two semi-detached houses, Milton Road.
1974	Ayris, W.	Additions at rear of 14 Promenade Villas.
1975	Corporation Housing Committee	Thirty houses in Milton and Byron Roads.
1976	Brooks, J. B. and S.	Temporary Cycle Shed at 54 Byron Road.
1977	Baker, J. G.	Temporary Motor House, Pinehurst, Evesham Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1973, 1974 and 1975 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 1976 and 1977 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. 1970 be disapproved.

3—Contravention of Byelaws—Stables at Stanhope Lodge—It was reported that Mr. J. Jackson had converted Stables and other buildings at Stanhope Lodge into a dwelling-house, without Plans being submitted to, or approved by the Corporation. Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. J. Jackson to show cause why the building erected by him should not be pulled down and removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th February, 1925. Present : Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1- 'Cheltenham Spa'—The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed that the Great Western Railway Company had decided to alter the names of the Stations to Cheltenham Spa (St. James') and Cheltenham Spa (Malvern Road).

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2 —Montpellier Gardens—(a) Read, application of 10th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Central Brotherhood for the use of the Proscenium for religious services on the 7th and 21st June, the 5th and 19th July, the 2nd and 26th August and the 6th and 20th September. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses, cleaning, etc.

(b) Flower Show--Read, application of 13th inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce for free use of Montpellier Gardens on the 24th and 25th June for the Cheltenham Spa Floral Fete. Details and Programme of the arrangements would be submitted later. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to approval of the details of the arrangements and of the programme.

3—Town Hall—(a) Redecoration—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications for painting and redecorating the interior of the large Hall, and to obtain tenders.

(b) Lighting Charges—Resolved, That the charge for electricity to persons hiring the Hall be reduced from 10d. to 8d. per unit, including use and replacement of lamps.

4—Spa Manager—Read, application from Mr. T. Allan Burns for increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £300 to £350 per annum.

5—Chalybeate Spring--The Medical Officer of Health submitted joint report of analyses made by Drs. J. C. Thresh and J. F. Beale, from which it appeared that before the 'Water from the Spring could be used, steps would have to be taken to secure isolation of the Spring so as to obtain a pure water of constant composition. Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter at present.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th February, 1925 : Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Concerts Board—Resolved. That application be made to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for their permission to place a Concerts Board at Pittville Gates.

7—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 3rd and 17th insts., were read.

They recommended as follows:

Orchestra-- That Mr. Leo Dawes be invited to submit an estimate for the provision of an Orchestra for the Summer Season.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

8—Advertising-- -Resolved, That a two inch advertisement be taken in the Christian Science Monitor as last year at a cost of £1 15s. 0d.

9- Spa Federation—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Stewart) and the Spa Manager be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Federation, to be held in London on 5th and 6th March next.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee on Wednesday, the 25th February, 1925 : Present—The Mayor : Councillors Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

10—Summer Orchestra- Mr. Leo Dawes submitted tender for the Summer Orchestra. Resolved, That his tender to provide an Orchestra of sixteen performers (and Conductor) in the mornings and a Military Band of twenty performers (and Conductor) in the afternoons and/or evenings at £91 10s. 0d. per week, from the 16th May to 12th September next, or to the 19th September if required by the Corporation, be accepted, subject to an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Resolved, also, That the Orchestra play in Montpellier Gardens every morning (except Saturday) from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and at the Winter Garden Bandstand on Saturday afternoons from 3.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m., and that the Military Band play at the Winter Garden Bandstand on Tuesday and Sunday evenings and Thursday afternoons and at Pittville on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Monday and Friday evenings as may be decided by the Concerts Sub-Committee.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 18th February 1925 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Public Lighting (a) Hewlett Road—Read, letter from Councillor Farrar suggesting that the lamp in the middle of the road leading from Hewlett Road to Pittville Circus is dangerous. Resolved, That consideration of this he referred to the next View meeting.

(b) Hereford Passage—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to provide an additional lamp in this passage at an estimated cost of £5.

(c) St. George's Place—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with Mrs. Sutton Gardner granting licence for affixing an electric street lamp on the wall of Bournemouth House.

2-Assistant Mains Superintendent--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. C. Honour had given one month's notice to terminate his engagement having obtained an appointment at Carlisle ; he had advertised the post at the salary fixed by the Schedule of the District Joint Board. Resolved, That it be left to the Borough Electrical Engineer to appoint a suitable applicant.

3--Wiring Rules—Resolved, That a Regulation be made requiring that all plugs on Power circuits must be of 10 ampere size.

4—Advertising—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported invitation from the Industrial Trades Exhibition Syndicate asking the Corporation to take a stand at the forthcoming Trades Exhibition at the Town Hall from April 21st to 1st May next. Resolved, That this proposal be not entertained.

(b) Resolved, That a full page advertisement at a cost of £3 3s. 0d. per annum for a period of two years be inserted in the Handbook which Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow and Co. Ltd., were issuing for the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society.

5—West Gloucestershire Electricity (Extension) Order—Read, letter from Messrs. Lewin Gregory & Co., Parliamentary Agents for Promoters of this Order, that at the time the application for the Order was made they had overlooked that the Parishes of Prestbury and Leckhampton were in the Cheltenham area of supply, and that it was proposed to withdraw their application so far as it affects these two Parishes.

The Town Clerk submitted draft Objections to the application. Resolved, That the same be approved subject to any alterations which may be suggested by Parliamentary Agents.

6 —Avon Valley Electricity Special Order - Read, letter from the Electricity Commission forwarding a copy of the Special Order applied for by the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Company extending their area by including the following area in the County of Gloucester:— The Urban District of Stow-on-the-Wold ; the Rural Districts of Tewkesbury, Winchcomb, Marston Sicca and Pebworth and certain Parishes in the Rural Districts of Campden and Stow-on-the-Wold. Resolved, That objections be lodged to the application. Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to instruct Counsel to represent the Corporation at the Local Inquiry on the above applications.

7-Office Staff—Resolved, That in view of the growth of the Undertaking the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to engage an additional Clerk at a salary of £2 per week.

8—Gas Tests--Quarterly Report—Read, Report for Quarter ended 31st December last, which shewed the average calorific value to be 473.5 B.TH.U.

Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th January and 8th and 13th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 483.6, 477.2 and 470.4 B.Th.U. and the pressure 4.7, 4.7 and 4.6 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th February, 1925 : Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Moore and Pates (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 9th February, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	470,000 gallons	481,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,602,000 "	2,056,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	146,000
Total	2,216,000	2,683,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	9th February, 1925.		9th February, 1924.	
Hewletts		29,188,000 gallons		16,216,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 "	31ft.10in.	99,145,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		130,831,000		116,981,000

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

	During January, 1925.	During past 10 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1459	9807
" taps found leaking ..	146	944
" defective flushing boxes	15	166
" defective stop taps ..	0	17
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	126	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>44</u>	170	1351
" notices served re fittings	54	509
" meters fixed and changed	21	202
" houses connected ..	60	865
" burst pipes discovered	1	62
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	25	322

3—General Repairs--The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during December:—

Sluice Valves repaired	2
Hydrants do	2
Mains washed out	5

4—Pipes—Resolved, That the tender of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd. for supply of iron pipes required during the year ending the 31st March next be accepted subject to a contract being entered into.

5—Water Charges—Read, letter of 19th ult., from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for a reduction in the charge for Baths. Resolved, That no further reduction be made in the charges at present.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th February, 1925: Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Moore, Stewart, St. Clair, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals —(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the premises at Roland's Field had been declared free from Swine Fever but a case of Swine Fever still existed at the premises of W. H. Smith at The Shallows, Lower Alstone.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Circular of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing Foot and Mouth Disease (Emergency Restrictions) Order, 1925 and reported that he had published the Order and also sent a copy of the Order and Circular letter to Superintendent Hopkins and the Veterinary Inspector.

(c) Animals (Transit and General) Amendment Order, 1925 — The Town Clerk submitted this Order which had been published as required by the Ministry of Agriculture.

(d) Regulation of Movement of Swine (Amendment) Order, 1925 —The Town Clerk submitted this Order. Resolved, That this be published as required by the Ministry of Agriculture.

2-Fire Brigade—(a) The Captain reported that there had been no outbreaks of fire during the month.

(b) Motor Fire Engine—He submitted four tenders for having new cylinders fitted to the Fire Engine. Resolved, That the tender of The Wycliff Motor Co., of £4 9s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

3—Fire Extinguishers—The Town Clerk submitted report of the Agent for the Minimax Fire Extinguishers on the appliances at the Municipal Offices, which he found in good order.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers- Read, application from Mr. Reginald Westborough, asking for Licence No. 74, held by him, to be transferred to a new cab (Registered No. A.D. 1615) which he had purchased. The Inspector reported that the new cab was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

An application was also made by Mr. A. E. Tilley for transfer of Licence No. 23 to a new cab (Registered No. O. 7040). The Inspector also reported that this cab was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(b) New Licence—Resolved, That the application of Mr. J. Taylor for a Licence for a Motor Cab A.D. 1472, be granted, subject to a satisfactory report by the Inspector.

(c) Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be issued to Albert W. Stevens of a Jersey Cottages, Sherborne Street.

(d) Annual Inspection—Resolved, That the Inspector be instructed to have all the Motor Hackney Carriages inspected before the Annual Hackney Carriage Licensing Meeting of the Committee held in May, and that Hackney Carriages applying for licences should be capable of climbing Harp Hill.

5—Standing Orders—Resolved, That Standing Order No. 39 be amended by inserting the words " by ballot " after the word 'chairman ' in the third line.

6—Unemployment Insurance Act —The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. J. Pearce, Waterworks Manager, Tewkesbury, would complete three years service on the 21st inst. Resolved, That his name be added to the Certificate of Exception under this Act.

7—Market—Shed—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle with reference to shed at the Market. Resolved, That consideration of this be adjourned for Mr. Castle to attend personally.

8---Weighbridge, Tewkesbury Road —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary carried out to this Weighbridge at an estimated cost of £14. repairs

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:—

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General Hospital	£46 0 10
Female Refuge	4 8 7
Girls Orphanage	5 6 3
Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind	5 6 3
Nazareth House	55 15 8
Victoria Home for Nurses	15 1 1
Provident Dispensary	5 6 3
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	14 3 4
Boys' Orphan Asylum	3 10 10
Hospital for Children, Battledown	10 12 6
Home for aged pensioners	3 6 8
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	5 6 3
St. John's Ambulance Association	<u>14 13 4</u>
	£188 7 10

General Hospital—Annual Contribution due 1st January, 1925, in lieu of free supply of Water £87 12s. 0d.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th February, 1925. Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and F. Vizard (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Vacant Allotments—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the " Echo," inviting applications for these Allotments.

2-North Ward Allotments— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a further report as to the cultivation of the Allotments in Crab-tree Piece.

3—Wasley's Field Allotments—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Visitors, That the application for a reduction in the rent of Allotment No. to be not granted.

4—College Road Tip Allotments—Read, letter of 27th ult., from Messrs. Young and Gilling that the Owner would not agree to make a reduction in the present rent of £30 for this land, which contains about 2 ¼ acres. Resolved, That they be informed of the intention of the Corporation to take a compulsory lease for 14 years, failing agreement as to rent, on the expiration of the present lease on 29th September, 1926.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th February, 1925. Present--The Mayor ; alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarn old (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds -(a) Grazing—Resolved, That tenders be invited for grazing for next season. (b) Cricket—Resolved, That the following applications for permission to play Cricket be granted —

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	Baker Street Institute Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.
"	Templar Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.
Whaddon Lane	G. P. O. Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.
"	Holy Trinity Church Cricket Club	Monday Evenings.
Naunton Park	St. Philip's Bible Class Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th February, 1925 ; Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Stewart and Captain Trye ; Col. J. C. Griffith, Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in January 3,492 (against 3,162) including classes (with Teachers) attending the Medici Exhibition from Cheltenham College, Ladies' College, Dean Close School, Parish Church Girls' School, Boys' Practising School and St. Mary's College. The Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists open from the 8th December to 16th January was attended by 4,571 visitors. The receipts from collection box, commission on sales and catalogues amounted to £3 0s. 2d. The receipts for the month amounted to £8 15s. 5d. The Exhibition of Art Posters by members of the Royal Academy for the L. M. & S. Railway would be opened next week.

2—Loans —From Capt. W. Bowie Evans :--An Exhibition Casket in wrought iron and photo frame made by the late Wm. Letheren.

3—Medici Exhibition—The Curator reported that he had arranged for three Lectures on the pictures included in the Exhibition, to be given by Miss M. Innes, the cost of these Lectures being provided for by a private resident.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th February, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (24th January to 20th February), Interments 48; Exclusive Rights in 17 graves sold (first class 2, second class 2 and fourth class 14). Monuments erected 8 ; Inscriptions 10.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7121 to 7137 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs-- Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of Arthur G. Taynton; Memorial Cross and Base to graves of Cristopher Tomlinson and Alexander D. Gulland ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Eliza Ford ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Elizabeth A. Painter ; and Kerbing to graves of Julia Henderson and Frances McDonnell.

4—Additional Land—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for laying out the additional land with necessary drain and footpaths, extension of water main and provision of Shelter, fountain and timber house at an estimated cost of £600. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for this amount.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th February, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Miss M. Miller; Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1— Librarian's Report Receipts £10 2s. 1d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 6,025 (last year 4,873) Lending Library 11,854 (last year 11,773) ; Children's Library 2,277 (last year 2,007), Total for month 20,156 (last year 18,653). Presentations— Anonymous (5 vols) ; The British Publishing Co. (1 guide) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (1 vol.) ; The Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd. (1 guide) ;

Department of the Interior, Canada (1 map) ; L. Richardson, Esq. (12 vols.); Trinity College of Music (1 vol.).

2 —**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and St. Clair ; Miss M. Miller and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :— (a) That 37 books published at £13 4s. 3d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £7 11s. 3d.

(b) That 56 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of 18

(c) That 70 volumes be rebound at an estimated cost of £10.

(d) That the suggestion that " The Motor " (4d. weekly) be added to the list of periodicals taken, be agreed to.

(e) That the offer of the periodicals " The Golden Age " (bi-weekly) and of " The Philosopher " (quarterly) be declined.

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(f) The Estimate of Expenditure for the next financial year was considered in detail. Resolved, unanimously, to pass it forward for the approval of the Library Committee.

(g) Read, Report of Alderman Bendall and the Borough Engineer, recommending the reslating of the portion of the roof (not originally covered with Bangor Slates). Resolved, unanimously, That the Library Committee be recommended to take such steps as will ensure the carrying through of the whole of this work without delay.

Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations of the Sub-Committee (a) to (f) be approved and adopted. As to (g) it was further Resolved, That the work of replacing the perished slates on the roof be undertaken in the coming financial year, and that the Council be asked to make provision for the cost thereof in next year's Estimates.

A. MANN, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th February, 1925: Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen and St. Clair (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 24th inst., on the collection of the Fourth Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £31,318 13s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £2,276 8s. 11d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £17,293 11s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £3,306 10s. .1d.

3—Estimate for Rates—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday, 10th March at 7 p.m. to settle estimates for the rates.

4—Housing Bonds—Read, Circular No. 556 from the Ministry of Health that the rate for renewal of Housing Bonds had been fixed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to renew Bonds falling due at this rate for a period up to so years with a minimum of 5 years.

5—Pittville Rentcharges-1-12 Wellington Square—Read, letter from Mr. O. J. Williams offering on behalf of a client 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ years purchase for the rent charge of £11 5s. 0d. payable to the Corporation in respect of this property. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

6—Rate Office --Resolved, That the Assistant Overseers be authorised to engage a temporary Clerk for not exceeding two months at a salary not exceeding £2 10s. 0d. per week for the extra work entailed in respect of the abatement made in the Water charges.

7—Insurance —Cash in Transit etc.—Resolved, That the Policy with the Fine Art and General Insurance Company be renewed at 1s 3d. per £1,000 to include risk of cash in transit and in safes overnight and also up to £2,000 for risk in respect of cash in office tills.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 24th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in 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, 2nd April, 1925.

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 April 1925, 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 Meeting on 31st March inst.

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 THE 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, the 2nd March, 1925, 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, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Green and Councillors Leigh James and Sawyer.

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

2—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That Robert Steel, of 1 Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham ; James Stewart, of 10 Bayshill Terrace, 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.

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3—Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922—MOVED by The Deputy Mayor and SECONDED by Councillor Stewart and Resolved, (by 14 votes to 1) That, the Resolution passed by the Council on the 20th January, 1925 adopting The Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 and designating as " Established Posts " for the purposes of the said Act the 392 posts mentioned in the Schedule thereto, such Act to come into-operation and have effect as from the 1st day of April, 1925, be and is hereby confirmed.

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and Seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye " Provided that the Superannuation Scheme shall not apply to those officials and other employees of the Council who will have attained the age of 55 years by the 1st April next and who do not on or before the 1st May next agree with the Council to return to it 2 ½ per cent. of their respective salaries or wages during the remainder of their employment by the Council and so return the same," was lost).

MOVED by The Deputy Mayor and SECONDED by Alderman Steel and Resolved, That the Resolution passed by the Council at the same Meeting, asking the Ministry of Health to approve of the inclusion

in the Scheme of the posts of Deputy Librarian and four Water Inspectors be and the same is also hereby confirmed.

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 February 9

Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : " That Minute No. 8 with reference to Public Conveniences be referred back for further consideration."

Housing ... Meeting held February 10

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meeting held February 10

Street mid Highway ... Meeting held February 16

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held February 13* & 25

*Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Farrar : " That Minute No. 4 be referred back for further consideration."

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Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held February 18

Water ... Meeting held February 12

General Purposes and Watch... Meeting held February 17

(An amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 5 be not approved" was lost) Resolved, also, That the Chairman of the General Purposes and Watch Committee (The Deputy Mayor) and the Town Clerk be authorised to issue special licences for the 10th, 11th and 12th March inst., for carriages and drivers and conductors approved by Supt. Hopkins, and that the Traffic Regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, recommended by Supt. Hopkins, be adopted.

Allotments ... Meeting held February 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meeting held February 9

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held February 11

Burial Board ... Meeting held February 20

Public Library... Meeting held February 10

Finance ... Meeting held February 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.

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 Tuesday, 31st March, 1925.

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

Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dune,,lames, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Welstead. Apologies—

for absence were received from Alderman Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E. and Councillor Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council on the 16th inst., having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—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 FIFTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS, will, in addition to the Borough Fund, be sufficient for those purposes (including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Act) for the period ending the 31st March next, it is ordered by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the propety 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 Fifty nine thousand six hundred and fifty pounds and it is further ordered by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do, and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rate made and collected or to be made and collected, within the said Parish, and it is further ordered that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner

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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, Five thousand pounds on or before the first day of August next, Four thousand eight hundred and twenty five 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, Five thousand pounds on or before the First day of January next and Four thousand eight hundred and twenty five 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 Oversees shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

3-General District Rate-Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of 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 to commence and be payable on the First day of April 1925, and the other moiety or half -part thereof to commence and be payable on the First day of October 1925, 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 of The Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the council to be held on Monday, the 6th April, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1925: Present-The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor St. Clair in the chair). -Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-17 to 20 Mitre Street ; 1, Railway Bank, Granley Road ; and 28, Cleaveland Street, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1339, 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 7, St. George's 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, and the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if the Notice is not complied with.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 36, 38 and 42, Duke Street ; 14, 15, and 16, Naunton Crescent ; 40 and 42, Fairview Road, and 1, Berkeley 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) 8, Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road ; and 40, Duke Street,-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section

41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4-Insanitary Property--(a) 1 and 2 Railway Bank, Granley Road ; 14, Albert Street, St. Peters' ; 28, Cleaveland Street ; 68, Brunswick Street ; 7, St. George's Street ; and 7a, 10, 11, 22 and 43 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 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.

(b) 7, Swindon Street ; 4, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft ; and 17, Waterloo Street - The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had not complied with Notices served under Section 28 of Housing and Town Planning etc., Act, 1919, and submitted tender for the work. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Eggleton & Co., which totalled £31 13s. 6d. for the 3 houses be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) 1 and 2 Witcombe Place ; 2, Winstonian Villas ; and 58, Winstonian Road- The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had not complied with Notices served under Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning etc., Act, 1919, and Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and submitted two tenders for the work. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Daffurn & Tombs which totalled £23 5s. 0d. for the 4 houses, being the lowest, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

5-Houses unfit for Human Habitation-(a) 218, 219 and 220, High Street and two Cottages at rear-The Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done to these premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made on the 27th October, 1924. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners of intention to make a Demolition Order.

(b) 7 and 9, York Street- The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nos. 1 to 5 York Street had been demolished and Nos. 7 and 9 converted into one dwelling house and recommended that the Closing Order made on the 3rd July, 1916 be rescinded. Resolved, That the Order be rescinded.

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6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, application from Mr. A. E. Clare of 11, Suffolk Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. The Sanitary Inspector reported that the premises were unsuitable. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 193 lbs. of beef ; 158 lbs, of pork ; 113 lbs. of tripe ; and 24 Ox kidneys.

8—Fried Fish Shop, Suffolk Road--Read, Memorial from residents in Suffolk Road, objecting to a fried fish shop being opened in Suffolk Road.

9—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash

receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

10—**Public Conveniences**—Resolved, That the **Special Sub-Committee** be asked to consider further this matter at an early date.

11--Sanitary Inspectors' Association—Read, letter of 28th ult., inviting the appointment of delegates to attend the 38th Annual Conference of this Association, to be held at Liverpool from September 8th to 11th next. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

12--Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—(a) Bacteriological Examinations—Read, letter of 14th ult., from the Ministry of Health, agreeing to examinations of samples of Milk being made by Mr. R. H. Ellis, Analyst to the City and County of Gloucester, at a fee of 5s per sample.

(b) Producer's Licence—Read, memorandum of and inst., from the Ministry of Health, notifying grant to the Gloucestershire Dairy Co, Ltd., to sell certified milk produced at Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings, and also that the Licensees were entitled to sell milk produced under the licence as "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" or " Grade A." The Licence would operate until the 31st December next unless previously revoked.

13—Tewkesbury Road—Vent Shift---The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 28th January last Messrs. Healings (Tewkesbury) steam wagon collided with the Sewer Ventilating Shaft by St. Peter's Church, and he reported that he had made a claim for the cost of the damage.

14—Farms Manager—Resolved, That on the retirement of the present Farms Manager, that applications for the appointment be advertised at a salary of £275 per annum and house.

15—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—(a) Reported Meeting on 23rd inst. Present -- Councillors Leigh James (in the chair) and St. Clair. They recommended that Further Longhill, Hay Furlong and Dilling Furlong be laid down again to permanent pasture.

(b) Reported Meeting on 9th inst. Present—Councillors Farrar, St. Clair, Thomas (in the chair) and Yarnold.

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 9th inst., 12 horses (4 at Depot); 63 head of cattle ; 5 calves ; 51 sheep and 8 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 calf had been purchased for £2 6s. 0d. Purchases of Feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to £43 16s. 10d. Total purchases £46 2s. 10d. cart horse, 3 cows and 3 calves, 4 heifers in calf and 1 sow had been sold for £196 3s. 1d., and produce for £41 10s. 0d. Total sales £237 13s. 1d.

Requisitions—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to obtain three new windows for the cottage occupied by A. Stevens, and 200 fencing posts.

Valuation of Farms—Read, Report of 3rd inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar on his valuation of the Stock, Implements, etc., on the Farms on the and inst., of which the following is a summary :—

68 Cattle	1431 10 0
51 Sheep	275 10 0
8Pigs ..	49 10 0

16 Horses	332 0 0
Hay, Straw, Corn, Meals, Marigolds, etc.	586 4 3
Acts of Husbandry, etc.	197 7 0
Implements, Tools, Harness, etc	<u>601 19 3</u>
Total	£3474 0 6

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

ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th March, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sale of Houses--The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
100 Tennyson Road	Mr. R. Hunnam	£450.
7 Milton Road	Mr. E. W. Jenkins	£475.
9 “	Mr. J. W. Earl	£475.
11 “	Mr. C. H. Blatchford	
1 Shakespeare Road	Mr. F. P. O. Edmonds	£475.

Resolved, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) That 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 the Purchasers of No. 11 Milton Road, too Tennyson Road and Shakespeare Road in Mortgages of the houses to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 50 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

NOTE :--The total number of houses provided, is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 50 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let, and all of the latter have been sold. The erection of 30 additional Non-Parlour type houses in Byron and Milton Roads is proceeding, and, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health, so of these have been sold.

2-Shop Site--Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. H. H. Neate, that his wife desired to purchase the building plot in Tennyson Road adjoining the plot already purchased by her. Resolved, That, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) this plot having a frontage of 26 ft. 9 ins be sold to her at £3 10s. per foot frontage subject to similar building restrictions as contained in the conveyance of the land already purchased.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

3—Housing, etc. Act, 1923--(a) Subsidy—House in Pilford Road—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. Tom Hobbs in respect of a house to be erected in this Road containing 938 super feet and to be built at a density of 6.38 to the acre.

(b) Period—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Ministry of Health extending the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than forty houses to be built by private enterprise so as to apply to houses commenced by 24th June next and completed by 31st December next.

4—Augmentation of Building Trades— The Town Clerk submitted his reply to Circular No. 520a of the Ministry of Health asking for as close an estimate as possible of the number of houses that are likely to be built with the assistance of subsidy during the period ending 1st October, 1926. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply and estimate be approved.

5---Additional Houses -- (a) The Committee further considered the erection of Parlour houses of a superior type in accordance with the plans prepared by Mr. Rainger. Resolved. That tenders be invited for 7 pairs of these houses (4 pairs fronting to the portion of Brooklyn Road on the Housing Estate and 3 pairs on the frontage to Tennyson Road near Gloucester Road).

(b) The Committee also considered offer from Mr. Drew to build an additional 60 Non-Parlour houses similar to those now being built at the same price, namely £440, subject to a condition that the price should be increased or decreased by £6 for each 1d. an hour rise or fall in wages during the contract, the houses to be completed within 12 months from commencement. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to a formal contract being entered into and to loan being sanctioned.

Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £28,116 for the cost of these houses including Architects fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies. Resolved, also, That Mr. Rainger be instructed to submit a lay-out plan showing the position of these houses.

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6—Shakespeare Road—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Ministry of Health forwarding formal sanction to the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £1174 for the making up of this road. Read, also, letter from the Unemployment Grants Committee approving of the scheme for the purpose of a grant of 50 per cent. of the interest for a period of 15 years on the expenditure out of loan on the work, subject to the condition that the work under the scheme is actually commenced by the 15th March next and completed within a period of four months from date of commencement, and that if any housing subsidy becomes payable to the Corporation in respect of houses built on the road the due portion of the Grant will cease one year before the first year's housing subsidy becomes payable.

7 -- Brooklyn Road —Resolved, That the management of the land fronting to Brooklyn Road be transferred to this Committee subject to the consent of the Street and Highway Committee.

8—Shrubberies—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor prepare an estimate and plan for the laying out of the Shrubberies on the Gloucester Road for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

9—Out-buildings -(a) 10 Milton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed workshop to be erected at the rear of this house. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) 99 Tennyson Road—Resolved, That the application of the tenant of this house to erect a shed at the rear be approved subject to the exact position being approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

(c) 54 Byron Road—Resolved, That the Owner's application for permission to erect a tricycle shed at the back of these premises be acceded to.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd March, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 3rd and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

2-Contravention of Byelaws--(a) Stables at rear of Malden Court—Plan No. 1956—It was reported that Mr. Poynton was carrying out and had nearly completed the work required to make the buildings comply with the byelaws. Resolved, That, subject to this being done and to payment of £1 1s. 0d. by Mr. Poynton for costs the Summonses against him be withdrawn.

(b) Stables at Stanhope Lodge—Plan No. 1970—Read, letter of 20th inst., from Mr. Thomas Malvern (Architect) expressing regret on behalf of Mr. J. Jackson for contravention, through ignorance, of the Byelaws, and the Chairman reported that the plan had been amended and approved by the Plans Sub-Committee. Resolved, That no further action be taken.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed b) the Highways Department from 13th February to 19th March, 1925, inclusive,

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 12th inst., 938 loads collected ; 921 consumed and 17 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,339 tons, 2 cwts. 2 qrs.)

4—Charlton Lane—Electric Light Kiosk—Resolved, That no objection be made to the erection of an Electric Light Transformer Kiosk in Charlton Lane, near Old Bath Road, subject to the exact position being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

5—Slab Factory—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a new steel block mould and four diets at an estimated cost of £150.

6—Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Building Inspector's time was now fully occupied with new buildings and the work in connection with the Housing- Estate, and the Technical staff in his Department was inadequate to deal with the ordinary routine work, apart from additional work carried out from time to time. He recommended the appointment of a permanent qualified Engineering Assistant and reported that the Water Committee had agreed to pay half the salary of the Officer. Resolved, That applications be invited by advertisement for the appointment of Engineering Assistant, at a commencing salary of £225, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by four annual increments of £20, to a maximum of £305 per annum, the appointment to be subject to the successful candidate passing a medical examination and to termination by one month's notice in writing on either side.

7--Asphalt Plant—Read, Report of the Sub-Committee appointed on 24th March, 1924, to consider the provision of an Asphalt Plant, who recommended that the offer of Messrs. Constable, Hart and Company, Ltd, to provide and erect a "Cummer" Asphalt Plant at the Refuse Destructor Works on the terms specified in the Heads of Agreement (Copy of which accompanies these Minutes) be accepted. The Sub-Committee also recommended that the County Council should be again approached with a view to the Classified roads in the Borough being made into Main roads. Resolved, That the Report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved, and that a Contract be entered into with Messrs. Constable, Hart and Company, Ltd. (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health). Resolved, also, That application be made to the County Council to Main all the Contribution roads graded as 1st class roads by the Minister of Transport, and that the Sub-Committee be appointed as a deputation to attend the County Highway Committee in support of the application.

8—Building Byelaws--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to have the draft revised Byelaws printed.

9—Shurdington Road—Seat—Resolved, That a concrete seat be fixed near the bridge in Shurdington Road.

10—Brooklyn Road—Resolved, That no objection be made to the transfer of the management of the land fronting this road to the Housing Committee.

11—Reddings Road—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham and Wyatt had offered, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Unwin, to contribute £500 towards the cost of making up and widening this road and submitted letter of 19th inst., from the Secretary, Great Western Railway, offering a like contribution. Resolved, That the offers be accepted and the Borough Surveyor authorised to proceed with the work, subject to ascertaining that the grant promised by the Ministry of Transport of £303 was still available.

12-Road Bridges—Read, Circular No. 224 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport with regard to designs of new road bridges

13—Pollution of Fisheries—Read, Circular No. 220 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport with reference to damage to fresh-water fisheries by washings from tarred road surfaces.

14—Advertising Vehicle—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Shakspeare Shenton to parade an advertising vehicle on the 18th, 20th and 21st April be not granted.

15—Hewlett Place Subsidence --Read, letters of 4th and 11th inst., from the Stroud Brewery Co., Ltd. claiming £15 19s. 6d. costs of removing a steam wagon from hole in this road caused by a subsidence, and the Town Clerk reported that the same had been referred to the Insurance Company.

16—Workmen's Wages—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Gloucester Sub-Office, Transport and General Workers' Union applying for the hours of Corporation Employees to be reduced to 47 hours per week and for their wages to be increased by 5s per week. Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

17—Light Railway Track--The Committee considered complaint of condition of track made at the last Meeting of the Council. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the General Manager with reference thereto.

18—Street Projection-386b High Street—Resolved, That the application of 17th inst., from Messrs. Ernest Gale, Heath and Sneath for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

19—Telegraph Lines—Read, application of 18th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line in Grafton Road, with one pole and two stays. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to the exact position of the pole and stays being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the pole, if required.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd March, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Thomas (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.
1955	Goddard, Rev. L. E.	Detached House, Painswick Road (Amended plan)
1978	Bendall and Sons	Detached House and Motor House, Pilford Gardens, Old Bath Road.
1979	Trust Houses, Ltd.	New Lavatory, Royal Hotel Tap internal.
1980	Stewarts, Ltd., (Middlesborough)	New Lavatory in basement, 352 High Street.
1981	Bradbury, J. K.	Bay Windows, 2 Subsidy Houses, Milton Road (Amended plan).

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1955, 1978 and 1981 be approved; that Plan No. 1979 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plan No. 1980 be approved subject to the sanitary work and ventilation of the W.C. being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and to the Owner taking all responsibility for any flooding which may occur.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd March, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Thomas (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.
1970	Jackson, J.	Amended plan for conversion of Coach-house and stable into dwelling house at Stanhope Lodge Cottage off Christ Church Road.
1982	Collins, C. M. G.	Temporary Cycle Shed, 99 Tennyson Road.
1983	Tomlinson, C. E.	Detached House, Old Bath Road.
1984	Haidon, R.	Alterations and additions (New Church and School) Tudor Lodge, Bayshill Road.
1985	Bradbury, H. L.	Motor House, Charlton Lane.
1986	Steel, H. E.	New Room addition, Gwernant, Pittville Circus Road.
1987	Ladies College Council	Temporary Summer-house, Lansdown Parade.
1988	Jackson, J.	Motor House, 17 Pittville Parade.
1989	Haines and Strange	New Garage, Albion Street.
1990	Hobbs, T.	Detached House, Pilford Road.
1991	Waller, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, 4 Clarendon Villas, Pittville Gates.
1992	Fripp, P.	Temporary Shed, 10 Milton Road.
1993	Catlow-Webb, Capt.	Motor Garage, to Hatherley Road.
1994	Foice, F. J.	Additions at rear of 20 Promenade Villas.
1995	Hunnam, R.	Temporary Shed, 100 Tennyson Road.
1996	Elliott, W.	Temporary Building, 101 Tennyson Road.
1997	Bedwell, Mrs. C. J.	Temporary Shed, 73 The Crescent, Tennyson Road.
1998	Original Brewery Co. Ltd	Temporary Shed adjoining the Malthouse, Brunswick Street and Malthouse Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1970, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993 and 1994 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 1970. 1984, 1993 and 1994 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 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. 1982 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th March, .1925: Present—The it ; Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Borough Meteorologist—Annual Report—The Annual Report of the Borough Meteorologist was submitted. Observations had been taken twice daily until the end of June last and thereafter three times daily, and the Sunshine Recorder at Pittville had been constantly attended, Daily Reports had

been regularly sent to the Meteorological Office Weekly Reports had also been sent to the Medical Officer of Health and the local press. Monthly Returns and Sunshine Cards had been sent to the Meteorological Office. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report printed.

2-Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed alterations to the Proscenium, to be carried out by the Tenants (Messrs. Chandler) at their expense. Resolved, That no objection be thereto.

3—Refreshment Buffet—Resolved, That permission be granted to Mr. F. E. B. Harwood, 255 High Street, for a motor Refreshment Buffet to stand in Montpellier Gardens, the Winter Gardens Ground and Pittville during orchestra performances and in Montpellier Gardens on evenings when the Orchestra is not performing at either place on payment to the Corporation of per month.

4--Advertising—Resolved, That Easter and Whitsun holiday advertisements be inserted in the " Daily Mail " at an estimated cost of £24.

5-Alstone Baths—Swimming and Mixed Bathing—Read, application of 13th inst., from the Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath on Tuesdays from 6.30 to closing time for Water Polo, and on Thursdays from 5.30 to closing time, 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.

Washing Baths—Charges--Resolved, That the charge for the use of the Washing Bath on Saturdays and Sundays be reduced from 7d. to 6d.

Concerts and Gardens—Resolved, That the Scale of Charges for Season Tickets (commencing May 1st, 1925 to 30th April, 1926) be the same as for the year 1924-25 (see Minute No. 3, 11th April, 1924).

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th March, 1925. Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7—Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases All the Members of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee attended. They called attention to Report No. 23 of the Ministry of Health in which it was stated by Sir George Newman " That one sixth of the industrial invalidity was due to diseases classed as rheumatic. Each year these diseases were costing the Approved Societies nearly £2,000,000 in sick benefit, and the Nation over 3,000,000 weeks of work from the insured population alone." The Report suggested the formation of arthritic hospitals or special clinics or the further development of British Spas at some of which enlightened medical practice was steadily gaining ground in the treatment of rheumatic conditions.

The Spa Medical Advisory Committee were of opinion that the Pittville Pump Room could be converted at a moderate cost into a hospital suitable for the purposes of the Ministry to accommodate about 80 patients. The main cost of the proposed conversion would be in the provision of additional lavatory and sanitary accommodation and an Administrative Block. They pointed out that there was at the General Hospital a well-equipped Pathological Laboratory where investigations could be carried out and there was also available in Cheltenham the latest and -most

improved forms of electrical and hydrotherapeutic equipment proper to a Spa and essential to the modern treatment of rheumatic disorders.

They recommended that an Architect be engaged to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of the necessary alterations to the Pump Room with a view to proposals being submitted to the Ministry of Health to take the building as one of the hospitals intended to be established. Resolved, That, while the Committee would welcome the establishment of a hospital for rheumatic disorders in the Borough, they were unable to recommend the Council to approve the proposal with regard to Pittville Pump Room.

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8—Montpellier Gardens—Putting Course—The Committee considered application from Mrs. L. Swainson, 2 St. George's Square, for a Putting Course to be made by the Corporation in Montpellier Gardens and let to her. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of making the Course and providing equipment at from £40 to £50 and the Town Clerk submitted replies from six other towns stating that Courses thereat had proved remunerative. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to provide and equip a Putting Course on the ground adjoining the Archery Ground (now occupied by three tennis courts) and that the same be let to Mrs. Swainson as soon as completed for one year on the following terms : --Rent £25 (payable half-yearly in advance) plus 10 per cent. on the gross receipts ; charge for hire 6d. per round, the Course to be maintained by the Corporation ; Mrs. Swainson to provide attendants and maintain equipment.

9—Montpellier Baths--Attendants' Wages--Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Gloucester Sub-Office, Transport and General Workers' Union applying for the wages of the two Bath and Boiler Attendants at Montpellier Baths to be increased by 10s per week. Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

10—Medical Handbook—Resolved, That the offer of Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd., to supply 1000 copies of the portion of " The Spas of Great Britain," relating to Cheltenham bound in a suitable cover for £10 10s. 0d. (less 2 ½ per cent. discount) be accepted.

11 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Sub-Committee at Meetings held on 3rd and 17th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Summer Orchestra—That the Summer Orchestra play at St. George's Square Bowling Green once a month.

Whit-Monday Municipal Fete--That arrangements be made by this Committee (augmented as last year) for a Fete at Pittville on Whit-Monday.

Montpellier and Winter Gardens-- 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.

Concert Attendants-- That G. Harding, Junior, be engaged for the Summer Season at wages of £2 per week and G. Harding, Senior, be engaged as Assistant Concert Attendant for the Season at £1 5s. 0d. per week. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th March, 1925: Present-The Mayor ;
Councillors Bastin, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Lower Severn District—Conference—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that at the request of the Electricity Commissioners he had attended a Conference in Bristol to consider the general question of Electricity Supply in the Lower Severn District, and that the Conference had appointed a Committee of Engineers, including himself to consider the matter and the question of the establishment of a suitable Power Station. Resolved, That he be authorised to serve on the Committee and that this Committee agree to contribute a due proportion of any reasonable expenses incurred.

2—Works Superintendent-The Special Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 25th ult.: Present-Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair). They selected the following four candidates for interview by this Committee;

Chubb, W. L. Burslem.

Grieff, C. S. .. Dover.

Smeeton, E. E. .. Prestwich, Manchester.

Watts, Herbert W. Walton-on-Thames.

The Committee interviewed the four Candidates. Resolved, unanimously, That Lt.-Col. Herbert W. Watts, M.I.M.E., M.I.E.E, be appointed Works Superintendent at the salary fixed by the Schedule of the District Joint Board.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th March, 1925: Present -Councillors Bastin, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3- -Works Superintendent-(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. H. W. Watts commenced duty as Works Superintendent on the 18th inst., and that he had been paid expenses incurred in attending at the Works for three days during the previous week to assist in the official trials of No. 10 turbo generator. Resolved, That this be approved and that salary be paid for the three days referred to.

(b) Resolved, That £20 be paid to Mr. F. G. Muntzer for his extra work and responsibility during the illness and since the death of the late Mr. J. M. Robb, a period of three months.

4-Assistant Mains Superintendent-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had appointed Mr. F. W. Godden of Portsmouth as Assistant Mains Superintendent at the salary fixed by the Schedule of the District Joint Board and that he would commence duty on the 30th inst. Resolved, That this be approved.

5-District Joint Board-Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor J. Moore) be nominated Representative of the Undertaking on the District Joint Board No. 6 (West of England) Area.

6-Extension of Main- Resolved. That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension recommended by him at an estimated cost of £422.

7-Gas Tests - Periodical Reports-Read, Reports of Tests made on the 23rd and 27th ult., 10th, 14th, 21st and 25th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 466.7, 464.9, 460.1, 465.9, 485.4 and 469.5 B.Th.U and the pressure 5.0, 4.5, 4.5, 4.5, 4.5 and 5.1 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th March, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 16th March, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	498,000 gallons	468,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,574,000	2,022,000
Leckhampton Springs	129,000	139,000
Total	2,801,000	2,629,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		16th March, 1925.		16th March, 1924.
Hewletts		31,241,000	gallons	53,997,000
Dowdeswell	32ft.0in.	100,023,000	"	30ft.10in. 93,899,000
Leckhampton	12ft.0in.	5,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		132,884,000		109,516,000

	During February, 1925.	During past 10 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	5,365	11,172
" taps found leaking	130	1,074
" defective flushing boxes	11	177
" defective stop taps	4	21
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	128	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>32</u>		
	160	1,511
" notices served re fittings	34	543
" meters fixed and changed	19	221
" houses connected	65	930
" burst pipes discovered	4	66
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	13	335

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month :—one 3 inch main, 3 valves and 4 hydrants repaired and 5 mains washed out.

4—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.

5--Engineering Assistant--Resolved, That half the salary of the Engineering Assistant proposed to be engaged be charged to the Water Undertaking.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th March, 1925: Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Moore, Sawyer, Stewart, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1 —Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain--The Captain reported that there had been no outbreak of fire during the month.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers—(i) Read, application of 6th inst., from Mr. Arthur Salter for Licence No. 46 held by him for Cab AE1494 to be transferred to a new " Metallurgique " Cab (Reg. No. AD3982) purchased by him which the Inspector reported was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(ii) Read, application from Mr. J. Harvey for Licence No. 42, held by him for Cab AD2775 to be transferred to a Wolsey Cab (Reg. No. A.D. 1289). The Inspector reported this was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(iii) Read, letter from the Misses V. E. and A. M. Warren, stating that they had purchased Langton Garage from Mr. W. Eddels and applying for Licence No. 17 held by Mr. Eddels in respect of a Sunbeam Cab (Reg. No. AD1397) to be transferred to them for a " Metallurgique " Cab (Reg. No. BP3837). The Inspector reported this was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the provision of a taximeter within three weeks.

(b) Wheel Chair Read, application of 20th inst., from Mr. Albert E. Lewis, 2 Brunswick Buildings, Union Street, for a Licence for a Wheel-chair, jointly owned by himself and Mr. Millington. Resolved, That the same be granted.

(c) Conductor—Resolved, That an Omnibus Conductor's Licence be granted to Mr. T. H. Bloom, 6 Stretton Terrace, Cheltenham.

4--Palace Picture Theatre--Read, application of 19th ult., from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton for permission to open this Theatre from 2.30 to 10.15 on Good Friday next. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5—Gloucestershire War Pensions Committee--Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Inspector General, Ministry of Pensions, stating that the term of office of Mr B. J. Greening as the Council's representative on the Committee, would expire on the 28th prox., and that it was proposed to re-appoint Mr. Greening for a further term of three years. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Women Police—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Clerk to the County Council, forwarding copy of an application by the four women police engaged in the County Constabulary for an increase of pay and asking for the observations of the Corporation thereon. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend that any increase be granted.

7—Petrol Licences—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, that the following applications for new licences be granted :--

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petrol.	
		Pump Storage. gallons.	Brick Storage. gallons.
Barnby Bendall & Co., Ltd.	St. George's Place	500	—
Flower & Sons, Ltd.	Selkirk Street	300	—
Nicholls, V. T.	Drewcott, Upper Old Bath Road (back of)	—	30

8—Shops Acts--Read, Reports of the Shops Acts Inspector of the 21st and 28th ult., as to contravention of the Acts by Mr. A. J. Steel, tog High Street, and Mr. M. Clare, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That they be warned that if any further infringement is reported, proceedings will be taken.

9 -Peace Celebrations--Read, letter of 6th inst., from Lloyds Bank, Ltd., intimating that a sum of £2 5s. 0d. stood to the credit of the Peace Celebrations Account in the books of the late Capital and Counties Branch., Resolved, That this be applied towards expenses of Anzac Day.

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10—Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions—Charity Organisation Society—Resolved, That Clarence Parade House (the Office of the Charity Organisation Society) be included in the list of Local Charities and Public Institutions to which subscriptions are made in lieu of the remission of the General District Rate for the year, 1925-26.

The Committee considered application from the Hon. Treasurer, St. John's Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society Committee for an increase of the contribution of £10 per annum made by the Corporation to the funds of the Committee to cover services rendered in response to calls by the Police. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend any increase.

11—Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation got, 1922—(a) Unemployment Insurance—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Labour for a Certificate of Exception from the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920-21 in respect of employees included in the Superannuation Scheme, other than members of the Administrative staffs in respect of whom a Certificate has already been obtained.

(b) Medical Examinations—Resolved, That all persons who may be hereafter appointed to fill established posts be required to submit to a medical examination to be made by the Medical Officer of Health, and that all such appointments be subject to a satisfactory medical report.

(c) Employees due to retire—The Town Clerk reported that he had taken instructions of the several Committees as to the immediate retirement or otherwise of Officers and employees of 65 years of age or over. Resolved, That these be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report to the Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1925. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Welstead in the chair.)

1—North Ward—Crab Tree Piece—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Head Gardener had inspected these allotments and reported that having regard to the weather conditions the allotments appeared to be generally in a fair state of cultivation.

2—Inspection --Resolved, That all the allotments be inspected by the Committee once a year.

3—Whaddon Lane—Read, complaint from the tenant of allotment No. 76 that carts, in turning the corner, were frequently drawn across his allotment. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect guard posts to prevent this.

4—Orrisdale Terrace—Read, complaint from the tenant of No. 3 allotment of encroachment on the roadway to his allotment. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1925. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Pruen) Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—(a) Grazing—Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to Agreements, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into :—

Agg-Gardner	W. A. Davis, 330 High Street	£8.
Naunton Park	W. A. Davis, 330 High Street	£7
Whaddon Lane.	Waghorne Bros., 346 High Street	£8.

(b) Dogs—Resolved, That the Custodians of the grounds be instructed to see that the Byelaw prohibiting any dog being allowed in the grounds is complied with, so as to prevent risk of sheep being worried.

2-Pittville Estate —(a) Pittville Gates--Resolved, That this Committee make no objection to a Concerts advertising board about 3 feet by 2 feet being placed on one of the pillars of Pittville Gates.

(b) Pittville—Read, letters from Councillor Dunn and Mrs. Goodlake complaining of the state of the footpath from the Pittville Gates to Pittville Lawn (East side). Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this relayed.

(c) Swan—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new male swan had been killed by the old swan,

(d) Pinehurst—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for garage at these premises. Resolved, That they be approved so far as this Committee is concerned

(e) Lawn Mower—Resolved, That a Pennsylvania Motor lawn mower be purchased at a cost of £59 7s. 6d.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th March, 1925 : Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Dr. R. Davies ; Col. J. C. Griffith and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in February, 4,101 (against 2,890) including classes (with Teachers) from Cheltenham College, Ladies' College, Pates' Girls' Grammar School, Parish Church Girls' School and St. Mary's College. Two talks were given to children from the Central School (50 girls and 38 boys). The receipts for the month amounted to £8 15s. 8d.

Medici Exhibition—This exhibition was visited by 4,074 persons. The expenses amounted to £17 12s. 11d. and the receipts £14 4s. 6d. (Catalogues £7 19s. 3d. and Collection box £6 5s. 3d.).

School of Art Display—The Exhibition of Art Work by the Students of the Art School would open on the 17th inst. and close on the 28th inst.

St. Ives Artist's Exhibition—The Curator reported that he had arranged for this important exhibition to open on the 1st April next ; the exhibition comprised oil paintings, water colours, etchings and pottery executed by about 24 of the leading members of the St. Ives Colony of Artists and he hoped to be able to arrange for Mr. Moffat Linder, one of the oldest members, to open the Exhibition.

2—Donations—From Mr. Charles Bendall— 1 case containing stuffed otter, 1 case of stuffed frogs etc. and 3 cases of stuffed birds. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

3—Easter Holidays— Resolved, That the Art Gallery be closed on Good Friday only.

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4—Electric Lighting--The Curator reported that the two pendants in the Dutch Gallery had proved successful and he recommended that the same be purchased and fixed at an estimated cost of £6 17s. 6d. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Exhibitions —Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for an exhibition of Cotswold Arts and Crafts from the 25th May to 20th June and for an exhibition of drawings by the Gloucestershire Architectural Society for one week in November.

6—Photogravures —1/5th Gloucesters—The Curator reported that there were still a considerable number of Photogravures of the 1/5th Gloucester Regiment unsold. Resolved, That the charge be reduced from £1 1s. 0d. to 10s 6d.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th March, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (21st February to 27th March). Interments 81 ; Exclusive Rights in 20 graves sold (first class 1, second class 5 ; third class 1 ; and fourth class 13). Monuments erected 93 ; Inscriptions 7.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No.. 7138 to 7156 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3--Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : —Memorial cross and kerbing to graves of Fred Harper ; Kenneth F. Tarr ; Alice E. Dicks and George W. Taylor ; Memorial cross to graves of Rosetta Stratford and Edward Bond ; Headstone and kerbing to graves of Georgiana Hurst and Louisa Long ; Memorial Tomb and kerbing to grave of Eleanor Brewis ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to grave of Robert T. Daniell ; Memorial Slab to grave of Georgina A. Grove ; and Kerbing to graves of William L. Newman, Edmund W. Hands, Edmund G. S. Truell, Winifred Taylor and Emily L. Williams.

4—Trees—Resolved, That the Committee consider at their next view meeting the question of planting trees and shrubs in the new portions of the Cemetery.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th March, 1925: Present—Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, Copt Trye and Yarnold ; Miss Miller ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £7 19s. 10d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 6,322 (last year 4,888) ; Lending Library 10,982 (last year 10,898) ; Juvenile Library 2,113 (last year 1,801).

Presentations--Messrs. J. Bibby & Sons, Ltd., (1 pamph.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., (2 pamph.) ; Canada Bureau of Statistics, (1 vol.) ; Canada: Municipal Publishing Co, Ltd., (1 vol.) ; Great Western Railway Co., (s vol.) ; R. Heyworth, Esq., R.O.I., (2 vols.) ; Miss M. Innes, (2 vols.) ; Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, (1 vol.) ; Major R. A. Marriott, (1 vol.) ; J. S. C. Morris, Esq., (1 vol.), R. Pope, Esq., (6 vols.) ; G. Smith, Esq., (1 vol.) ; Miss G. Swallow, (2 vols.) ; R. S. Wilson, Esq., (1 vol.) ; L. S. Wood, Esq., (1 vol.) ; Miss L. M. Woodard, (10 vols.).

Lectures—An audience of 185 attended a lecture given by Mr. Alexis Gunning on " Music in our Daily Life " on the 16th February ; and 195 attended Mr. A. G. Bloodworth's lantern lecture on " Jersey " on 2nd March.

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2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. Present :—Councillors Mann and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—(a) That 47 books published at £18 17s. 9d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £11 5s. 6d.

(b) That 50 volumes be rebound at an estimated cost of £7 10s 0d.

(c) 1. That the suggestion that the " Statist " (6d. weekly) be added to the list of periodicals taken, be declined.

2. That the suggestion that " Truth " (9d, weekly) be added to the list of periodicals taken, be referred to the Library Committee.

(d) 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.

Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations (a) to (c 1.) and (d) be approved and adopted ; and further that " Truth " (c 2.) be added to the periodicals taken.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st March, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Moore and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate -Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,831 0s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £764 11s. 11d.

2 —Water Rate —Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th inst. Amount collected £18,870 13s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2,026 8s. 2d.

3--Loans—Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of a Debenture amounting to 1,200 be approved and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

4-4 ¼ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that 67 holders of 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £6,005 had renewed at 4 ¼ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £350 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to advertise in newspapers circulating in Gloucestershire and adjoining Counties for further loans in multiples of £10 on the security of 4 ¼ per cent. Housing Bonds, free of Stamp Duty.

5—Borough Accountant's Department—Staff—The Borough Accountant reported that under the Superannuation Scheme Messrs. h. Minett (Consulting Accountant) and T. McMillan (Ledger Clerk) would retire that day on pensions amounting to £181 6s. 8d. and £29 12s. 0d. per annum, respectively.

He also reported that Miss L. M. Rider had satisfactorily completed three months' trial as Typist and General Clerk. Resolved, (a) That Miss Rider be appointed Typist and General Clerk at a commencing salary of £78 per annum, rising to £91 on 1st January, 1926, the appointment to be subject to her passing a medical examination and to termination by one month's notice in writing on either side.

(b) That F. Walter, who had served four years as Junior Clerk, be promoted Junior Ledger Clerk at a commencing salary of £52 per annum.

(c) That J. A. Jenkins be appointed for three months' on trial as Junior Clerk at a salary of £39 per annum.

6—Prestbury and Swindon Fire Hydrants—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Clerk, Cheltenham Rural District Council, asking the Corporation to accept payment of £149 14s. 9d. due for fixing fire hydrants at Prestbury and Swindon by 10 half-yearly instalments with interest at 5 per cent. per annum. The Rural District Council had obtained Sanction from the Ministry of Health to a loan for £150 but it was desired to avoid expense in raising the money. Resolved, That the proposal be accepted.

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7—Superannuation —(a) The Town Clerk submitted the recommendations of the various Committees as to extension or service. Resolved, That, in accordance with these recommendations, and in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of the undermentioned Officials and Employees be extended on the terms of their present engagements, up to the undermentioned dates, respectively.

(1) 31st March, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health ; C. Potter (Farms Waterman) ; G. Allen (Caretaker, Pittville Pump Room) ; H. Jones (Charwoman, Montpellier Baths) ; C. Hobday (Electricity Store Keeper); 1. Sellick (Waterworks Foreman) ; and W. Addis (Caretaker, Art Gallery).

(2) 1st May, 1925—Mr. C. Marshall (Abattoir Superintendent) ; A. Moulder (Abattoir Attendant) ; and F. Brown (Lavatory Attendant).

(3) 30th June, 1925 —Mr. G. E. Sharpe (Farms Manager).

Resolved, also, That the services of the following be extended pending interview and report by the Street and Highway Committee, viz.: S. Bouth (Refuse Destructor Labourer); H. Barlow (Brushman) ; C. T. Mitchell (Labourer) ; and J. Davis (Painter).

(b) The Borough Accountant submitted the following statement of Officials and Employees who would retire on that date and particulars of services and pensions.

Name.	Appointment	Age	Service	Emoluments	Av. Weekly	Pension	Committee
			Years		Wage	per Week	
					5 years		
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Sutton, J.	Superintendent, Naunton Pk. Recreation Gd.	72 1/2	40	House (£30)	156 1 3	52 0 0	Parks & Recreation Grounds
					(per annum)	(per annum)	
Richards, W.	Parks Sweeper ..	74	40		2 4 9	0 14 11	Do.
Mason, W.	Farms	73	42		1 16 7	0 12 2	Public Health

	Waterman						
Halliwell, T. W.	Ex-Outdoor Supt.	68 3/4	38	House(£35)	248 0 0	88 12 6	Street & Highway
					(per annum)	(per annum)	
White, G. J.	Labourer • •	65	38		2 8 9	0 15 9	Do.
Legg, J.	Horsekeeper	74 3/4	36	House(£30)	2 18 8	0 17 8	Do.
Hill, J.	Leckhampton Depot	65	38		2 7 4	0 15 0	Do.
Lippett, H.	Paviour . . •	68	40		3 8 1	1 2 8	Do.
Hudman, R. J.	Roller Driver .	65 1/2	29		3 6 7	0 16 1	Do.
Ballinger, J.	Sweeper	67	32		2 7 3	0 12 7	Do.
Gore, T..	Do.	73 1/2	19		2 7 4	0 7 6	Do.
Tallboy, G.	Do.	70 1/2	34		2 9 2	0 13 10	Do.
Jones, G.	Do,	72	31		2 8 2	0 12 5	Do.
Townshend, H.	Do.	69 2/3	36		2 9 0	0 14 9	Do.
Jordan, J.	Do.	67 1/2	40		2 7 11	0 16 0	Do.
Stone. T.	Do.	69 3/4	43		2 7 4	0 15 9	Do.
Richards, S.	Do.	66 1/2	40		2 8 2	0 16 1	Do.
Norris, J.	Do.	69 1/4	37		2 7 5	0 14 7	Do.
Addis, W. J.	Do.	65	32		2 9 6	0 13 2	Do. (Retires 19 May, 1925)
Mustoe, D.	Do.	65 3/4	40		2 7 6	0 16 0	Do.
Wintle, J.	Gardener	79 1/2	27		1 8 0	0 6 3	Town Improvement & Spa
Newman, G.	Ex-Custodian, Montpellier Gardens ..	76	32	House(£30)	2 13 4	0 14 2	Do.

Hill, W.	Hewletts Reservoir	72	47		168 1 9	56 1 7	Water
					(per annum)	(per annum)	
Ayland, G.	Waterworks Labourer..	74 1/2	31		2 8 8	0 14 10	Do.
James, J.	Waterworks Mechanic	76 1/2	21		199 2 5	35 0 0	Do.
					(per annum)	(per annum)	
Minett, R.	Consultant Accountant	80 3/4	46		544 0 0	181 6 8	Finance
					(per annum)	(per annum)	
McMillan, T.	Ledger Clerk ..	72 1/2	22		161 17 7	29 12 0	Do.
					(per annum)	(per annum)	

Resolved, That these be approved.

ROBT. STEEL. Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Sir,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th April, 1925.

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th, day of May 1925, 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 and to consider, and, if deemed expedient, to make an Order under the Shops Act, 1912, for the closing of Fishmongers', Game and Poultry Dealers' Shops. Also to consider application from Mr. F. Martin for a special licence to ply for hire a Char-a-banc from Norwood Arms to Pittville Gardens on Wednesday evenings during the Summer Season when the Band will be playing at Pittville. 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.

Tours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council

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 6th April, 1925, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, St. Clair, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., and Green and Councillor Leigh James.

1—Minutes—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Council on the 2nd and 31st March last, respectively, having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, he taken as read, and that the same he adopted and confirmed.

2—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 March 9

Housing Meeting held March 10

Street and Highway... Meeting held March 23

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held March 20 & 26

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held March 5 & 25

Water... Meeting held March 19

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 24*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. : " That the second Resolution to Minute No. to be referred back for further consideration."

Allotments ... Meeting held March 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 9

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held March 11

Burial Board Meeting held March 27

Public Library Meeting held March 17

Finance Meeting held March 31

*Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, of 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 the Quarterly Meeting of the council to be held on Monday, the 4th May, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th April, 1925: Present-The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel. Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, St. Clair, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor St. Clair 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, St. Mark's Cottages, Granley Road ; 7, Leicester Terrace ; ;33, Windsor Street ; 12, Upper Bath Street ; 16. Duke Street; 8, St. Luke's Place; 10, Clare Place ; and 74, Upper Bath Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2--Overcrowding at 41, Hungerford Street ; 6, Brighton Road ; and Wenlock House, Wellington Passage-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, and the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if the Notice is not complied with.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 7, Prospect Place ; 27, and 31, Hermitage Street ; 4, 5, 7, and 9, Keynsham Street ; 1 to 6, Portland Cottages, Portland Square, and 3, Grosvenor 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) 36, 38, and 40, Duke Street; and 3 Brooklyn Terrace, Millbrook Street.-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4- Insanitary Property-46 and 47, New Street ; 4 and 6, Russell Terrace, Russell Street ; 7, St. Luke's Place ; Hewlett Cottage, Sidney Street ; 74, 76 and 78, Upper Bath Road ; 5, Leicester Terrace ; 3 and 4 back Birdlip Place ; and 4, Belmore Place, Bath Road.-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1919 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.

5-Houses unfit for Human Habitation-(a) 1, Hereford Passage-The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the same be closed, Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that Notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

(b) 218, 219 and 220, High Street and two Cottages at rear-The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given to the Owner of these premises of the intention to make a Demolition Order. Resolved, That Orders be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-section 2, Section 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909, requiring the demolition of the premises, the Council being of opinion that these houses have not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with diligence to make them so fit.

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6—Tewkesbury Road— Vent Shaft—The Borough Surveyor reported that £8 9s. 4d had been paid in settlement of claim for damage to this vent shaft.

7--Gas Works---The Borough Surveyor reported that between the 8th and 14th inst. some deleterious matter from the Gas Works, different from the matter reported in February last, was

noticed at the Sewage Works Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Gas Engineer requiring immediate steps to be taken to prevent any further discharge.

8—House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—No. 1 Lugwardine Cottages, Short 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 Owners requiring them to provide the same.

9—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc. -The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 80 lbs. of pork ; 55 lbs. of beef; 4 Ox livers ; and a large tin of beef.

10—Offensive Trade—Gas Works—The Medical Officer of Health submitted Memorial signed by 23 persons complaining of the burning of bricks at the Gas Works. He also submitted letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham Gas-Light and Coke Co., stating that the burning of bricks would be completed by the 31st July next and that during this time on only four days would the burning take place, and that if the work was stopped 12 men would have to be discharged. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk inform the Memorialists of the Gas Company's proposals.

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 1924 was 48,810. The Birth rate for 1924 was 14.22 per 1000 inhabitants and the death rate 14.48 Infant death rate 65 per 1000 births.

12-Public Abattoir—(a) Hours—The Committee considered the revision of the hours for opening the abattoir for slaughtering. Resolved, That the following times be approved :--- Monday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. ; Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ; Wednesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ; Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 12 noon, and on such occasions as may be necessary to remain open longer to meet the requirements of the trade.

(b) Charges --Resolved, That Bye-Laws be made substituting the undermentioned Scale of Charges for those prescribed by the Bye-laws now in force and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the same :—

Beeves 1s. 6d.

Calves 9d.

Sheep 4 ½ d.

Pigs 9d. and 1s. 1 ½ d.

(c) Superintendent--Resolved, That advertisements be issued to fill this appointment caused by the retirement of Mr. C. Marshall at a salary of £156 per annum,

13—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 enforce compliance.

14 --National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis — Read, circular letter from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at the 11th Annual Conference to be held at London on the 6th and 7th July next. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

15—Pig Styes Nos. 1 to 6 St. Margaret's 'Terrace—Read, Memorial signed by 11 Owners and Occupiers of these houses com-plaining of nuisance arising from the keeping of pigs in the Stabling in the yard at the rear of these premises and the Sanitary Inspector reported that he had visited the premises and found that pigs had not been kept there for two months and were not likely to be kept there again. Resolved, That no action be taken.

16—Farms Manager — The Town Clerk submitted draft advertisement for this appointment together with list of Duties. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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17—Duties of Medical Officer of Health—Read, circular No. 562 of 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Health, enclosing Memorandum on the duties of a Medical Officer of Health which had been prepared for the guidance of Local Authorities and their Officers. Resolved, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

18—Humane Slaughtering—Read, circular letter from the Temple Cox Research Co. Ltd., suggesting the purchase of a Temple Patent Killer for trial and testing Resolved, That no action be taken.

19—Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924--The Sanitary Inspector submitted Report, which had been circulated amongst the Members of the Committee, of his inspection of all the slaughterhouses and shops and of alterations required thereto in order to comply with the Regulations. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

20- **Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 15th inst. Present— 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 15th inst., 12 horses (3 at Depot); 5 calves ; 52 head of cattle ; 66 lambs, 51 sheep and 42 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last meeting 2 calves, 22 pigs and 66 lambs had been bred on the farms, 12 pigs died within 48 hours of birth through Sow not having any milk. Purchases of Feeding stuffs amounted to £60 16s. 9d. 2 cows and 3 calves, 1 cow in calf, 6 heifers in calf, 1 barren cow and 1 cart horse had been sold for £305 15s. 4d., and other sales amounted to £10 14s. 8d. Total sales £316 11s. 0d.

Underdrainage—The Farms Manager submitted account of the cost of draining Little Hay Furlong amounting to £61 2s. 1 ½d.

Sandfield—The Farms Manager recommended that this field of about 13 ½ acres be laid down to permanent pasture, instead of Great Hay Furlong. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

View Meeting—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the farms on the 23rd inst.

Farms Manager—The Committee considered representation from the Farms Manager that he be allowed to remain in the service of the Corporation until the 29th September next in view of the difficulty of obtaining a house before that date. Resolved, That this be agreed.

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

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ALEXANDER ST. CLAIR,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th April, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Planning of Houses—Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Tombs and Mrs. Webb attended as a Deputation from the Women's Section of the Cheltenham Labour Party and suggested the provision of a fireplace in the third bedroom and other minor alterations in the arrangement of the houses in course of erection ; They also urged that more houses should be built for letting. The Deputation was informed that the suggestions would receive consideration.

2—Sale of Houses and Land --(a) The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
13 Milton Road	Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wilson	£475.
19 do.	Mr. and Mrs. J. -Whitehead	£475.
21 do.	Mr. T. E. B. Tippetts	£475.
23 do.	Mr. C. J. Gibb	£475.
18 Byron Road	Mr. A. S. Taylor	£475.
5 ft. strip of land adjoining 1 Shakespeare Road	Mr. F. P. O. Edmonds	£10

Resolved, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) That 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 the Purchasers of Nos: 19, 21, and 23 Milton Road, and No. 18 Byron Road in Mortgages of the houses to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

(b) Contracts for Sale—The Committee considered a recommendation of the Plans Sub-Committee that a clause be inserted in all future Contracts for Sale providing that no outbuildings shall be erected without the approval of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed accordingly.

NOTE :-The total number of houses provided is : --Under the Assisted Housing Scheme 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923 : do Non-Parlour type: Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let and of the latter 63 have been sold, leaving 15 for sale, the building of which has just been commenced. A Contract for a further 60 Non-Parlour type houses has been entered into.

3—Housing etc. Act, 1923—Subsidy-2 houses, Pilford Road—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate be granted to Mr. A. Yeates for a subsidy of £75 per house in respect of two houses to be erected by him in Pilford Road containing 927 superficial feet and to be built at a density of 8.96 to the acre.

4—Outbuildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of proposed sheds to be erected at Nos. 39 Byron Road, 59 Milton Road, and 73 Tennyson Road, and of a garage at No. 2 Shakespeare Road. Resolved, That they be approved.

5—Shrubberies—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate amounting to £1,050 for the laying out and making-up of a portion of the proposed Shrubberies fronting Gloucester Road. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a Loan for this amount and that application be also made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid.

6—Shakespeare Road— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of making up this road was nearing completion and with the exception of one man the whole of the men engaged on the work were unemployed.

7—New Houses—Sewer--The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of laying the Sewer at the rear of the 30 non-parlour houses in Milton and Byron Road at £285. Resolved, That he be instructed to carry out the work.

8—Additional Houses—Parlour Type—Five tenders for the erection of 7 pairs of Parlour type houses were received. Resolved. That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At the Adjourned Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd April, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

9—Outbuildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed cycle shed at No. 69 Tennyson Road. Resolved, That this be approved.

10—"Wheatley" Scheme—Resolved, That consideration of this Scheme be adjourned until the next meeting of this Committee.

11—Shakespeare Road—Allotments The Town Clerk reported that as the allotments fronting this road would be required for building in the near future, he had given notice to the tenants to quit. Resolved. That this be approved, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to settle terms as to compensation.

12 —Re-decoration of Houses Read, application from the tenants of Nos. 44 and 124 Tennyson Road, for internal re-decorations and from the tenant of No. 2 Byron Road, for minor repairs. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the houses and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Brooklyn Road----(a) Arable land----Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr. W. Moorman asking to be released from his tenancy of the acre of land on the North West side of this road, on the 29th

September next. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the land seeded down for pasture.

(b) Sewer—The Committee considered the development of the land fronting this road and the Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of laying a sewer on each side of the road (at the rear of houses) and of connection to the main sewer at approximately £2,000. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan for this amount and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid of the cost of the work as a Scheme for the relief of Unemployment.

14- Housing, etc., Act, 1923 The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificates of Completion of houses off Gloucester Road for Messrs. G. Day and T. F. Hough completed on the 21st ult. and 4th inst., and of house at Pilford Gardens for Mr. Hubert Bendall completed on the 4th inst. Resolved, That subsidies of £75 each be paid to Messrs. Day and Hough and £100 to Mr. Bendall, subject to their executing Undertakings to comply with the conditions made.

15—Assistance to Owner-Occupiers—Read, circular No. 571 of 12th ult., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the means by which new houses may be purchased and individuals may become Owners of their own homes and enclosing Model pamphlet prepared for the use and guidance of Local Authorities. Resolved, That copies of the circular and pamphlet be obtained and sent to Members of the Committee.

16—Additional Houses—Parlour type—The tenders received were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of 16 St. Paul's Street North be accepted for one pair of houses in Brooklyn Road at the price of £563 13s. 4d. per house, on the understanding that if completed to the satisfaction of the Corporation he shall be given the option of building additional houses at the same price, plus extra cost of drainage, at the rates contained in his schedule of prices.

(b) Resolved. also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their Sanction to a loan of £8,410 for estimated cost of erecting 14 of these houses, including Architect's Fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies.

(c) Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the 14 houses for the purpose of subsidy under the Housing, etc., Act, 1923.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, Held on Monday, 27th April, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, 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, 1925.

The attendances at the Centres hail been as follows : -

	Infants.	Toddlers.
	30.6	30.4
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	22.1	17.2
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	30.0	30.1
At Highbury (13 Meetings)		

One infant attending the Baker Street Centre and one attending the Highbury Centre had died. The Society regretted the resignation of Miss Hanks from the Committee and desired to record their thanks for her valuable work. Mrs. Booy had been elected in her place as the representative of the Women's Co-operative Guild.

2-Health Visitor's Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1925:—

No. of Children on Register . . .	2,859
Children Visited (r year and under)	945
“ (over 1 year) . . .	777
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	2,136
„ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	71
„ Un-notified Births discovered .	2
“ Children remitted to Hospital	6
“ Ante-natal Cases visited ..	34
“ Whooping Cough Cases visited — •	4
“ Chicken Pox Cases visited	21
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum Cases visited .	2
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	2
Grants of Milk :	
Carried over from previous quarter	29
New Orders ..	22
Orders discontinued during quarter	25
“ continuing to coming quarter	26

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter 26, have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 25 for infants or children under three years of age.

3—Grant—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health of 28th ult., approving of an expenditure for the current year not exceeding

4—Training of Health Visitors—Read. circular No. 557 of 9th February last from the Ministry of Health forwarding copies of a Memorandum specifying the conditions on which grants will in future be made for the training of Health Visitors and that on and after the 1st April, 1928, the appointment of a woman for the first time as a whole-time officer of a Local Authority would not be approved unless she had obtained a Health Visitors' Certificate issued by a governing body and approved by the Minister of Health.

5—Municipal Exhibitions—Read, circular letter of 26th February last, from the Secretary, Municipal Exhibitions suggesting that the several " weeks " such as Health Week, Baby Week, Rat Week, etc. should be incorporated as one comprehensive Scheme and stating that they would be prepared to organise such a scheme at a moderate fee. Resolved That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

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

1-Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 7th and 20th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

2--View Meeting — The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Friday, 17th inst. :— Alderman Bendall; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :

Russell Place—Footpath—That the footpath adjoining Zona Works be gravelled.

Gloucester Road--Tree—That the tree by "Beechwood" be not removed.

Royal Parade--Tree—That the tree by No. 6 be removed and a young tree planted.

Imperial Lane—That the offer of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co., Ltd., to contribute £5 towards cost of new foot-path be accepted.

Naunton Lane Tip— Resolved, That the offer of Mr. T. S. and Miss S. O. Shill to permit the Corporation to use nearly half an acre of land at rear of "Arolf," Naunton Lane as a tip until 31st December, 1926, in consideration of a lump sum of £15 to be paid by the Corporation be accepted,

subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, the Corporation to be free from all liability for re-erection of fences interfered with by the tipping. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways --The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 20th March to 16th April, 1925, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 9th inst., 803 loads collected ; 786 consumed and 17 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,087 tons, 8 cwts. 1 qr.)

4—Engineering Assistant— The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of 42 applications for this appointment. Resolved, That he be instructed to peruse the same and select 3 applicants for interview by this Committee.

5---Asphalt Plant—The Sub-Committee reported that they inspected the plant proposed to be supplied by Messrs. Constable Hart & Co., Ltd. at Devizes on the 14th inst., and found same in every way satisfactory.

6—Petrol Pump- Suffolk Parade—Read, application of 24th ult., from Mr. H. S. Jones, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump at his premises with a moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath in Suffolk Parade. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to an Agreement being entered into as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

7—Light Railway Track—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the General Manager, stating that he would have the portions of the track complained of repaired at once.

8— Maining of Roads—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the application of the Corporation for the Contribution Roads graded as 1st class roads to be mained would be considered by the County Highway Committee in October when such applications are usually dealt with.

9—Housing Estate—Seats—Resolved, That a concrete seat be fixed at the junction of Brooklyn and Tennyson Roads and two others in positions to be selected on the Housing Estate.

10-Street Projections Gates--Resolved. That the application of Mr. J. E. Hindmarsh of Raeburn Studios for permission to fix two signs at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

11- Public Highways— Mileage—Read, Circular 202 A (Roads) of 18th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, stating that future particulars re mileage of highways maintained-by the Corporation should be furnished direct to the Ministry of Transport instead of the Ministry of Health.

JOHN BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 7th April, 1925: 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.
1999	Ogden, J.	Kitchen addition to 29 Winchcomb Street.
2000	Courteen,	Miss E. New windows at " Redbrook," Leckhampton Road.
2001	Sowry, H. Marshall	Detached house, Whaddon Lane.
2002	Walker, James, Ltd.	Shop front at 4 Promenade Villas.
2003	Yeates, A.	Two semi-detached houses, Pilford Road.
2004	Harvey, Miss M.	Detached house, Moorend Park Road.
2005	Pickering, J. S.	Detached house, Moorend Park Road.
2006	Borchardt, W. G.	Temporary motor house, at " Hawley," Leckhampton Road.
2007	Oughton, Mrs. M. H.	Temporary domestic shed at 59 Milton Road.
2008	Hodson, H. A.	Temporary cycle shed at 39 Byron Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005 be approved, but that Plan No. 1999 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2006 and 2007 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. 2004 and 2008 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th April, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; 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.
2004	Harvey, Miss M.	Detached House, Moorend Park Road.
2008	Hodson, H. A.	Temporary Cycle Shed, 39 Byron Road (amended plan).
2009	Hathorn, Miss E. R.	New Bathroom addition, 6 Park Place.
2010	Billings, W. E.	Temporary Motor House, Sydenham Lodge, Cranham Road.
2011	Allsopp, H.	Two semi-detached Houses, Whaddon Lane.
2012	Miles, J.	Temporary Motor House, 2 Shakespeare Road.
2013	Trustees, Walker Memorial Chapel	Sanitary Conveniences and Cycle Shelter, Walker Memorial Chapel, Whaddon Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2004, 2011 and 2013 be approved, but that Plan No. 2013 be subject to the Sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2008, 2010 and 2012 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. 2009 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE,

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th April, 1925: Present-The Mayor ; Councillors Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Town Hall—Redecoration—Five tenders were received for painting and decorating the interior of the large Hall. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Conway Jones and Co. Ltd., Gloucester, to carry out the work for £777 7s. 9d. (being the lowest tender) be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th April, 1925: Present Councillors Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2-Borough Meteorologist—The Borough Meteorologist attended and reported that in order to provide a substitute to carry out his duties when absent from the Town, he had arranged to instruct the Custodian of Montpellier Gardens in the reading of the instruments. Resolved, That this be approved.

3—Advertising--(a)joint (Railway) Scheme—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, stating that the Chamber had agreed to contribute £100 towards the cost of this Scheme, subject to the condition that it be stated in all advertisements that applications for Hotels and Accommodation, etc. should be addressed to the Manageress, Central Spa Bureau. Resolved, That this he agreed to and the Railway Companies asked to arrange accordingly. Resolved, also, That the Railway Companies be asked to advertise the town as " Cheltenham Spa " and to state in all advertisements that applications for Guides should be addressed to the Spa Manager.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had continued the weekly paragraph in the " Daily Telegraph." this be approved and that the paragraph be continued up to and including 27th May next.

4—Badminton—Read, letter from the late Rev. S. Jackson, applying on behalf of the Cheltenham Badminton Club, for the use of the Alstone Baths for Badminton during the Season 1925-26. Resolved, That the Baths be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of £92 6s. 0d. for the Season 1925-26 (viz. : 13th October to 27th 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 building 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.

5-- Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—Twenty applications were received for the appointment of Custodian. Resolved, That these be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee with power to appoint a suitable applicant on the terms advertised.

6—Pittville and Winter Gardens—Read, letters of 16th and 23rd inst. from the Rev. F. Senior (President of the Free Church Council) applying, on behalf of the Rector and himself, for permission to hold one United Open-air Sunday evening service, either at Pittville or in the Winter Garden Grounds in each of the months of June, July and August, the services to last from 45 minutes to one hour. Resolved, That permission be granted.

7--Spa Federation Conference—Report—Read, Report of this Conference held in London on the 5th ult., a copy of which had been sent to each Member. Resolved, That the same be approved.

8—Pittville Gardens—Read, application of 23rd inst., from the British Automatic Co. Ltd., for permission to place a Sweetmeat delivery machine in Pittville Gardens and also a Weighing Machine in Marle Hill Annexe, the Corporation to receive in respect of each Machine 20 per cent. of the gross receipts, being the same terms as for similar machines at Pittville and Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to an Agreement being entered into and the exact position of the machines being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

9—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 31st ult. and 15th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Bandstand—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Bandstand painted before the 15th May.

Garden Seats—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Garden Seats painted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Concerts Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd April, 1925 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, St. Clair, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electric Lamp Standard—Corner of St. Paul's Lane and Swindon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 27th ult., a lamp standard at this corner had been damaged by an unknown vehicle, and had been replaced. Resolved, That this be approved.

2— District Joint Industrial Council—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated Representative of the Undertaking on the Employers' side of the District Joint Industrial Council No. 6 (West of England) Area for the year ending 30th April, 1926.

3—Electrical Contractors—The Committee considered the registration of Electrical Contractors under the National Scheme set up by the Council of Management consisting of Members nominated

by the official organisations representing the various interests, The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that only three Cheltenham Contractors had applied for registration, and he recommended that an Approved List of Cheltenham Contractors should be prepared, and that in future additions to the List should be limited to Registered Contractors. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to inform local Contractors of the intention of the Corporation to issue a List of Approved Contractors on 1st August which would only include Registered Contractors.

4—West Midlands Electricity District--Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Electricity Commission forwarding copy Order made under Section 7 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, for this District.

5 West Gloucestershire Electricity (Extension) Order-- Read, letter of 1st inst., from Messrs. Lewin, Gregory & Co., forwarding copy of Replies of the West Gloucestershire Power Co., Ltd. to the Objections of the Corporation to their Application herein as sent to the Electricity Commissioners on that date.

6—Extension of Area—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Electricity Commission stating that if the Corporation wished to extend their Area of Supply it would now be necessary, having regard to the applications by the West Gloucestershire Power Company Limited, and the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Company for Special Orders, also to make application for such an Order to cover the Area for which Electricity Powers were desired and if an early decision on the matter could be arrived at by the Corporation, the Commissioners would defer consideration of the other applications so that all the Schemes could be considered at the same Inquiry.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make application for a Special Order under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, for an Area comprising the Parishes in the Cheltenham Rural District not already within the Corporation Area of Supply, and also the Parishes in the Rural Districts of Tewkesbury and Winchcomb, and that this Committee be authorised to take the necessary steps for obtaining such Order.

7—Institution of Public Lighting Engineers--Read, circular letter of 24th February last from the Hon. Secretary of this Institution inviting the Corporation to become Members thereof and to appoint Delegates to attend a Conference to be held at Leeds 14th-16th September next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

8—Gas Tests—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for Quarter ended 31st March last, which shewed the average calorific value to be 470.7 B.T.H.U.

Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th and 30th ult., and 9th and 18th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 470.4, 467.6, 461.8 and 484.6 B.T.H.U. and the pressure 5.3, 5.1, 4.5 and 5.2 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th April, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Moore, Pates and Sawyer (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 [.]th April, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	397,000 gallons	356,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,301,000	1,162,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	115,000
Total	1,813,000	1,633,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th April 1925.		13th April 1924.	
Hewletts		28,917,000 gallons		52,383,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 9in.	98,267,000	28ft. 2in.	80,294,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		128,804,000		94,297,000

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

	During March, 1925.	During past 12 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections ..	1,210	12,382
“ taps found leaking ..	98	1,172
“ defective flushing boxes	25	202
“ defective stop taps ..	11	32
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house- to-house inspections)	95	
	<u>51</u>	
	146	1,657
“ notices served re fittings	53	596
“ meters fixed and changed	22	243
“£ houses connected ..	79	1,009
“ burst pipes discovered	8	74
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	46	381

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month :--New Mains laid and Valves and Hydrants fixed—Shakespeare Road (140 yards of 4 inch), Painswick Road (75 yards of 3 inch); one 3 inch main, 3 valves and 3 hydrants repaired and 5 mains washed out.

4--Supply to Stanhope Lodge Cottages—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 30th ult., from Mr. T. Malvern (Architect) applying on behalf of Mr. John Jackson for these Cottages to be supplied from a single service-pipe. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to provision being made for a separate stop-tap for each house.

5 --Hewletts Reservoir- -Resolved, That a telephone be installed at the Caretaker's house at an annual rent of £8 and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the usual Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

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6 --Salts Farm--(a) Rent—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Mr. L. G. Dunn, applying for a further allowance to be made in the rent of the Farm in respect of deposit of material on the Reservoir Bank.

(b) Slaughter-House-- Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. Dunn stating that he had applied to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for a Licence to use the portion of the Barn as a Slaughter-house and applying for the consent of the Corporation thereto. Resolved, That consideration of both applications be adjourned for view.

7—Chelt—Read, letter of 20th ult., from Mr. R. E. Whiting, complaining of nuisance by boys in the Chelt at Barrett's Mill since the removal of the Weir. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view at the next Meeting.

8--Next Meeting---Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st April, 1925: Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Sawyer, St. Clair, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Diseases amongst Animals--Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2 — Diseases of Animals Acts and General Orders—Handbook—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Ministry of Agriculture stating that the Ministry were issuing a revised edition of the Handbook on the Diseases of Animals Acts and General Orders thereunder. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase a copy.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 28th ult. the Brigade attended an outbreak of fire at Colonnade House, Promenade (W. Sharpe & Sons, Bootmakers). Damage £2,000. Expenses £6 10s. 6d.

(b) Demonstration at Prestbury—Read. letter of 3rd inst., from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking that a demonstration be given by the Brigade at Prestbury. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the Captain instructed to arrange accordingly.

4—Market—(a) Superintendent—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. Marshall would retire on the 30th inst., under the Superannuation Scheme. Resolved, That the appointment be incorporated with that of Abattoir Superintendent.

(b) Pleasure Fair—The Town Clerk reported that a portion of the Market had been let to Marshall Hill for a Pleasure Fair on the 24th and 25th inst., at a rent of £12, plus Water Charges, (Vehicles to draw in on 23rd and out on 27th inst.). Resolved, That this be approved.

(c) Shed—Read, letter of 14th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle with further reference to a shed at the Market. Resolved, That Mr. Castle be invited to meet the Market Sub-Committee at the Market on the 30th inst.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers—(i.) Read, application from Mr. F. C. Newman for licence No 67, held by him for cab (Reg. No. M.D. 2532) to be transferred to an " Austin " cab (Reg. No. A.D. 1315).

(ii.) Read, application of 30th ult. from Mr. Joseph Birt for licence No. 35, held by him for cab (Reg. No. A.D. 2772) to be transferred to cab (Reg. No. A.D. 2021). Resolved, That the applications be granted, subject to satisfactory reports on the vehicles from the Inspector.

(b) Annual Inspection of Licences and Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc., be held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 12th May, at 10 a.m.

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6—Motor Omnibus Service—Promenade to Sandy Lane— Read, application of the 6th inst., from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., for a Licence for an Omnibus, for an hourly service between the Colonnade and Sandy Lane, along Promenade, Montpellier Walk, Suffolk Road, Thirlestaine Road, Old Bath Road and Sandy Lane, at the following fares :—

Sandy Lane and Old Bath Road (Railway Bridge) . . . Old Bath Road(Railway Bridge) and East Gloucestershire Ground .. East Gloucestershire Ground and Junction, Bath Road and Suffolk Road Junction. Bath Road and Suffolk Road and Montpellier Rotunda .. Montpellier Rotunda and Colonnade.. [All] 1d. either way

Sandy Lane and Junction, Bath Road and Suffolk Road .. Junction, Bath Road and Suffolk Road and Colonnade .. East Gloucestershire Ground and Montpellier Rotunda .. [All] 2d. either way

Sandy Lane and Montpellier Rotunda East Gloucestershire Ground and Colonnade [All] 3d. either way

Sandy Lane and Colonnade. [All] 4d. either way

MILEAGE.

Sandy Lane and Junction, Bath Road and Suffolk Road .. 1.4 miles.

Junction, Bath Road and Suffolk Road and Colonnade 0.9 miles

Sandy Lane to Old Bath Road (Railway Bridge) -	0.3 miles
“ “ East Gloucestershire Ground ..	0.9 miles
“ “ Cheltenham College	1.4 miles
“ “ Montpellier Rotunda	1.9 miles
“ “ Colonnade	2.3 miles

Resolved, That licences be granted and also the necessary conductors' and drivers' Licences. St. Mark's and Cheltenham Cemetery—Resolved, That representations be made to the Company urging that the St. Mark's to Cemetery Motor Omnibus Service be continued later than 6.30 p.m.

7—Petrol Licences—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, That a licence be granted to Mr. Hugh S. Jones of Suffolk Garage, Suffolk Parade, to store 300 gallons of petrol in an underground tank on the premises.

8- St. John's Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society— Subscription — Resolved, That the contribution to the Funds of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society Joint Committee be increased from £10 to £25 per annum to cover services rendered in response to calls from the police.

9—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Mr. F. Walter (Borough Accountant's Department) and Miss H. Jordan (Health Visitor) be added to the Certificate of Exception they having completed three years service on the 19th May, 1923, and 2nd January, 1924, respectively.

10—Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act. 1922—Valuation—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Actuary (Mr. J. H. Robertson, M.A., F.F.A.), forwarding Certificate under Sec. 18 (1) (e) of the Act that the amount required to secure the solvency of the Superannuation Fund was £62,528, as at 1st April, 1925, the " Appointed Day." The equal Annual Charge to redeem this sum was £3,160 payable for 40 years. Compared with the summary of the Actuary's provisional valuation of the 21st October, 1924, This showed a reduction in the annual charge of £86. The apportionment of the annual charge between Trading and Rating Department was as follows :—

Rating Departments	£2642
Trading Departments	<u>£518</u>
	£3160

Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Ministry of Labour, stating that the Minister was issuing a Provisional Certificate of Exception in respect of employees who have completed three years' service on the permanent staff in whole time employment, to take effect from 30th March last.

11—Borough Councillors (Alteration of Numbers) Act, 1925— The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th inst., from the Home Office together with copy of this Act, which applied the procedure of Sect. 30 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, to the alteration of the number of Councillors.

12—Municipal Wards and Numbering of Houses—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Labour Party, asking that application be made for an Order in Council, increasing the Wards from six to nine, and asking the Corporation to require the numbering of houses and buildings in all streets in the Borough. Resolved, That no action be taken at present in regard to the first suggestion, and that in regard to the second, that the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Council will be prepared to consider the numbering of houses in any street on receipt of representations from the householders therein.

13—Flower Show—Challenge Cup—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Chairman, Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, asking the Corporation to give a Challenge Cup for competition at the Flower Show. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to purchase a Cup at a cost not exceeding 30 guineas, to be charged to the Agricultural Fund, and that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Welstead be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect cups and select three for submission to the full Committee. Resolved, also, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to suggest the conditions upon which the Cup shall be presented.

14—Relief of Unemployment 1925-26—Read, circular of 30th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, asking Local Authorities to submit Schemes of work which could be put in hand during the Winter 1925-26 not later than 1st September next, and stating that if a Local Authority wished to be informed whether a proposed scheme was one which would be approved, the Unemployment Grants Committee would be prepared to give this information on submission of the Scheme in broad outline not later than 1st May next, Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

15-Shops Acts—Read, Report of 18th inst., from the Shops Acts Inspector as to contravention of the Acts by Mr. A. Long, Oxford Arms, Corpus Street. Resolved, That he be warned that if any further infringement is reported, proceedings will be taken.

16—Contracts—Read, circular 569 of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding Resolutions passed at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923, in favour of preference being given to goods made and materials produced within the Empire in Government and Municipal Contracts.

17—Property Valuations—Read, circular from the Town Clerk of Worcester, stating that the Worcester City Council had asked the Member for the City to endeavour to get Departmental instructions to District Valuers so altered as to enable them to assist Local Authorities to obtain valuations of separate properties to be acquired by Local Authorities. Resolved, That the application be supported.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th April, 1925. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs, F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend. (Councillor Welstead in the chair)

1—North Ward--Crab Tree Piece--The Borough Surveyor submitted sample numbering posts for these allotments. Resolved, That oak posts with numbers affixed thereto be purchased at an estimated cost of £8 6s. 6d.

2 —Wasley's Field Allotments—Read, letter of 1st inst., from the tenant of No. 9 allotment asking for a refund of the rent paid by him, as owing to ill health he was unable to work the ground. Resolved, That three quarters of the rent be refunded.

3—Annual Inspection— Resolved, That meetings of the Committee be held on the 6th and 8th prox. for the purpose of inspecting the allotments.

4—Arrears—The Town Clerk submitted list of arrears of rent. Resolved, That he be instructed to write to the allotment holders, and take proceedings if necessary, for the recovery of the arrears.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th April, 1925. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds-(a) Whaddon Lane— Cricket Pitch--An application was received for the use of a cricket pitch on this ground on Wednesdays for the Salem Sports Club. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(b) Fence—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mrs. F. M. Chester complaining of the fence adjoining her garden. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

2 —Pittville Estate—(a) Key—Read, application from Lady Annie Wiggin for a key to the gardens. Resolved, That a key be supplied on payment of an annual charge of £1 1s. 0d.

(b) Tree—Read, letter of 31st ult., from Mrs. H. Snow asking for the removal of an elm tree outside Avondale House. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(c) Wellington Square—Read, Report of Park Constable of seven boys damaging shrubs and turf in this garden to the value of Lx is. Resolved, That the Town Clerk write the parents of the boys for recovery of the amount of the damage and also to the Headmasters of the schools which the boys attend asking them to use their influence with the boys to prevent further damage.

(d) Clarendon Villas—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for garage at rear of these premises. Resolved, That this be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th April, 1925 : Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Stewart and Capt. Trye ; Col. J. C. Griffith and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in March 4,052 (against 2,904) including classes from the Ladies' College, Girls Grammar School, Pupil Teachers' Centre and Girl Guides from Blakeney, Nailsworth, Siddington and Tetbury. The exhibition of original posters by eminent members of the Royal Academy closed on the 22nd ult., and was attended by 3,661 persons.

St. Ives Artist's Exhibition—This exhibition was opened by Mr. Moffat Linder on the 1st inst., at which 198 persons attended.

Cheltenham Artists—The Curator reported that he had arranged for the 6th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists to be held from the 5th October to 14th November next.

Receipts—The receipts for the month amounted to £1 6s. 9d.

2—Donations—The following Donations had been received :—The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., Electrotype reproduction of Cadmus Bowl ; Mr. J. A. Round, 1 Dutch Halbert, 3 swords; Mr. R. Bigland, 1 view of St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham ; Mr. S. D. Scott, Engraved metal Dial from long-case clock ; Mr. W. R. Storr, Barytes ; and the Curator, Cheltenham, 2 Argonauta Shells. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th April, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Thomas, Stewart, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (28th March to 24th April). Interments 50 ; Exclusive Rights in 15 graves sold (first class 1, second class 1 and fourth class 13). Monuments erected 15 ; New Inscriptions 5.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7157 to 7171 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Memorial cross and kerbing to graves of George A. Noyes, Ada Prew, Alice M. Clarke and Elizabeth Bowles and Kerbing to graves of Alice M. Payne and Frederick R. Reynolds.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th April, 1925: Present—Councillors Mann and Capt. Trye ; Messrs. E. Gridley and A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1---Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 1s. 3d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,043 (last year 5,046) ; Lending Library 11,546 (last year 11,762) ; Juvenile Library 2,174 (last year 2,102). Total for month 18,763 (last year 18,630).

Presentations—The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (2 vols.) ; Mr. A. Bendall vol.) ; Blackpool Information Bureau (1 pamph.) ; Broadstairs Urban District Council (1 pamph.) ; Mr. E. J. Burrow (3 vols. and 2 pamps.) ; India Office (1 vol.) ; Library of Congress (1 vol.) ; Mr. J. A Round (2 vols.) ; Stubbs Directories Ltd. (1 vol.) ; United Kingdom Alliance (1 vol.) ; Councillor A. St. Clair (12 pamps,) ; Anonymous (1 vol.) ; Capt. R. P. Wild (1 vol.). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

Lectures—An audience of 178 attended Mr. W. L. Mellersh's Lecture on "English Houses (Exteriors) from Anglo-Saxon Times to 1800, with Special References to Gloucestershire" on 30th March.

Optical Lantern—The Librarian reported receipt of an Electric Arc Optical Lantern and 545 slides, presented by wish of the late W. C. Beetham, Esq., Battledown Towers, and suggested that the Lantern be insured for £30. Resolved, That warm thanks be conveyed to the family of the donor, and that the equipment be insured as recommended.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and St. Clair ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 55 vols., new books, published at £23 6s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost £19 1s. 0d.

(b) That 70 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That 100 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) That the offer of a gratuitous copy " The British Legion," monthly, be accepted.

(e) That the wages of Miss Ivy E. Burnett, Reference Library Assistant, be increased from 20s to 25s per week.

(f) That tenders for re-slating the roof be invited by advertisement, tenderers to be asked to quote an allowance for the large stoneware pipes formerly used in connection with the Chemical Laboratory ; and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to draw up a specification, Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th April, 1925 Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruett and Welstead (Alderman steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,845 0s. 8d. Excused £70 7s. 3d. Irrecoverable £105 2s. 4d. Void £588 19s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £132 12s. 10d.

2 —Water Rate Read, Final Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th ult. Amount collected £18,892 18s. 9d. Abatement £514 16s. 11d. Defaulters £20 6s. 0d. Voids £112 15s. 7d, Leaving outstanding £3,582 5s. 4d.

3—Loans .Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £7,100 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that 24 holders of 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £3,475 had renewed at 4 ¾ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £3,660 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved. Resolved, also, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to continue advertisements in the " Echo " and " Chronicle " for further Loans on 4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds, free of stamp duty.

5 —Sanctions to Loans.—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanctions to the following Loans :—

Date, 1925.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment,
April 8th	Stanhope Street Improvement--Erection of Houses	£13,579	60 years.
April 20th	Housing—Erection of 60 Non-Parlour Houses	£28,116	60 years.

6—Insurance—Property Owners' Liability—Resolved That the offer of the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd., to issue a Policy indemnifying the Corporation in the sum of,£10,000 in respect of accidents arising from defects at the Town Hall and Winter Garden for an annual net premium of 42 19s. 6d. be accepted.

7—Superannuation----The Town Clerk reported that the Street and Highway Committee recommended that the following Employees should retire on the 30th April, inst., viz.—H. Barlow (Brushman), C. T. Mitchell (Labourer) and J. Davis (Painter) and that the service of S. Booth be extended on the terms of his present engagement until 31st March, 1926, when he will have attained the age of 65. The same Committee also recommended that Mr. J. E. Ponting (Stores Clerk) should retire on 31st May next and the Public Health Committee recommended that the service of Mr. C. Marshall (Abattoir Superintendent) be extended on the terms of his present engagement until his successor was appointed, and that the service of Mr. G. E. Sharp (Farms Manager) be extended to 29th September next on the terms of his present engagement Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted. The Borough Accountant submitted the following statement of services and pensions payable :—

Name	Appointment	Age Years	Service	Pension per Week £ s. d.
Barlow, H.	Brushman	65	25	0 12 1
Mitchell, C. T.	Labourer	66 1/2	40	0 16 1
Davis, J.	Painter	65	29	0 16 8
Ponting, J. S. (Sear.)	Stores Clerk	66	40	74 10 1 (per annum)

Evidence of Age-- The Town Clerk reported that the following employees were unable to obtain a Birth Certificate but had submitted other documentary evidence as shewn after their respective names—J. Simmonds and S. Booth (Marriage Certificates); F. C. Taylor (Baptismal Certificate). Resolved. That this evidence be accepted.

8 —Unemployment (Loan) Schemes—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Ministry of Health (Unemployment Grants Department) forwarding Statements shewing amounts of instalments of Grant payable to the Corporation in respect of (a) Non-Revenue-producing Scheme's, Nos. 1.. 867 (Under-drainage. Great Stockings Field, Hayden) ; L. 1965 (Humus Tank, Hayden) ; A. 1692 (Storm-water Carrier, Hayden) ; B. 712 (Sewage Carrier, Hayden) ; 13. 713 (Humus Tank, Hayden) and B. 1735 (Fairview Road Widening) ; and (b) Revenue-producing- Schemes, Nos. B. 1066 (St George's Square Bowling Green) and B. 1373 (Hewletts Reservoir No. 3—Cementing floor). The Ministry had excluded from the Grants Expenditure amounting to £1370 6s. 3d. as being wages of permanent employees of the Corporation engaged on the works, in accordance with the Conditions.

9—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 28th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) ; Councillors Pruen 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.

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 May, 1925, 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, Steel and Taylor Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., and Green and Councillor St. Clair.

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

2—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 Housing Meeting held April 15

Housing meetings held April 16 & 23

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Maternity and Child Welfare... Meeting held April 27

Street and Highway... Meeting held April 20

Town Improvement and Spa... Meetings held April 8 & 24

Electricity and Lighting... Meeting held April 22

Water ... Meeting held April 16

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held April 21

SHOPS ACT, 1912-The Cheltenham Fishmongers', Game and Poultry Dealers' Shops Closing Order, 1925--An Objection to the Order was received from Mr. L. A. Soper(trading as Willows) of 1a. Winchcomb Street, who suggested that the hours of Closing should be as follows :—Monday 6 p.m., Tuesday 7.30 p.m., Wednesday 1 p.m., Thursday and Friday 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 p.m., instead of the hours Resolved, That an Order in the terms of the Draft Order now submitted be made, the Council being satisfied that it is expedient to make the Order and that the Occupiers of at least two-thirds in number of the shops affected by the Order approve of the same, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to submit the Order for the confirmation of the Secretary of State.

MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICE—Norwood Arms to Pittville—Resolved, That a Special Licence be granted to Mr. F. Martin, of 5 High Street, for a Char-a-banc to ply for hire from the Norwood Arms to Pittville Gardens on Wednesday evenings during the Summer Season (16th May-12th September) at the following Fares, viz.:—Norwood Arms to Pittville Gardens 3d. either way ; Pittville Street to Pittville Gardens 1 ½ d. either way.

Allotments Meeting held April 15

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 15

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 15

Burial Board Meeting held April 24

Public Library Meeting held April 16

Finance Meeting held April 28*

* Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, of 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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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th May, 1925.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of June, 1925, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE 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 Licences and Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town. Clerk.

MINUTES of the committees of the Town council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 5th June, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th May, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Yarnold (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Public Abattoir—Superintendent—The following Candidates were interviewed :—

Adams, W. T.	Age 32.	Ex-service man.
Agg, T. W.	Age 25.	do.
Tallboy, E. H.	Age 38	do.

Resolved, That Mr. E. H. Tallboy be appointed Abattoir and Market Superintendent at a salary of £156 per annum, the appointment to be subject to his passing a medical examination and contributing to the Superannuation Fund and to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side. Resolved, also, that Mr Tallboy commence duty on the 18th inst., and that Mr. C. Marshall's retirement on Superannuation take effect as from the 23rd inst.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman-Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair),

2 —Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits- or ash receptacles, viz. ;---55 Brunswick Street ; 40 Marle Hill Parade ; 108 Albion Street ; 29 Sherborne Street ; 3 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft ; 43 Russell Street ; 2 Butt's Cottages, Lower Park Street ; 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 St. Paul's Street South. —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—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 1, 2 and 3 Gloucester Cottages, Gloucester Road ; 30 Stoneville Street ; Keynsham Street ; and 17 to 30 Naunton Crescent. —The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1873, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 4, 5 and 7 Keynsham Street ; 27, 28 and 31 Hermitage Street. — The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 2; days,

4—insanitary Property-3 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft 1 Georgina Villas, Moorend Crescent ; 3 Garden Cottages, High Street; 2 Butt's Cottages, Lower Park Street : 13 Grosvenor Street ; 7 St. Luke's Place ; and 29 Sherborne Street..—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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.

5—Notices not complied with 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 conspired with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

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6 —Houses unfit for Human Habitation- - (a) Hereford Passage-The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that this dwelling house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed, Resolved, That it appearing to the council that the said house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now 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 Owner and Occupier.

(b) Limbrick Cottages—Resolved, That the question of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for a further six months.

(c) 2, 4 and 5 Providence Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done to these premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made on 3rd July, 1923. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for ejection against the respective tenants.

(d) 1 and 2 Malden Court Cottages, Pittville--The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out the works required to make these houses fit for human habitation. Resolved, That an Order be made rescinding the Closing Orders made.

7—Common Lodging House- An application was received from Mr. Michael Fortucci in respect of Nos. 20 and 21 Stanhope Street for renewal of his registration as a keeper of this Common Lodging House. Resolved, That Mr. Fortucci's registration be renewed for 6 months from the 5th June, 1925.

8—Houses without proper Water Supply—1 and 2 Glen Cottages, Folly Lane —It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply. Resolved, That notice be given to the Owner requiring him to provide a proper water supply.

9—Offensive Trade---4 Bennington Street—Read, application of 15th ult., from Mr. G. E. C. Viler; for consent to his carrying on the trade of a Tripe Boiler at the above premises. Resolved, That consent be not given.

10---Public Abattoir—Charges--Resolved. That Bye-Laws be made substituting the undermentioned Scale of Charges for those prescribed by the Bye-Laws now in force, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the same and that Minute No. 12 (b) of this Committee at their last Meeting be varied accordingly :—

Beeves	1s. 6d.
Calves	9d.
Sheep..	5d.

Pigs—weighing over 140 lbs. dead weight (including hot water) ..	1s. 2d.
Do.—not exceeding 140 lbs. dead weight (including hot water) ..	9d.

11—Deputation—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Labour Party, Women's Section, asking the Committee to receive a Deputation of Women. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the subjects the Deputation desire to bring before the Committee.

12--Fluid Sewage—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had interviewed Mr. C. A. Corbett of Villa Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke, with reference to his application of the 4th ult., for a reduction in the charge of £6 per annum for the supply of fluid sewage to his land. The present charge was at the rate of 6s per acre and was calculated on the irrigation of 20 acres, whereas Mr. Corbett had never irrigated more than 14 acres. Resolved, That the charge be reduced to £4 4s per annum.

13—**Farms Sub-Committee**--Reported Meeting on 4th inst. Present --Councillors Leigh James and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 11th inst., 13 horses (2 at Depot); 41 head of cattle ; 5 calves ; 5r sheep, 66 lambs and 41 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 bull calf had been purchased for £2 16s. 0d. 2 calves had been bred on the farms Purchases of Feeding stuffs amounted to £47 18s. 1d- 4 heifers and 3 calves, 7 heifers in calf, and 1 sow had been sold for £302 1s. 0d., and other sales amounted to £36 19s. 6d. Total sales £339 0s. 6d. One heifer calf had died.

Implement Shed—Resolved, That an Implement Shed be erected behind the Barn at Hayden at a cost not exceeding £100.

District Auditor's Report—The District Auditor's Report was read so far as concerned this Sub-Committee, and consideration was adjourned to the next Meeting.

Leigh Brook—Resolved, That a contribution of not exceeding £1 10s. 0d. be paid to the County Council (Land Drainage Department) towards the cost of cleaning out this Brook. 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, 12th May, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall anti Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Drum, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

2-Sale of Houses and Land—(a) The following offer was reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	[Price]
26 Byron Road.	E. and A. Moorman (The Misses) rice.	£475-

Resolved, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) That the offer be accepted, that application be made to the Ministry for their consent to the Sale and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchasers in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance of not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage,

NOTE :-The total number of houses provided is : —Under the Assisted Housing Scheme 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: So Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 555 are let and of the latter 66 have been sold, leaving 14 for sale, but the building of these is in initial stages. A Contract for a further 60 Non-Parlour type houses was entered into on 22nd April, and a Contract for 2 Parlour-type houses was entered into on 18th May, 1925. Total houses erected, or to be erected, on Housing Estate by the Corporation 302 ; by private enterprise 2.

2—Housing Act, 1923 —Subsidy—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval for purposes of subsidy of the 60 Non-parlour type houses to be erected by Mr. W. Drew in addition to the So houses erected under his three previous Contracts.

3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924— Resolved, That the Council be recommended to transfer to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee the question of providing additional houses for letting under the provisions of this Act.

4—Outbuildings—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to consent on behalf of the Corporation to the erection of Outbuildings the floor space of which does not exceed 30 square feet, on the following conditions, viz. :—

(a) Completed form of application and plan to be submitted to Borough Surveyor and his Consent in writing obtained before erection of Outbuilding is commenced, (b) the Outbuilding to be erected on site approved by. and to the satisfaction of, the Borough Surveyor, and (c) the Outbuilding to be removed within three months after notice requiring removal.

5—Re-decoration of Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of internal re-decoration and external painting of the 150 houses erected under the Assisted Housing Scheme would be £760 and £503 10s. 0d., respectively. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the external painting carried out forthwith and that internal re-decoration be not undertaken at present.

6—Houses for Police The Town Clerk reported that the Chief Constable had applied for the tenancies of No. 25 Milton Road and Nos. 67 and 118 Tennyson Road, occupied by Police Officers in their own names, to be transferred to him for successive occupation by Police Officers. Resolved, That this be agreed to,

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on the Housing Estate on Thursday, 14th May, 1925

Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

7—Parlour-type Houses—The Committee selected a site on the North Eastern side of Brooklyn Road (adjoining the Recreation Ground) for the pair of parlour-type houses to be erected by Mr. W. Bellamy.

8—Wasley's Tenancy—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give three months' notice to Mr. S. J. Wasley to give up so much of Field No. 391 in his occupation as will be required for the erection of two pairs of parlour-type houses on the South Western side of Brooklyn Road.

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9-Seats -Resolved, That the sites of the three seats fixed, at the junctions of Brooklyn and Tennyson Roads, Byron and Milton Roads and Byron and Tennyson Roads be approved and that the Street and Highway Committee mended to fix a seat on either side of Shakespeare Road in front of The Crescent.

10 - Gardens—Prize Scheme—Resolved, That the following prizes be offered to Tenants in connection with the Scheme:- Parlour type houses-1st, £1 0s. 0d. ; 2nd, £1 0s.. 0d. ; 3rd, 10s ; 4th, 5s, Non-Parlour type houses-1st £1 0s. 0d. ; 2nd, 15s That the Gardens be inspected in the last week in July, and that the Gardens Prize Scheme Sub-Committee be empowered to make the awards at the time of inspection.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 29th May, 1925. Present—Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Moore (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

11—Housing Act, 1923—Subsidy Houses----Old Bath Road—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £75 be issued to Mr. A. E. Denton and Mr. J. T. Burrows, in respect of a house to be erected by each of them in Old Bath Road containing 844 super feet and to be built at a density of 8.9 to the acre.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

Sixth Report of this Committee.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 2nd May, 1925. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Welstead IT he Mayor in the chair).

1—Read, letter dated 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that on an estimate of 4.5 persons per house for the 56 two-bedroomed houses and 6 persons per house for the 2 1 three-bedroomed houses the proposed new houses would provide accommodation for 378 persons, but the Ministry could not include in the Improvement Scheme the provision of more houses than would accommodate the 255 persons who would be displaced. If a Contract for the construction of the houses on the additional land had been put in hand they would be prepared to recognise the excess houses as eligible for financial assistance of £6 per house for 20 years or £9 per house for 40 years under the provisions of the Housing Acts, 1923 and 1924, subject to compliance with the prescribed Conditions. The Ministry also pointed out that the erection of 45 houses on the cleared sites in

Stanhope Street involved a density in excess of 20 to the acre and required this number to be reduced so as to approximate more nearly to existing Statutory requirements.

Resolved, That this Committee consider the Ministry's estimate of persons per house too high and that the Ministry be asked to reconsider this and adopt the estimate of the Medical Officer of Health of 3 ½ persons per house for the two-bedroomed houses and 4 ½ persons per house for the three-bedroomed houses.

Resolved. also, That in order to meet the Ministry's view as to the number of houses per acre, the number on the East side of Stanhope Street be reduced to 18 and that an additional strip of land containing about 37 perches be acquired on the West side in order to reduce the density per acre of the houses proposed to be erected on this side.

WALTER J: M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th May, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

2- Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme---The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and he interviewed officers of the Ministry of Health on the 5th inst., with reference to the Resolution of the Committee at their last Meeting and submitted letter from the Ministry of 20th inst., modifying their former estimate of 4.5 persons per house for the two-bedroomed houses to 4 persons per house. but retaining their previous estimate of 6 persons per house for the three-bedroomed houses. The Town Clerk reported that on this basis the 72 houses proposed to be erected would accommodate 330 persons while the population to be housed was 255.

Resolved, That the following houses be taken out of the Scheme, to reduce the Scheme to the number required for replacing the present population, viz.

Elm Street 11 two-bedroomed houses.

Malvern Street 5 three-bedroomed houses.

And that application be made to the Ministry for these 16 houses to be recognised as eligible for financial assistance under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

3—Land at Back of Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. A. M. Rees, had offered to sell the land belonging to her at the back of the East side of Stanhope Street containing 1a. 10p. (with frontage to Tewkesbury Road of 36 ½ feet for £400. Resolved. That the Council be recommended to accept this offer and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign Contract on behalf of the Corporation.

Resolved, also, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate the purchase of the other pieces of land required at the back of Stanhope Street.

4—Plans—Resolved, That the Architect (Mr. T. Malvern) be instructed to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the erection of houses in Stanhope Street,

WALTER. J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th May, 1925 : Present—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Sawyer, Captain Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Engineering Assistant—The following Candidates were interviewed

Bird, W. E. C. (A.M.I.C.E.) Age 23 Engineering Assistant, Penrith Urban District Council

Jenkins, I. C. (B.Sc.) Age 27 Engineering Assistant, Abersychan Urban District Council.

Speed, C. J. Age 32 Resident Engineer, Melton Mowbray Waterworks.

Resolved, That Mr. Ilyd C. Jenkins, B. Sc., be appointed at a commencing salary of £225, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by four annual increments of £20 to a maximum of £305 per annum, the appointment to be subject to Mr. Jenkins passing a Medical Examination and contributing to the Superannuation Fund and to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

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2-Staff The Borough Surveyor reported the following re-arrangement of Staff which he proposed to make in consequence of the retirement of Mr. J. E. Ponting, Senior, (Stores Clerk) on Superannuation :—

Name.	Present Appointment	Salary per annum £ s. d.	Proposed Appointment	Salary per annum £ s. d.
Ponting, J. E. (Senr.)	Stores and Wages Clerk	223 12 0	—	To retire 31st May, 1925.
Savory, E. W. E.	do. Wages Clerk	171 12 0	Stores and	180 0 0 Rising by annual increments of £10 to £200 per annum.
Goode, M.	Assistant Storekeeper at Depot	119 12 0	Stores and Wages Clerk	130 0 0 Rising by annual increments of £10 to £150 per annum, subject to his qualifying as a proficient shorthand typist.
Preston, E. T.	Junior Clerk B. Engineer's General Office	52 0 0	Assistant Storekeeper at Depot	78 0 0 Rising by annual increments of £13 to £104 per annum.

Moore, F.	Junior Clerk (temporary) B. Accountant's Office (£52 per annum)	Junior Clerk 52 0 0 B. Engineer's General Office	Rising by annual increments of £13 to £78 per annum.
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Present total salaries per annum £566 16 0 Revised £440 0 0 Maximum total per ann. of £532

Resolved, That the foregoing proposals be approved, the appointment of E. T. Preston to be subject to his passing a Medical Examination and contributing to the Superannuation Fund and to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th May, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

3-Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 5th and 18th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

4—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th inst.: — The Mayor; Alderman Bendall (in the chair); Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :

Crescent Place (Salem Chapel)—Cycle Shed—That no objection be made to the Cycle Shed erected.

Gloucester Road—Telephone Kiosk—That the application of the District Manager, Post Office Telephones to erect a Kiosk in Gloucester Road (outside L.M. & S.R. Station) be not granted.

Shurdington Road—Seat—That the application of W. C. Stanford for removal of new concrete seat to another position be not acceded to.

Parabola Road—That the paving adjoining the Royal Nursing Home be removed and the footpath gravelled and treated with cold bitumen as a trial.

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Old Bath and Sandford Mill Roads—That the road widening be carried out where fence had been set back at junction of these roads.

Refuse Destructor—Weighbridge—The Committee inspected the Weighbridge, reported by the Borough Surveyor to have been damaged on the 1st inst., in the delivery of the Asphalt Plant by Messrs Constable Hart & Co., Ltd., and recommended that the provision of a new modern weighbridge he considered, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to Messrs. Constable Hart & Co. Ltd., for the amount of the damage.

Asphalt Plant—The Committee also inspected this Plant and recommended that consideration of the provision of a new Mortar Mill be deterred.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed, except that the Cycle Shed at Salem Chapel be not approved but that the Chapel Trustees be required to submit a plan thereof.

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 17th April to 14th May, 1925, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th inst., 745 loads collected ; 743 consumed and 2 tipped away. (Weight consumed 945 tons, 6 cwts.).

Weight collected and consumed during year ended 31st March, 1925 :—

Collected 12,257 tons (an increase of 454 tons over the average of the past 5 years).

Consumed 12,135 tons (an increase of 1.400 tons over the average of the past 5 years).

6—Asphalt Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the manufacture of Asphalt had been commenced that day.

7—Main Roads—Gloucester Road—Resolved, That application be made to the County Council for a supplementary grant for the current financial year of at least £6,000 for Main Roads (including the asphaltting of Gloucester Road from Arle Court to the Borough Boundary).

8—Whaddon Lane—The View Committee reported that they inspected this road on the 13th inst. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the making up and widening of the road.

9 -Light Railway Track—High Street--The Borough Surveyor reported that the wood paving on the track in High Street was being relaid by the Corporation at the request and cost of the Light Railway Company. Resolved, That this be approved.

Prestbury Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 11th inst, from the General Manager, Light Railway Co., agreeing to remove the granite setts in Prestbury Road from Pittville Gates to the Borough Boundary and to substitute asphalt therefor. Resolved, That this be approved.

St. George's Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Light Railway Co. were also prepared to consider the removal of granite setts from and asphaltting of St. George's Place if the Corporation would contribute towards the cost thereof. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to pay half the total cost of this work amounting to approximately £434.

Generally—The Borough Surveyor reported that the condition and maintenance of the track generally was very unsatisfactory throughout the Borough and that nothing had been done to the track in six roads to the dangerous condition of which the Company's attention was called on the 8th ult. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the General Manager again with reference thereto.

10—Housing Estate—Seats— Resolved, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee that a seat be fixed on either side of Shakespeare Road in front of the Crescent.

11—Imperial Square—Seat—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 17th inst., from Miss M. Howis asking that a seat be provided on the East side of Imperial Square, Resolved, That a seat be fixed.

12 —Refuse Destructor—Weighbridge— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the provision of a new 20 ft. x 8 ft. Weighbridge (weighing capacity 20 tons) and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost thereof, estimated at £600, inclusive.

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13--Street Projections—First Church of Christ, Scientist—Read, application of 8th inst., from Mr. R. Haidon for permission to fix a direction sign to this Church on each of three lamp standards. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, permission be granted for one sign to be fixed to the lamp standard by the Queen's Hotel.

341 High Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Son of the 24th ult., for permission to fix three electric lamp fittings outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

14—Street and Name Plates—The Committee considered suggestion made by Mr. Councillor Dunn at the last Council Meeting that a general survey of street names should be made with a view to the provision of additional name plates. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to any streets where additional plates are required.

15—Dangerous Corners—(a) Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road. (b) Andover Road and Park Place. The Committee considered suggestions made by Mr. Councillor Pruen at the last Council Meeting that steps be taken for the improvement of the corner at the junction of Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road and that warning signs be provided at the junction of Andover Road and Park Place. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to entertain the acquisition of the land required for the improvement of this corner on the terms asked by the Owner. Resolved, also, That the Auto. mobile Association be again asked to inspect the junction of Andover Road and Park Place and advise as to the provision of signs.

Point Duty Refuges—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. R. J. Webb suggesting the provision of refuges in the centre of roads at junction as the best means of compelling vehicles to keep to their proper side of the road and to reduce speed when approaching corners. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report thereon and also to enquire what has been done in this respect in other towns.

16—Reddings Road—The Town Clerk reported receipt of £500 from Mr. H. Unwin being his agreed contribution towards the cost of making up and widening this road and submitted letter of 1st inst., from the Secretary, Great Western Railway, stating that his Directors had approved of a similar contribution being made by the Company upon completion of the work.

17—Borough Surveyor's Salary—Grant—The Town Clerk reported that as in previous years £300 had been estimated as the proportion of the Borough Surveyor's salary chargeable in respect of roads in the requisition for payment of contribution by the Treasury under Section 17 (2) Ministry of Transport Act, 1919. Resolved, That this be approved.

16—Haywards Road—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Mr. G. E. Brydges stating that Hewins Farm was now vested in him and he was prepared to assist in the continuation of the widening of this road through to Battledown Approach if the Corporation considered the Scheme practicable. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 5th May, 1925: Present----Aldermen Bendall and Steel (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.
2009	Haythorn, E. R. (Miss)	New bathroom at 6 Park Place (amended plan).
2014	Owens, W. F.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
2015	Parsons, W. M.	Do. Do.
2016	Viles, G. E. C.	Additions to 4 Bennington Street.
2017	Carey, T. F.	Additions to 1 Hill View Cottages, Swindon Road North.
2018	Hildick, Mrs. M.	Temporary motor house at 2 Byron Road.
2025	Silvey, W.	Temporary domestic shed at 4 Tennyson Road.
2026	Jotcham, J. H.	Temporary cycle shed at 67 Tennyson Road.
2027	Lott, H. W.	Temporary studio at 1 to Tennyson Road.
2029	Midland Bank Ltd.	Alterations to Marlborough House, Montpellier.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2029 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2009, 2016, 2017 and 2029 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plans Nos. 2018, 2025, 2026 and 2027 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; Plan No. 2018 to be subject to the further condition that the front fence shall be made good on removal of temporary building.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 18th May, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Thomas (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2024	Wheeler, C. J.	Temporary domestic shed at 137 Tennyson Road.
2031	Powell, Dr. Hugh	Additions to Belle Vue House, High Street.
2032	Ladies' College Council	Alterations (internal) to Fauconberg Terrace, Bayshill Rd.
2033	Hughes, E.	New Bay Windows to " Roseleigh," 12 Fairfield Walk.
2034	Braine-Hartnell, Dr.	Additions to Hadley House, Bayshill Road.
2035	Denton, E. and Burrows, T.	Two semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
2036	Lewis, H. J.	Additions to Redesdale Lawn, The Park.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035 and 2036 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2032, 2034 and 2036 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plan No. 2024 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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th May, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Putting Course—The Chairman reported that Mrs. Swainson desired the charge of 6d. per round for the hire of the Putting Course to include admission to the Gardens in the case of persons entering for the purpose of putting, the Corporation to receive to per cent. of the gross receipts as already agreed. Resolved, That this be approved, putting players to be admitted to the Gardens by the Central Gate on obtaining a 6d. putting ticket at the Central Box Office, and that the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange accordingly.

(b) Concert Pavilion—Mr. Claude Chandler attended with regard to the painting of the woodwork of the new sides and ends provided by him. Resolved, That this be undertaken by the Corporation, it being understood that these additions will become the property of the Corporation.

Chair and Lamps—Resolved, also, That the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange for Mr. Chandler to have the use of 100 plush tip-up chairs and to provide 364 electric Lamps (200 volt), on condition that any damage to the chairs shall he made good and any lamps burnt out or otherwise damaged shall be replaced by Mr. Chandler at the end of his tenancy.

(c) Flower Show--The Borough Surveyor reported arrangements made with the Flower Show Committee with regard to the position of the tents. These would take up four of the Tennis Courts, and it was proposed to give the occupiers of these Courts the use of the Hard Court and one of the Courts reserved for hire by the hour. Resolved, That these arrangements be approved.

(d) Risca Glee Singers —Read, letter of the 13th, from Mr. S. B. Dixon, Secretary, Risca Glee Singers, offering to give a Concert on terms to be arranged, on Saturday, 13th June next. Resolved, That arrangements be made for a Concert to be given in the afternoon and/or evening in the Bandstand at Montpellier Gardens : the Corporation to advertise the Concerts and retain half the chair money : the charges for chairs to be 3d. and 2d.

2-Pittville and Winter Gardens—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Rev. F. Senior, agreeing to reimburse the Corporation for the cost of opening and closing the Winter Garden Grounds when used for open-air services.

3--Pittville Gardens—Read, letter of 28th ult., from Councillor W. Welstead (Chairman, St. George's Day Committee) thanking the Corporation for the use of Pittville Gardens, which largely contributed to the success of the St. George's Day Reception.

4—Advertising—Daily Telegraph—The Spa Manager reported that he had arranged for four local hotels, etc., to take a line advertisement each, which would enable the weekly paragraph relative to Cheltenham to continue to appear among the articles on British Spas.

5—District Auditor's Report—The District Auditor's Report was read so far as concerned this Committee and instructions were given with regard thereto.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 22nd May, 1925. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Town Hall—Re-decoration—Mrs. Landale, Mrs. McLellan and Mr. H. N. Winterbotham attended at the invitation of the Committee and a specimen panel which had been painted under the direction of Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, A.R.C.A., (Principal of the School of Arts and Crafts) was inspected. Mr. Tomlinson agreed with the Committee's suggestion that a somewhat lighter shade was desirable. Resolved, That, subject to effect being given to this suggestion, the colour scheme be approved.

7—Winter Garden—(a) Lease—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., asking that his application of 28th October last for the extension of the Lease to the Company for a further 21 years, with an option for the Company to break at the seventh or fourteenth years, be again considered, and also asking the Corporation to consider the separation of the South Transept. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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(2) Bandstand— Read, letter of 19th and 21st inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. complaining of the arrangement made for the Municipal Orchestra to play in the Bandstand on Saturday afternoons (luting the Summer Season. Resolved, That is from June 1st the Orchestra play in the Bandstand on Saturday mornings instead of the afternoons.

8—Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme—The Committee considered Scheme referred to them by the General Purposes and Watch Committee and the Town Clerk submitted letter of 21st inst. from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Scheme would prima facie be eligible for a Grant of 75 per cent. of the interest and Sinking Fund for half the term of the loan not exceeding 15 years. Resolved, That the Scheme be provisionally approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans and estimates and to include a Boating Pond in the Children's Park.

9—Montpellier Gardens--Flower Show—Read, letter of 21st inst., from Mrs. E. H. Bisset for permission (1) to erect Side Shows on right of Main Entrance and a Refreshment Tent on lawn between Pavilion and Proscenium. (2) to use Band-stand for Grenadier Guards and (3) services of Municipal Orchestra on mornings of 25th and 26th June and also for Broad Walk to be decorated and lighted. Resolved, That the application be granted except lighting the Broad Walk.

10 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**--The Reports of the Sub-Committee at Meetings held on 28th and 29th ult., and 12th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—That Mr. L. C. Gibbard be appointed on the terms advertised.

Whit Monday Fete—That the offer of Mr. Peters of £25 for the right to provide Roundabouts and Steam Horses be accepted, £5 to be paid in advance.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART.

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 28th May, 1925: Present--Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair). Drs. Allman Powell, Howell and Kirkland also attended.

11—Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered Reports of disorderly conduct during Band Concerts on Sunday evenings, Resolved, That this Committee recommend that as from Sunday, 7th June next, the Gardens be closed to the public at 6 p.m. on Sundays when Concerts are to be held in the Gardens and that admission to the Concerts be by programme to be obtained at 3d. each, except that school-children, accompanied by their parents. be admitted free, and that the Resolution of the Council passed on 1st May, 1893, be varied accordingly. Resolved, also, That the Band Concert on Sunday next be held in the Winter Garden Bandstand

12--Advertising—Read letter, of 23rd inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he had arranged with the Great Western Railway Co., for the insertion of a short article advertising Cheltenham Spa on the Restaurant Car Menus in the trains throughout the Company's system. Resolved, That Mr. Burrow be thanked for his services in the matter.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th May, 1925: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-District Auditor's Report--The District Auditor's Report was read so far as it concerned this Committee and the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Auditor's suggestions were being adopted.

2-Electric Lamp Standards—(a) Shurdington Road—Read, Police Report as to damage caused by a Car belonging to Mr. L. P. Haynes-Rudge to a Standard in Shurdington Road on 29th ult., amounting to £7 14s. 6d.

(b) Rodney Road—Read, Police Report as to damage caused by a Car belonging to Mr. C. Spencer to a Standard in Rodney Road on 7th inst., amounting to £28 10s. 3d.

(c) Lansdown Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a Car belonging to Miss Gertrude Offer to a Standard in Lansdown Road on 12th inst., amounting to £5

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims and, if necessary, take proceedings for recovery of the damage in each case.

3—New Plant -The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the official trials of No. 10 2,000 K.W. turbo Generator. Resolved, On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer that £150 be accepted in settlement of the allowances due to the Corporation under the Contract.

4--Church Direction Sign—Resolved, That no objection be made to the fixing of a direction sign to the First Church of Christ, Scientist (formerly Tudor Lodge) on the lamp standard by the Queen's Hotel, subject to the same being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

5—Cables- (a) Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.

(b) Old Bath Road, Leckhampton.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Undertakings for wayleave in respect of cables laid over these bridges belonging to the Great Western Railway Company.

6—Extension of Area--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted his Report and Estimate on the Extension of Area. He proposed to run a cable from a point in Tewkesbury Road to the Swindon Road Railway Bridge and from that point overhead conductors would run to Swindon, where the distribution would be by low pressure overhead conductors. A cable would also run from Pittville Gates Sub-station through Prestbury to Southam, Cleeve Hill and Winchcomb. At the two latter places, Sub-stations would be established from which 4-core low-pressure lead covered and armoured distribution cables would be laid to furnish supply as and when required. He estimated the cost of the initial Scheme at £16,050 19s. 0d. Resolved, That the Report and Estimate be approved.

7—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 25th ult., 4th, 16th and 20th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 474.8, 475.3, 459.0 and 470.1 and the pressure 5.1, 4.7, 5.0 and 4.2 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st May, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Moore, Sawyer and Stewart (Tire Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 11th May, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years,
Hewletts Springs	265,000 gallons	278,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	893,000 "	1,115,000
Leckhampton Springs	85,000	83,000
Total 1,243,000	1,476,000	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 11th May 1925.	Contents	Depth 11th May 1924.	Contents
Hewletts		17,137,000 gallons		12,050,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000	28ft.5in.	81,727,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "	11ft.6in.	1,552,000
Total Storage		118,645,000		95,329,000

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

	During April, 1925.
No. of house-to-house inspections	615
“ “ taps found leaking	39
“ “ defective flushing boxes	3
“ “ defective stop taps ..	4
“ “ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	36
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>32</u>
	68
“ “ notices served re fittings ..	29
“ “ meters fixed and changed	13
“ “ houses connected ..	95
“ “ burst pipes discovered	4
“ “ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	25

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month :-3 inch mains repaired in Gloucester Road, Balcarras Road, Bayshill Road and Fairfield Road ; Hydrants repaired 3 ; Sluice valves repaired 3 ; New Sluice valve fixed, Gloucester Road; Mains washed out 7.

4—Waterworks—The Committee inspected the Hewletts and Dowdeswell Reservoirs and the new Filter House in course of erection at Dowdeswell, which was proceeding satisfactorily.

5—Chelt —The Committee inspected Barrett's Mill Ground. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a cutting made in the Weir at Barrett's Mill to allow the stagnant water in the Overflow Channel to drain off.

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6 --Salts Farm Resolved, That an allowance of £5 be made to Mr. L. Dunn in the current year's rent in respect of the damage to pasturage caused by the deposit of material on the Reservoir Bank. Resolved, also, That no objection be made to a Slaughterhouse Licence being granted to Mr. Dunn.

7--Supply to Spa Gardens, Ashchurch Road—An application was received. from Messrs. Coutts and Howell of Tewkesbury, for a two inch cast iron service main to be laid on a private occupation road off Ashchurch Road for supplying several houses at Spa Gardens. They were willing to pay the cost of this, estimated at £50 13s. 1d. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the main laid on the condition of the applicants paying the cost and that the main be thereafter maintained by the Corporation.

8—Supply to Red House Farm, Salter's Hill--An application was made by Mr. G. H. Jackson of Notcliffe House, Deerhurst, for a supply to Red House Farm near Salter's Hill. This required a service about 500 yards long and Mr. Jackson asked permission to lay a galvanised steam tube. The water would pass through a meter and Mr. Jackson was willing to pay a minimum of £2 per half year. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

9—Supply for Bamfur, Badgeworth Road—Application was made by Mr. E. Eager for permission to lay a one inch galvanised water service for a distance of about 280 yards from the Gloucester Road main to supply his Bungalow. Resolved That the application be not acceded to but that Mr. Eager be informed that the Corporation are willing to lay a three inch cast iron main at an estimated cost of £80 subject to Mr. Eager agreeing to contribute £37 (the estimated cost of the proposed galvanised water service) and to excavate the trench.

10—Fish----Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised at the proper season to purchase 800 two-year old trout, 200 for each of the Reservoirs at Hewletts and 400 at Dowdeswell. Resolved, also, That a regulation be made that no trout under so inches in length shall be taken from the Reservoirs.

11—Hewletts Reservoir—Fishing—Resolved, That no fishing be allowed in these Reservoirs next season so as to allow the fish to mature, and that in the following season six Day tickets be issued to each member of the Council for distribution to ratepayers and that no person be allowed to fish in Hewletts Reservoirs except on production of a ticket.

12—Charlton Kings—Water Charges—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from the Ministry of Health forwarding for the observations of the Council, copy of a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council with regard to the water charges in Charlton Kings. Resolved, That the draft reply submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 12th May, 1925: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Stewart and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.—(a) The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages, including Omni-buses, Motor Cabs and Wheel Chairs. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 6th prox., subject, in the case of eight motor cabs to the same being inspected by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and to satisfactory reports thereon being received, and, in the case of five others, to the repairs reported as necessary by the Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction.

(b) Transfer—Read, application of 3rd inst., from Mr. R. W. Swift for licence No. 32, held by him for cab (Reg. No. A.E. 2760) to be transferred to cab (Reg. No. O. 8391). Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the vehicle from the Inspector,

(c) Driver-- Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be issued to Mr. Joseph F. Westborough of 3, Oakfield Terrace, Tivoli.

2—Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham to Birdlip— The Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co, Ltd. submitted Time Table and the following Table of Fares in respect of this service.

TABLE OF FARES.

	TO CHELTENHAM	Tram Terminus	Salterley Grange	Coberley Turning	Air Balloon	BIRDLIP
	d.	d.	d.	d,	d.	d.
From CHELTENHAM	—	5	5	6	7	9
"Tram Terminus	5	—	3	4	5	7
" Salterley Grange	5	3	—	2	2	4
"Coberley Turning	6	4	2	—	2	3
" Air Balloon ..	7	5	2	2	—	2
" BIRDLIP	9	7	4	3	2	—

Children—Under three years, Free ; 3 to 12 years, Half Ordinary Fare. (½ d. counting as 1d.)
Minimum, 2d.

Passenger's Parcels--Under 14 lb, carried free ; exceeding that weight and under 28 lb. charged between CHELTENHAM and COBERLEY TURNING, 3d. ; COBERLEY TURNING and BIRD LIP, 3d. ; CHELTENHAM and BIRD LIP, 6d. Parcels not to exceed 28 lb.

Resolved, That the fares be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th May, 1925 Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Stewart, Captain Trye 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.

(b) Imported Animals Order, 1925--The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which came into operation on the 15th inst., and reported that the same had been published as required by the Ministry of Agriculture.

4-Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—No outbreak of fire had occurred since the last Meeting.

b) Demonstration at Prestbury—The Captain reported that on the 9th inst., the Brigade gave a demonstration at Prestbury in the presence of the Chairman and other Members of the Parish Council who expressed their satisfaction therewith.

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5-Motor Omnibus Service-(a) Colonnade to Tewkesbury Road Bridge—Read, application of 12th inst., from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., for the amendment of their licences to provide for the continuation of the Sandy Lane—Promenade Service to Tewkesbury Road Bridge. The fare from Colonnade to the Bridge and vice versa would be 2d., but for through passengers between Sandy Lane and Tewkesbury Road Bridge the fare would be 6d. Resolved, That the application be granted and the licences endorsed accordingly.

(b) Cheltenham to Gloucester—The Committee further Considered application of 21st ult., from Mr. A. R. Bunn for a licence in respect of a Motor Char-a-bane hourly service between Cheltenham and Gloucester. Resolved, That a licence be not granted.

6-Market—(a) Lease—The Town Clerk reported that the Lease to the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd, would expire on 1st January next. Resolved, That the trim.; for renewing the lease be referred to the Market Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

(b) Superintendent-The Town Clerk reported that the Public Health Committee had appointed Mr. E. H. Tallboy as Abattoir and Market Superintendent on the terms advertised, and that he commenced duty on the 18th inst. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Petroleum Act, 1871 — Read, circulars of 18th ult., and 15th inst., from the Home Office stating that the Secretary of State had had under consideration the danger arising from conveyance of Petrol by road and enclosing draft regulations to be attached by Local Authorities to future licences issued by them under Section 9 of this Act, pending legislation. Resolved, That the regulations be attached as conditions to future licences.

8-Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922—Health Insurance—Read, Report of Borough Accountant, dated 19th inst., with regard to applying for a Certificate of exception in respect of the workmen under the National Health Insurance Acts. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for twelve months to obtain experience as to sickness among employees now that the elderly employees have retired.

9 Pawnbroker's Licence—Read, application from Messrs H. Higgins Ltd., for 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, 1924, be granted, but that Messrs. Higgins, Ltd., be informed that in future their application must be made at the proper time.

10- Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, That renewal of Licences under this Act be granted to the following applicants for one year from the 2nd prox., viz.:—Messrs. J. J. Cypher, A. Drakeford, G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall and W. Yates.

11-Flower Show —Challenge Cup—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce thanking the Corporation for presenting a Challenge Cup. The Chamber were pleased that their efforts in connection with the Flower Show were so well appreciated by the Corporation.

12 County Bye-Laws—The Town Clerk submitted copy of Bye-Laws made by the County Council on 12th January, 1925 making it an offence for any person on any public conveyance to throw out money to be scrambled for or to throw out any bottle or other articles or litter.

13 Municipal Exhibitions—The Committee considered letter of 26th February last from the Secretary, Municipal Exhibitions, referred to them by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee. Resolved, That no action be taken.

14—Relief of Unemployment 1925-26--The Borough Surveyor submitted report of works which might be undertaken for relief of Unemployment, including a scheme for diversion of the Chelt between Barrett's Mill and Keynsham Road and the formation of a shrubbery and ornamental walk and pleasure ground with boating pond for children. The Mayor reported the negotiations with Messrs. Young and Gilling, agents for Major Lloyd Harford, the owner of the land which would be required for the Improvement, and the terms upon which he was willing to sell the land. A preliminary lay-out plan was also submitted by the Borough Surveyor who estimated that the cost of the scheme would be about £10,000. Resolved, That this Committee approve of the proposal, subject to further consideration of details, and recommend that it be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for consideration and report.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 6th May, 1925. Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and F. Vizard (Councillor Welstead in the chair.)

1--Annual Inspection—The Committee inspected the following allotments :— Creamery Piece, Baglin's Piece, Gapper's Field, Crab Tree Piece, Brooklyn Road, Wasley's Field and Alma Road.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Munday, 11th May, 1925 : Present - Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

2-Annual Inspection—The Committee continued their inspection of the allotments and visited the following :—Albert Road, Whaddon Lane, College Road Tip, Turner's Field, Orrisdale Terrace, Asquith Road and Hall Road. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, the 18th inst., to consider suggestions and recommendations made at the View Meetings.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th May, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs. P. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

3—Annual Inspection—The Committee considered recommendations and suggestions made on their inspection of the allotments.

Resolved, (a) Uncultivated allotments—That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the following allotments as being in a bad condition :—No. 9 Baglin's Piece ; Nos. 18, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 175 Crab Tree Piece ; No. 21 Albert Road and 8 Orrisdale Terrace.

(b) Creamery Piece—That the Town Clerk write to the Tenant of Allotment No. 27 as to encroachment on roadway.

That the application from the tenant of No. 20 allotment for a rebate of 4s. 0d. in the current year's rent on account of drainage works be allowed.

(c) Baglin's Piece—That the application from Mr. R. Boyce to extend allotment No. 29 be agreed to subject to an increase of 1s. 0d. per annum in the rent and to a roadway of not less than 4 ft. wide being left.

(d) Brooklyn Road—That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments calling their attention to the condition of their tenancy prohibiting the planting of fruit trees etc. on the allotments.

(e) Albert Road—That allotment No. 20 (now vacant) be offered rent free for one year. That the application of the tenant of No. 48 allotment for a rebate of 2s. 6d. in the current year's rent be allowed.

(f) Orrisdale Terrace—That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of allotments No. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 42 as to encroachment by them on the roadway and to require them to re instate the roadway to its former width.

That the Borough Surveyor report at the next Meeting as to the cost of removing the heap of waste earth, stones, etc. deposited on the path against the railings.

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(g) Whaddon Lane (old)—That the Town Clerk write to the tenant of allotment No. 80 as to weeds deposited by her on the roadway.

(h) Number indicators—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix about 200 number posts on the allotments in the East Ward, and that the question of numbering the remainder of the allotments be considered at a later date.

(i) Allotments Inspector—That the Borough Surveyor consider and report what arrangements can be made for a monthly inspection of the allotments.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS. COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1925. Present; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Pittville Estate—(a) Key—Read, application from the Misses Johnson, joint occupiers of 2 Pittville Lodge, Pittville Lawn for a key to the gardens. Resolved, That a key be supplied on payment of the usual charge of 5s. 0d.

(b) Flamingoes—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was unable to obtain any Storks and he submitted quotations for Pelicans and Flamingoes. Resolved, That a pair of Flamingoes be purchased at a cost of £12.

(c) Wellington Square—Resolved, That the application for the removal of tree outside Avondale House be not acceded to but that the tree be lopped.

(d) Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That four trees near the greenhouses be removed.

2-Recreation Grounds—(a) Whaddon Lane--The Committee inspected the fence of " Oakbank " adjoining this ground. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to continue the present wire netting from the top of the fence to the ground so as to prevent balls from getting into the garden of " Oakbank " as complained of by Mrs. Chester.

(b) Naunton Park—Superintendent--Resolved, That Mr. F. Reid be appointed Superintendent of this Ground at 46s per week and house.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th May, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Stewart and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in April 5,332 (against 4,385) including classes from the Ladies' College and Charlton Kings Boys' School.

Receipts—The receipts for the month amounted to £14 16s. 6d.

Pastel Society's Exhibition—Arrangements had been made for this Exhibition during the month of Sept:

2--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 50,718, which was the highest total yet reached (last year 37,234). He was including a brief report on the Art Gallery and Museum with his annual report on the Library.

3—Donations and Loans—The following donations had been received :—Messrs. Barnby Bendall pair hand-cuffs, box of muzzle loading pistols and 1 sword ; Mr. Walter Clifford : 5 watch movements of local interest; Major Forsyth : Collection of minerals, fossils, etc. ; Dr. C. J. Braine-Hartnell 1 print of Hyde Park (1780) ; Mr. C. W. Palmer : Romano-British Potsherds ; Mr. V. Parry : 1 Arab bit.

The following had been offered on loan :—Mr. W. Clifford to pairs spectacles (1750-1820) and Pomade Pot Lid----" The Fish Barrow."

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Lenders.

4—Picture--Golden Autumn—Resolved, That this picture by Moffat Lindner, R.O.I., A.R.W.S., (included in the St. Ives Exhibition) be purchased for £25 out of the Leslie Young Benefaction and by private subscriptions,

5--Museums Association Conference—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of this Association to be held at Exeter from 6th to 11th July next.

6—Show-Cases—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to visit Stoke-on-Trent to inspect second-hand Show-cases offered for sale.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd May, 1925. Present: Councillors Mann, Stewart, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (25th April to 22nd May). Interments 48 ; Exclusive Rights in 13 graves sold (first class 1, second class 2 and fourth class 10). Monuments erected 5 New Inscriptions 8.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7172 to 7184 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Richard L. Edwards, Beryl O. B. Neale, Violet M. Earwaker and Eveline L. Gibbs ; and Memorial Kerbing to graves of Archie H. Holman, Elizabeth J. Davis, Henry C. Broad, Elizabeth Puzey, Mary Sessions, Edith Butcher, Ellen Piper, J. H. L. Dittmer and Annie E. Horton.

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4—War Crosses--The Superintendent reported that he had received a further 24 War Crosses for the erection of which additional oak rails were required. Resolved, That tenders be invited for our rails.

5—Maintenance of Grave 1197A1----Read, letter of 18th inst., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney and Co., that the late Col. R. D. Noake had made a Bequest (free of duty) of a sum sufficient to purchase £200 Consols in the name of the Burial Authority upon trust to apply the income thereof for the general purposes of the said authority so long as the said Authority shall provide for the keeping in due order and proper repair of the grave in the Cheltenham Cemetery in which his late wife is buried and in which he desired to be interred and the tombstone erected thereon, provided that if the said Authority shall for 12 calendar months fail to carry out the requisite repairs or works or shall otherwise fail to comply with the foregoing conditions then and in such case the legacy and investments representing the same shall be paid and transferred to the Cheltenham General Hospital absolutely. Resolved, That the bequest be accepted on the terms stated and that the Consols be purchased in the name of the Corporation.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th May, 1925: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Pates and Yarnold ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 3s. 1d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,157 (last year 3,334) Lending Library 9,958 (last year 10,063) ; Juvenile Library 1,819 (last year 1,652). Total for month 15,934 (last year 15,049).

Presentations— Mrs. Addams (9 vols.); Mr. E. J. Burrow (7 vols.) ; E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (2 vols. and 16 holiday guides) ; Lt.-Col. W. H. Hildebrand (1 vol.) ; Librarian, New York Public Library (I Report) ;

Mrs. Paris (2 vols.) ; Mr. L. Richardson (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. Slocombe vol) ; Mrs. E. Ewart (7 vols. and 59 Ordnance Survey Maps) and various guides to Holiday Resorts and Hotels and a year book. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

The cellars had been overhauled, cleaned and lime-washed and a large quantity of waste material cleared out. Three tons of discarded books had been disposed of 10 Meadow Mills, Ltd., Stonehouse.

Miss Ivy E. Burnett, Reference Library Assistant, passed in Cataloguing at the Examination of the Library Association held in Dec.

2—Annual Report—The Librarian presented a Summary of the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1925. Vols. issued 206,346, the highest total yet reached, (last year 193,660), increase 12,686 vols. ; tickets in force 7,021 ; vols. in stock 47,087 ; books added 5,252 including 413 by gift : books replaced 796 ; books withdrawn 691 ; re-bound 724. Resolved, That copies of the Report be duplicated and sent to each member of the Council and members of the Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum Committees.

3—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Miss M. H. Miller (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 59 new books, published at £19 9s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £16 17s. 3d.

(b) That 6 vols. published at £18 18s. 0d. be purchased for £16 16s. 0d ; £6 6s. 0d. being subscribed by an anonymous donor, and the balance of £10 10s. 0d. being met out of the Leslie Young Benefaction.

(c) That too vols. be replaced at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) That 60 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £10.

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(e) That the offer of a gratuitous copy of the " British Builder," monthly 1s and the " Practical Psychologist," monthly 9d. be accepted.

(f) That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit-Monday.

(g) That the quotation of W. East for cleaning and distemping the staircase to the Juvenile Library for the sum of £7 10s. 0d. be accepted. Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th May, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 26th inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,364 9s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £28,540 12s. 11d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £3,852 13s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £15,386 16s. 2d.

3 --Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,740 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 £13,046 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) Resolved, also, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of £11,324 at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. in respect of loans covered by the following Sanctions :—

£3,710	Dowdeswell Filters
£4,440	“ Filter House
£1,174	Shakespeare Road—Making-up
<u>£2,000</u>	Brooklyn Road Sewer
£11,324	

and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds— The Borough Accountant reported that 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £2,265 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., for periods varying from 5 to 10 years; that £760 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved.

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanctions to the following Loans:—

Date, 1925.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment,
May 22nd	Brooklyn Road Sewer	£2,000	30 years.
May 25th	Filters at Hayden Sewage Works	£13,800	30 years
May 25th	Do. do. (Distributors)	£1,200	15 years

6—District Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the District Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1924. The Town Clerk reported that effect had been given to the Auditor's suggestions by the several Committees.

7—Superannuation—Evidence of Service —Resolved, That the Certificates submitted by Joseph Ballinger and Henry Pates as to their service under the late Leckhampton Local Board be accepted.

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8 -Interest Warrants—Resolved, That the quotation of Messrs. Harvey & Healing to print 3,000 interest warrants for Od. be accepted.

9—Institute of Municipal Treasurers (Incorporated) —Annual Conference—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to attend this Conference to be held at Torquay from 17th to 19th June next.

10—Rating and Valuation Bill—Resolved, That the Borough Member be asked to support the Representations made by the Association of Municipal Corporations in regard to the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Rating of Machinery, urging the Ministry of Health to adopt the recommendations contained in the Minority Report of Mr. Thomas White, in which he recommended that no alteration should be made in the present law and practice as to the rating of machinery and plant in England and Wales and that if the proposals of the Majority Report were adopted they should be accompanied by the provision of a Grant from Imperial Funds sufficient to make good the consequent deficiency in the rate.

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 26th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in 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, 2nd July, 1925.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of July, 1925, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon**, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any oillier 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 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 Note.—The Special Meeting of the Council, convened by Notice dated 5th June last, with reference to the Application for The Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1925, will be held first.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 5th June, 1925, 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, Steel and Taylor Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., and Green and Councillors Bastin, Farrar, St. Clair and Whitaker.

1—Minutes—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 4th 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.

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2—River Severn—Survey— Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, stating that the Survey of the River Severn would be carried out on Wednesday, 10th inst., and inviting the Corporation to participate therein. Resolved, That the Chairman of the Water Committee (Alderman Margrett), the Medical Officer of Health, and the Water and Electrical Engineers, attend the Survey.

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 ... Meetings held May 11 & 15

Housing Meetings held May 12, 14 & 20

Slum Areas Clearance Meetings held May 2 & 26

Street and Highway Meetings held May 5 & 18

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 15, 22 & 28

Subject to the following amendments, viz. :—

(a) Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Alderman Taylor: " That the Resolution to Minute No. 1 (a) with reference to Montpellier Gardens Putting Course be referred back for further consideration."

(b) Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That the first Resolution to Minute No. 11 with reference to Sunday Concerts at Montpellier Gardens be referred back for further consideration."

(An amendment moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring: "That the Resolution to Minute No. 7 (2) with reference to Orchestral Concerts at the Winter Gardens on Saturdays be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

(An amendment moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring: " That the words the Scheme be provisionally approved and that ' in Minute No. 8 be omitted," was withdrawn).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held May 20

Subject to the following amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Sawyer : " That Minute No. 3, with reference to New Plant, be referred back for further consideration."

Water ... Meeting held May 21

Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Pates : " That the words " other than a Member of the Council" be inserted after the words " no person " in Minute No. 11"

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General Purposes and Watch ... Meetings held May 12 & 19

Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.—Resolved, also, That renewal of Licences under this Act be granted to the following applicants for one year from the 2nd June inst.: Messrs. J. Cypher, A. Drakeford, G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall, and W. Yates.

Allotments Meetings held May 6, 11 & 18

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 13

Burial Board Meeting held May 22

Public Library Meeting held May 12

Finance Meeting held May 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, of 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 6th July, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1925: Present ---The Mayor ; :Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Moore (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. :-32 and 37, Keynsham Street ; 35, Marle Hill Parade ; 11, Regent Place ; Western House, Great Western Road. —Resolved, That Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1839, requiring them in each case to provide a 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 Passage and 7, St. George's Street—The Town Clerk reported that on the 21st ult., proceedings were taken against the occupiers of 7, St. George's Street and 1, Hereford Passage for non-compliance with notices requiring them to abate nuisances caused by overcrowding, when Orders were made in each case for the abatement of the nuisance within 25 days. The Town Clerk also submitted copy of a letter which he had addressed to the Owner of 7, St. George's Street, as to her responsibility for the overcrowding and as to the rents charged by her, together with her reply thereto.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 8 Keynsham Street ; 35, Marle Hill Parade ; 11, Regent Place ; Western House, Great Western Road.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act. 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 9, Keynsham Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Gloucester Cottages, Gloucester Road ; and 30, Stoneville Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved,

and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4—Insanitary Property—37, Russell Street ; 35, Marle Hill Parade ; 11, Regent Place ; 35, Union Street ; 10, Oakfield Street ; and 5, Hewlett 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 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition. and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation -- (a) 218, 219 and 220, High Street, and two Cottages at rear—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Demolition Order made herein had been complied with.

(b) 1 and 2 Malden Court Cottages, Pittville---The Sanitary Inspector reported that the repairs required to make these premises fit for human habitation had been carried out. Resolved, That an Order be made rescinding the Closing Order made in respect of the premises.

6—Houses Let in Lodgings—(a) The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlord of No. 7, St. George's Street, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That notice be given accordingly.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health also recommended the adoption of new Bye-laws respecting houses divided into separate tenements under Section 6 of the Housing Act, 1925 in place of the Bye-laws made by the Council on the 8th August, 1894 Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and submit draft Bye-laws for approval.

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7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Roy Prewett, 12, North Place, to be registered as a Dairyman, be granted.

8--Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt. of beef ; 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs. of pork ; 12 lbs. of mutton ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. of fish ; 4 tins of prawns ; and large tins of Beef.

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: The Theatre ; The Palace, High Street ; and Georges Ltd., at which various sanitary defects were found and notices had been given to the Managers of these places to have the defects remedied.

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, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

11—Hayden Sewage Farm—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee extending the time for the commencement of this work to the 1st August next.

12-National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis- -Read, circular letter from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference to be held in London on 6th and 7th July Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

13—Remuneration of Medical Officers of Health— Read, circular letter from the British Medical Association, forwarding amended Scale of minimum commencing salaries for whole-time Medical Officers of Health, recommended for adoption as a standard for Local Authorities.

14—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 8th inst, Present—The Mayor and Councillor Leigh James (in the chair).

Farms Managers Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 8th inst., 11 horses (2 at Depot); 79 head of cattle ; 5 calves ; 49 sheep, 66 lambs and 18 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 50 heifers had been purchased for £1000 0s. 0d. 2 calves had been bred on the farms. Purchases of Feeding stuffs amounted to £97 13s. 5d. 2 cart horses, 1 cow, 11 heifers in calf, 2 calves, 2 ewes, 1 sow and 22 pigs had been sold for £443 1s. 0d., and other sales amounted to £44 13s. 6d. Total sales £587 14s. 6d. One calf had died, and the facts had been reported to the Acting Chairman.

Grass—The Farms Manager reported that additional stock was urgently needed to cope with the heavy crop of grass. Resolved, That (subject to the Acting Chairman of the Farms Committee being satisfied as to the advisability of obtaining additional stock) the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase additional stock up to the value of £2,400.

Hay Loader—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase a Hay Loader at a cost not exceeding £28.

Implement Shed—Resolved, That the quotation of Messrs. Smith Bros. to provide and fix an Implement Shed, 50 ft. by 20 ft. for £60, at Hayden, be accepted.

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, 9th June, 1925. Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

2—Sale of Houses and Land—(a) The following offers were reported

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
8 Byron Road.	Roberts, G. U.	£475
24 do.	Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. G.	£475

Resolved, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) That the offers be accepted, that application be made to the Ministry for consent to the Sales and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchasers of No. 24 Byron Road and also of No. 13 Milton Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 90 per cent, to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

NOTE :--The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 80 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 558 are let, and of the latter 68 have been sold, leaving 12 for sale, but the building of these is in initial stages A Contract for a further 60 Non-Parlour type houses was entered into on 22nd April, and a Contract for 2 Parlour-type houses was entered into on 18th May, 1925. Total houses erected, or to be erected, on Housing Estate by the Corporation 302 ; by private enterprise 2.

(b) 14 Milton Road—An offer to purchase this house was also received. Resolved, That the same be not accepted.

2 —Outbuildings----- (a) The Borough Surveyor submitted applications and plans of outbuildings proposed to be erected, as follows :—

Situation.	Description.
2 Byron Road	Motor Garage.
4 Tennyson Road	Shed.
110 Tennyson Road	Studio.
137 Tennyson Road	Shed.

Resolved, That the application in regard to No. 2 Byron Road be not granted ; that the application in regard to No. 4 Tennyson Road be granted ; and that consideration of the applications in regard to Nos. 1 to and 137 Tennyson Road be adjourned for view.

(b) Resolved, That the Council be recommended to transfer to this Committee the duties of the Plans Sub-Committee in regard to all buildings proposed to be erected on the Estate.

3—Gardens Prize Scheme— Resolved, That purchasers of houses on the Estate be invited to compete, as well as tenants ; that the sum of £5 be awarded in prizes at the discretion of the Sub-Committee, without regard to type of house ; and that Minute No. to of this Committee at their last Meeting be varied accordingly.

4—Brooklyn Road — Sewers—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, stating that this Scheme was approved for the purpose of a grant of 75 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges, for a period not exceeding 15 years, on condition that the work was commenced by 20th July and completed within six months therefrom. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed Sewers. Resolved, That tenders for the work be invited by advertisement and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a

tender, so that the work may be commenced by the date stipulated by the Unemployment Grants Committee.

5—Shrubberies—Read, letters of 26th ult., and 5th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, approving this Scheme for the purpose of a grant of 75 per cent., of the interest and sinking fund charges for half the period of the loan, together with letter of 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Health, enclosing Sanction to a loan of £1,050, repayable in 20 years.

6—Selection of Tenants —Read, application of 14th ult., from Mr. F. Davies, for permission to transfer from No. 3 Tennyson Road to a non-parlour type house. Resolved, That Mr. Davies be permitted to transfer to No. 14 Milton Road,

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7---Parlour-Type Houses- Read letter of 20th Ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that no objection would be raised to the acceptance of Mr. W. Bellamy's tender of £1,127 6s. 8d. for the erection of one pair of houses in Brooklyn Road, and that favourable consideration at a later date would be given to the Contract with Mr. Bellamy being extended to the total of 14 houses, provided the all-in-cost per pair was adopted and no addition was made for any extra drainage. The Ministry suggested that the loan should be confined for the present to the amount required for the erection of the pair of houses in question. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £1,202 0s. 0d., for the estimated cost of erecting the pair of houses now being built, including Architects' Fees and 5 per cent, for contingencies.

JOHN BENDALL. Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th June, 1925: Present--The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement—The Committee inspected the new houses being built on The Cottage site.

2—Additional Land for Building—The Town Clerk read letter from Mr J. G. Villar offering for sale the site of The Kennels in Whaddon Lane containing 5a. 1r. 32p. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained as the Committee do not consider this land would be suitable for the purpose required.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd June, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

2—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 110th inst. :—Alderman Bendall the chair ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold, and made an inspection of matters requiring consideration by the Committee.

3 -Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 15th May to 19th June, 1925. inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended tail inst., 946 loads collected ; 940 consumed and 6 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,002 tons, 4 ½ cwts.).

4 — Horse —The Borough Surveyor reported that the Horse "Gilbert" was unfit for service and submitted an offer from Mr. G. Thorndale to purchase the horse for £10 Resolved, That the offer be accepted on the understanding that Mr. Thorndale required the horse mainly for use on the land.

5----Railway Siding-Refuse Destructor---The Borough Surveyor reported that the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company had notified the Borough Electrical Engineer that certain repairs were required to the Corporation siding, the estimated cost of which was £63, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer had suggested that half the cost should be borne by the Highways Department. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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6—Crescent Place—Salem Chapel—Cycle Shed —The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the Cycle Shed erected at Salem Chapel. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Chapel Trustees be asked to paint the structure to correspond with the main building.

7-Light Railway—(a) St. George's Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 3rd, 6th and 9th inst., from the General Manager, Light Railway Co.. from which it appeared that the Company were only willing to bear half the cost of the removal of granite setts from, and asphaltting of, the area of the actual tramway, and not half the cost of the whole of the carriageway. Resolved, That that the Council be recommended to pay two-thirds of the total cost in respect of the whole of the carriageway. (Note : The Light Railway Co., having since agreed to pay the remaining third.)

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst., from the General Manager, Light Railway Co., stating that the repairs to the track generally were being carried out as quickly as possible.

8— 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, front July 1st, 1925, to 30 June, 1926. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, viz. :—

(a) Messrs. J. Williams & Co., Ltd.—Birch Coppice Deep Handstacked lump House Coal, at 28s 10d. per ton.

(b) Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd-Cwmneol (Powell Duffryn) Welsh smokeless steam coal for Foden Wagons and Steam Rollers, at 39s 9d. per ton.

(c) Messrs, J. Williams & Co., Ltd.—Norchard rough small steam coal for Boilers, at 21s 7d, per ton.

(d) Messrs. J. Williams & Co., Ltd.-Birch Coppice Nuts for Abattoir, at 26s 10d. per ton.

(e) Messrs. J. Williams & Co., Ltd. - Abergrave Big Vein Anthracite Coal for Green-houses, Town Hall, and general use, at 45s 1d. per ton.

9—Refuse Destructor—Weighbridge—(a) Resolved, That £75 be accepted from Messrs. Constable, Hart & Co., Ltd., in settlement of the damage to this Weighbridge,

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders from 7 firms for the provision of a new Weighbridge. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned.

10—G.W.R. Sufferance Roads—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Secretary, G.W.R., giving notice in pursuance of Section 65 of the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1924, of the intention of the Company, after the expiration of one month, to exhibit and maintain Notices in the following roads, intimating that the same were Private Roads, viz.:

Station Approach and Road by side of Station adjoining St. James' Square.

Road and Footpath alongside Railway on South side of Line between Malvern Road and Queen's Road.

Resolved, That no objection be offered thereto.

11—Lansdown Parade and District- - Read, letter of 17th inst., from Mrs. E. Gwatkin Williams, complaining of the condition of roads in this District. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

12—Dangerous Corners—(a) Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road-- -Read, letter of 20th ult., from Col. H. de H. Haig, suggesting the provision of danger signs at this junction. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road marked with a white line to ensure motorists and others turning the corner at a safe angle,

(b) Andover Road and Park Place —Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Automobile Association, stating that they had re inspected this junction and appreciated that the important nature of the two roads was riot apparent from the several approaches and presented an unusual degree of danger, and in these circumstances they were prepared to provide four cross road signs, if the Corporation would pay the carriage thereon and erect same. They considered this should be regarded as a special case and not as creating a precedent for signs at other cross roads in the Town, Resolved, That this be agreed to.

13—Main Roads—Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council, stating that the County Highways Committee were unable to accede to the application of the Corporation for a supplementary grant, but that no objection would be made to the Corporation anticipating the money to be provided for 1926-27 Resolved, That this be not agreed to, but that the County Highways Committee be asked to reconsider the application for a supplementary grant.

14—Classification of Roads—(a) Read, Circular No. 227 (Roads) of 27th ult., from the Ministry of Transport, as to grants from the Road Fund, during the year 1925-26.

(b) Read, also, letter of 30th ult., from the County Surveyor, forwarding provisional Estimates of Expenditure in respect of Classified District Roads in the Borough during the year, 1925-26, which had been approved by the Ministry of Transport.

15—Asphalt Plant Read, circular No 225 (Roads) of 27th ult., from the Ministry of Transport, relative to the charges allowed as grant-earning expenditure to cover the use of heavy plant in connection with the maintenance and improvement of roads, during the year ending 31st March, 1926.

16—Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition, 1925—Read letter of 15th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Congress Organising Committee, inviting the attendance of Delegates at this Congress. Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

17—Seats in Promenade-- Read, letters of 5th and 18th inst., from Mrs. Hallifax, urging the necessity of more seats in the Promenade. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have six additional seats fixed, if suitable sites can be found.

18—Superannuation—Read, letter from Mr. J. E. Ponting, Senior (late Stores Clerk), asking that the pension of £74 10s. 1d. per annum granted to him under the Scheme, be increased. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend any increase.

19--Fountain, Whitehart Street- -The Town Clerk reported that he had made inquiries as to the ownership of the piece of land at the North-west corner of Whitehart Street at its junction with High Street, and had ascertained that the Fountain which formerly stood on the site was erected by the Town Improvement Commissioners in 1859, in substitution for a pump, and that the land belonged to the Corporation as Successors of the Commissioners. The land contained about 25 square yards. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to offer to sell the land to the Owner of No. 244 High Street, subject to the condition that no building shall be erected thereon.

20-Streamers across Streets— Resolved, That, subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted for Streamers to be hung across Streets as follows :—

Colonnade—Cheltenham Floral Fete, 24th and 25th inst.

High Street—Leckhampton Agricultural and Horticultural Society, 3rd and 4th August next.

21-Haywards Road—The View Committee reported that they had viewed the site of the proposed widening of this road, but, having regard to the excavations made by Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., the Scheme did not appear to be practicable. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned sine die.

22 Regent Street—Read, memorial signed by Residents in Regent Street, as to the condition thereof, which was referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 9th June, 1925: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Leigh Juries (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.
2037	Gray, J.	Temporary Motor-house, Leconfield, College Road.
2038	Locke, C.	Alterations at rear of Elm Villa, Exmouth Street.
2039	Hopkins, A.	Additions to 18, Marle Hill Parade.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 2038 and 2039 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 2037 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 22nd June, 1925 : 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.
2040	Smyth, Dr. W.	Temporary Motor House, Coquet Lodge, 8, Park Place.
2041	Headley, Rev. A. A.	Temporary Motor House, London Road.
2042	Polston, J.	Motor House, Clarefield, Evesham Road.
2043	Bliss, G.	Roofing over Yard, Bath Street.
2044	Yeates, A.	Temporary Motor House, Pilford Road.
2045	Hawkins, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, Parabola Road.
2046	Morris, T.	Temporary Lock-up Shop, Queen's Road.
2047	Corporation Housing Committee	8 Semi-detached Houses, Parlour Type, Brooklyn Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2042, 2043 and 2047 be approved ; that Plan No. 2044 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 that Plans Nos. 2040, 2041, 2045 and 2046 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th June, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair). Drs. Allman Powell, Curtis Webb and R. Kirkland also attended.

1—Sunday Concerts—The Committee considered reference back from Council at their last Meeting. Resolved, That Band Concerts on Sunday Evenings be held in the Winter Garden Bandstand instead of Montpellier Gardens.

2-Winter Garden—Lease—The Committee further considered letter of 9th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd, for extension of lease to the Company, together with a recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee as to the use of the Central portion for Spa purposes in the event of the lease being renewed. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until the Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 16th prox., and that representatives of the Company's Directorate be invited to attend.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th June, 1925. Present--The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

3—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Putting Course—The Committee considered reference back from Council at their last Meeting, together with letter of 28th inst., from Mrs. Swainson. Resolved, That arrangements be made as from 1st July, for persons entering the Gardens for the purpose of Putting to obtain tickets at the Central Box-office, as follows : Afternoons 6d., Evenings 4d. (to include admission to the Gardens in each case) the Corporation to receive 10 per cent. of the gross receipts, as already agreed.

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(b) Concert-Read, letter of list inst., from Mr. Claude Chandler, asking that he should have the option of removing the new rides and ends at the end of his tenancy on payment of the cost of painting but agreeing that other-wise they should become the property of the Corporation. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(c) Floral Fete-Read, letter of 23rd inst., from Miss D. E. Pates complaining of damage to tennis court by the erection of a Marquee in connection with the Floral Fete. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the damage made good, and that the cost be charged to the Floral Fete Committee.

4—Article on Cheltenham The Committee considered the article on Cheltenham in the recent issue of " The Road " published by the Automobile Association. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the Association the libellous nature of the article and to ask for the draft of the article to be inserted in the next issue of the book, about to be published, to be submitted for approval or, as an alternative, to suggest that Mr. E. J. Burrow should be asked to prepare an article. Resolved, also, That the Association be asked to send a copy of the revised article to the persons to whom the previous issue was circulated.

5—Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme --(a) Read, letter of 4th inst., from Messrs, Young and tilling, Agents for Col. Lloyd Harford, offering to sell the remaining portion of Turner's Field, containing 3a. 1r. 26p. and at present leased to the Corporation and let as Allotments, for £825. Resolved, That this offer be accepted so that the land may be available for any future extension of the proposed Scheme and that in the meantime it be used for allotments.

(b) Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. Percy C. A. Wiggall, offering to supply ornamental trees, shrubs and plants tip to the value of gratis, Resolved That the offer be accepted and that the thanks of the Corporation therefor be conveyed to Mr. Wiggall.

6---British Spas - Wireless Talk--The Town Clerk reported receipt of letter from Mr. Leslie Carter, asking for information relating to Cheltenham to enable him to give a Wireless Talk in connection with a series of talks on British Spas, and that he had referred the matter to Mr. E. J. Burrow, who had given the information required.

7 —Winter Garden — (a) Read, Memorial signed by Residents in Imperial Square and the Promenade, complaining of nuisance caused by noisy children in the Winter Garden Grounds, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange with the Park Constable to take the place of the Custodian temporarily, and that the latter be employed at Pittville

(b) Bandstand—Resolved, That the Spa Military Band play in the Winter Garden Bandstand every weekday morning instead of alternately at Montpellier Gardens.

9 -**Concerts Sub-Committee**-- The Reports of Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 26th ult., 9th and 23rd inst. were read.

They recommended as follow,;

Pittville —Broadcasting—That the offer of Cheltenham Wireless Supplies, Ltd., to broadcast music at Pittville on Saturday 27th inst., be accepted, and that a Dance be held in the Pump-Room until 12 midnight, the charge for dancing to be 1s per person.

Flannel Dance—That a Flannel Dance be held each Saturday evening in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall from 8 to 11 p.m. from 4th July; charge 2s per person ; and that the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide a band at a cost of £3 per night be accepted.

Spa Military Band --(a) That the Spa Military Band play at Whaddon Lane on 10th July, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., at Naunton Park on 13th July, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., and in Pittville Annexe on 14th August from 7 to 9 p.m.

(b) That the Cheltenham Floral Fete Committee be asked to pay £5 for the services of the Orchestra on the mornings of 24th and 25th June. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th, June, 1925 Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Railway Siding--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported receipt of notification from the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co., that certain repairs were required to the Corporation siding, the

estimated cost of which was £63, and that he had given instructions to the Company to proceed therewith. Resolved, That this be approved.

2-I.M.E.A.--Convention, 1925—The Borough Electrical Engineer briefly reported on this Convention at Brighton from 15th to 20th inst., at which discussions took place with regard to the standard and cost of public lighting, and the policy of Municipal Undertakings respecting wiring and installation work ; an exhibition of cookers and water-heaters was held.

3—Superintendent of Cookery and Domestic Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Chairman and he had discussed with others at the I.M.E.A. Convention, the desirability of appointing a lady for the purpose of superintending the use of cookery and domestic apparatus and giving demonstrations as to their utility, and found that other undertakings had derived great benefit from the appointment of such an Official. He recommended that a Superintendent of Cookery and Domestic Supply be appointed. Resolved, That applications be invited by advertisement for the appointment of Superintendent of Cookery and Domestic Supply at a commencing salary of £3 10s. 0d. rising to £4 per week.

4—Electric Lamp Standards— (a) Shurdington Road (b) Lansdown Road (c) Rodney Road—The Town Clerk reported that the General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd., were willing to enter into an Agreement for settling all claims on a halving basis, as in other similar cases, and to settle the above claims for damage on that basis. Resolved, That this be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1925—(a)- The Town Clerk submitted copy of draft Order and reported that the same had been deposited and the Statutory Notice given.

(b) The Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer reported that they interviewed the Lighting Committee of the Winchcomb Rural District Council on the 23rd inst., when it was arranged, subject to the approval of the Council, that, on the understanding that the Rural District Council would consent to the application for the Order as arranged with them the Corporation should undertake (in addition to the mains scheduled) to lay the following mains in Winchcomb within a period of three years from the commencement of the Order, viz. From the Cross along Hailes Road to the Gas-works and also along Gretton Road from the Corner of Station Road to Yorklands. Resolved, That this be approved and the Council recommended accordingly.

(c) Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, stating that his Council had instructed him to give formal notice of objection, in order that they might have more time to consider the application in conjunction with the applications of the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Company and the Gloucester Corporation.

(d) The Town Clerk reported negotiations with the Chief Engineer of the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Company, and a letter of 25th inst., was submitted from Mr. Sidney Morse, Solicitor for the Company, offering to withdraw from the application for the Avon Valley Electricity Special Order, the following Parishes, namely Boddington in the Tewkesbury Rural District, and the Parishes of Southam and Brockhampton, Woodmancote, Bishop's Cleeve, Gotherington, Prescott, Stanley Pontlarge, Sudeley Manor, Charlton Abbots, and so much of the Parish of Winchcomb as lies South of a line drawn 200 yards South of the main Tewkesbury to Stow-on-the-Wold Road within the Rural District of Winchcomb if the Corporation would withdraw from their application the remainder of the Rural Districts of Tewkesbury and Winchcomb. Resolved, That the

Council be recommended to agree (subject to the approval of the Electricity Commissioner) to these proposals and to consent to the application of the Company for their Special Order modified, as above mentioned, on the understanding that the Company would consent to the application of the Corporation as correspondingly modified,

6—Motor Car-- The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Humber car (originally purchased in 1910) required extensive renewals and, in view of the cost of these and the age of the car, he recommended that it be replaced. He had obtained an offer for the Humber, Resolved. That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a car at a cost not exceeding £200, subject to a satisfactory allowance for the old car.

7—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 31st ult., 7th, 13th, 16th and 22nd inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 476.3, 464.7, 479.2, 475.9 and 463.1 B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.8, 5.3, 4.5, 4.7, and 4.5 inches.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th June, 1925 : Present — The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 22nd June, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	183,000 gallons	320,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	717,000 "	1,435,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	60,000	91,000 "
Total	960,000	1,846,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 22nd June, 1925.	Contents	Depth 22nd June, 1924.	Contents
Hewletts		6,617,000 gallons		16,768,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft. 0in.	74,900,000	32ft.0in.	100,023,000
Leckhampton	—	—	12ft.0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		81,517,000		118,411,000

Pumping commenced at Sandford on 8th and at Tewkesbury on 25th inst.

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

	During May, 1925.	Total for past 2 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,231	1,846
“ taps found leaking ..	105	144
“ defective flushing boxes .	16	19
“ defective stop taps	7	1
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house-to- house inspections)	105 <u>36</u>	
	141	209
“notices served re fittings	63	92
“ meters fixed and changed ..	16	29
“ houses connected ..	89	184
“ burst pipes discovered	6	10
“ supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	51	76

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month :-50 yds. of 6 in. main laid in Brooklyn Road ; Hydrants repaired 5 ; Sluice valves repaired 2 ; Mains washed out 4.

4—Supply to Cheltenham Steam Laundry—The Borough Engineer reported receipt of an application from Mr. T. E. Sutcliffe for permission to lay a steam tube for an extension of the service at these premises. Resolved, That this be agreed to, provided the tube is left exposed and not laid underground.

5—Post Office Telegraphs —Read, applications of 17th and 27th inst., from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of (a) three stays and two struts in the plantation opposite Dowdeswell Reservoir and per-mission to slightly trim the tops of some of the trees and (b) two stays in the bank between the main road and the road to the Waterworks. Resolved, That consent be given subject to termination by three months' notice in writing on either side and to payment of 1s per annum for each strut and stay and subject also, to the exact positions of the struts and stays being approved by the Borough Engineer and to the trimming of the trees being carried out to his satisfaction.

6 --British Waterworks Association—Annual Conference—Read, circular of 25th ult., from the Secretary of this Association, inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held in London on 3rd and 4th July. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

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7--Water Charges —The Town Clerk reported it would be necessary to obtain a new Order under the Water Undertakings (Modification of Charges) Act, 1921. Resolved, That application be made for an Order empowering the Corporation to charge for supply of water for domestic purposes not exceeding 47 per cent on the gross estimated rental, with a minimum not exceeding 10s and to charge interest at the rate of 9 per cent. on the cost of laying additional mains, pipes, hydrants, etc., under Section 59 (b) and 59 (c).

Resolved, also, That the charge for domestic supply as from September 30th next be 47 per cent. on the gross estimated rental with a rebate of 10 per cent. thereon.

8—Charlton Kings--The Chairman reported that he and the Town Clerk had had an interview with the Ministry of Health with reference to the complaint of the Charlton Kings Council in respect of the charge for baths and that the Ministry had urged the desirability of reducing the charge for baths in the outside districts in view of the fact that all houses provided under the Housing Acts were now required to have a bath room. Resolved, That in order to meet the views of the Ministry the charge for baths in the outside districts be reduced to 10s for each bath.

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, 23rd June, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that Swine Fever existed at Ivy Cottage, Hester's Way, and at Whaddon Farm, Cemetery Road ; otherwise the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—Withdrawal of Restrictions—Read, circular of 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, stating that an Order had been issued, the effect of which was to withdraw, as from 4th inst., all general restrictions imposed by the Ministry in connection with various outbreaks. As from the last-mentioned date there would be no general restrictions in connection with Foot and Mouth Disease in force in any part of Great Britain, for the first time since the wide-spread outbreak which commenced in August, 1923. Since the 1st January last, 21 outbreaks had occurred in nine Counties, involving the slaughter of 784 Cattle, 349 Sheep and 560 Pigs, and the payment of £30,452 in compensation.

(c) Foreign Animals Order, 1910—(i.) The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of the 2nd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, revoking, as from 15th inst., the Order made on 15th October last, declaring certain parts of the U.S.A., to be a prohibited country for the purposes of the Order of 1910.

(ii.) The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of 23rd ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, including Jamaica in the prohibition specified in the First Schedule to the Order of 1910.

(d) Foreign Hay and Straw (Amendment] Order, 1925--The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order of 2nd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, revoking, as from 15th inst., the Order (No. 5), 1924, and making Hay and Straw brought from California subject to the prohibition of landing in the Foreign Hay and Straw Order of 1912.

(e) Swine Erysipelas—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Minister of Agriculture, with regard to losses amongst Swine due to Erysipelas, and suggesting that, in the event of the disease becoming existent in the Borough, the Ministry's Leaflet No. 227 should be distributed, and Pig-Keepers informed as to the Firms from whom they could procure serum and vaccine.

(f) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1923—Regulations—Read, letters of 26th and 28th ult., from the Clerk to the County Council, stating that the Diseases of Animals Committee for the County had made an amending Regulation, omitting the word Shropshire from Article 1 (a) of the Regulations made by them in 1923. Resolved, That the Regulations in force in the Borough be similarly amended and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture for approval.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
19th June 2	Brunswick Buildings.	£30.	£4 5s. 6d.
22nd June	Sanderson's Blouse Shop, High Street.	£50.	£4 2s. 6d.

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(ii.) that, on 16th inst., a section of the Brigade was returning from the funeral of the late Capt. Philip Ford at Stroud, when the Motor Fire Engine came in contact with a large gas-main lying in the road, causing Lt. A. Dodwell and Fireman E. Ursell to fall from the Engine, and the machine put out of action. Lt. Dodwell sustained a broken leg and was in the Cheltenham Hospital, and Fireman Ursell was attending the Hospital as an out-patient. The Fire Engine was being repaired in Cheltenham.

(b) Fire Extinguishers—Resolved, That two " Minimax " Fire Extinguishers, to be carried on the Motor Fire Engine, be purchased at £2 15s. 0d. each.

3--Market—Read, letters of 30th ult., and 3rd inst., from the Chairman, Local Market Committee, asking that the locks on the Office doors be replaced, and drawing attention to the defective condition of the West wall of the Pot Shed. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the locks replaced, and to inspect and report upon the condition of the Pot Shed.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Report of Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—The Inspector reported that, since the last Meeting, Motor Cab No. 21 (Reg. No. AU. 1854) had been submitted for his inspection and was satisfactory. Resolved, that the licence be renewed.

(b) New Licences--Read, application from Mr. W. A. Mann for a licence in respect of Motor Cab (Reg. No. M. 3636). Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the repairs recommended by the Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction, including the provision of a Taximeter.

(c) Transfers—(i.) Read, application from Mr. C. Mann for licence No. 70, held by him in respect of Cab (Reg. No. DJ. 270), to be transferred to Cab (Reg. No. AD. 3874). The Inspector reported that the new Cab was satisfactory. Resolved. That the application be granted. (ii.) Read, application from Mr. G. Bridges for licence No. 65, held by him in respect of Cab (Reg. No. LB. 7029) to be transferred to Cab (Reg. No. DJ. 270), which he had purchased. The Inspector reported that the new Cab was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(d) Wheel Chair—Read, application of 8th inst., from Mr. Henry Gardner of 3 Britannia Place, Trinity School Lane, for a Licence for a Wheel Chair. Resolved. That the same be granted.

(e) Driver —Resolved. That a Driver's Licence be issued to Mr. Patrick J. Lynch of 39 Rosehill Street.

5—Petrol Licences—Resolved, on the report of the Inspector, That a licence be granted to Mr S. C. Crook of 2 Croft Villas, Croft Street, to store 500 Gallons of petrol in an underground tank at Fossil Cottages, Croft Street, subject to the tank being installed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

6—Game Licences—Resolved, That the following applications for renewal of Game Licences to granted : Messrs. C. Barnett & Son (2 Licences—56 High Street and 11 Montpellier Walk, respectively), H. F. Barnett, V. Dymond, H. St. C. Hall, S. H. Long, MacFisheries, Ltd., (2 Licences--84 and 372 High Street, respectively), W. T. Morris, Olive and Olive, F. Panter, C. Spencer and Miss F. M. Woodard.

7—Flower Show— Challenge Cup—The Town Clerk reported that the cost of engraving this Cup amounted to £3, making the total cost of the Cup and Plinth, £34 10s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

8— Char-a-bancs—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Madame Wright, objecting to Char-a-bane parties alighting in Ormond Place and Inspector Millard undertook to instruct Police Officers to prevent this as much as possible.

9—Ernest Rogers' Memorial Fund-- C.O.S. Sunset Home—Read, letter of 14th inst., from Mr. A. J. Wadley, asking the Corporation to contribute to the Ernest Rogers' Memorial Fund to complete the endowment of the Charity Organisation Society's Sunset Hose. Resolved, That a contributions of £10 be made.

10—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That an electric cooker be installed in the Caretakers' Quarters at an estimated cost of £6.

11—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919-The Annual Report of the Rat Executive Officer for the year 1924, was submitted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn and Sawyer and Mr. F. W. Clarkson (Councillor Sawyer in the chair.)

1—Inspection of Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made arrangements for the Superintendents of the Whaddon Lane and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds to report monthly on the East Ward and Albert Road allotments and the Asquith Road and Hall Road allotments, respectively. Resolved, That this be approved, and that the Town Clerk arrange with Mr. J. Pounsett,

the Weighbridge Attendant to inspect the allotments in Folly Lane, and that he be paid at the rate of an hour for the time engaged in making the inspections.

2—College Road Tip and Turner's Field Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that if the proposed Chelt Improvement Scheme was carried out it would be necessary to terminate the tenancies of all the allotment holders in College Road Tip and a portion of those in Turner's Field. Resolved, That six months' notice be given to terminate their tenancies on the 25th December next.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th June, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer and Welstead, Messrs. F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

3—Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That this Committee approve of the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee to purchase Turner's Field.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1925. Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Pruen and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—Agg-Gardner-- (a) Cricket—Resolved. That the application of the Cheltenham Butchers' Cricket Club to play cricket at this ground on Wednesday afternoons be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Teas—Read, application of 26th ult., from the Templar Cricket Club for permission to provide teas at this ground to visiting teams. Resolved, That this be permitted, but that the Custodian of the Ground be not allowed to supply the teas.

2—Pittville Gardens—Key—Read, letter from Mr. C. J. Tinson with reference to a letter from the Town Clerk withdrawing the privilege of having a key to the Pittville Gardens, pointing out that this privilege had been granted by the Corporation a good many years ago and asking that it should be continued. Resolved. That under the circumstances, the privilege be continued during his lifetime and occupation of " The Cleevelands."

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th June, 1925 : Present—Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Stewart and Capt. Trye ; Colonel J. C. Griffith, Dr R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1--Curator's Report—Number of attendances in May 3,481 (against 5,628) including classes from Christ Church Girls' School and St. Paul's Practising School.

Receipts-----The receipts for the month amounted to £12 2s.7d.

Exhibitions—The St. Ives Exhibition which closed on 16th ultimo was visited by 6,990, during 39 days open. Expenditure £25 14s. 3d. Receipts £16 14s. 5d.

The 4th Annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts opened on 25th ultimo. Incidental expenses would be more than met.

The permanent collection would be re-hung- at end of June and an illustrated catalogue published.

2-Donation--Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Colonel Anley for his offer to give at a later date, a framed Photograph of the State Entry into Delhi on the Coronation of King Edward VII,.

3—Riviere Bust - Resolved, That a portrait bust in plaster of Briton Riviere, R.A., by Onslow Ford, be purchased for £5.

4—Buhl Table —The Curator reported damage to this table, and that a claim had been made to the Insurance Company. (Note : The claim has since been settled.)

5—Gloucestershire Village Club Signs—Resolved, That an offer to purchase 12 examples of these for be not entertained.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th June, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (23rd May to 26th June). Interments 54 ; Exclusive Rights in 20 graves sold (first class 2, second class 3, third class 2, and fourth class 13). Monuments erected 16 ; New Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7185 to 7204 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3--Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz. : Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Jane E. Lindsay, Beatrice M. Cooper, Odiarne Lane, Mary I. Garbett and Helena Auchmuty ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Arthur Workman and Susan Seage ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Charles Humphries and Memorial Kerbing to graves of Harry Amey, Alfred Summers, Alice Edwards, Fred Gwilliam, Robert Fisher, Charles G. A. Wyatt and Amelia Jones.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th June, 1925: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold; and Miss M. H. Miller (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 0s. 11d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,141 (last year 1,777) ; Lending Library 10,564 (last year 11,013) ; Juvenile Library 1,781 (last year 1,799). Total for month 16,486 (last year 17,589). Days open 26 (last year 27).

Presentations—Anonymous (2 vols..) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (3 pamphs,) ; E. H. Cherrington (3 vols.); Longmans Green & Co., (1 vol.) ; Director of Natural Resources Intelligence Service, Canada (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. W. Todd (5 vols.); Miss Warner (1 vol.) ; Capt. R. P. Wild (1 vol.) and various guides and pamphlets to Holiday Resorts. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

Shorthand-Typist Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to appoint a Shorthand-Typist in place of Miss Ella Cope, resigned, at a salary not exceeding 25s per week.

Special Libraries—The Librarian reported that the local Medical Association had overhauled the Medical Library, and that the Cheltenham Science Society had now undertaken to revise their collection of scientific literature in the Reference Department.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th inst. Present :—Councillor Mann and Dr. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—(a) That 44 vols., new books, published at £22 10s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £13 19s. 6d.

(b) That 130 vols. be replaced at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That 50 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £10.

(d) That a commencement be made in acquiring the Victoria History of the Counties of England for adjacent counties, and that Worcestershire, 5 vols. at £13 13s. 0d. be purchased during the present financial year.

(e) That the " Nursing Mirror," 2d. weekly be taken in place of " Hospital and Health," which has ceased publication.

(f) That the " Socialist Review," 6d. monthly, be not taken.

(g) That the Cheltenham Civic Society be invited to co-operate in the matter of Tablets for local historic houses ; and that the Society be asked to consider the making of a Photographic Survey of notable architectural and other features for preservation in the Public Library, Resolved, That paragraphs (a) to (c) and (e) to (g) be approved and confirmed, and that consideration of paragraph (d) be deferred for a month.

A. MANN, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th June, 1925 . Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruett and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 30th inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £13,305 8s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £20,599 13s. 11d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £7,346 2s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £11,893 7s. 6d.

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3 —Loans --(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,300 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 £7,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds The Borough Accountant reported that 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £3,515 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years, had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly, That this be approved.

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt the Ministry of Health of Sanctions to the following Loans :—

Date, 1925.	Purpose	Amount	Period of Repayment.
June 3rd	Gloucester Road Shrubberies	£1,050	20 years.
" 10th .	Extension of Burial Ground	£600	15 "

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock --The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £2,113 17s. 0d. at 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., plus expenses £5 10s. 6d., and £894 1s. 10d. at 67 per cent., plus expenses £2 7s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £3,007 18s. 10d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council 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—Local Government etc., and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 --Resolved, That the post of " Engineering Assistant" be included as an "Established Po-t " that application he made to the Ministry of Health for their approval.

6—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 30th inst. Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel (in the chair) and Taylor. 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, 23rd July, 1925.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 27th, day of July, 1925**, 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 and to appoint a Farms Manager. 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,

To each Member of the Council

Town. Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened by Notice dated 5th June, 1925, and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th July, 1925, 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 Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, Pates, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold.

1—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1925—Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for a Special Order under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1922, in respect of the Rural Districts of Tewkesbury and Winchcomb (except the Chapelry of Cutsdean), the Parishes of Badgeworth, Cowley, Cubberley, Shurdington, Staverton, Swindon, Uckington, Up Hatherley, and Great Witcombe, in the Rural District of Cheltenham.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, drily convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th July, 1925, 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 Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall and Green ; Councillors Mann, Sawyer, St. Clair and Whitaker.

2—Minutes— Resolved, That the Minutes of time Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th June last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, he taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme Order, 1925—The Town Clerk sub-mitted letter of 23rd ultimo, from the Ministry of Health, forwarding copies of this Order dated 16th ultimo.

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 June 8

Housing Meeting held June 8

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held June 9

Street and Highway Meeting held June 10

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 11 & 26

Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 8 (b) (with reference to charge of £5 for services of Orchestra at the Floral Fete) be referred back for further consideration."

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Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 24

Water Meeting held June 29

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 23

Allotments Meetings held June 8 & 30

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 8

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 10

Burial Board Meeting held June 26

Public Library Meeting held June 16

Finance .•• Meeting held June 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.

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 27th July, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1925 : Present-The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Chairman-Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to convey to Mrs. St. Clair the Committee's deep regret at the death of Councillor St. Clair and their warm sympathy with her in her bereavement.

2 -Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -135, Tewkesbury Road ; 40, Cleaveland Street ; 35, Russell Street ; 4, 7, 15, 16 and 23, Hermitage Street ; 114 and 116, Fairview Road ; 2, Victoria Place, Fairview ; 2, 13, 15, and 16, Casino Place.-Resolved, That 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-Overcrowding at 2, 3, 9, 10, 13 and 14, Casino 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.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Avenall's Parade ; Vine Cottage, Hale's Road ; 2, Glenfall Street, and 1a, Regent 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) 9, Russell Place-The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done, viz. :- Messrs. Daffurn & Tombs £30 10s. 0d. ; Messrs. Eggleton & Co. £28 19s. 6d. ; and Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. £28 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(c) 4, Derretts Cottages-The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 9th March last the Sanitary Work required at these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. Eggleton & Co., at a cost of £5 1s. 6d. Resolved, That application be made for payment by the Owner.

5 -Insanitary Property-26. Albion Street ; 3 and 4, Albion Square ; 22, Commercial Street ; 6, Cleeve View Terrace ; 1, Portland Street ; 10, Dagmar Terrace and 1 to 17, Casino 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 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 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 385 lbs. mutton; 28 lbs. meat; 8 lbs. haddock and 9 ducks.

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 enforce compliance.

8 -Meat Regulations - Resolved, That the sum of £6 be paid for the expenses of attending a course of lectures and demonstrations at Wolverhampton Abattoir incurred by Mr. F. R. Jefford who had now obtained a qualifying Certificate as a Meat and Food inspector.

9-Lavatory Accommodation-Read, letter from Lady Honeywood, Managing Director of Queen's Hotel, that the Company were not prepared to consider the provision of a site for a Public Lavatory in the Hotel Yard. Read, also, letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association urging the necessity of the provision of a lavatory for both sexes as soon as possible and that in the opinion of the Association the site at the Clarence Lamp appeared most suitable, and also suggesting that increased accommodation for both sexes should be provided at Montpellier Gardens at the corner opposite Spa Place to be accessible both from the outside and inside of the Gardens.

The Committee inspected the site of the Clarence Lamp and also a site at the Clarence Street end of Crescent Place. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report on the suitability of either of these sites with approximate estimates of the cost.

10—Health Week—Read, circular letter of 19th ult., from the Health Week Committee of the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to consider the promotion of a Health Week for Cheltenham from October 4th to 10th. Resolved, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration.

11—Brooklyn Road---Sewer--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed new sewer in Brooklyn Road to be laid from the present sewer in Tennyson Road along each side of Brooklyn Road to a point 170 yards north of the brook course and from a point near the brook course in a north-westerly direction to the present sewer in Tanner's Lane as shewn on the plan and reported it was necessary to carry the sewer under the lands set out in the Schedule to his Report. Resolved, That notices be served accordingly on the Owners and Occupiers of these lands of the intention of the Council to lay the proposed sewer.

12-Farms Sub-Committee--Reported Meeting on 13th inst Present- Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Managers Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on Farms on 13th inst., 11 Horses (2 at Depot); 103 head of cattle ; 38 lambs, 49 sheep, and 6 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 23 bullocks had been purchased for £437 0s. 0d. Purchases of Feeding stuffs etc., amounted to £7 16s. 11d. 12 store pigs, 29 lambs, 1 cow in calf, and 2 heifers and 2 calves had been sold for £207 9s. 3d., and other sales amounted to £40 18s. 8d. Total sales £248 7s 11d.

Farms Manager—The Sub-Committee interviewed four selected Candidates for this appointment. Hay—The Farms Manager reported that there was now a large accumulation of hay at the Farms. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the farms for inspection on the 15th inst.

Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and that they be asked to consider further the applications received for the appointment of Farms Manager.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd July, 1925; Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Moore (The Mayor in the chair).

13—Gloucester Road—Widening—The Town Clerk reported that the County Council desired to proceed with the Gloucester Road widening Scheme and would require a strip of land belonging to the Hayden Sewage Farm. Resolved, That the Council agree to give up a strip of land in Gloucester Road belonging to the Hayden Sewage Farm (having an average width of 6ft. 6in and containing 303.5 square yards) required for widening the road at a price to be assessed by the District Valuer as between the parties subject to the County Council compensating the tenants of the 4 cottages for any loss sustained by them and subject to a substantial fence being provided to replace the existing hedge, such fence to be an iron unclimbable fence or such other fence as may be agreed upon and

subject to their carrying out any other necessary works which may be required in consequence of the widening.

14—Lavatory Accommodation—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for accommodation on the suggested sites and the Committee again inspected the sites. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to revise the plans in accordance with the suggestions made by the Committee and that the same be considered at a Meeting to be arranged in August.

15—Smoke Abatement League—Read, circular from this Association inviting the Corporation to join and to appoint delegates to attend a conference at Buxton. Resolved, That no action be taken.

16—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 21st inst. Present : Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager—The Sub-Committee further considered the applications received for this appointment and selected the following applicants for interview by the Sub-Committee on the 27th inst. : Burton, R. J. (Stoke-on-Trent; ; Henderson, D. (Chedworth, Nr. Cheltenham) ; Large, J. H. S. (Tetbury, Glos.) ; and Mather, V. H. (Reading).

Resolved, That the Report be approved and that a Meeting of this Committee be held on the 27th inst., at 2 p.m., to interview the candidates.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th July, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Moore (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Sale of Houses (a) The following offers were reported :--

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
16 Byron Road	Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. C. W.	£475.
20 "	James, H. E. ..	£475.
22 "	Fern, I.	£475.
28 "	Powell, L. S.	£475.
30 "	Taylor, A. ..	£475.
32 "	Cooper, B. ..	£475.
34 "	Thatcher, A. G.	£475.

Resolved, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) That the offers be accepted with the exception of that of Mr. L. S. Powell for No. 28 Byron Road, that application be made to the Ministry for consent to the Sales and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchasers of Nos. 16, 20, 22, 30, 32 and 34 Byron Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 50 per cent. to guarantee

repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages. The Town Clerk reported that the sale of the above houses would leave 6 houses unsold of Mr. Drew's third contract. He had received an application from Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd., that the first refusal of these houses should be given to their employees. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to definite contracts being entered into for the sale of the houses before the 30th September next or within such further time as may be agreed to by the Committee having regard to the date by which the houses will be completed.

NOTE: —The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 80 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let, and of the latter 74 have been sold, leaving 6 for sale. A Contract for a further 60 Non-Parlour type houses was entered into on 22nd April, and a Contract for 2 Parlour-type houses was entered into on 18th May, 1925. Total houses erected, or to be erected, on Housing Estate by the Corporation 302 ; by private enterprise 2.

2-Parlour Type Houses—Brooklyn Road—(a) Read letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. W. J. Rogers to whom the first refusal of the first house in this road had been promised asking that he should be allowed to use the passage communicating with the proposed Recreation Ground as a means of access to garage, or that he should be allowed to purchase an extra 2 feet of frontage to get the clearance necessary on his own ground. Resolved. That on the purchase of the property, Mr. Rogers be granted a wayleave to use the lane subject to the payment of an acknowledgement of 5s per annum, the agreement to be determinable at any time on six months' notice.

(b) Read, letter of 14th inst., from Mr. W. Bellamy with regard to proceeding with another pair of houses. Resolved, That Mr. Bellamy be informed that the Corporation are prepared to enter into a contract for an additional two pairs of houses on the same terms and conditions as contained in the present contract.

3--Drew's 4th Contract—Non-Parlour houses—(a) The Architects submitted designs for the 60 houses to be erected by Mr. Drew under his fourth contract. Resolved. That the designs be approved and also that inner rustic fences be erected in the gardens of the houses at each side of Shakespeare Road at its junction with Byron Road so as to screen the view from the road of the back gardens.

(b) Read, letter of 12th ult., from Mr. W. Leishman offering to purchase the house to be erected in Byron Road shown on the plan submitted with an additional 3 feet of land to enable him to erect a garage. Resolved, That he be granted the first refusal of this house together with the additional strip of land required.

4—Gardens Prize Scheme—Resolved, That the **Gardens Prize Scheme Sub-Committee** meeting to award prizes be held on the 24th inst., at 11 a.m.

5—Brooklyn Road Sewers—Only one tender was received for this work amounting to £3,821. Resolved, That the work be carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

6—Gloucester Road Shrubberies—Resolved, That this scheme for laying out the shrubberies on the Gloucester Road frontage be also carried out by the Borough Surveyor by direct labour.

7—Outbuildings—110 Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed studio to be erected at these premises. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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8—Housing etc. Act, 1923—(a) Period—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 29th September next and completed by 31st" March, 1926.

(b) Subsidy House—Hester's Way—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of 475 be issued to Mr. G. Challenger in respect of a bungalow to be erected by him at Hester's Way containing 862 super. feet and to be built at a density of 4 to the acre, subject to the plans being approved by the Street and Highway Committee.

(c) Subsidy Houses—Pilford Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of coalhouses to be erected for the 2 houses at Pilford Road for which a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £75 each was granted to Mr. A. Yates. Resolved, That the plans be approved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 3rd July, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme--The Town Clerk reported that he had now received Order of the Minister of Health dated 16th June last sanctioning this Improvement Scheme under Part 1 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890. Resolved, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate the purchase of all the property included in the Scheme.

2-Tenders for Houses – Resolved, That as soon as the property has been acquired tenders be invited for the erection of 7 pairs on the West side of the street.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th July, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

2-Land at Back of Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk submitted Report from the District Valuer recommending the purchase of the strip of land belonging to Mr. J. Hanson for the sum of £14 and £3 for Solicitor's costs.

Resolved, That this be agreed to. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve Notices to treat on the other Owners for the purchase of the properties to be acquired.

3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Ministry of Health that they were prepared to pay the Council the Exchequer Contribution under Section 2 of the Act in respect of the 16 houses in Elm Street and Malvern Street in excess of the number of houses required for re-housing under the Scheme subject to the houses com-plying with the prescribed

conditions regarding size, construction, density, etc., and on receipt of an undertaking in the prescribed form that the special conditions imposed by the Act will be duly observed. Resolved, That the Town Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 will be complied with in relation to the 16 houses being erected by them in Elm Street and Malvern Street.

4—Applications for Houses—The Town Clerk submitted applications from Messrs. F. Bateman and G. S. Gould of 7 St. George's Street for tenancy of one of the houses being erected. Resolved, That consideration of these applications be adjourned.

5—Additional Slum Clearance—Read, letter from the Medical Officer of Health that about 60 of the 174 houses included in the Representation made by him in 1917 still remained to be dealt with but were too scattered to form an area, and he estimated there was also about 60 other houses which required to be dealt with ; and he considered the construction of about 100 additional new houses of the smaller type was required. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting offers of land suitable for the erection of additional houses.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on 16th July, 1925. Present: Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Captain Trye and Yarnold, Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1-Voluntary Health Society -Annual Report (a) Read, the 16th Annual Report (1st April, 1924 to 31st March, 1925), The attendances had been as follows :

	No. of Children		Attendances	
	attending.	Infants.	Toddlers.	Total.
At Highbury (47 meetings)	280	1401	1471	2872
At Baker Street (46 meetings)	321	1162	1154	2316
At Clare Street (45 meetings)	222	862	673	1535

Visits paid by the Club Visitor: 1912.

Owing to the large tither of infants suffering from Umbilical Hernia at the Highbury Centre, investigations had been made and a list of cases was now kept in order that some remedy, if possible, may be found. During the past year 11 per cent. of the infants attending that Centre had been treated for the complaint.

The number of attendances at the Centres had increased during the year.

(b) Quarterly Report-- Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1925.

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

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ..	32.8	22.8
At Clare Street (11 Meetings) ..	24.3	18.5
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	23.2	36.9

Miss Newton (Hon. Treasurer) had resigned owing to ill-health and Miss Hanson had been appointed to take her place, and Dr. Allman Powell, Medical Officer to the Highbury Centre had also resigned and Dr. Basil Taylor had been appointed in his place.

2--- Health Visitor's Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1925 :—

No. of Children on Register			2,888
"Children Visited (1 year and under) ..			842
" (over 1 year)			600
" Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..			1,828
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres			59
" Un-notified Births discovered			6
" Children remitted to Hospital .			4
" Ante-natal Cases visited ..			26
" Chicken Pox Cases visited .			3
" Mumps Cases visited			1
" Ophthalmia Neonatorum Cases visited ..			2
" Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. ..			3
Grants. of Milk :			
Carried over from previous quarter... ..			26
New Orders			12
Orders discontinued during quarter			26
" continuing to coming quarter			12

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter 20 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 18 for infants or children under three years of age.

3—Grants Read, application of 12th ult., from the Voluntary Health Society for an increase in the Grant by the Corporation. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health the Grant be increased from £150 to £200.

4 - Bastardy Bill-Read, circular letter of the 30th April last from the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, asking that a Resolution be passed in favour of the Bill. Resolved, That no action be taken.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th July, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Captain Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 7th and 20th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 20th June to 16th July, 1925, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 9th inst., 727 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 744 tons, 19 cwts.).

3-- -Crescent Place—Salem Chapel--Cycle Shed---- Read, letter from Mr. J. F. Lawson asking that the painting of the cycle sheds might be adjourned for a few months to be carried out with the painting of the whole of the back premises. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

4--Royal Crescent Gardens--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with the Owners of this Garden for a further portion to be used as a tip for waste material on the same terms as before. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5-Badgeworth Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a name plate for this road.

6—Municipal and County Engineers—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report of the attendance of the Chairman and himself at the Annual Conference held at Harrogate. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to each Member of the Council.

7—Dangerous Corners—Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road— Read, letter from the Local Manager of the R.A.C. suggesting that warning signs should be erected at this corner. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for new kerb to the footpath in Leckhampton Road, which would compel vehicular traffic to take a wider turn at the corner. Resolved, That this be carried out and that the Local Manager of the R.A.C. be informed of what was being done.

8—Light Railway—St. George's Place--The Borough Surveyor submitted tender obtained by Mr. McCormick from the Western Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co., Ltd., to pave St. George's Place with

Lithocrete at a cost of 13s per yard and also submitted tender from Messrs, Constable Hart & Co. Ltd., to lay same with clinker asphalt at 7s 9 per yard. Resolved, That Mr. McCormick be asked to agree to the acceptance of the latter tender.

9— Asphalt Plant—(a) Read, letter from Messrs. Constable Hart & Co. Ltd., advising that the provision of a steam engine would be more advantageous than electric power for this plant. A letter was also read from the Borough Electrical Engineer quoting price for electric energy. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to confer with the Borough Electrical Engineer as to the most suitable motive power.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted claim from Mr. W. B. Hawker as to damage alleged to be caused to his trees and crops at Arle Gardens from the dust from this plant. Resolved, That consideration of this be adjourned for the Committee to view.

10—Chelt Footpath --Read, letters from Mr. G. Bradfield protesting against the provision of swing gates at the entrance to this footpath. Resolved, That he be informed that the gates were provided to remedy the complaints received to the foot-path being used by cyclists.

11—Chelt Fence--The Borough Surveyor reported that the wooden fence adjoining Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall's works needed repairing. Resolved, That Messrs. Marshall be asked to have this carried out.

12-Water Van- -The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., wished to purchase one of the old water vans. Resolved, That one of these be sold and that it be left to Councillors Pates and Capt. Trye to arrange a price.

13—Waste Paper Receptacles--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 12 iron waste paper receptacles to be placed in suitable positions in the streets.

14—Streamer across Street—It was reported that a streamer had been put up advertising the Bredon Show without any permission having been applied for. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary objecting to this being put up without having obtained the permission of the Corporation.

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15—Parabola Road—Resolved, That a further portion of the footpath in this road be gravelled and treated with cold bitumen.

16—Road off Hewlett Road—Doors opening outwards—Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner of "La Felipa" requiring the doors of garage to be altered so as not to open outwards on to the footpath.

17—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th inst. :---Councillors Pates and Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows :

Church Street—Footpath—That Messrs. Mitchell & Butler be asked to do the repairs required to the footpath adjoining "Eight Bells " belonging to them.

Gloucester Road—footpath—That Messrs. Godsell & Sons be asked to do the repairs required to the footpath adjoining the Calcutta Inn and also to lower the cellar grating.

Lansdown Parade and District—That no action be taken as the Committee considered there was no justification for the complaint made by Mrs. Gwatkin Williams as to the roads in this District. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 7th July, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel and Councillor Leigh James (Alderman Steel in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2040	Smyth, Dr. W.	Temporary Motor-house, Coquet Lodge, 8 Park Place (Amended Plan).
2041	Headley, Rev. A. A.	Temporary Motor-house, London Road (Amended Plan).
2048	Ellis, W. A	Detached House, Church Road, St. Mark's.
2049	Cook, T. G.	Detached House, London Road.
2050	Bendall & Sons	Two semi-detached Houses, Old Bath Road.
2051	Wapshare, General Sir R.	Temporary Motor-house, Crofton Lodge, Grafton Road.
2052	Challenger, G.	Detached House, Hester's Way, Arle.
2053	Powell, John	One Dwelling-house, 61 Leighton Road.
2054	Nealon, A. H.	Temporary Office, 220a High Street.
2055	Philp, P.	Temporary Motor-house, La Felipa, Hewlett Road.
2056	Martin Bros.	New Bath Room, 318 High Street.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 2048, 2049, 2050 and 2056 be approved, but that Plan No. 2056 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2040, 2041 and 2051 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal; Plans Nos. 2040 and 2051 to be subject to the further condition that proper provision is made for taking a car over the footpath, and footpath and grass verge, respectively ; and that Plans. Nos. 2052, 2053, 2054, and 2055 be disapproved.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th July, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Thomas (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2052	Challenger, G.	Detached House, Hester's Way, Arle (Amended Plan).
2053	Powell, John	Dwelling house, 61 Leighton Road (Amended Plan).
2054	Nealon, A. H.	Temporary Office, 220a High Street (Amended Plan).
2057	Yeates, A.	New Coal Houses, Pilford Road.
2058	Shenton, Shakspere	New Hoarding, 218-220 High Street.
2059	Herbert, H.	Temporary shed at rear of 8 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street.
2060	Kittson, T.	Detached House, Old Bath Road
2061	Williams, A. A.	Alterations at rear of 9 Portland Street.
2062	Committee of St. Mary's College	Temporary Cloak Room including W.C. at St. Mary's College St. George's Place
2063	Committee of St. Mary's College	Temporary Cycle Shelter at St. Mary's College, St. George's Place.
2064	Oakley, Mrs. Bagnall	Temporary Motor House, Deancroft, Eldorado Road.
2065	Booth, F.	Temporary Motor House, Granley House, Gloucester Road.
2066	Smith, T. W.	Four detached houses, Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2052, 2053, 2057, 2060, 2061 and 2066 be approved ; that Plan No. 2061 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 2066 be subject to the walls being of the required thickness or being rough cast ; that Plans Nos. 2059, 2063, 2064 and 2065 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 Plan No. 2064 be further subject to a proper crossing being provided over the footpath ; that Plans Nos. 2054 and 2062 be disapproved ; and that Plan No. 2058 be disapproved pending further consideration by the Committee.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th July, 1925 Present—Councillors Pates and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted communication of 2nd inst., from Lt.-Col. B. C. Kauntze, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Branch, National Citizens' Union, intimating that if the Scheme could be amended so as to supply playing fields for elder children for football, cricket, etc, the Branch was prepared to support it.

2—Article on Cheltenham in "The Road"---The Town Clerk reported interview on 1st inst. between Messrs. A. Duncomb Allen (Touring Manager) and H. Wigzell (Western Secretary) of the Automobile Association, and the Mayor, Councillors Stewart and Welstead, Dr. R. Kirkland and himself, with reference to this matter. He also submitted letter of 7th inst., from Mr. Allen and draft of his reply thereto, together with draft of the Article proposed to be inserted in the next issue of The Road."

Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved, and that the draft Article be referred to the Medical Advisory Committee for approval.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

3--Article on Cheltenham in " The Road " ---The Spa Manager submitted draft Article to be inserted in the new issue of " The Road." as approved by the Medical Advisory Committee, and also particulars of Cheltenham to be given in the Route Section. Resolved, That these be approved.

4 Winter Garden-- (a) Lease - Messrs. E. Baring and H. F. Midwinter attended on behalf of the Lessees and stated that if desired the Lessees would agree to the Corporation taking the central portion of the building for Spa purposes subject to a reduction of £150 being made in the rent. Resolved, That Councillor Thomas be asked to submit particulars of his proposals for consideration.

(b) Sunday Concerts— Further complaints were received of the nuisance caused by bad behaviour in these grounds. Resolved, That Mr. P. Gibbs be engaged as Custodian in place of Mr. Gibbard at the same wages and that an additional attendant be engaged during the Summer months if necessary.

5— Montpellier Gardens—(a) Lamp Standard—The Borough Surveyor reported damage to a lamp standard in these Gardens by an Exhibitor's lorry and submitted a letter from the Car and General Insurance Co. Ltd., offering half the cost of replacing the standard (estimated at £9.). Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the balance be charged to the Floral Fête Committee.

6—Alstone Baths—Superintendent—Read, application from the Superintendent applying for an increase of the joint salary of himself and wife (£175 and house). Resolved, That the application be not granted.

7—Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme—Read, letter from Messrs. Young and Gilling, offering on behalf of Col. Lloyd Harford to sell Field Lodge for £750 (subject to the tenancy). Resolved, That this offer be accepted. Resolved, also, That a Contract be entered into for the purchase of Perry's Meadow for £825 and the Orchard for £500 and Field Lodge for £750, making a total of £2,075.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £2,096 for the Purchase of these properties, including stamp duty.

(b) Glendouran House--Read, letter of 10th inst.. from the United Chemists Association Ltd., offering to sell this property and grounds to the Corporation. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that he had circularised the Owners of the land adjoining the Chelt, asking for their consent to the proposed diversion of the Chelt, but had only received consents from 15 owners out of 30 and 7 of such consents were given subject to various reservations and one owner had written refusing his consent. The Borough Surveyor stated that he thought the land could be laid out attractively without diverting the course of the Chelt, but retaining the principal features of the present Scheme. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an alternative Scheme for layout of the land to be purchased for consideration if the consent of the owners cannot be obtained to the present Scheme.

8—Town Hall—(a) Ceiling Lights—The Borough Surveyor suggested that, in lieu of brown paper now used to obscure the lights, flap-doors be provided at an estimated cost of £25. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Door-curtains—Resolved, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to purchase some new curtains for the doors leading into the Large Hall at a cost not exceeding £10.

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9—Winter Orchestra—Resolved, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report to a Special Meeting of this Committee as to the arrangements for the Orchestra for the Winter Season.

10—Pittville Gardens—Whit-Monday Fete—A Statement of Income and Expenditure in connection with the Fete was sub-mitted showing Receipts amounting to £346 2s. 1d., and Expenditure £204 (including £10 paid to the Spa Manager for extra work in respect of the Fete) leaving a net surplus of £142 2s. 1d. Resolved, That the Balance Sheet be approved.

11—Medical Baths—(a) Ventilation—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to improving the ventilation of the Medical Baths.

(b) Redecorations--Resolved, That the Sulphur Bath Room be recoloured and that the dado outside the Baths painted.

12 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee held on 7th inst. was read.

They recommended as follows :—

Advertising—That the Spa Manager be instructed to have 250 cards printed advertising the Dances and Sunday Concerts to be sent to all Hotels and Boarding Houses.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

13— Winter Orchestra—The Committee considered the recommendations submitted by the Concerts Sub-Committee for the provision of an Orchestra and Jazz Band for the forthcoming Winter Season, Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Dawes to provide for the sum of £39 per week an Orchestra of five musicians for the morning Concerts and a Jazz Band of eight musicians for dances, dance teas, etc., (both including himself) and a Special Orchestra of nine on Saturday afternoons be accepted ; the Jazz Band to play at two dance teas and two nights a week up to 11.30 p.m. if possible and one long night dance extra per month ; and subject, in the case of the Jazz Band, to a trial performance being given to the satisfaction of the Committee, and also to the condition that any musician engaged by Mr. Dawes for the Jazz Band, who might not be considered satisfactory, should be replaced.

14—Cadet Camp—Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted free of charge for an entertainment to be given on August 4th next, for the Officers and Cadets who would be camping at Charlton Park and which would be arranged by the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association.

15—Cricket Week—Resolved, That a Cricket Festival Dance be held on 17th August from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., admission 5s 6d. including refreshments, and that the members of the Kent and Gloucester County Cricket Teams be admitted free. Resolved, also, That Mr. Leo Dawes' quotation of £10 for providing an Orchestra for this Dance be accepted.

16—Concerts--(a) Resolved, That Mr. Gerald Bertram be engaged to assist the Chair Attendant at the Winter Garden Grounds on Saturday and Sunday evenings at a cost of 2s 6d. per night, and also that on and after August 9th the services of one Police Constable be dispensed with.

(b) Resolved, That one complimentary Concert Ticket for the remainder of the season be given as one of the prizes for the competition arranged by Mr. Dawes.

17—Dances—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed to apply to the Justices for an extension of the hours to 11.30 p.m. for the Saturday evening dances.

18—Town Hall—Mr. Tomlinson attended and recommended that panelling be provided along the front of the Proscenium and also that a staircase be provided at the left of the platform similar to the staircase on the other side of the platform and that a new fringe be provided for the curtain. Resolved, That the panelling be provided at a cost not exceeding £5., that a new curtain fringe be provided at a cost not exceeding £8 and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of the proposed staircase.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th July, 1925: Present—Councillors Bastin, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity Charges—Read, application from the Secretary, General Hospital, asking that as the General and Eye Hospitals were now one Institution the guarantee rate of charge should apply to both Hospitals as if they were one premises. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that at present the guarantee consumption rate only applied to single premises and a departure from this arrangement would cause difficulties. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the application.

2—Cables and Meters—Resolved, That the Contracts with the British Insulated and Helsby Cables Co., Ltd., for the supply of cables and with the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., for Meters be renewed for one year.

3—Electrical Development Association—Resolved, That a Membership Subscription of £35 be made to this Association for one year, subject to the consent of the Electricity Commissioners being obtained.

4—National Gas Council—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 17th ult., and enclosures received from the Secretary of the National Gas Council with regard to Electricity Development.

5—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1925—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electricity Commissioners had asked him to furnish details of his estimates for the additional area which he had prepared. Resolved. That the detail estimates be furnished to the Commissioners as desired.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted objections received from the Cheltenham Gas Co., Gloucestershire County Council, Tewkesbury Town Council, Tewkesbury Rural District Council and the West Gloucestershire Power Co., Ltd., and also formal objection from the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Co. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make such replies as appear to be necessary to the Objections received.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement received from the Tewkesbury Rural District Council as to the excavation and restorations of trenches and with regard to road bridges maintainable by the District Council. Resolved, That the agreement as revised by the Town Clerk be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

6—Lower Severn District--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Engineers Advisory Committee of which he was a Member had submitted their Report to the Electricity Commissioners and that the Commissioners now proposed to call a Conference at an early date of all the Electricity Undertakers in the Area to consider the establishment of a Joint Electricity Authority. Resolved. That on the information before this Committee they are not in favour of the establishment of a Joint Electricity Authority and that the Chairman (Councillor Moore) Councillors Capt. Trye and W. Welstead with the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed as Representatives to attend the Conference.

7--Station Superintendent—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. H. W. Watts recently appointed Station Superintendent, had obtained an appointment as Chief Electrical Engineer at Epsom. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to fill the vacancy from one of the previous applicants or, if necessary, to advertise again.

8—Staff—Resolved, That the wages of Mr. G. Brown, Clerk in the Electricity Department be increased from £2 15s. 0d. to £3 per week.

9—Service Cable—Resolved, That as from the date of this Meeting, 10 feet of cable on private property be laid free of charge and that the charge for any distance beyond 10 feet be reduced from 2s to 1s per foot.

10—Accounts, 1924-25—A Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1925 last was submitted showing a net surplus for the year of £4,923 15s. 9d, which, with the balance brought forward from last year, made a total surplus of £6,601 19s. 8d. Resolved, That the Accounts be approved, and the Surplus allocated as follows : —Reserve Fund £2,000 ; Renewals Fund £2,000 ; Carried forward £2,601 19s. 8d.

11—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th and 29th ult., and 12th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 456.6, 478.8 and 467.9 B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.5, 4.5 and 4.8 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 1925, at Dowdeswell : Present — The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Pates and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 13th July, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	158,000 gallons	253,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	202,000	553,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	28,000	69,000
Total	488,000	875,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 13th July, 1925.	Contents	Depth 13th July, 1924.	Contents
Hewletts		2,848,000 gallons		16,247,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 3in.	58,029,000 "	31ft. 0in.	94,756,000 "
Leckhampton	—	405,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		61,282,000		112,623,000

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

	During June, 1925.	Total for past 3 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,204	3,050
" taps found leaking ..	148	292
" defective flushing boxes	21	40
" defective stop taps ..	1	12
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house- to-house inspections)	127	53
	180	389
" notices served re fittings	55	147
" meters fixed and changed	5	34
" houses connected ..	86	270

" burst pipes discovered	8	18
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	41	117

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month :-80 yds. of 6 in. main laid in Brooklyn Road, 21 yds. of 6 in. main laid in Knightsbridge and 350 yds. of 3 in. main in Bamfurlong Road; Hydrants repaired a ; Sluice Valves repaired 2 ; Mains washed out 6 ; New Sluice Valves fixed 7, and new S. V. Hydrants fixed 2.

4—Extension to Mains—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was desirable that a 9 in. Trunk Main should be laid from Tewkesbury Road along Brooklyn Road, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road to the trunk main at the junction of Lansdown and Hatherley Roads ; this would improve the circulation and supply of water in this part of the town and would provide work for the unemployed during the winter months. He estimated the cost for the trunk main (including hydrants and pillars) at £6,900 (including £400 for a 3 in. service main in Brooklyn Road). Resolved, That this be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £6,900, and also that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid.

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5—Supply to Arle Court Farm—An application was received from Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons on behalf of Mr. J. R. Brown for permission to use a galvanized steam pipe for a meter supply to the cattle sheds of Arle Farm. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Charlton Park Camp- Free Supply —The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from the Camp Secretary of the Public Secondary School' Cadet Association applying for a free supply of water and the loan of one or two water carts for the Camp at Charlton Park from the 29th July to 12th August next. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to payment of the cost of the necessary service.

7—Tewkesbury Water Works--(a) Land—Resolved, That the small area of land adjoining Tewkesbury Pumping Station containing about 2 acres be let to Mr. Philip Green of Barton Street, Tewkesbury, the owner of the adjoining land, at £3 per acre, the Corporation paying rates, subject to his entering into a tenancy agreement.

(b) Coal Supply—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had purchased from Messrs. J. Williams & Co., Ltd., 100 tons of Norchard rough steam coal for boilers at 23s 7d per ton (including railway carriage). Resolved, That this be approved and that he be authorised to purchase an additional 100 tons.

8--British Waterworks Association—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the Meeting of this Association.

9—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Mechanical Filters—The Committee inspected the new Filter houses in course of erection at Dowdeswell and also the Dowdeswell Reservoir.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th July, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported Swine Fever still existed at Ivy Cottage, Hesters' Way and Whaddon Farm otherwise the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported that a fresh outbreak had occurred at Hull, and also submitted Circular No. 10 of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries calling attention to the Report of the Departmental Committee dated 2nd February last and to the recommendations made by that Committee.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease (Amendment) Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 9 from the Ministry forwarding this Order, which provided that regulations made under the principal Order should be subject to approval by the Ministry and that any existing regulations should cease to operate as from 31st August next, unless approved by the Ministry before that date. The Regulations made on 10th March, 1924 would therefore cease to operate on 31st August.

(d) Animals (Transit and General) Amendment Order, 1925 (No. 2.)—The Town Clerk submitted this Order which required disinfection of Railway Trucks used for the conveyance of hides and skins. He had furnished the Inspector with a copy of the Order.

(e) Imported Animals Order, 1924 (Nos. 2 and 3.)—The Town Clerk submitted Order dated 2nd inst., revoking these Orders. He had published a Notice of this in the " Echo on 4th inst.

(f) Foot and Mouth Disease (Amendment) Order, 1925 (No. 2)—A Copy of this Order was submitted, by which a Veterinary Inspector of a Local Authority was required to put on overalls and boots which could be disinfected before entering infected premises and to disinfect himself before leaving ; the necessary overalls, etc., to be provided by the Local Authority. Supt. Hopkins reported that the Veterinary Inspector (Mr. Brain) had already been provided with suitable clothing, etc.

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(g) Tuberculosis Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted Circular letter No. 53 of 15th inst, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries forwarding this Order which would come into force on the 1st September next. The Order provided that all cases of Tuberculosis in any bovine animal should be notified to the Local Authority by the Owner or Veterinary Surgeon, the latter to receive 2s 6d for each notification, but only one fee to be paid for animals examined on the same premises at the same time. All animals believed to be Tuberculous to be examined by a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority, and all animals found by such inspection to be Tuberculous to be slaughtered but if the Owner objects or if the value of the animal exceeds £50, the special authority of the Minister to be obtained before such slaughter. The market value of animals to be ascertained before slaughter by Agreement or by a Valuer appointed by the Local Authority and the Owner, or by the Minister, the market value being based on the price which might reasonably have been obtained in the open market from purchaser who had no knowledge of the symptoms of disease disclosed by the Veterinary Inspector's report. A post mortem examination to be made by a Veterinary Inspector

after slaughter and if result of post mortem does not show that the animal was Tuberculous, the Local Authority to pay market value of animal and £1, but if found Tuberculous (not being advanced Tuberculosis) $\frac{3}{4}$ of market value or 45s whichever sum is the greater after deducting half of the costs of Valuation made by a Valuer appointed by the Minister. If the animal found to be suffering from advanced Tuberculosis, compensation to be $\frac{1}{4}$ of market value or 45s whichever greater after deducting half cost of Valuation by Valuer appointed by the Minister. The Milk of cows suspected of disease to be kept separate and sterilised.

The Circular letter stated that a Bill was about to be introduced to provide for payment to Local Authorities from the Exchequer of 75 per cent of the gross amount of compensation paid by Local Authorities for slaughtered animals.

Resolved, That the Order be published as directed.

Resolved, also, That Mr. T. J. Brain be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Order subject to scale of fees for his services being agreed upon.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the scale of fees settled for the County with a view to adopting a similar scale for the Borough.

(h) Inspector—Resolved. That the Chief Constable (Major F. L. Stanley Clarke) be appointed Chief Inspector for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts and of the Orders made thereunder and that Supt. Lane be also appointed an Inspector for the purposes of the said Acts and Orders and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

2-Market --(a) Pot-shed—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the pot-shed and found that this was liable to flood with surface water and he recommended fixing concrete sills at the entrances and a fillet of asphalt round the shed at an estimated cost of £5 to £6, Resolved, That he be instructed to have this done.

(b) Pleasure Fair—The Town Clerk reported that the Market had been let to Mr. J. Studt for a Pleasure Fair from the 16th to 18th July (drawing in on 15th and pulling out on 20th July) for the sum of Twelve Pounds. Resolved. That this be approved.

3—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.
25th June	Drapers Shops, St. Paul's Street N. and Swindon Road.	£100.	£3 4s. 0d.
Do.	229 High Street.	£50	£2 12s. 0d.

and on the 5th inst., the Brigade was summoned to a fire at Hailes, Nr. Winchcomb, but did not attend as this was outside the district.

(b) Motor Engine—Read letter from the Royal Insurance Company stating that the damage to the Fire Engine had been made good and that the Leyland Engineer had reported that it had been subject to a thorough examination and was found to be in perfect order.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, application from Mr. J. E. Greenslade for a licence for a motor cab. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for a report from the Inspector.

(b) Drivers—(i) Resolved, That Driver's Licences be issued to Messrs. W. A. Mann of Leigh House, Albion Street, and J. E. Greenslade of 5 Keynsham Street.

(ii) Read, letter from Mr. H. J. McCormick asking if spare licences could be issued so as to be available for extra drivers in the case of emergency caused by illness of regular men. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue drivers licences in such cases to men recommended by the Superintendent of the Police.

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5—Local Employment Committee—Read, letter from Ministry of Labour that the Cheltenham Employment Committee had now reached its second term of office and that it had been decided to re-appoint the Committee for a further period of three years and asking the Corporation to nominate a representative. Resolved, That Councillor Capt. Trye be re-appointed a member of the Committee.

6—Association of Midland Market Authorities—Read, circular letter from this Association inviting the Corporation to join. Resolved, That the invitation be not accepted.

7—Establishment of Police Force—The Chief Constable (Major F. L. Stanley Clarke) attended in support of an application made for an addition of four constables to the Police Force for the Borough. Resolved, That this matter be referred for the consideration of the Council at the next Meeting.

8—Town Clerk's Department—Typewriter—Read, offer from the Underwood Typewriter Co., to enter into a monthly maintenance contract (in respect of the Underwood Typewriter) to make 12 monthly visits for the purpose of cleaning, oiling and adjusting the machine, extra calls in between not to be charged for, at a cost of £1 per annum, worn or broken parts to be charged extra. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair,.

1—Inspection of Allotments—Reports made by Messrs. C. Davis, F. Read, W. J. Hamlen and J. Pounsett on their inspection of the allotments were received.

(a) Uncultivated Allotments— Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the occupiers of the allotments reported to be in a bad state of cultivation calling their attention to this and requiring such allotments to be put in a proper state and also that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds cut down and burnt where necessary on vacant allotments.

(b) Improvements— Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the allotment holders who have planted fruit trees and other crops which continue productive for two or more years calling their attention to the clause in their agreements prohibiting the planting of these and that they will not be entitled to any compensation on giving up their allotments.

(c) Creamery Piece—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the nettles and weeds at the entrance to Creamery Piece cut back.

(d) Baglin's Piece—Resolved. That the attention of the Lessor be called to the dangerous elm tree and dead ash tree on these allotments and to ask for their removal.

2-Crab Tree Piece—The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable expense had been incurred in cleaning out the brook through these allotments. Resolved, That notice be given to the tenants of the allotments adjoining the brook informing them that if they are found depositing rubbish in the brook notice will be given to terminate their tenancies.

3—Turner's Field—Read. Memorial from a number of allotment holders who had been given notice asking the Corporation to provide allotments to replace the allotments to be given up. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the piece of land adjoining Sandford Mill Road could be rented for allotments.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1925. Present Alderman Steel ; Councillor; Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds—Football —Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs to play football during the season 1925-26 :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	St. Paul's A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Baker Street Institute A.F.C.	“
“	Cheltenham North R.F.C.	“
“	St. Gregory's R.F.C.	“
	Whaddon and Central School Old Boys' A.F.C.	Every Saturday.
“	Cheltenham St. Mary's A.F.C.	“
“	Co-operative Employees' A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park United A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.

2--Pittville Estate—(a) Pittville Lawn—Complaints were received from Mrs., Goodlake as to the condition of the pavement from Wyddrington House to Lake House. The Borough Surveyor reported that this had now been patched and made good as far as possible. Resolved, That this be inspected.

(b) Flamingoes—The Borough Surveyor reported that the two Flamingoes purchased had arrived and had made themselves quite at home.

3—Naunton Park— (a) The Borough Surveyor recommended that the piece of garden land hitherto reserved as a seed ground should be taken into the Recreation Ground. Resolved, That this be inspected.

(b) Superintendent—An application was received from Mr. J. Sutton for remuneration for his services of looking after the Recreation ground for 9 ½ weeks since his superannuation pending the appointment of a new Superintendent. Resolved, That this be not agreed to as the Committee consider that the occupation of the house rent free during this period was sufficient remuneration for the services rendered.

4—Hay Cottage Homes—The Borough Surveyor reported that the grass land belonging to the Hay Cottage Homes immediately adjoining the Recreation Ground was in a bad condition and the Trustees of the Homes had asked that this might be kept in order by the Corporation as their funds were insufficient to deal with this. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th July, 1925 : Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of attendances in June 4,964 (against 5,943) including classes from Parish Church Girls' School, Pates' Grammar School for Girls, St. Paul's Practising School and Parish Church Boy's School.

Receipts—The receipts for the month amounted to £12 15s. 11d.

Exhibitions—The Fourth Annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts was visited by 6,034 persons in 30 days open. Expenses £4 19s. 2d. and proceeds £30 15s. 9d.

The Permanent Collection was re-hung on 3rd July, together with 52 water-colours by Miss M. L. Tuke, a local artist.

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2—Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his Report on the Conference held at Exeter from 6th to 10th July, which was approved.

3—Donations—Ethnographical specimens from Mrs. Rees ; Egyptian mummy Hawk, 3,500 B.C. from Miss Cochrane ; 3 Fire Policies, 1767, 1779, from Councillor J. Stewart. Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Crickley Hill Skull -The Curator reported as to suggested deposit of this skull in Gloucester Museum with other objects there from the same find, Mrs Clifford having offered a Romano-British

Pot from Barnwood in exchange. Resolved, That the exchange be approved, and that the Curator be authorised to select the piece of pottery.

5—Grant-in-Aid—Resolved, That consideration be deferred until October.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel and Councillor Farrar (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Superintendent (27th June to 16th July). Interments 37 ; Exclusive Rights in 13 graves sold (first class 2, second class 2, third class 1, and fourth class 8). Monuments erected 10 ; New Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7205 to 7217 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. : Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth M. Ayris, Willoughby D. Carter, Gerald Menzies and John Cumming ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Thomas G. Poulston ; Flat Stone and Landing to grave of William Webb Memorial Headstones to graves of Emily Young and Sarah Waltham ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Mary A. Canniford, and Kerbing to grave of Harry V. Jones.

4—War Crosses—Three tenders were received for four additional rails for War Crosses required at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. F. Wilcox of £2 7s. 6d per rail, be accepted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th July, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann., Capt. Trye and Yarnold; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts 49 5s. 2d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,653 (last year 3,859) ; Lending Library 9,459 (last year 9,460) ; Juvenile Library 1,350 (last year 1,584). Total for month 14,462 (last year 14,903).

Presentations—The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., (2 vols.); Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., (22 Guides); Mr. A. Bendall (1 vol.) ; Trustees of the British Museum (5 vols.) ; Capt. R. P. Wild (9 vols.) ; Councillor Capt. Trye, R.N. (1 vol.) ; and various pamphlets etc. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

Library Association Examinations—The Librarian reported that Miss E. Clark, Chief Assistant, passed in Classification at the Examination of the Library Association in May.

2—Purchase of Books.—Resolved, (a) That 35 vols, published at £10 0s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £8 7s. 0d.

(b) That the Victoria County History, for Worcestershire be not purchased at present.

(c) That 100 vols. be replaced at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) That 130 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £15.

3—Roof Tenders—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Co for re-slatting roof at a cost of £430 10s. 0d. (excluding contingencies) be accepted, (£400 provided in current estimates) subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4—Library Association Conference —Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Birmingham from 14th-19th September, 1925.

5—August Bank Holiday Resolved, That all departments of the Library, including Newspaper Room be closed on August Bank Holiday.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st July, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant dated 21st inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £21,985 13s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £11,923 8s. 10d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £10,814 9s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £5,930 19s. 10d.

3 —Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £350 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £2,100 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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4—Victoria Place—The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £5 19s. 7d. with 5 per cent. interest as from the 23rd May, 1922 was due in respect of this property for drainage expenses carried out under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875 and Section 31 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, which by an Order dated the 2nd March, 1922 had been declared to be Private Improvement

expenses. Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 106 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, Mr. Walter Fitzroy Fowles be appointed a Receiver of the rent of the said premises and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

5-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since 30th June, 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £4,125 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £265 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Sanction to Loan --The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a Loan of £1,202 for a term of 60 years for the erection of two parlour-type houses in Brooklyn Road.

7—Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act---(a) Engineering Assistant—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving of the designation of this post as established for the purposes of the Act.

(b) Electricity Works Superintendent—Read, letter from Mr. H. W. Watts, Station Superintendent, that he had been appointed Chief Engineer to the Epsom Town Council and asking that his transfer value ascertained in accordance with the Rules under the above Act might be paid to the Epsom Town Council. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

8 —Withington Corn Rent— Read, letter from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that the Instrument of Altered Appointment of Corn Rents was confirmed on the 30th ult., and that the amount apportioned on the land of this Corporation was £1 3s. 10d. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for redemption of this charge.

9—The Cottage Site, Swindon Road—Land Tax—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for redemption of the Land Tax of 2s 3d on this property.

10—Report of Accounts Rota Committee —Reported Meeting on 21st inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) ; 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.

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, 27th July, 1925, 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., Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Bendall and Green and Councillors Dunn, O.B.E., Pruen and Whitaker.

1—Councillor Alexander St. Clair, deceased—Resolved, That this Council records its deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of the late Councillor Alexander St. Clair, who, by his sterling qualities, had won the respect and esteem of his fellow Councillors and this Council desires to convey to his widow and family its deep sympathy with them in their bereavement.

2--Minutes—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Special fleeting and Monthly Meeting of the Council both held on the 6th July inst., having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meetings held July 13 & 23 .

Farms Manager—Resolved, also, That Mr. R. J. Burton of Stoke-on-Trent be appointed Sewage Farms Manager at a salary of £275 per annum (with house) to carry out the duties specified in the particulars of the appointment and upon the terms therein contained.

Housing ... Meeting held July 14

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meetings held July 3 & 20

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held July 16

Street acid Highway Meeting held July 20

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held July 8, 16 & 22

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held July 15

Water... Meeting held July 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 18

Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham and Evesham (via Aston Cross)—Read, application of 27th inst., from Mr. F. Martin of 5 High Street for a licence in respect of a Motor Omnibus (Reg. No. A.J.6850), seating 26 persons, to ply between Cheltenham and Evesham (via Aston Cross, Kemerton, Overbury and Beckford Hotel—three journeys and return daily), together with proposed Scale of Fares and Time Table. Resolved, That the Scale of Fares and Time Table be approved and that a licence be granted in respect of the Omnibus and also a Driver's licence.

Allotments ... Meeting held July 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meeting held July 13

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held July 15

Burial Board ... Meeting held July 16

Public Library ... Meeting held July 14

Finance ... Meeting held July 21

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.

4—Streamer Across Street-Resolved, That, subject to the usual conditions, per-mission be granted to the Withington Horse Show Committee to hang a Streamer across the Colonnade or High Street on the 6th and 7th August, advertising the Horse Show to be held on the 8th August.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 4th, September, 1925.

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 September, 1925, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

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

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

HOUSING COMMITTEE

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Capt. Trye to Move:—That the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council agreeing to the increase of the Police Force for Cheltenham by the addition of four Constables be rescinded and that the matter be further considered by the Council.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully, Town. Clerk.

To each Member of the Council

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5—Police Force—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider the application of the Chief Constable for an addition of four Police Constables, which would restore the Police Force for the Borough to the same strength as in 1924 (namely, 76 ; comprising 1 Superintendent, 2 Inspectors, 9 Sergeants, 62 Constables, 1 woman Sergeant and 1 woman Constable), when it was reduced to 72 in accordance with the Home Office instructions.

On resolving again into Council,

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Alderman Steel, That the increase asked for by the Chief Constable he agreed to.

To this an amendment was moved by Councillor Captain Trye and seconded by Councillor Thomas : " That the Force be increased by two Constables only." On a division the amendment was declared to be lost.

Whereupon the original motion was put to the Meeting.

The following voted for the motion :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Welstead and Yarnold.

The following voted against the motion :-- Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Capt. Trye.

The Mayor therefore declared the motion to be carried by 9 votes to 7.

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 7th September, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th August, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Lavatory Accommodation—The Borough Surveyor submitted revised Plans for accommodation at the suggested sites, viz : The Clarence Lamp and Crescent Place.

A memorial, signed by 14 owners and occupiers of business premises in Clarence Street, objecting to the suggested site in Clarence Street was read.

The Committee inspected alternative sites (a) at the Northerly end of the Promenade Long Garden and (b) in Crescent Terrace (immediately adjoining No. 54 Promenade).

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare Plan and estimate of the cost of providing an underground Lavatory for both sexes at the Northerly end of the Promenade Long Garden.

2-Farms Manager- The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. J. Burton had accepted this appointment and would commence duty on the 1st October, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect Hayden Knoll Farm House and submit estimate of the cost of necessary renovations.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th August, 1925. Present—Alderman Bendall and Councillor Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair)

1—Sale of Houses and Land—The following offers were reported

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
10 Byron Road.	Littlemore, Fred.	£475.
12 “	Griffin, Wm. Thos.	£475
14 “	Lobley, Wilfred.	£475
28 “	Goodwin, Percy John.	£475
36 “	Barrett, Joe.	£475.
38 “	Bickham, Sidney E. C.	£475.
49 “	Gould, H. C.	£475.
89 “	Leishman, W.	£475.

3 ft. Strip of Land

adjoining No. 89 Byron Road. Do. £6

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Resolved, (Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health in regard to the strip of land, to formal valuation) That the offers be accepted, that application be made to the Ministry for consent to the Sales, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchasers of Nos. 10, 12, 14, 28, 36, 38, 49 and 89 Byron Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

2—Parlour-type Houses—Brooklyn Road-- Resolved, That the refusals of Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7 Brooklyn Road be granted to Mr W. J. Rogers, Mrs. D. E. Cousens, Mr. R. Hunnam and Mr. J. Bassett, respectively.

3—Motor Garages—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Mr. R. Hunnam, asking if the frontage to No. 5 Brooklyn Road could be increased to admit of a garage approach. Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

Resolved, also, That the Architects be instructed to report as to suitable sites and the approximate cost of erecting lock-up motor garages on the Estate.

4—Garden Prize Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Mayor inspected the Gardens on the 24th ult., and awarded prizes as follows, viz. :—

1st Prizes (£1 each) 43 Milton Road and 63 Tennyson Road,

2nd Prize (10s) 17 Byron Road.

3rd Prizes (7s 6d each) 19 and 21 Byron Road and 4 Milton Road.

4th Prizes (5s each) 23 Byron Road, 31, 34, 52, 54, 56 and 62 Milton Road and 6 Tennyson Road.

Total of Prizes, £5 12s. 6d. Resolved, That this be approved.

5 —Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Period —Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Health, extending the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than forty houses to be built by private enterprise, so as to apply to houses commenced by the 29th September next and completed by the 31st March next.

(b) Subsidy Houses (i.) Naunton Lane— Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £65 be issued to Mr. T. W. Smith in respect of each of four bungalows, to be erected by him in Naunton Lane, containing 693 super feet and to be built at a density of 6.8 to the acre.

(ii.) Pilford Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of house in Pilford Road on 3rd inst., for Mr. Tom Hobbs. Resolved, That a subsidy of £100 be paid to Mr. Hobbs, subject to his executing an Undertaking to comply with the Conditions made.

6—Gloucester Road Shrubberies—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work in connection with the Shrubberies was commenced on the 12th inst., and was carried out by direct labour. and that the wages being paid were 11d per hour for 48 hours per week.

7—Post Office Telegraphs—Read, application from the Superintending Engineer. Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead line with one pole against the fence in the Recreation Ground, near the Chambers Almshouses. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the pole. if required.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th August, 1925. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates and Sawyer (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

2-Fountain, Whitehart Street—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney and Co., offering, on behalf of Miss E. K. Baylis of No. 244, High Street, to purchase the piece of land at the North-West corner of Whitehart Street at its junction with High Street, for the sum of £7. Their Client had no intention of building on the land, but desired to be at liberty to do so if she should at any time become the owner of the adjoining cottage (No 1 Whitehart Street), so as to do away with any rights of light. Resolved, That the offer be accepted on these terms, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

3—Petrol Pumps----(a) Langton Garage--Read, application of 27th ult., from the Misses V. E. and A. M. Warren (Proprietresses of Langton Garage, Montpellier Terrace) for permission to erect a Petrol Pump on their premises with a moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath in Montpellier Terrace.

(b) Read, application of 27th ult., from Mr. A. Yeates of Retford Villa, Prestbury Road, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump on his premises, with a moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath in Prestbury Road.

Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to Agreements being entered into, as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

4—Streamer across Street- It was reported that permission had been given to the Committee of the Hatherley and Reddings Agricultural and Horticultural Society to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the date of their Annual Show, viz., 19th inst., but that the streamer was placed across the street on or before Saturday, 15th inst. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary, objecting to this, and to inform him that in future the conditions of the permit must be strictly complied with.

5—Advertisement Hoardings-218-220 High Street—Read, memorial, signed by 36 occupiers of business premises, in Lower High Street, protesting against the proposed erection of Advertisement Hoardings on the site formerly occupied by Nos. 218, 219 and 220 High Street. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

JOHN I). BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday 17th August, 1925 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel (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.
2067	Bradshaw, H. J. and A. J.	Two semi-detached Houses, Halland Road.
2068	Buck, C. Temporary	Motor-house, 2 Nevil Villas, Hewlett Road.
2069	Hall, H. St. Clair	Temporary Motor Garages, Leckhampton Road.

2070 Tomlinson, C. E. Proposed Motor Garage at New House, Old Bath Road.
2071 Jones, Mrs. E. E. Proposed Bungalow, Badgeworth Road.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 2067, 2070 and 2071 be approved, but that Plan No. 2071 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor; and that Plans Nos. 2068 and 2069 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 Plan No. 2068 be further subject to a proper crossing being provided over the footpath.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st September, 1925 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 1st inst, on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,273 19s. 9d, Leaving outstanding £1,631 2s. 9d.

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 £14,933 14s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,965 12s. 2d.

3 —Loans - (a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £700 on loan. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £6,400 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Public Works Loan Commissioners stating that it had been decided to grant the application of the Corporation for a Loan of £1,174 for the making up of Shakespeare Road to be repaid by half-yearly instalments by way of annuity in 20 years.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds- The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting, 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £1,285 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £550 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly. Resolved. That this be approved.

5 —Abstract of Accounts Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing of 7s 4d per page for printing the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st March last (being the same price as paid last year) be accepted

6—Superannuation- The Borough Accountant reported that H. T. Ballinger, late Gardener at Naunton Park, retired on the 30th ult., on a pension of 8s per week. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—County Rate Basis—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council enclosing copy of the proposed new Basis or Standard of County Rate for the several Parishes in the County to take effect as from 1st April next.

8-- Unemployment Grants Loan Schemes--Read, letter of 19th ult., that it had been decided to admit the wages of the carpenter, bricklayer and blacksmith employed in connection with the erection of Humus Tanks, amounting to £208 13s. 6d., to grant and forwarding a revised statement shewing the amounts now payable.

9---Insurance—Fire Brigade—Two quotations were received for a Collective Personal Policy to cover 21 Firemen (including Captain) in respect of accidents sustained by them whilst attending fires, drills or ceremonies ordered by the Chief Officer. Resolved, That the quotation of the County Fire Office Ltd., of 10s per man be accepted to cover Accidents causing death, loss of hands, feet or eyes and weekly compensation for total incapacity (limited to 26 weeks) at rate of £3 per week per man.

10—Mr. P. J. Midwinter, deceased-- The Borough Accountant reported that Mr. P. J. Midwinter, Senior Ledger Clerk in his Department, died on the 31st ult., as the result of injuries sustained whilst riding his 'Motor-cycle on the previous Tuesday. Resolved. That the Committee deeply regret the death of Mr. Midwinter who had been in the service of the Corporation for over 18 years and desire to convey to his Mother and family their sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

11—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £580 5s. 1d. at 67 $\frac{1}{8}$ cum. div. per cent., plus expenses £1 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £580 5s. 1d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham. be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, 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.

12—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Accountant reported that the number of Certificates sold during the 7 months' ended 31st July was 40452. Several of the local Savings' Associations had ceased to function, and local Savings' Committee had asked that the Corporation should give their support to the movement. Resolved. That the Borough Accountant be instructed to report each month as to the number of Certificates sold for the information of the Council.

13—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 1st inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); The Mayor and Councillor 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

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 September, 1925, 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, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Captain Trye, C.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green ; and Councillors Leigh James, Thomas and Whitaker.

1—Minutes—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 2:th 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.

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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 August 28

Housing ... Meeting held August 17

Street and Highway ... Meeting held August 17

Subject to the following amendment, viz. : " That Minute No. 2 with reference to Fountain, Whitehart Street, be referred back for further consideration."

Finance ... Meeting held Sept. 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, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

3—Police Force-Councillor Captain Trye moved, in accordance with notice : " That the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council agreeing to the increase of the Police Force for Cheltenham by the addition of four Constables rescinded and that the matter be further considered by the Council."

The following voted for the Motion :—Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart and Captain Trye.

The following voted against the Motion :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar and Yarnold.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Motion lost by 9 votes to 8.

WALTER J. M. DICKS. Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st October, 1925.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of October, 1925, 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, Slum Areas Clearance, Maternity and Child Welfare, Electricity and Lighting, Finance, Public Library and Education, in place of Councillor St. Clair, deceased.
4. 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 Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1925.-To consider and give instructions as to modification of Area.

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 faithfully, Town Clerk.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th October, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1925: Present-The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, Thomas, Welstead 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. :-42, Queen Street ; 24, Lypiatt Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Buckle's Cottages, Milsom Street 13, Francis Street ; 2, Andover Street ; 93, 107 and 109, Naunton Crescent.-Resolved, That 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 Cintra Cottage, Victoria Place, Fairview,-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 (a) 3, Princes Terrace, Princes Road ; 5, St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road ; 6, Hewlett Place ; 21, 28, 29, Sidney Street, and 44, New 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) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Avenall's Parade-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, Russell Place-The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 13th July last the Sanitary Work required at these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £23 1s. 0d. Resolved, That application be made for payment by the Owner.

4-Insanitary Property--15, 16 and 20, Tivoli Street ; 24, 25 and 26, Lypiatt Street ; 33, Millbrook Street ; 15, Ewlyn Terrace ; 1, 2 and 3, Clare Cottages ; 5, Leicester Terrace ; 8, Northfield Terrace ; 22, Hanover Street and 11, Northwick Terrace.-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5-Houses unfit for Human Habitation-(a) 1 and 4, Orchard Cottages-The Medical Officer of Health having made a Representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owners of the intention of the Council to make closing orders.

(b) 2, 3 and 5, Orchard Place- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Owner had now carried out the works required to make these houses fit for human habitation. Resolved, That an Order be made rescinding the Closing Order made by the Council on 3rd October, 1924.

6-Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. pork ; 31 lbs. beef; 39 lbs. of veal ; 80 lbs. fish and 9 ducks.

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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 enforce compliance.

8—Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907—Sanitary Conveniences—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an Order declaring Section 47 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 (which empowers a Local Authority to provide and maintain in proper and convenient situations sanitary conveniences in or under any street repairable by the inhabitants at large) to be in force in the Borough, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of the application.

9—Lavatory Accommodation—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for providing an underground Lavatory at the Northerly end of the Promenade Long Garden, and also a design for a Lavatory above-ground in Crescent Terrace (immediately adjoining No. 14 Promenade). He reported that the sewer was not sufficiently deep to take the drainage direct from an underground Lavatory at the first mentioned site., but that this difficulty could be overcome by the provision of a hydraulic sewage lift, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare design, plan and estimate for an above-ground Lavatory in Crescent Terrace, and have the site which this would occupy marked out for inspection by the Committee at a Special Meeting to be held on the 28th inst.

10—Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915— Read, circular 612 of 31st July last from Ministry of Health, forwarding copy of Order 69,922, putting the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, into operation as from the 1st September inst.

11—Statistical Review—Read, circular 614 from the Ministry of Health, transmitting Memorandum by the Chief Medical Officer of that Department, representing the importance to the Public Health Service of Medical Officers of Health making full use of the " Statistical Review," published annually by the Registrar-General. and offering same at a special price of 12s 6d if a subscription is taken up for 5 years. Resolved, That a subscription be made accordingly.

12—Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925—Read, circular 615 of 7th ult., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding copy of Order 69,305, prohibiting the employment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis in connection with milk, the treatment of milk, or the handling of vessels used for containing milk. Resolved. That the same be referred to the Medical of Health.

13—Tuberculosis Order, 1925 (No. 2)—Meat Inspection—Read, Circular 616 from the Ministry of Health forwarding copy of this Order, dated 5th ult. The Order provided that where a Local Authority proposed to slaughter an animal under the principal Order and to dispose of the carcass or any part thereof for human consumption, notice of the intended slaughter, with a statement of the address and time at which the slaughter was to take place, should be sent to the Sanitary Authority. Resolved, That the notices of intended slaughter be delivered to the Sanitary Inspector.

14—Public Health Act, 1925 Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain sufficient copies of this Act and of the Summary relating thereto, issued by the Ministry of Health, for distribution among the Members of this Committee.

15—Houses let in Lodgings The Town Clerk submitted draft Bye-laws. Resolved, That the draft be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Health.

16—Gloucester Road—Widening—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the District Valuer, stating that he was of opinion that the County Council should acquire the strip of land in Gloucester Road belonging to Hayden Sewage Farm for widening the road, on the following terms : (a) the County Council to provide and fix an iron fence similar to that at other points where the road has been widened, together with the necessary gates where these existed ; (b) deal with the existing pump and well so that the tenants could draw water as at present ; (c) be responsible for piping the present ditch and any necessary road works in connection with the widening; (d) compensate the tenants for any loss ; and (e) pay the Corporation the sum of £50, such sum to include any depreciation of the Cottages. Resolved, That these terms be accepted.

17—Hayden Sewage Farms—Filters—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for the provision of additional filters. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., amounting to £8,125 4s.5d. (excluding filtering medium—to be provided by the Corporation), being the lowest received, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

18—Sanatoria Institutions--The Town Clerk submitted List of Sanatoria and other residential Institutions, approved by the Ministry of Health for persons suffering from Tuberculosis. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

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19—Royal Sanitary Institute—(a) The Sanitary Inspector submitted a Report on the proceedings of the Congress held at Edinburgh in July last.

(b) Examinations for Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 23rd July last from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board, stating that, in order to meet the views of the Ministry of Health, the bodies whose Certificates were recognised under the Sanitary Officers Order, 1922, had been combined under of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board, and it was understood that the Certificate issued by the Board would be accepted as the one qualification for appointments. A Copy of the Examination Regulations made by the Board was submitted, one of which was that all candidates should have had experience of a Public Health Department and the Board asked the Council to afford facilities for those wishing to become Sanitary Inspectors to obtain practical training and instruction in a Public Health Department. Resolved, That this be favourably considered when an application is received for training.

20—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present— Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Reports of Farms Manager for the last two months. Live Stock on Farms on 14th inst., horses (2 at Depot); 80 head of cattle; 73 lambs, 96 sheep, and 30 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 24 pigs had been bred on the Farms and 1 calf had died. 1 cart

horse (5 years old) ; 55 sheep and 75 lambs had been purchased for £461 19s. 0d., and other purchases amounted to £79 7s. 8d. Total Purchases £541 6s. 8d. 9 fat beasts, 1 bull, to heifers (6 in calf), 1 cart horse, 8 ewes and 40 lambs had been sold for £747 19s. 3d., and 372 lbs. of wool for £20 3s. 0d. Other produce had been sold for £20 3s. 10d. Total Sales £788 6s. 1d.

Farms Valuation—Resolved, That Mr. John G. Villar be instructed to value the live and dead stock on the Farms on the 29th September.

Fruit—It was reported that the fruit on the Farms realized £39 16s. 6d.

Farms Manager's Trap—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have the necessary repairs to his trap carried out.

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 Monday, 28th September, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

21 —Lavatory Accommodation—The Committee inspected marked site of proposed above-ground lavatory in Crescent Terrace. The Borough Surveyor reported that an underground lavatory (including hydraulic sewage lift) could be provided at the Northerly end of the Long Garden for £2,500. He estimated the cost of the above-ground lavatory at £2,000. Resolved, That the scheme for the provision of an underground lavatory at the Northerly end of the Long, Garden be approved, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £2,500, the cost thereof. and that tenders be obtained for the work.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th September, 1925. Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair)

1—Sale of Houses—(a) The following offer was reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
87 Byron Road	Haynes, Sidney John	£475

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser in a Mortgage to the Building

Society for an advance of not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage. (b) Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Secretary, Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd., asking for the first refusal of some more houses for their employees, two of whom had made definite application. Resolved, That the first refusal of two of the sixty houses now in course of erection be given subject to Contracts being entered into for the purchase of the houses before the 31st October next.

NOTE :—The total number of houses provided is : —Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 140 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let, and of the latter 83 have been sold, leaving 57 for sale, but none of these have yet been completed. Contracts for 4 Parlour-type houses were entered into on 18th May and 14th August, 1925, and these are in course of erection. Total houses erected, or to be erected, on Housing Estate by the Corporation 304 ; by private enterprise 2.

2—Privet Hedges—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. W. Hopwood & Son had offered to plant privet hedges in the front gardens of the 50 houses included in Mr. W. Drew's third and fourth Contracts at the same price as the first 50 houses, viz. :—1s per yard run. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to accept this offer.

3—Housing, etc., Act, 1923 -Subsidy Houses—(i) Charlton Lane—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. H. W. Ford in respect of a house to be erected by him in Charlton Lane, containing 950 super. feet and to be built at a density of 5 to the acre.

(ii) Whaddon Lane Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £45 be issued to Mrs. Bales in respect of a bungalow to be erected by her in Whaddon Lane, containing 550 super. feet and to be built at a density of 20 to the acre.

(iii) Naunton Lane—Read, letter of 14th inst, from Mr. T. W. Smith asking that the amount of subsidy in respect of each of the four bungalows to be erected by him in Naunton Lane should be increased to £75. Resolved, That having regard to the small size of the bungalows, the Committee are unable to vary their previous decision unless Mr. Smith is prepared to increase the superficial floor area.

(iv) Cleeve View Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of house in Cleeve View Road on 31st ult., by Mr. P. R. Green. Resolved, That a subsidy of £100 be paid to Mr. Green, subject to his executing an Undertaking to comply with the Conditions made.

(v) Milton Road —The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of two semi-detached houses in Milton Road on the 15th inst., for Mr. J. K. Bradbury. Resolved, That a subsidy of £75 in respect of each house be paid to Mr. Bradbury.

4—Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted applications and plans of outbuildings proposed to be erected, as follows :—

Situation.	Description.
6 Byron Road	Motor-cycle Shed and Store.
60 “	Store Shed.
51 Tennyson Road	Store Shed.
91 “	Store Shed.
137 “	Store Shed.

Resolved, That the applications in regard to Nos. 6 and 60 Byron Road and 51 and 91 Tennyson Road be granted, but that the application in regard to No. 137 Tennyson Road be not granted and that notice be given to the Owner (Mr. C. G. Wheeler) to show cause why the building erected by him should not be pulled down and removed as being in contravention of the Bye-laws.

5—No. 12 Milton Road—Fence—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 2nd inst., from the Tenant of this house (Mr. W. Bissett) for permission to erect a fence in accordance with sketch submitted. Resolved, That permission be granted.

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6—Selection of Tenants—Transfer—Read, application of 10th inst., from Mr. H. A. Hodson for permission to transfer from No. 39 Byron Road to the next parlour-type house becoming vacant in Tennyson Road. Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to Mr. Hodson agreeing to pay the stamp duty on the new Agreement.

7 —Off Licence House—Read, application of 7th inst., from Mr. R. E. Walter, to purchase a plot of land for the erection of an Off Licence house. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

8—Fences between Estate and " Hillfields"- -Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. H. J. White on behalf of Mrs. Marsland who had recently purchased " Hillfields " asking the Corporation to erect more substantial fencing between the Estate and " Hillfields." Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 11th September, 1925 Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1— Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that Notice to Treat had been served on all the Owners and the District Valuer had been instructed to negotiate terms of purchase.

New Houses—Mr. Malvern submitted lay-out and plans of 7 pairs of two-bedroom houses proposed to be erected on the West side of Stanhope Street. Resolved, That these be approved.

2—Land at Back of Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract for the purchase of land at the back of the East side of Stanhope Street from Mrs. A. M. Rees, reserving right of way over strip of land 7 feet wide along the backs of houses fronting to Tewkesbury Road, also over new road to be constructed across the land as shown on the plan. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Contract on behalf of the Corporation. New Houses—Resolved, That the Architect be instructed to prepare lay-out and plans for two-bedroom houses to be erected on the site.

3—Offers of Land—Seven offers of land in various districts in the Borough were received. Resolved, That this Committee inspect sites in Hatherley Road and Naunton Lane and at Pilley on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th September, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

4—Offers of Land—The Committee inspected various sites offered

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st September, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall [Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Captain Trye (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 8th and 21st inst. Resolved, That the same be approved. The following Plans, referred to this Committee by the Plans Sub-Committee, were considered.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2058	Shenton, Shakspeare	New Hoarding, 218, 219 and 220 High Street.
2083	Nicholls, V. T.	Temporary Motor Garage at "Harrington," Leckhampton Road
2084	Committee of St. Anne's Nursery College.	Temporary Building, St. Anne's Nursery College Pittville Circus Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 2058 be approved ; that Plan No. 2083 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 that Plan No. 2084 be disapproved for further particulars as to the proposed heating and lighting arrangements and as to whether it is intended to be used as a sleeping place for children.

2-View Meeting- The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th inst.:-- Alderman Bendall (Chairman) ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Captain Trye.

They recommended as follows :

High Street—That the Hackney Carriage Stand near Hewlett Road be asphalted.

Cranham Road—Trees—That the trees opposite new houses be not removed but pruned.

Horse—That the horse " Durgin " be destroyed.

The View Committee inspected the new Block-making machine at the Slab Factory, the new asphalted carriageway in Tewkesbury Road and signs fixed at No. 1 Cambray.

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

Street Projection—No. 1 Cambray—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write objecting to these signs which had been fixed without permission and did not comply with the Regulations and requiring the Owner to have the same removed.

Montpellier Drive—Resolved, That the trees on the North side be not removed.

Asphalt Plant—Damage to Trees, etc.—Resolved, That the question of the damage alleged to have been caused to the trees and crops at Arle Gardens by dust from this plant be referred to an Arbitrator to be agreed upon.

3—Regulation of Traffic— Superintendent Lane and Inspector Millard attended with reference to the better regulation of traffic. Superintendent Lane submitted a list of 68 points in the Borough where, he recommended, that white lines and " Stop " marks should be provided. He also suggested that the stopping points for trams in Clarence Street and High Street should be altered with a view to relieving congestion.

Resolved, (a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a white curve and word " Slow " with cross line painted in Clarence Street, and a cross line and word " Stop " painted in the Colonnade, High Street (twice) and North Street as suggested by Superintendent Lane forthwith. (b) That the Chairman, Councillors Pates and Captain Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the remainder of the suggestions in Superintendent Lane's list with power to act, and (c) That the question of the stopping points for trams and also of the omnibuses in the Promenade be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 17th July to 12th September, 1925, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the nine weeks ended 10th inst., 1,540 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 1,574 tons, 3 cwts., 2 qrs.).

5—Refuse Destructor—Weighbridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 10th inst., the Sub-Committee (Alderman Bendall, Councillors rates and Sawyer) inspected a Weighbridge at Bath, supplied by Messrs. Ashworth, Son & Co., Ltd The Committee further considered the tenders for the provision of a new Weighbridge (submitted to the Committee on 22nd June last). Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Ashworth to provide a 10ft. x 8ft. Weighbridge with oil baths to the bearings for £340 be accepted. Resolved. also, That the offer of Messrs. Ashworth to undertake the maintenance and adjustment of the Weighbridge for £1 10s. 0d. per quarter be accepted.

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6—" Karrier" Motor Sweeper--It was reported that the Sub-Committee also witnessed a demonstration with a " Karrier" Motor Sweeper at Bath and the makers had offered to give a similar demonstration in Cheltenham. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held for the purpose on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at the Depot.

7—Asphalt Plant—Resolved, On the recommendation of Borough Surveyor, that a steam set be installed to provide the motive power for this Plant at a cost of £250.

8—Street Name Plates—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of Streets requiring Name Plates, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on 18th May last. Resolved, That Name Plates be fixed accordingly.

9—St. Margaret's Road—Warning Signs—The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of applications from the Headmistress of Pates Grammar School for Girls that warning signs, indicating the position of the School be fixed in St. Margaret's Road, and that the Automobile Association were willing to supply these. Resolved, That the signs be fixed.

10—Telegraph Lines—(a) Old Bath Road—Read, application of 9th inst, from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs (Gloucester) for consent to the transfer of an overhead telegraph line in Old Bath Road, with five poles, from private property to the roadway. Resolved, That this be not acceded to.

(b) Chelt Footpath—Read, application of 15th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs (Cardiff), for consent to the placing of underground and overhead telegraph lines along footpath adjoining River Chelt near College Road. Resolved, That consideration be deferred pending decision of the Council as to the Chelt Improvement Scheme.

11—Street Projections—(a) Unitarian Church—Read, application of 18th inst, from Mr. F. R. Starling for permission to fix a direction sign to this Church on each of two lamp standards- Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, permission be granted for one sign to be fixed to the lamp standard in the Promenade, opposite St. George's Road.

(b) Resolved, That the following applications for permission to fix projecting signs outside the premises named be granted, subject to the usual conditions :—

Address.	Name of Applicant.	Description of Sign.
Colonnade— High Street Corner Shirer & Haddon, Ltd.		Electrical Name Sign.
6 Montpellier Avenue Montpellier Linen Hall.		Electrical Name Sign.
1 Queen's Circus F. C. Dodwell & Sons.		Metal Advertising Sign.

82 High Street-Resolved, also, That the application of the Cheltenham Motor & Cycle Co., for permission to fix an electric sign at these premises be adjourned for detailed sketch and particulars.

2 —Petrol Pumps—(a) No. 38 Winchcomb Street—Resolved, on recommendation of the Petroleum Inspector, that no objection be made to the application of Mr. J. Allen for permission to erect a petrol pump on his premises with a moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath in Winchcomb Street subject to an Agreement being entered into, as in other similar cases, containing the usual conditions.

(b) Prestbury Road—It was reported that Mr. A. Yeates had withdrawn his application. Resolved, That Minute 3 (c) of the Committee at their last Meeting be rescinded accordingly,

13--Fountain, Whitehart Street—The Committee considered reference back from the Council at their last Meeting and the Town Clerk reported receipt from Mr. J. C. Loveridge (who had recently purchased No. 1 Whitehart Street, fronting to the site of the Fountain) of an offer for the land,

Resolved, That each of the applicants be invited to send in sealed tenders and that the land be sold to the highest tenderer.

14—Charlton Lane--Read, letter of 3rd ult., from Col. H. de H. Haig suggesting that Charlton Lane and the continuation thereof known as Greenhills Road, be re-named Charlton Road. Resolved, That Col. Haig be informed that if a majority of the Owners and Occupiers will sign a Memorial to the Corporation and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council supporting his proposal the same will be agreed to so far as the Corporation are concerned.

15—Swindon Road— The Committee considered recommendation of the Education Committee that Swindon Road be widened. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report as to cost.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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REGULATION OF TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No 3 held on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1925. Present—Alderman Bendall (Chairman) ; and Capt. Trye. Supt. Lane also attended.

1--Regulation of Traffic—The Sub-Committee considered the remaining suggestions for the provision of white curves, lines and "Stop" marks submitted by Supt. Lille. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have curves, lines and marks painted at the following points :—

Junction of Gloucester Road and High Street—One white curve and word " Slow" with cross line.

Do. Ambrose Street and High Street—One white curve and word " Slow" with cross line.

Do. High Street, Hewlett Street and College Road—Four white curves and four words " Slow" with cross lines.

Do. High Street, Hale's Road and Old Bath Road—Four white curves and four words " Slow" with cross lines.

Do. Bath Road, Thirlestaine Road and Suffolk Road—Four white curves and four words " Slow" with cross lines.

Do. Bath Road and Shurdington Road—One white curve and " Slow" in Shurdington Road with cross lines.

Do. Bath Road, Sandford Road and road rear of Montpellier Terrace—Three white curves and three words "Slow" with cross lines.

Do. Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—Two white curves and two words " Slow" with cross lines.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 8th September, 1925 : 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.
2072	Berryman & Sons	2 Houses, Granley Road.
2073	Lane, Mrs.	Additions at rear of " Hadley," Ewlyn Road.
2074	Jackes, Mrs.	Additions to new house, Halland Road.
2075	do.	Temporary Motor house at Halland Road.
2076	Bendall, John D., & Sons	2 Semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
2077	Martin, Brothers	New shop front at 318 High Street.
2078	Bales, Mrs.	Detached house, Whaddon Lane.
2080	Ford, H. W.	Detached house, Charlton Lane.
2081	Wilson, Revd. Canon	Temporary Recreation Room, Synagogue Lane.
2082	Turner, D. L.	3 Houses, Suffolk Street.
2083	Nicholls, E. T.	Temporary Garage, " Harrington," Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2072, 2073, 2074, 2076, 2077, 2078 and 2080 be approved, but that Plan No. 2073 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2075 and 2081 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. 2082 and 2083 be disapproved for further consideration and view, respectively.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st September, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel (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.
2055	Philp, P.	Temporary Motor house, La Felipa, Hewlett Road,
2079	Corporation Housing Committee	60 Non-Parlour Houses, St. Mark's.
2082	Turner, D. L.	Three houses, Suffolk Street.
2085	Original Brewery Company	New Store Building, Dunalley Street.
2086	F. W. Hinton & Sons	New Roof over Yard, Devonshire Street.
2087	Rees, W. T.	Motor House, Glenmore Lodge, Wellington Square,

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2079, 2082, and 2085 be approved ; but that Plan No. 2082 be subject to the wall of back wing being taken down to level of bottom of sewer ; that Plans Nos. 2055 and 2086 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. 2087 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 11th September, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens- --(a) Mr. Claude Chandler attended and submitted proposals for the hire by him of the Concert Pavilion during the Summer Season, 1926, Resolved, That the Council he recommended :—

(i.) To purchase from Mr. Chandler the new sides, ends and floor, also the stage and electrical fittings for £200.

(ii.) To let the Pavilion to Mr. Chandler for 16 weeks, viz. :-24th May to 11th September, 1926, at a rent of £6 per week, payable monthly in advance (including use of Pay Box) plus lighting ; subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into and to an approved Surety joining in the Agreement ; the Tenant to have the option of continuing the tenancy until 25th September, 1926.

(iii.) To let two of the small rooms in the Chalet to Mr. Chandler for the same term at a rent of 'of- per month, payable in advance, for the sale of fruit, ices and refreshments thereat.

(b) Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Silver Birch tree, reported by him to be dangerous, removed.

2- Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme- --(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative Scheme for lay-out of the land without diversion of the Chelt. This provided for the layout of the land adjoining Barrett's Mill and the present Recreation Ground as a Children's Park, with boating pond, and for the lay-out of the part of Perry's Meadow adjoining College Road as an ornamental pleasure garden and the remainder as a playing field ; also for a slight diversion of the present footpath adjoining the Chelt, for planting trees between the walk and the stream and for public conveniences adjoining College Road. Resolved. That the amended Scheme be approved except that the proposed lay-out of Perry's Meadow be postponed for the present and that tenders be invited for carrying out the remainder of the Scheme,

(b) Bath Road Entrance—Read, letter of 8th ult., from Mr. C. H. Rainger offering to sell a piece of land in Bath Road to afford an entrance to the proposed Children's Park for £750.

3—Winter Garden—Turnstiles—Resolved, That the old turnstiles (removed to Depot) be sold to the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club for £5.

4—Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee, That arrangements be made for the provision of an Orchestra and Jazz Band of five or six superior musicians (including Conductor) ; instead of an Orchestra of eight musicians as previously proposed, that Mr. Leo Dawes be asked if he could provide this for £39 per week (the sum approved by the Council on 27th July last) and that Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on 22nd July last be varied accordingly.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 25th, September, 1925. Present—
The Mayor ; Councillors pates, Pruet, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5— Montpellier Gardens-Wilful Damage-Resolved, That Superintendent W. J. Lane be instructed to take proceedings against any persons found committing any wilful damage at these Gardens, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

6—Town --The Committee inspected the Hall and were very pleased with the colour scheme and the way in which the work had been carried out. It was that Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, besides advising as to the colour scheme, had devoted A great deal of time to supervision of the work. Resolved, That an honorarium of Fifteen Guineas be granted to Mr. Tomlinson in recognition of the services rendered by him with an expression of the thanks of the Corporation,

7—Municipal Concerts, etc.—(a) Catering—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee, that the tender of Cadena Cates 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 1925-26 (19th October to 10th May), being the most favourable tender, be accepted.

(b) Season Tickets -Resolved, That Season Tickets for Dance Teas and Evening Dances be issued in books of 10 at a charge of £1 1s. 0d.

8—G.W.R. Dining Saloon Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the General Manager expressing the satisfaction of the Corporation at the provision of the new dining Saloon Car for the service between Paddington and Cheltenham.

9—Advertising—Read. letter of the 16th inst., from Mr. W. H. Fraser (Advertising Agent G.W.R.) stating that there was £30 in hand of the money allocated to press advertising under the Joint (Railway) Advertising Scheme. Resolved, That this sum be utilised in resuming the weekly paragraph under " British Spas " in the " Daily Telegraph " and that the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain advertisements from Hotel Proprietors, Auctioneers, etc., in order to distribute the cost of and continue the paragraph as long as funds will permit.

10 —Alstone Baths— Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. E. J. Winter (Instructor of Swimming and Life Saving, Central School.) with reference to a ruling of the Schools' Sports Association by which children from the School were debarred from competing in the races and, therefore, from winning a Season Ticket as a prize and asking that Season Tickets might be granted to the most successful life-saving pupils of the School. Resolved, That six Season Tickets be granted (3 for Boys and 3 for Girls).

11—Spa Federation Conference—Resolved, That the Chairman, (Councillor Stewart) and Spa Manager be authorised to attend the Bi-Annual Meeting of this Federation to be held at Woodhall Spa on 30th September and fist October.

12 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 1st and 15th inst., were read. Only formal business was transacted at the Meetings. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd September, 1925 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Coal Contract—Resolved, That the offer of the Park Colliery Co. Ltd., to continue the present Contract for the supply of Norchard rough small steam coal for a further six months, at 19s 4d per ton, be accepted.

2—Loan for Mains and Services—Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for Sanction to a Loan of £5,000 for Mains and Services.

3—Services of Town Clerk's Department and Rate Collectors—The Committee further considered the question of making a contribution to the Salaries Account in respect of the services rendered to the Undertaking by the Town Clerk and his Staff and the Rate Collectors, consideration of which was considered and adjourned at the May and June Meetings. Resolved, That the following annual contributions be made :--Town Clerk's Department, £150 ; Rates Office, £50.

Water Charges—Resolved, also, That no objection be made to the Water Charges against the Undertaking, being fixed at the same rate as charged to other undertakings using a corresponding quantity of water.

4—Motor Car—The Town Clerk reported that the Street and Highway Committee had asked that they might have the use of the Motor Car for View Meetings to save taxi-hire. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Electric Light Standards, etc.—Halving Agreement—Read, letter of 5th ult., from the Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Co., Ltd., that they had acquired the Goodwill of part of the business of the Lancashire and Cheshire Insurance Corporation Ltd., and asking that the Agreement for settling claims for damage between the Corporation and the Lancashire and Cheshire Insurance Corporation might apply to their Company. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(b) Royal Well Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by an unknown Car to a standard in Royal Well Lane on the 10th ult. amounting to £8 13s. 1d.

(c) St. Stephen's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a van belonging to Messrs. John Lance & Co. Ltd., to a standard in St. Stephen's Road on the 11th ult., amounting to £7 18s. 1d.

(d) Bath Road—Switch Pillar—Read, Police Report as to damage caused by a Car belonging to M. & J. E. P. Codd to a Switch Pillar in Bath Road on the 10th inst., amounting to £8 7s. 5d.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims in the two last-named cases and, if necessary, take proceedings for recovery of the damage.

6—Church Direction Sign—Resolved, That no objection be made to the fixing of a direction sign to the Unitarian Church on the lamp standard in the Promenade, opposite St. George's Road, subject to the same being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

7—Gas Tests—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for Quarter ended 30th June last, which showed the average calorific value to be 470.8 B.TH.U.

Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 16th and 29th July ; 4th, 11th, 20th, 26th and 31st August and 6th, 19th and 21st September, which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 491.2, 453.9, 469.6, 478.7, 468.5, 458.8, 479.1, 471.2, 478.9 and 475.8 and the pressure 4.6, 4.6, 4.6, 4.6, 4.5, 4.7, 4.5, 5.0, 5.3 and 4.8 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th September, 1925, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor 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 13th August, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	141,000 gallons	184,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	242,000	364,000
Leckhampton Springs	33,000	30,000
Total	416,000	578,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th August, 1925.		13th August, 1924.	
Hewletts		5,663,000 gallons		12,819,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 0in.	37,205,000 "	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		43,948,000		94,123,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 4th September, 1925	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	122,000 gallons	155,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	215,000 "	323,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	30,000	49,000
Total	367,000	527,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th September, 1925		14th September, 1924.	
Hewletts		8,023,000 gallons		8,433,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 5in.	22,450,000	25ft. 0in.	65,692,000
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
	Total Storage	31,553,000		75,610,000

2-Inspections The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during July and August had been as follows

	During July.	During August.	During past 5 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,446	541	5,037
" taps found leaking	152	54	498
"defective flushing boxes ¹²	12	12	64
" defective stop taps ..	3	20	35
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	148	54	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>57</u>	<u>79</u>	
	205	133	727
" notices served re fittings	45	52	244
" meters fixed and changed	15	27	76
"houses connected	72	63	410
" burst pipes discovered	8	2	28
" supplies discontinued (void houses, etc.)	15	27	76

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3-General Repairs The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during July and August :—

Main laid—Trafalgar Street to Queen's Hotel Garage (10 yards).

Sluice Valves fixed—Queen's Hotel Garage ; Harp Hill and Old Bath Road.

No.4 Hewletts Reservoir cleaned out.

Mains repaired ..	7
do. washed out	12
Sluice Valves repaired	5
Hydrants do	9

4—Supply to Bafford House —The Borough Engineer reported that this house had been converted into two dwelling houses rich were separately owned, Resolved, That a separate service to each house be required in pursuance of the Water Acts.

5—Supply to Fiddler's Green Farm—The Borough Engineer reported a serious leakage of water through a defective service to which the attention of the Owner had been repeatedly directed. Resolved, That the supply be discontinued unless the service is immediately repaired.

6—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that owing to a further landslide he proposed to fix an outlet pipe from the Sedimentation Tank to the Reservoir. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Hewletts Reservoir (No. 4)—Valve Tower--Two tenders were received for the ironwork and fittings required in connection with the Valve Tower to this Reservoir. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. Blakeborough & Sons Ltd., of £660, being the lowest, be accepted. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their Sanction to a loan of £1,000 for the cost of the Valve Tower.

8—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Land—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Richard Green declined to pay a rent exceeding £3 for the 1 acres of land adjoining the Pumping Station owing to the bad condition thereof, the Corporation paying rates and taxes. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Green entering into a tenancy Agreement. He also reported that Mr. Ball had given notice to give up his tenancy of the land at the Mythe containing 1a. 2r. 35p., and that Mr. Green was willing to take this from the 29th September at the same rent, viz. : —£6 per annum, the Tenant paying rates and taxes. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Green entering into a tenancy Agreement.

9—Extension to Mains —Apperley, Deerhurst-Read. letter of 10th inst., from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, stating that it was proposed to build Workmen's dwellings at Apperley and asking if the main could be extended to supply the same. The Borough Engineer estimated the cost of the extension (250 yards) at £197 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the main be extended subject to the Rural District Council guaranteeing a return of 10 per cent. on the capital outlay.

Leigh—Read, also, letter of 10th inst., from the same Authority, asking if the main could be extended to Leigh from Coombe Hill to supply Workmen's dwellings to be erected at Leigh. The Borough Engineer estimated the cost at £1,365, which made the extension impracticable.

Tewkesbury Road to junction of Lansdown and Hatherley Roads—Read, letter of 4th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the proposed Scheme for laying a 9 inch trunk main along these roads was prima facie eligible for financial assistance.

10—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, 22nd September, 1925; Present: The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel Councillors Mann, Moore, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Welstead (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts-(a) inspector—Resolved, That Supt. W. J. Lane be paid a salary of £20 per annum as Inspector for the Borough under these Acts and Orders made thereunder.

(b) Inspector's Report--Supt. Lane reported an outbreak of Swine Fever at Hanover Allotments : otherwise the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(c) Tuberculosis Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted present scale of fees in force in the County for veterinary inspections, which was as follows :—

	£ s. d.
1. Attendance and examination at a place other than a Market for the first or only animal ..	0 10 6
And for each additional animal the further sum of	0 1 0
But in no case to exceed	3 3 0
(N.B.—The Inspector must not in any case make more than one visit unless directed by the Superintendent of Police).	
2. Microscopical examination for tubercle bacilli, of milk or other discharge from any one bovine animal (including repeated examinations if such should be necessary)	0 10 6
3. Application of mallein test or of tuberculin test (when such test has been ordered) including all subsequent attendances and examinations in connection with the test, and including travelling expenses, for any number of animals not exceeding 4 ..	2 12 6
And for each additional animal beyond the first 4, the further sum of	0 5 0
4. Post-mortem examination of animal, including microscopical examination (in addition to fee for attendance and examination) ..	0 10 6
5. Travelling expenses (except for work done under item 3) Third Class Railway Fare where applicable. If railway not available and if more than two miles from home. Per mile, one way	0 1 0
Carriage of sample to Royal Veterinary College for analysis, and the like actually paid.	Amount

Resolved, That this Scale be approved for the Borough.

(d) Tuberculosis Order, 1925 (No. 2.)—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, dated 5th ult.

(e) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) It was reported that the Ministry of Agriculture had issued an Order withdrawing, as from 21st inst., all restrictions in connection with outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease and there were now no general restrictions in connection with the Disease in force in any part of Great Britain.

(ii.) Infected Areas Restrictions Order, 1925—A circular letter, dated 28th July last, was submitted from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding copies of this Order, dated 28th July last, which consolidated and revised in certain directions the restrictions theretofore applied to areas in which Foot and Mouth Disease existed and superseded the Order of 1924 (No. 164).

(f) Foreign Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order, 1925 (No. 3.)—A copy of this Order which took effect as from the 22nd inst., and provided that the Order of 1912 shall apply to Hay and Straw from certain States in America was submitted.

(g) Foreign Animals Order, 1910—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of 22nd inst., including certain States in America in the Prohibited Countries specified in the First Schedule to the Order of 1912.

(h) Sheep Scab—Read, circular of 22nd July from the Ministry of Agriculture as to the advisability of using non-poisonous dips or not more than one poisonous dip in connection with double-dipping.

2—Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment—Resolved, That Supt. W. J. Lane be appointed Hackney Carriage and Street Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

3—Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847—Resolved, That Supt. W. J. Lane be appointed Officer for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act and any Bye-laws made thereunder and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

4—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Mr. H. J. McCormick attended with reference to the proposal of Supt. Lane that the stopping points in Clarence Street and High Street should be altered with a view to preventing congestion of traffic and promised to give instructions to the Traffic Inspectors to make the stopping points more elastic so as to meet the exigencies of other traffic.

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5—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.
22nd August	G.W.R. Goods Offices, St. James's Square.	£400—£500.	£4 18s. 6d.
4th September	South Farm, Shipton.	£150.	£15 9s. 0d.
14th and 15th Sept.	39 Lansdown Crescent.	£50.	£8 1s. 6d.

6--Fire Drills—(a) Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that arrangements had been made with the Captain of the Fire Brigade for quarterly fire drills to be held at the Town Hall. The first drill took place on the 18th inst., when the Town Hall Staff were instructed in the use of the fire appliances all of which were found to be in order except a small length of pipe to the " Ajax " Extinguisher which had since been repaired. Resolved, That these arrangements be approved.

(b) Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor recommended that quarterly drills should also be held at the Municipal Offices. The necessary hose could be supplied from the Fire Station but brass nozzles therefor were required. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

7—Market—It was reported that a portion of the Market had been let to Mr. Henry Studt from 10th to 17th October next at a rent of £25, plus Water Charges. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that owing to the absence of the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector the issue of licences authorised subject to his report was being delayed. Resolved, That Supt. Lane be asked to arrange for any necessary mechanical inspections to be carried out during the absence of the Inspector.

(b) New Licences—Resolved, That the following applications for new licences be granted, subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the vehicles J. E. Greenslade (Motor-cab—Regd. No. XC5539) ; Alfred Bishop (Motor-cab—Regd. No. AD7598) ; Thomas Smith (Motor-cab—Regd. No. SD6034) ; Harry Hill (Horse-cab).

(c) Transfers--Resolved, That the following applications for licences to be transferred to newly-acquired vehicles be granted, subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports thereon :—Victor Horseman, Licence No. 19 (Motor-cab—Regd. No. AD8158 transferred to Regd. No. MK3097) ; J. H. Flynn, Licence No. 24 (Motor-cab—Regd. No. P4487 transferred to Regd. No. E819) ; W. Waldron, Licence No. 27 (Regd. No. FH782 transferred to Regd. No. XL4062).

Drivers---Resolved. That Drivers' Licences be issued to Messrs. A. T. Bishop of No. 36 Clarence Street : M. Taverner of " Haytor," Naunton Park Road, G. H. V. Townsend of No. 8 Dagmar Villas, Tivoli and W. H. Worton of 4 Dagmar Villas, Tivoli.

Conductor—Resolved, That a Conductor's Licence be granted to Mr. S. J. Bunce of " The Lodge," Montpellier Gardens.

9—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.

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petrol.		Carbide.
		Pump Storage. gallons.	Brick Storage. gallons.	
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	—	250	112 lbs.
" Brit. Petroleum Co. Ltd	Leckhampton Station	—	41000	—
" G. Bence & Sons	Sherborne Street	—	500	—
" 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	—
A. H. Hamlen	201, High Street		—	—	150 lbs
Messrs. Cheltenham Cycle Company	82, High Street		—	25	224 lbs
Mr. W. Palmer	Belle Vue Hotel		—	50	—
Messrs. Wicliffe Cycle Co.	88, High Street		—	40	224 lbs,
" Do.	Bath Road		—	1000	—
Mr. C. Giles	18, Upper Bath Road		—	100	150 lbs
" F. J. Mills	8, Pittville Street		—	—	112 lbs
Messrs. Halliday & Maisey	Ormond Place		—	—	112 lbs

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		Petrol.		
Name.	Place of Storage.	Pump Storage. gallons.	Brick Storage. gallons.	Carbide.
Mr. B. Blissett	Norwood Road	500	100	—
Messrs. Leckhampton Motor Works Ltd.	"	350	400	200 lbs
Mr. H. G. Swift	Lansdown Hotel Garage	—	400	—
" G. W. Midwinter	Beaufort Garage, London Road	500	150	—
Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons	34, Winchcomb Street	—	100	560 lbs
Williams & Bayliss	50	—	500	—
A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd.	54	—	100	—
Messrs. Victory Motor Co.	75-76	1000	200	—
Alfred Miles & Co. Ltd.	117, High Street	500	500	112lbs
Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall	5, Clarence Street	—	450	224 lbs
Mr. E. S. Holloway	St. Mark's Emporium	—	100	—
Mrs. Shewell	" Cotswold," Thirlestaine Road	—	500	—
		Petrol		Carbide
		Pump	Brick	
Messrs. Montpellier Motor Garage Ltd.				
	Suffolk Road Garage	500	500	112 lbs
Mr. W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	500	20	—
Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	2000 (3 tanks)	200	224 lbs
Messrs. Bristol Tramways & Carr. Co., Ltd.	Spa Road	—	2250	112 lbs
Mr. W. G. Tibbles	Sunningend, High Street	1000 (2 tanks)	100	112 lbs
Messrs. Cheltenham & District Light Rly. Co.	St. Mark's Depot	1000	—	—
" The Anglo-American Oil Co.	New Street Wharf	14000	3500	—
Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	300	150	—
Messrs. The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	Sunningend Works	—	300	—
Mr. C. J. Bullock	Montpellier Street	1000 (2 tanks)	250	—
" F. A. Tovey	Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road	—	24	—
" R. C. Hall	Lansdown Cycle Works	50 (portable tank)	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	1000 (2 tanks)	100	50 lbs
" Mousell Bros.	2, Ambrose Street	—	—	112 lbs

Mr. F. W. Stockwell	17, Upper Bath Road	500	40	—
J. H. Horsman	3, Roman Road	—	40	—
Mr. H. W. J. Little	142, Tewkesbury Road	300	40	56 lbs
" A. J. Miles	St. Anne's Garage, Albion Street	500	—	—
Messrs. Wiggett & Westborough,	Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street	600 (2 tanks)	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's Garage	500	—	—
" O. H. Goulding	Lansdown Place Garage	500	—	—
" L. Paynter	23-24, Regent Street	—	150	150 lbs
" Do.	29, Bath Street	—	250	350 lbs
" H. Spencer Jones	Suffolk Parade Garage	300	80	—
" J. Preston	Queen's Road	500	—	—
Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher	Swindon Road	300	—	3360 lbs
" United Chemists' Association	Priory Court	500	—	—
„ R. D. Marshall & Co.	30, Winchcomb Street	600 (2 tanks)	40	75 lbs
Mr. T. G. Brunskill	Warwick Place	500	—	—
„ T. H. Houghton	St. Paul's Road Garage	600 (2 tanks)	—	—
„ A. E. Slocombe	167, High Street	—	—	200 lbs
Messrs. H. Packer & Co. Ltd.	23, Tewkesbury Road	300	—	—
Messrs. Stevens & Co.	Trinity Lane	300	—	—
Mr. T. F. Worgan	Park Garage, Painswick Road	500	—	—
Messrs. H. Jordan & Co.	Grove Street	350	—	—
Mr. A. E. Dubbin	Lansdown Terrace Lane	—	100	—
" E. H. Sperry	Shurdington Road Garage	—	50	—
" W. L. Godwin	39 Tivoli Street	—	30	—
" B. Mann,	Bath Villa Garage, Bath Road	300	—	—
Messrs Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	St. Margarets Road Garage	2500	—	—
Mr. J. Jones	Mauds Elm, Swindon Road	500	—	—
" T. H. Little	Pilford Garage, Old Bath Road	—	30	—
Messrs. Woods Arle Dairies	Arle Farm	500	—	—
" Cheltenham Gas Co.	Gas Works, Gloucester Road	500	—	—
" Barnby Bendall & Co.	St. Georges Place	500	—	—
„ Flower & Sons Ltd.	Selkirk Street	300	—	—
Mr. V. T. Nicholls	Drewcot, Old Bath Road	—	30	—
" S. C. Crook	Croft Street	500	—	—

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(b) Resolved, That the following new applications be also granted ;--Mr. J. Allen, 500 gallons (pump storage) at No. 38 Winchcomb Street (Transfer from Pittville Mews) ; Mr. H. E. Steel, 2000 gallons(4 pump stores) and 200 gallons (brick store—transfer from Queen's Hotel Company) and also 121bs. Carbide of Calcium, all at Queen's Hotel Garage; The Misses V. E. and A. M. Warren, 500 gallons (in pump storage) at Langton Garage, Montpellier Terrace.

10—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, copy of circular letter from the British Board of Film Censors which the Board had circulated to the trade setting out the general principles on which certificates for films dealing with crime would be granted or with-held. Resolved, That this be forwarded to the Film Censor (Mr. T. Lyon).

11—Air Raid, etc., Sufferers—A circular letter of 10th inst., was submitted from the Civilian War Claimants' asking the Corporation to support a Memorial to the Prime Minister urging that compensation for damage suffered during the War should be a first charge upon the monies collected by the Reparations Commission.

12—Town Clerk's Department—Junior Clerk—Read, letter of 28th July last from the Secretary, Chartered of Secretaries, stating that Mr. F. W. Bull, Junior Clerk in the. Town Clerk's Department, passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute in May last.

13— Parking of Motors—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of intention to make an Order under Sec. 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, authorising the use as Parking Places for private Motor Cars of the undermentioned Streets, viz. :—Promenade : Inner Road (along the side adjoining Garden, except at Pathway Imperial Square : Along East and South side (adjoining Winter Garden grounds except in front of gate Cambray : (Except portion of Tramway route). Along centre of carriageway. Montpellier Walk : Inner Road (along the kerb on the Eastern Side. being the opposite side to the Shops).

14—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—The proposals of the Rats Executive Officer for a Rat " Week 2nd November next, were submitted and approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September 1925 : Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold, Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Gappers' Field —The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence between Gappers' Field Allotments and Crab Tee: Piece had fallen. Resolved, That he be instructed to have this repaired.

2—Allotments Act, 1925—The Town Clerk called attention to this Act, and pointed out that amongst other provisions, the Act required that the Committee should contain as nearly as may be one-third of representative persons appointed from outside the Council, experienced in the management and cultivation of allotment gardens and representing the interests of occupiers of allotments.

3—Additional Land-- Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Dunn and Yarnold be asked to inspect land at Pilley offered for sale, and that enquiries be made for other suitable land.

4—Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That six months' notice be given to tenants of the remaining portion of Turner's Field Allotments so that this may be available if required for this scheme.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th September, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Flamingoe--The Borough Surveyor reported the death of one of the Flamingoes. Resolved, That he be instructed to make enquiries with a view to exchanging the remaining bird for other fancy water fowl.

(b) Conveniences---The Borough Surveyor reported that on two or three occasions recently the automatic locks on the conveniences had been broken open. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to arrange for the money to be collected daily and to be paid over to him weekly.

2-Marle Hill Annexe -Boating—The Borough Surveyor reported that the existing agreement with Mr J. Healey would expire on the 31st October next and he had applied for the renewal of it for 5 years. Resolved, That he be granted the boating rights for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 at a rent of £20 per annum subject to his entering into a formal agreement containing the same provisions as in the previous agreement.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Football- Read, letter of and inst., from the Baker Street Institute A.F.C. withdrawing their application for a pitch at this ground. Read, also, letter of 9th inst., from the Central School Old Boys' A.F.C. applying for the pitch to be allocated to them. Resolved, That permission be granted to this Club to play football on alternate Saturdays throughout the Season subject to the usual conditions.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, 16th September, 1925: Present--Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

4—Pittville Estate - (a) Clarence Square—The Committee inspected the proposed site for transformer pit and pillar near Avondale House. Resolved, That the position be not approved, but that the Electricity Committee be asked to fix it underground opposite the stable adjoining Avondale.

(b) Marle Hill Road—Read, application from Mr. C. Taylor of 37 Marle Hill Road for permission to fix a Wireless Aerial to a tree in the Marle Hill Annexe adjoining his garden. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

(c) Wellington Square—Resolved, That the tree near No. 2 Kashmir Court be not removed but that it be pruned.

(d) Central Cross Drive—Read, application from the Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place an overhead telegraph line with a telegraph pole in this road. The Committee after inspecting the proposed position for the pole Resolved, That the position be not approved.

(e) Footpath—Lake House to Wyddrington—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this length of footpath repaired.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd September, 1925: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Stewart; Col. J. C. Griffith ; and Messrs. F. B. De Sausmarez and G. Dimmer (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of Visitors during July and August 10,169 (against 9,310) ; daily average 192 (against 176). The visitors included Newent Choir and Kemble School, Cirencester.

Receipts—Post Cards 17s 5d ; Collecting box £3 3s. 2d. ; Sale of Catalogues £8,6s. 9d. ; Advertisements in Catalogues £7 5s. 0d. ; Exhibitors' contributions towards the expenses of Arts and Crafts Exhibition £2 1s. 0d. ; Subscription to Picture Fund ("Autumn Glory") £2 2s. 0d. ; Commission on sales £3 1s. 0d. ; Total receipts £27 6s. 4d. During the exhibition of Miss Tuke's Water-colours 12 pictures were sold and 33s. was received for commission on sales.

Receipts—(a) John Hassall and New Forest Group Exhibitions—These Exhibitions were open for 26 days during August and the Hassall Pictures were to remain on Exhibition during September.

(b) Pastel Society—Pastels from the Pastel Society would remain on Exhibition until the 2nd October.

Visitors—Lord Gerald Wellesley, Mr. Avray Tipping and the Editor of "Country Life" had visited the Art Gallery to consult prints and drawings of old Cheltenham and permission had been given for reproductions to appear in "Country Life" and also in a volume which would probably be published dealing with the Architecture of the Regency Period, Mr. S. Berkeley Smith, who had also visited the Institution had expressed his satisfaction with the way in which his collection of Chinese Porcelain had been set out, and had added thereto 37 pieces secured on a recent tour in the Far East. He had also made a further loan of 12 Chinese Paintings.

2-Donations-The following Donations had been received: Mr. John Gibbins, Proof etching of H. J. Harvey's " Luck " ; and Miss R. Hancock, Mummy Hawk from Egypt.

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

3—Mabel Louise Barnes Lifeboat—The Curator reported offer from the Committee of the Gordon Boys' Brigade to present the model of this Lifeboat to the Museum. Resolved, That the same be accepted with thanks.

4—Dogs—Resolved, That the rule prohibiting the admission of dogs, on leaders or otherwise, to any part of the Art Gallery and Museum premises be enforced.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th September, 1925. Present: Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (17th July to 25th September). Interments 96 ; Exclusive Rights in 32 graves sold (first class 2, second class 1, third class 1, and fourth class 28). Monuments erected 29 ; New Inscriptions 13.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7218 to 7249 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.. Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth B. Nelson, Annie Oakey, Harriet Bourne, Sarah J. Briggs, James N. Harvey, Francis Brandt, Hubert Redford and Simon S. Mackenzie ; Memorial Cross to grave of Ellen F. Hobson ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Walter C. Freeman and Edward Kendall; Headstone to graves of Elizabeth Steel and Julia Clayden ; Kerbing and Memorial headpieces to graves of William Taylor, William E. Wesley and Amelia Tilley ; Memorial Kerbing and posts to graves of Thomas Connelly, George Coombs, Henry F. Beck, George J. Jones and Allan Warrender ; and Kerbing to graves of Oliver J. Wright, Thomas M. Airton, Alice Lacey, William W. Shepherd, Louisa K. Kennedy and Space No. 330. H.

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4—Cemetery Chapel--The Superintendent reported that several pieces of masonry had fallen from the Chapel Tower Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and report thereon.

5—War Crosses—(a) Resolved, That an additional six oak rails be obtained from Mr. F. J. Wilcox at a cost of £14 5s. 0d. to provide for the additional war crosses received.

(b) Resolved, That the large cross; received with the names of several Officers, be placed on one of the rails with the end fixed in the ground.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1925: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Pates ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—For July and August. Receipts £18 2s. 4d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 7,471 (last year 9,020) ; Lending Library 20,548 (last year 19,325) ; Juvenile Library 2,961 (last year 3,093). Total for two months 30,980 (last year 31,038).

Library Association Annual Conference—The Librarian read his Report on this Conference held at Birmingham from 14th to the 18th September.

Presentations—The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (2 vols.) ; J. W. Arrowsmith (1 pamph.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (1 pamph.) ; Rev. A. A. Headley (3 vols.) ; Miss Johnson (1 pamph.) ; Messrs. Kemps Publishing Co. (1 vol.) ; Miss MacVitie (5 vols.) ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Prof. J. W. Scott (2 vols.) ; Mrs. St. Clair (9 pamph.) ; Minister of the Interior of the Union of South Africa (1 vol.) General Manager of the South African Railways and Harbours (1 pamph.) ; Messrs. Truman & Knightley (1 vol.) ; Miss Wainwright (1 vol.) ; Miss H. Williams (3 vols.). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2 Sub -**Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee** reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the purchase of 100 vols., new books published at £26 1s. 8d. for £8 15s. 0d. be approved.

(b) That 130 vols. be replaced at an estimated cost of £20.

(c) That 120 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) Lectures. The Librarian reported as to the proposed course of Lectures for the coming Winter Session. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Roof----(a) The Librarian reported damage to a ceiling in the Museum on the 19th inst. by rain owing to wind blowing off the Contractors' tarpaulin. Resolved, That the Contractor be called upon to make good the damage.

(b) The Librarian further reported that expenditure additional to Contract for contingencies arising through re-slating of roof had so far amounted to £7 10s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Dogs— Resolved, That the Rule prohibiting the admission of dogs, on leaders or otherwise, to any part of the Library premises be enforced.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th September, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore and Pruen (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 £32,836 12s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,068 10s. 5d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th inst. Amount collected £15,743 2s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £1,668 5s. 8d.

3—Loans —(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £5,500 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £1,750 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting, 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £395 had been renewed at 4 ¾ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £910 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date New Bonds.	£20,065
Resolved, That this be approved.	<u>£6,285</u>
Total ..	£26,350

5—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Accountant reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during August was 3,859.

6—Housing, etc., 1923—Read, letters of 28th July last and 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that as the Government contribution took the form of an equal annuity it was necessary to agree an annual sum which would not be open to variation in favour of either party and which, if paid for 20 years, would reflect as accurately as possible the net cost to the Corporation of the loan charges per grant. The Ministry suggested a 4 ¾ per cent. half-yearly annuity as a fair measure of the net cost to the Corporation over a term of 20 years. The Town Clerk reported that he had ascertained from the Ministry that the basis of calculation had been accepted by other Corporations and it was understood that it would only apply to houses erected by private enterprise in respect of which the Corporation had granted or would grant a subsidy. Resolved, That the proposed basis of calculation be agreed to

7—Electricity Undertaking- The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity and Lighting Committee had resolved to make the following annual contributions to the Salaries' Account in respect of services rendered to the Undertaking, viz. : Town Clerk's Department £150 ; Rates Office £50. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—County Rate Basis—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give formal Notice of Objection to the proposed Basis or Standard of County Rate which was to take effect from 1st April, 1926.

9—Superannuation—The Borough Accountant submitted the following statement of services and pensions payable :

Name	Appointment	Age	Service Years	Pension per Week £ s. d.
Sharp, G. E.	Farms Manager	67	26	103 2 8 (per annum)

Pates, Henry	Roller Driver	65	38	1 0 9 (per week)
Hudman, R. J.	"	66	35	0 19 0 "

Resolved, That these be approved.

10—Borough Accountant's Department—Typewriter—Resolved, That the offer of the West of England Typewriter Co. (Gloucester) to supply a " Woodstock " brief machine for £17 16s. 4d. after making an allowance for the worn-out " Barlock" machine be accepted, subject to the Company giving a three years' guarantee

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 29th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) ; The Mayor and Councillor Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, except one referred back to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th October, 1925, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O. B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen. Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor 'Whitaker.

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

2—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter from Mr. A. V. Moss, Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Central Brotherhood, thanking the Council for granting free use of the Montpellier Gardens for Brotherhood Meetings during the past Summer. The large number of attendances showed the Meetings were much appreciated and the Brotherhood Committee expressed the hope that a similar concession would be granted in the Summer of 1926. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

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3—Public Secondary Schools—Cadet Camp—The Mayor read letter of 18th ult., from C Major S. H. Woolhouse, expressing appreciation of the reception accorded the Cadets and stating that the Camp would probably be held at Cheltenham in 1926.

4—Election of Councillor for the East Ward—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 15th ult. of Mr. Harold Miller as Councillor for the East Ward, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That the vacancy on each of the Public Health, Slum Areas Clearance, Maternity and Child Welfare, Electricity and Lighting, Finance, and Public Library Committees be filled by the appointment of Councillor Harold Miller thereto.

6—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—Public Health ... Meetings held Sept. 14 & 28 Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : "That Minute No. 21, with reference to Lavatory Accommodation, be referred back for further consideration."

Housing ... Meeting held Sept. 15

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meetings held Sept. 11 & 15

Street and Highway ... Meeting held Sept. 21

and **Regulation of Traffic Sub-Committee** held on Sept. 22

Subject to the following amendments (a) Moved by Councillor Yarnold, seconded by Councillor Bastin : "That Minute No. 1 so far as regarded Plan No. 2058, be referred back for further consideration."

(b) Moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Moore : "That Minute No. 14, with reference to Charlton Lane, be amended by the substitution of 'the words 'further considered' for 'agreed to so far as the Corporation are concerned'."

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held Sept. 18 & 25

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : "That Minute No. 2 with reference to Chelt Riverside Improvement Scheme, be referred back for further consideration."

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : "That Minute No. 1 (a) with reference to Montpellier Gardens, be referred back for further consideration" was lost).

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 26th October, 1925.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 30th day of October, 1925, at THREE O'CLOCK**

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

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE and to consider recommendation as to purchase of premises for Lavatory Accommodation. HOUSING COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE • STREET AND HIGH WAY 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,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held Sept. 23

Subject to an amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : "That Minute No. 1, with reference to Coal Contract, be referred back for further consideration and that the Committee have power to act."

CHELTENHAM ELECTRICITY (EXTENSION) SPECIAL ORDER, 1925—Resolved, also, That, in order to meet the views of the Winchcomb Rural District Council, this Council agree to limit their Application so far as it concerns the Winchcomb Rural District Council to the Parishes of Bishop's Cleeve, Woodmancote, Southam and Brockhampton, Gotherington and Prescott, and withdraw their Application in respect of the remainder of the Rural District, provided the consent of the Rural District Council is given in respect of the above mentioned Parishes, it being understood that the Shropshire, etc., Company had agreed to withdraw their Application so far as it related to the said Parishes.

Water ... Meeting held Sept. 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held Sept. 22

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye, seconded by Councillor Farrar : "That Mr. McCormick be asked to cause the Leckhampton trams to run to the G.W.R. Station and back via Ambrose Street and High Street."

Allotments ... Meeting held Sept. 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meetings held Sept. 14 & 16

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held Sept. 23

Burial Board Meeting held Sept.25

Public Library Meeting held Sept. 22

Finance Meeting held Sept. 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, of the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

7—Cemetery—Maintenance of Grave No. 1197 A. 1-Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Request for payment of dividends to Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Cheltenham, on £200 2 ½ per cent. Consuls, left by the late Colonel R. D. Noake, to provide for the maintenance of Grave No. 1197 A. 1.

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 Friday the 30th October, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th October, .1925: Present The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, 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. Marle Hill Parade ; 21 Columbia Street ; 70 Duke Street ; 10 Glenfall Street ; 1, 9, 15 and 16 Ewlyn Terrace ; and 17 Queen Street. Resolved, That 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) 7 Hewlett Place ; 57, 67 and 79 Brunswick Street ; 9 and 19 Corpus Street ; and 25 St. James's 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) 6 Hewlett Place ; 21 Sidney Street ; and 44 New Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be

defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 4t of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

(c) 11 to 30 Naunton Crescent—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.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 31 Marle Hill Parade ; 5 and 70 Duke Street ; 21 Columbia Street ; 40 Queen Street ; Regent Ale and Porter Stores, Swindon Road ; 1 Alexandra Street ; 53 Sun Street ; 1 and 2 Butt's Cottages, Lower Park Street ; and 35, Tewkesbury Road.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 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 the Owner had not complied with Notices served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, and submitted two tenders for the work. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. S. Marchant to do the work for £9 0s. 0d., being the lowest, be accepted.

4—Houses unfit for Human Habitation— 1 and 4, Orchard Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and 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, Orders be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-section (l) of Section II of the Housing Act, 1925, 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt. beef ; 97 lbs. mutton ; 6 cwt. 17 lbs. pork ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. pears ; 16 lbs. fish ; and 33 tins of meat, fish and fruit.

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, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

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7—Byelaw for the Prevention of Fouling of Footways by Dogs—Resolved, That the following draft Bye-law be sub-mitted for the approval of the Home Office, viz. :—

" No person being in charge of a dog in any street or public place and having the dog on a lead shall allow or permit the dog to deposit its excrement upon the public footway."

Any person offending against this Bye-law shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 40s."

8—Abattoir—Tuberculosis Order, 1925—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Supt. Lane, applying for the use of the Abattoir for the slaughter of animals under Articles 5 and 5 (a) of the above Order. Resolved, That this be agreed to on payment of the fees prescribed by the Bye-laws.

9—Houses let in Lodgings—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health, asking to be assured that the Council are fully satisfied that the proposed Bye-law could be enforced without undue hardship, especially where the persons affected could not find alternative accommodation and suggesting that procedure in the matter be deferred pending revision of the Bye-laws as to New Streets and Buildings. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned accordingly.

10—Hayden Knoll Farmhouse— The Borough Surveyor submitted specification of the inside and outside repairs required to be done to the Farmhouse, amounting to £200. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work.

11—**Farms Sub-Committee**--Reported Meeting on 1th inst, Present— Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager—The Farms Manager reported that he commenced duty on the 1st inst.

Farms Manager's Report—(a) The Farms Manager reported that the Live Stock on the Farms on the 3rd inst., was as follows:-55 Cows and Heifers ; 23 Steers ; 40 Ewes ; 55 Wethers ; 65 Lambs ; 1 Ram ; 6 Sows ; 22 store Pigs ; 10 Cart Horses ; 1 Cob ; (2 Horses at Depot)—Total 282, which was found to agree with the list of stock on the Register left by the late Farms Manager. All the animals were doing very well. One small pig died on the 11th inst., through being crushed by the Sow.

(b) Requisitions—The Farms Manager reported that the following repairs were necessary : (a) the Spouting all round the buildings and (b) Harness. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have the Spouting and Harness repaired, and also to order sufficient feeding stuffs for the stock until threshing.

Veterinary Surgeon—Resolved, That Mr. T. J. Brain be asked to quote a fixed annual sum for Veterinary attendances required for the stock on the Farm.

Mason's Cottage—Resolved, That the cottage hitherto occupied by the late William Mason, be let to Chas. Mason at a rent of 3s. per week.

Telephone—Resolved. That that Post Office Telephone Department be asked to quote for installing a telephone at Hayden Knoll Farm.

Longhill—Read, application of 9th inst., from Mr. A. E. Margrett to rent the pasture portion of Further Longhill Field. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

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 Monday, 26th October, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Thomas and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair),

12— Lavatory Accommodation—The Committee considered reference back from Council at their last Meeting and the Mayor submitted letter of 13th inst., from Mr. W. H. Horsley, giving one month's option for the purchase of No. 25 Clarence Street, at £1,500. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the premises and that they would provide much larger accommodation than was proposed for the underground lavatories. There would be ample space for cloak-rooms, lavatories and conveniences for both sexes on the basement and rat floors and for Caretakers accommodation on the 1st and 2nd floors. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to purchase the property and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans and estimate for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1925. Present,—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor;- Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair)

1—Sale of Houses—(a) The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
50 Byron Road	Gillham, Bertram C.	£475.
85 do.	Tasker, Arthur,	£475.
25 Shakespeare Road	Legge, Richard J. (Dr.)	£475.

Resolved, That the offers be accepted, subject to consent of the Ministry being obtained, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchasers of Nos. 50 and 85 Byron Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 50 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, in each case, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

NOTE :-The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 140 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 138 are let, and of the latter 86 have been sold, leaving 54 for sale, but none of these have yet been completed. Contracts for 4 Parlour-type houses were entered into on 18th May and 14th August, -1925. and these are in course of erection. Total houses erected, or to be erected, on Housing Estate by the Corporation 304 ; by private enterprise 2 houses and 1 dwelling-house and shop.

2-Parlour Type Houses—Resolved. That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the second pair of parlour type houses in course of erection by Mr. W. Bellamy in Brooklyn Road

for the purposes of subsidy under the Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-4, and for their Sanction to a loan of £1,202 0s. 0d. for the cost of erecting same, including Architects' Fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies.

3 -Housing, etc. Acts, 1923-4—Subsidies —(a) Read, letter from the Ministry of Health asking for an assurance that the normal standard of density referred to in Section 7 of the Act of 1924 (namely 12 to the acre) will not be exceeded without the Ministry's approval in future cases, and that the Council will take into account the requirements of any Town Planning Scheme likely to be made in respect of the area in which the houses are to be provided. Resolved, That this assurance be given.

(b) Two houses- --Pilford Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of two semi-detached houses in Pilford Road on the 22nd ult., by Mr. Alfred Yeates. Resolved, That a subsidy of £75 in respect of each house be paid to Mr. Yeates.

(c) Badgeworth Road—Resolved. That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £75 be issued to Mrs. E. E. Jones in respect of a Bungalow to be erected by her in Badgeworth Road, containing 873 super. feet and to be built at a density of 4 to the acre, subject to 6 inches of hard screened clinker being put round the drain to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

4—Gardens -It was reported that the Purchasers of 23 Milton Road and 94 Tennyson Road had erected fences dividing the front garden from the back garden in a position other than that stipulated by the Conveyance in each case. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

5—Re-decoration of Houses----The Borough Surveyor reported that external painting to 60 out of the 158 houses erected under the Assisted Housing Scheme had been carried out at slightly under the estimated cost.

6—Shop Site—It was also reported that an enquiry had been received as to the purchase of a Shop site on which it was proposed to erect glass houses until the prospective purchaser was in a position to erect a house and florists' shop. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

7—Outbuilding-137 Tennyson Road— Mr. C. G. Wheeler attended with reference to the store shed erected by him in contravention of the Bye-laws. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8—Gloucester Road Shrubberies—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the supply and planting of shrubs and trees. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Fuller & Maylam amounting to £176, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

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JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on the Housing Estate on Thursday, 22nd October, 1925 :
Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

9—Inspection—The Committee inspected the new Parlour houses in Brooklyn Road and the land in Brooklyn Road and also the shed at the back of No. 137 Tennyson Road.

Land—Brooklyn Road—Resolved, That the District Valuer be asked to value the frontages of land in this road.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committees held on Thursday, 23rd October, 1925. Present: Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Dunn, Leigh James. Stewart and Captain Trye ; Dr. G. A. Cardew ; 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, 1925.

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

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	35.2	25.7
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	23.5	54.4
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	20.8	32

The Society expressed their gratitude for the increase of £50 in the Grant by the Corporation, approved by the Council on the 27th July last.

2-Health Visitor's Report —The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1925 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,864
“ Children Visited (1 year and under)	976
“ (over 1 year)	626
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,004
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	51
“ Children remitted to Hospital	9
“ Ante-natal Cases visited ..	28
“ Mumps Cases visited	4
“ Measles Cases visited	2
“ Un-notified Births discovered	4
2 Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	24
New Orders	20
Orders discontinued during quarter	9
“ continuing to coming quarter	21

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 8 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 9 for infants or children under three years of age.

3—Grants —(a) Read, letter of 15th August last, from the Ministry of Health, stating that the Ministry had decided to make a grant for the year ended 31st March, 1925, of £20 5s. 4d., made up as follows :—

50 per cent. of net eligible expenditure (£778 10s. 9d.)	£389 5 4
Less paid on account .	<u>369 0 0</u>
Balance	£20 5 4

(b) Read, letter of 18th September last, from the Ministry of Health approving of the increased contribution of £200 to the Voluntary Health Society, provided that this could be met out of the estimate for the current year approved by the Ministry.

4—Estimates 1925-26 and 1926-27- -The estimated expenditure for the second half-year, 1925-26, and the year 1926-27 was considered and approved. Total estimate 1925-26 £827. Total estimate 1926-27 £896.

5—Winter School for Health Visitors—Read, letter of 24th August last, from the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association, inviting all Health Visitors to a two-weeks Winter School, to be held in London, from 31st December to 12th January next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th October, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Captain Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 6th and 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved.

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 13th September to 15th October, 1925, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th inst., 712 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 637 tons, 15 cwts.).

3—Promenade--Footpath by Cavendish House—Read, application of 7th inst., from Cavendish House Co. Ltd., for permission to insert a mosaic tiled strip, 21 ins. wide, in the footpath adjoining their premises. Resolved, That no objection be made, provided that the strip is inscribed at each end, to indicate that it forms part of the public footway.

4—Trees in Streets—(a) Resolved, That the applications of Mrs. Parker, Miss A. K. Lefroy, Major Bell-Haworth and Mr. J. H. Bradbury for the removal of trees near " Ringshall," Leckhampton Road ; Glenfall Lodge, All Saints' Road ; " Gonia," The Park and " Fleetwood," Sydenham Road South, respectively, be adjourned for view,

(b) Royal Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst., from Mr. E. M. Webster asking that the chestnut tree outside No. 6 Royal Parade, should not be removed. Resolved, That this be

agreed to and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the Committee at their Meeting on 20th April last be varied accordingly.

5—Chelt Fence—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence adjoining the works of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., had not been repaired and was still in a dangerous condition. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Marshall Ltd. with reference thereto.

6—Montpellier Walk—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the Midland Bank, Ltd., with a view to the fence fronting their premises being set back in line with those of Montpellier Terrace.

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7—Traffic Direction Signs—(a) Resolved, That the County Council be recommended to fix notices directing traffic to Gloucester and Bristol along Sandford Mill Road, Old Bath Road, Sandford Road and Shurdington Road.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 5th inst., from the Resident Engineer of the Trunk Roads Reconstruction Scheme for permission to fix additional traffic notices on lamp standards in Bath Road by the College and at the junction of Leckhampton Road and the road to Stroud. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

8—Superannuation—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 12th inst., from H. Pates, Steam roller driver, who had reached 65 years of age, to be retained in the service of the Corporation. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

9 —Advertisements on Lamp Standards—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 10th inst., from St. Paul's Advertising Service, Ltd., for permission to fix electric advertisement signs to lamp standards ; the Company to pay £7 per annum for each sign and £6 per annum for maintenance, current, etc. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

10—Elm Street—Paving--The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for providing a footpath in Elm Street, adjoining the houses in course of erection by the Corporation, amounting to £160, inclusive of kerbing, channelling and slab-paving the footpath, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

11—Old Bath Road —Footpath—Resolved, That this footpath be viewed.

12- 'Karrier' Motor Sweeper—The Chairman reported that the Committee witnessed a demonstration with a " Karrier" Motor Sweeper on 23rd ult. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the initial cost and estimated annual maintenance charges of the machine and the annual saving likely to be affected thereby.

13—Post Office Telegraph Lines - Read, application of 22nd ult. and 7th, inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of underground telegraph lines in 6r streets and roads in the Borough and overhead lines in 22 streets and roads, with necessary poles. Resolved, That consent be given to the placing of the underground telegraph lines, and that the re-instatement of the trenches be undertaken by the Corporation, subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office Telegraphs Department. Resolved, also, That consent

be given to the placing of the overhead telegraph lines, with necessary poles, subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the bases of the poles, if required.

14—Maining of Roads—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the County Surveyor, stating that a Sub-Committee of the County Highways Committee would meet on the 24th inst., to consider the application of the Corporation as to the maining of contribution roads, graded as first-class roads, in the Borough, and inviting representatives of the Corporation to attend. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee appointed on 24th March, 1924 (Minute No. 8), attend the Meeting referred to.

15—Street Projections —Resolved, That the following applications for permission to fix projecting signs outside the premises named be granted, subject to the usual conditions :—

Address, Name of Applicant. Description of Sign.

1 Cambray Economy Supply Co. 2 Advertising Signs.

82 High Street Cheltenham Motor & Cycle Co. Electric Advertising Sign.

352 High Street Stewarts Clothiers, Ltd. Electric Advertising Sign.

16—Petrol Pump—Leckhampton Road—Read, application of 14th inst., from Mr. V. T. Nicholls, of "Hannington," Leckhampton Road, for permission to erect two Bowser Petrol Distributing Pumps on his premises, with moveable delivery arms extending over the footpath in Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

17—Asphalt Plant—Damage to Trees, etc.—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Mr. W. B. Hawker, agreeing to the appointment of Mr. C. C. Castle as Arbitrator. Resolved, That Mr. Castle be instructed accordingly.

18—Fountain-Whitehart Street—Resolved, That the Committee view the site at the North-West corner of Whitehart Street at its junction with High Street and that, in the meantime, no action be taken with regard to the disposal of the land.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen 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.
2084	Council of St. Anne's Nursery College	Temporary building, St. Anne's Nursery College, Pittville Circus Road.
2088	Daffodil Picture House Ltd.	Iron and Glass Canopy, Daffodil Picture House, Suffolk Parade.
2089	Long, C.	Canopy at No. 322 High Street.
2090	Ebdon, J.	Alterations and additions (conversion into 2 houses), " Loudoun," Painswick Road.
2091	Council of Dean Close School	Additions to Headmaster's House, Dean Close School, Shelburne Road.
2092	Jackson, F. S.	Temporary Motor House, 24 Tivoli Place, Andover Road.
2093	Robson, S.	Temporary Motor House, Dorset House, Pittville Lawn.
2094	Eadie, Mrs. M.	Detached House, Tudor Lodge Road.
2095	Brookes, C. S.	Two Houses, Kingsditch Lane.
2096	Haworth, W. Bell	Temporary Motor House, " Gonia," The Park.
2097	Parker, H.	Additions to Coach House, Wellesley Court Hotel, Clarence Square.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 2094 and 2097 be approved, subject, in the case of the last-mentioned Plan, to the doors being made to open inward and to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee ; that Plan No. 2088 be approved, subject to the Canopy being set back 15 inches from the line of the footpath and to Daffodil Picture House Ltd., entering into an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, to maintain and keep the same in good repair, order and condition ; that Plans Nos. 2090, 2091 and 2095 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out (and in the case of Plan No. 2095, to a cesspool being constructed) to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 2084 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that the site shall be concreted to a depth of 4 inches, and that the building shall be removed at the expiration of 5 years ; that Plans Nos. 2092 and 2096 be approved as temporary buildings under the aforesaid Section, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal ; and that Plans Nos. 2089 and 2093 be disapproved, in the case of the last-named Plan be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for consideration.

2--Plan No. 2058—New Hoarding at 218, 219 and 220 High Street--The Sub-Committee considered reference back from the Council at their last Meeting. Resolved, That no objection be made to the erection of the proposed Hoarding, which, as shown on the Plan, will comply with the Byelaws.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th October, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Mann and Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2087	Rees, W. T.	Motor House, at Glenmore Lodge, Wellington Square.
2098	Banks, W. H.	Temporary Motor House, at " Gadshill," Vittoria Walk.
2099	Meats, A. G.	Temporary Motor House (iron building) at " Mywaye," Pilford Road.
2100	Fuller, G. A.	Detached House, Hesters Way Road, Arle.
2101	Goulding, O. H.	New Garages, Lansdown Crescent Lane.
2102	Briggs, J. M.	New Bathroom, " The Lawn," Park Place.
2103	Pickering, J. S.	Temporary Cycle House, Moorend Park Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2087, 2100, 2101 and 2102 be approved, but that. Plan No. 2102 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2098 and 2103 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. 2099 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th October, 1925: Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Committee considered reference back from Council at their last Meeting, Resolved. That consideration be adjourned.

2-Montpellier Gardens--(a) Floral Fete—Read, application of 13th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce for the free use of these Gardens from the 28th June to the 2nd July next, inclusive, for the Annual Floral Fete in conjunction with the Annual Show of the National Sweet Pea Society. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held at the Gardens on the 19th inst., and that the Floral Fete Committee of the Chamber be asked to attend.

(b) Brotherhood Meetings—Read, letter from Mr. A. V. Moss, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Central Brotherhood (referred from Council at their last Meeting) with reference to the use of the Gardens next Summer. Resolved, That the same be favourably considered on receipt of a definite application giving particulars as to dates and times.

3—Tennis Courts—Read, letter of 9th ult., from Mr. E. Constable Curtis complaining of the bad condition of the Courts at Pittville Gardens owing to the large number of Club Members allowed to play thereon. Resolved, That in future the Spa Manager be instructed to enquire as to the number of members before letting any Court for the Season to a Club and that it be a condition of letting in every case that the membership shall not at any time exceed 16. Resolved, also, That Club Secretaries be required to furnish the Spa Manager with a list of the names and addresses of the members of their Clubs at the commencement of each Season.

4—Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of 4th ult., from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking that the boys from Charlton Kings be allowed to attend these Baths instead of Alstone

Baths. Resolved. That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the application owing to the lack of accommodation.

5 —Winter Orchestra and Jazz Band—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Leo Dawes attended a Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 16th inst., and reported negotiations with Mr. James Nurse of the Palais De Danse. Gloucester, for the provision of a Jazz Band at Dance Teas, and Evening Dances during the coming Winter Season.

Resolved, That Minute No. 4 of this Committee at their Meeting of the 18th ult., be varied as follows:—

Winter Orchestra—That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide for the sum of £15 per week an Orchestra of six musicians (including himself as Conductor and performer) for the Morning Concerts from the 19th October to the 10th April, 1926 (inclusive) be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Jazz Band—That the offer of Mr. James Nurse to provide for the sum of £24 per week a Jazz Band of seven performers to play at two Dance Teas from 3 to 6 p.m. and one Evening Dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. (with an extension of one night in every four weeks to 2 a.m.), from the 20th October to the 26th March next, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Sunday Evening Concerts—Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be offered to Mr. Leo Dawes for Sunday Evening Concerts during the Winter Season, subject to payment of out of pocket expenses not exceeding £2 2s. 0d. per Sunday for cleaning, heating and lighting.

JAMES STEWART. Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd October, 1925. Present--The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Winter Gardens—Lease—The application of the Winter Garden Co., Ltd., for an extension of the Lease to the Company was again considered. Resolved, That Representatives of the Company's Directorate be invited to attend the next Meeting of this Committee.

7 —Chelt Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate further with the Owners of the land adjoining the Chelt who had not consented to the proposed diversion of the Chelt, with a view to their consents being obtained and that, if necessary, a Meeting of the Owners be convened to explain to them the details of the Scheme.

8—Town Hall—Fountain—Resolved, That no objection be made to the removal of the Fountain from the Town Hall to the Entrance Hall of the Municipal Offices.

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9—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 13th and 16th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Baths--That the Baths be let to Mr. Percy Mills during the Winter Season for indoor Cricket at 5s per hour, subject to his undertaking to make good any damage, the Corporation reserving the right of cancellation on occasions when the Baths are let for the day.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1925. Present : The Mayor, Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Scheme---The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the City Electrical Engineer of Gloucester and he had conferred as to the future supply of power for the areas of the two authorities, and that they considered that it was desirable that their Reports and Estimates should be considered by an independent Consulting Engineer. Resolved, That Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Rider be appointed to consider and report on the Engineers' proposals for a joint supply at a fee of 150 guineas, and that such fee be jointly borne by the two Authorities.

2-Coal Contract—The Committee considered reference back from the Council at their last Meeting. Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement in the usual trade journals and the local papers

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3—Public Lighting—(a) Albion and Bennington Streets—Resolved, That complaints with regard to the lighting of these streets be adjourned to a View Meeting to be held on 3rd November, at 7 p.m.

(b) Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce, asking that the hours for street lighting should be extended. Resolved, That their attention be called to the Resolution of the Committee on 21st January last, viz. : " That a charge of 15s per hour be made to persons requiring an extension of the hours of lighting on the " All-Night " public lighting circuit on the occasion of Balls, Dances, etc.

4—Coal Contract—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on 27th inst., to consider tenders.

5—Traffic Direction Signs—Resolved, That no objection be made to the fixing of additional traffic notices on Lamp Standards in Bath Road by the College and at the junction of Leckhampton Road and the road to Stroud, by the Resident Engineer of the Trunk Roads Reconstruction Scheme.

6—Service Cable - Revised Scale of Charges—Resolved, That as from 15th July last, 10 feet of Cable on private property be laid free of charge and that the following Scale of Charges be approved and adopted for any distance beyond to feet, viz :

	Present Charge.	Revised Charge.
	Per foot.	Per foot.
0.022 square inch	2s. 0d.	1s. 0d.
0.06 "	2s. 8d.	2s. 0d.
0.1 "	3s. 4d.	2s. 8d.

(NOTE—This Minute supersedes Minute No. 9 of the Committee at their Meeting on 15th July last).

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report for the Quarter ended 30th September last, which showed the average calorific value to be 472.4 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on 29th and 30th September 12th and 20th October, which showed the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 471.2, 476.9, 465.4 and 480 B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.9, 4.6, 4.6 and 4.3 ins.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held, on Thursday, 15th October, 1925, Present—Alderman Bendall and Councillor Pates (Councillor Pates in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 12th October, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	182,000 gallons	182,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	302,000	673,000
Leckhampton Springs	28,000	47,000
Total	512,000	902,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th October, 1925.		12th October, 1924.	
Hewletts		10,619,000 gallons		10,119,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 8in.	23,169,000 "	29ft. 0in.	84,588,000 "
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	945,000 "	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		34,733,000		96,192,000

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

	During Sept., 1925.	Total for past 6 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,081	6,118
" taps found leaking	123	621

“ defective flushing boxes	32	96
“ defective stop taps	6	41
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	98	
(special repairs apart from house-		
to-house inspections)	<u>46</u>	
	144	871
“ notices served re fittings	80	324
“ meters fixed and changed	20	96
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	115	525
“ burst pipes discovered ..	5	33
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	105	269

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month :—

Sluice Valves fixed	3
Sluice Valves repaired	4
Mains repaired	3
do. washed out	6
Hydrants repaired ..	2
House Services pumped out	2

4—Supply to Barrowhill Farm, Boddington—An application was received from Capt. H. P. de Winton on behalf of Mr. J. T. Gibbons, owner of Barrowhill Farm, for permission to use galvanised steam piping for an extension of the service thereto. Resolved, That no objection be made.

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Extension of Mains-(a) Gloucester Road to Hayden Knoll Farm—The Borough Engineer estimated the cost of extending the main in Gloucester Road to supply four cottages owned by the Corporation at £250. He reported that to continue the extension to Hayden Knoll Farm, which would afford better circulation, would increase the cost to £470, Resolved, (a) That the main be extended to the Farm ; (b) That application be made to the County Council for a contribution of £0 towards the: cost of the extension, this sum being the estimated cost to the County Council of sinking a new well which they had undertaken to do and which would be rendered unnecessary by the extension of the main

(b) Cirencester Road- Application was received from Mr. C. Dickins for 189 yards of main to be laid in this road to supply houses proposed to be erected by him. The Borough Engineer estimated the cost of the main at £120. Resolved, That the work be carried out if the levels would permit of a satisfactory supply being given.

(c) Croft Avenue, Charlton Kings—An application was received from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for an extension of a 3 inch main for a distance of 86 yards to supply 20 houses proposed to be erected in Croft Avenue. Resolved, That the extension be made at an estimated cost of £60.

6—Appeals The easements entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel Councillors Mann, Moore, Stewart, Capt. Trye Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that Swine Fever still existed at Hanover Allotments ; otherwise the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease (Urgency of Immediate Report of Suspected Cases)—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 16th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, forwarding posters and leaflets of Advice to Farmers in connection with Foot and Mouth Disease, and reported that the former had been posted, and the latter had been made available at Police Stations in the Borough, as required by the Ministry, and that a copy of the leaflet had also been sent to farmers in the Borough.

(c) Tuberculosis Order, 1925 :—

(i.) Diseases of Animals Act, 1925—Refund of Compensation—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture stating that the Bill to provide for the repayment to Local Authorities from the Exchequer of 75 per cent. of the gross amount of Compensation paid by Local Authorities for animals slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order. received the Royal Assent on the 7th August last and provided that any sum so paid should be carried to the credit of the Rate out of which Compensation was paid and that claims to repayment should be made quarterly, viz. : on the 1st January, April, July and October in each year in respect of compensation paid during the preceding 3 months ; the first claim to be in respect of the 4 months ending 31st December next.

(ii.) Administration—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the administration of these Orders and, in particular, to the application of the Tuberculin Test being restricted to animals showing definite clinical signs of tuberculosis, and drawing attention to other minor matters. Resolved, That the Veterinary Inspector be notified accordingly.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 9th inst. the Brigade attended an outbreak of Fire at 38 Malvern Street. Damage slight. Expenses £3 1s. 6d.

(b) Attendance at Fires in non-contributory Areas—Resolved, That the question of attendance of the Brigade at fires outside the contributory area be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration and report and that in the meantime the Captain be given discretion to attend serious fires within a reasonable distance of Cheltenham.

3—Speed Limit—The Chief Constable attended the Meeting and the question of making application to the Ministry of Transport for a speed limit for mechanically-propelled vehicles in certain streets in the Borough, was discussed. Resolved. That consideration be adjourned.

4—Market—The Town Clerk reported that the letting of a portion of the market to Mr. Henry Studt had been continued from 17th to 24th inst., at an additional rent of £14, plus water charges. Resolved, That this be approved.

5 --Cheltenham and District Light Railway --(a) Fares--The Town Clerk submitted notice dated 19th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, that application had been made by the Company to the Ministry of Transport for an Order under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, and the Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920, continuing the present Order which would expire on 31st December next Resolved. That the Chairman, The Mayor, and 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.

(b) Congestion of Traffic—The Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Council at their last Meeting, he had written to Mr. McCormick asking that the Leckhampton Trams should run to the G.W.R. Station and back via Ambrose Street and High Street, instead of stopping outside the premises of Messrs. John Lance & Co., as at present, and submitted Mr. McCormick's reply of 13th inst., stating that the suggested alteration was tried some years ago without success as it was found that it was not possible to keep so regular a service on the section and only a 15-minute service could be run as against the present 1s-minute service. It did not take any longer to change the trolley boom in High Street than it would to turn a tram into Clarence Street and if the trams ran to the G.W.R. Station it would double the number of cars in the section complained of, that is to say, there would be two trams in the section instead of one. Mr. McCormick suggested that in order to relieve the congestion of traffic in High Street, the motor omnibus routes should be as follows :

Bristol Omnibuses—From Tewkesbury—via Ambrose Street and Clarence Street and stopping either at the Police Station or by the Clarence Lamp, as at present, and return by the same route.

From Winchcomb —To start from and stop at Portland Street.

National Omnibuses—From Nailsworth--To stop at Cambray. He also suggested that Omnibuses should not be allowed to stand in High Street between Rodney Road and Pittville Street on Race-days, but should start from Portland Street. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Transfers - Resolved, That the following applications for Licences to be transferred to newly-acquired vehicles be granted subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports thereon :—T. H. Houghton, Licence No. 72 (Motor Cab Reg. No. AD. 1835 transferred to Reg. No. AD. 2572) ; W. J. Houghton, Licence No. 4 (Motor Cab Reg. No. AD. 1277 transferred to Reg. No. AA. 4230).

7 - Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, application of 1st inst., from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., for a Licence in respect of a new Motor Omnibus (Reg. No. DD. 8170) to seat 30 passengers, to be used as a reserve omnibus on the Company's services generally. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

8—Petrol Licences --Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, That the following applications to store petroleum be granted —Mr. V. T. Nicholls, 500 gallons (pump storage) at "Hannington," Leckhampton Road ; Mr. A. R. Griffiths, 200 gallons (pump storage) at Garage, Windsor Street ; and Mr. A. Yeates, 40 gallons (brick store) at Retford Villa, Prestbury Road.

9—Pawnbroker's Licence --- Read, application of 15th inst., from Messrs. H. Higgins, Ltd., for renewal of their Pawnbrokers' Licence, which would expire on 9th November next. Resolved, That a Certificate of Renewal for one year as from 9th November, 1925, be granted.

10—Parking of Motors—Regulations--The Town Clerk submitted draft Regulations under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, with respect to the use of Parking Places for vehicles, set out in Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on 22nd September last. Resolved, That the same be approved.

11—Shops Acts—Read, reports of the Shops Inspector of the 5th and 12th inst., as to contravention of the Acts by Collins & Sons, Greengrocers, 56 Winchcomb Street, J. W. Griffin, Greengrocer, too Albion Street (2 Reports) and Sergeant & Co., Cycle Agents, Winchcomb Street, by sales during prohibited hours. Resolved, That they be warned that if any further infringement is reported, proceedings will be taken forthwith.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th October, 1925: Present; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

1 - Inspection of Allotments—Reports on the cultivation of all the allotments were received :—

(a) Uncultivated Allotments—Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the occupiers of the following allotments reported to be in a bad state of cultivation: Nos. 1, 22, 28, 29, 37 and 41 Alma Road ; Nos. 11 and 13 Wasley's Field ; No. 5 Tennyson Road ; No. 12 Brooklyn Road ; No. 36 Whaddon Lane Nos.188 and 189 Crab Tree Piece.

(b) (i) Crab Tree Piece—Gappers Field—Resolved, That the attention of the Lessor of the Gappers Field Allotment;, be again called to the trees in the hedges hounding these allotments and that he be asked to have them removed.

(ii) Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor have the bank at the Gardners' Lane entrance to these allotments cut back to make more room to drive in.

(c) Baglin's Piece—Resolved, That the Lessor be requested again to remove the dangerous elm tree at the entrance to these allotments.

2— Additional Land—The Town Clerk submitted replies from the ()mien.; of the Charlton Park and Rainbow Estates stating that they had no land available for allotments. Resolved, That Mi. J. G. Villar be instructed to make enquiries as to any suitable land available.

G. OWEN DUNN, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th October, 1925: Present—Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Pruen, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Pittville Estate—(a) Flamingoes —The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained an offer to supply a Flamingo to pair with the one at Pittville for £4. Resolved. That the offer be accepted.

(b) R.S.P.C.A. Notices—Read, application from Local Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. for permission to repair the notice boards at Pittville, to alter the position of one board and to fix an additional board. Resolved, That permission be granted.

(c) Glenmore Lodge, Wellington Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed motor house. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Dunn be asked to view the site and that they be authorised to deal with the plan. (This plan has since been approved).

(d) Wellesley Court Hotel—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed Garage. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned subject to the doors opening inwards.

(e) Dorset House—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed Garage to be erected at the end of the back lane leading to this house. Resolved, That the plan be disapproved.

2—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Football—Resolved, That permission be given to the Naunton Park R. F. C. to play Rugby football on alternate Saturdays and to the Emmanuel Sunday School A.F.C. to play football on Saturday, subject to the usual conditions.

3---Promenade Long Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from Mr. F. Vizard to plant four beds in these gardens with a new pansy and also to plant the large Centre bed at half cost. Resolved, That Mr. Vizard's offer to plant four small beds, free of cost to the Corporation be accepted, it being understood that no advertisement board will be exhibited.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th October, 1925: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel Councillor Stewart The Rt. Hon. Sir James Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., Col. J. C. Griffith and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Number of Visitors during September 4,414 (against 3,528) ; daily average 170 (against 136). The visitors included choirs from Forthampton and Chaceley, and Bourton-on-the-Water, and classes from the Parish Girls' School and the Charlton Kings Girls' School.

Receipts--Post Cards 16s ; Collecting Box £2 10s. 10d. ; Sale of Catalogues £3 18s. 9d. Total receipts £7 5s. 11d.

Cheltenham Artists—The 6th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists opened by private view on the 5th October.

Show Case—The Curator reported the purchase of a small wall show-case for 38s. Resolved, That this be approved.

2---Re-decoration of tie Ferriere's Gallery--Resolved, That the quotation of W. East to clean down and paint with three coats white paint, ceiling and frieze ; walls silver grey ; Dado and picture rail flat black ; and re-polish doors for the sum of £18 10s. Od., be accepted.

3—Exhibitions- --Resolved. That the following arrangements be approved:-2nd-16th December—Exhibition of work by Staff and Students of Cheltenham Ladies' College Art Department : 17th —31st December—Permanent collection, with water-colours by Mr. F. D. How : 13th March—10th April—Raphael Nelson Caricatures of eminent authors and politicians.

4—Victoria and Albert Museum—Loan—The Curator reported offer of change of three casts of exhibits in December and was authorised to negotiate with a view to securing appropriate specimens for Cheltenham.

5—Donations----The following donations had been received : Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, Silver mounted Rif Gun, Bronze Inlaid Sword and Dagger from Taksit, 3rd Century Bronze Handle from Etruria, 6th Century Medallion, Merovingian glass ; Mr. H. Bansall Todd, Photographs of English Cathedrals from Scale Cork Models, made by W. Gorringe, Cheltenham, circa 1870

Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

6—Loan—Italian Valence (late 18th Century) received from Miss Grahame.

7—Leslie Young Benefaction—Read, letter from Victoria and Albert Museum that funds were available for Grant-in-Aid towards purchase of specimens.

Resolved, That application be made for a Grant and, if obtained, 8 further cases of models of Injurious Insects be purchased up to the value of £12 0s. 1d.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM. hairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd October, 1925. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel: Councillors Stewart and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (26th September to 22nd October). Interments 41 ; Exclusive Rights in 15 graves sold (second class 1 and fourth class 14). Monuments erected 7. New Inscriptions 6.

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7250 to 7265 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3-Designs--Resolved, That the following designs be approved ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Willie Hyde: Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Rachel Stevens, John B. Boyle, Frances M. Fletcher, Kate Skey, Edith S. Vernon Eliza A. C. Ashbee and Frederick G. Dallimore ; Headstone a oh Kerbing to graves of Eugenie M. L. Williams, Charlotte Cox and Polly Knot: Polly Knott ; Memorial Headpiece to graves of Ada M. Janes and M. Kilby: Memorial Column and kerbing to grave of Hubert G. Charley and Kerbing to graves of Adcock, Mary A. French and David Roberts.

4-War Crosses—Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to fix War Crosses received to the reverse side of the rails now erected.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1925. Present Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Miller, Pates and Capt. Trye Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. A. J. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1- Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 17s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,245 (last year 4,736) Lending Library 11,095 (last year 10,063) ; Juvenile Library 1,728 (last year 5,642). Total for month 16, 068 (last year 16,441).

Replacements—During the month, 63 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The first of the Winter series of Lectures was given on the 12th inst., by the Right Hon. Lord Gerald Wellesley, on "Old English Houses (Exteriors of the later Classical Period-1650-1850— with special reference to Cheltenham)," and was attended by 340 people.

Presentations—(a) The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg Gardner, P.C., M.P. (1 vol.) ; Anon. (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (18 Guides) ; Mr. Ed J. Burrow, F.R.G.S. (15 vols.) ; Miss Burton (1 vol.) ; Dr. R. Davies (1 vol.) ; Prof. G. T.. Raymond (9 vols.); Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, J.P., (110 Vols.).

(b) The late Canon Gardner's Musical Library--664 items of Music and Musical Literature had been received from the Executors of the late Canon Gardner. The Collection comprises 173 bound volumes, 549 unbound, and 342 items of sheet music, etc., mainly ecclesiastical in character. In addition to the above, the late Canon left a request that his Executors should defray the cost of binding many of the works so that they should be available for public use. The cost of such binding was estimated at £25 to £30.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Executors.

2- **Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on 8th inst. Present :— Alderman Steel and Mr. F. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 31 vols., (new books) published at £30 1s. 0d. be purchased for £15 18s. 2d.

(b) That 26 vols. (recommended by the League of Nations Union) published at £10 4s. 9d., be purchased at £7 10s. 0d., and that the offer of £5 towards the cost thereof from the local Branch of the League, be accepted.

(c) That 5 vols. (new reference books), published at £19 15s. 6d. be purchased at £9 0s. 9d., out of the Leslie Young Benefaction.

(d) That 100 vols. be replaced at an estimated cost of £15.

(e) That 120 vols. be rebound at an estimated cost of £15.

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(f) That certain duplicate vols. be exchanged with the Hereford Public Library.

(g) That the wages of Miss Ethel Mason, Assistant-in-charge of the Children's Library, be increased from 27s 6d. to 30s. per week.

(h) That expenditure on repairs to the Jubilee Tower, amounting to £3 17s. 6d., be approved.

(i) That the further expenditure additional to Contract for contingencies in connection with the reslating to roof, amounting to £1 2s. 0d., be approved.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—" The Producer "—Resolved, That the offer of the Gloucester Industrial and Co-operative Society, Ltd., to present a copy of " The Producer," monthly, be accepted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd October, 1925. Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Miller, Capt. True and Yarnold ; Miss M. H. Miller ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies: Messrs. E. Gridley and A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair). Alderman Clara Winterbotham (Chairman of the Art. Gallery and Museum Committee) also attended.

4—Librarian and Curator-- Resolved, on the recommendation of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, That the Salary of the Librarian and Curator be increased from £355 to £400 per annum as from 9th November next.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd October, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Miller, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Accountant dated 23rd inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £33,131 11s. 4d. Excused, irrecoverable and void £670 4s. Leaving outstanding £145 0s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 2gth ult. Amount collected £15,967 1s. 9d. Abatement, defaulters and voids £301 2s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £4,352 9s. 6d.

3—Loans—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. Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £1,300 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting £1,515 had been received for new Housing Bonds at 4 ¾ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date ..	£20,065
New Bonds ..	<u>£7,800</u>
Total	£27,865

Resolved, That this be approved.

5—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Accountant reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during September was 4,546.

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6—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanctions to the following Loans ;—

Date, 1925	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
8th October	Purchase of Field Lodge, Perry's Meadow and The Orchard.	£1,596	60 years.
"	Purchase of Buildings on Field Lodge Property.	£500	20 years.

7--Education Act, 1921—Scholarships—Read, letter of 110th 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 £687 10s. 3d., in connection with the instruction of Scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar Schools, Resolved, That this be agreed to.

8—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock - The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : -£2,515 14s. 6d. at 66 5/8 per cent., plus expenses £6 9s. 10d., and £100 at 66 ½ per cent., plus expenses 5s. 6d. Resolved, That the sum of £2,615 14s. 6d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, 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.

9—Payments to Contractors—Resolved, That at any time an Order drawn on the Borough Treasurer for payment of a sum to a Contractor on an Architect's or Engineer's Certificate shall be valid if signed by any three Members of the Finance Committee.

10—Superannuation Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the first half-year's working of this Fund (1st April to 30th

September, 1925) was as follows:—

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
5 per cent. Contributions from Employees	905 8 0	Superannuation Allowances—	
		Officers ..	175 12 2
		Servants ..	<u>547 6 2</u>
			722 18 4
5 per cent. from Employer	905 8 0	Refund of Contributions	8 14 6
Half-year's Contributions to Sinking Fund	1580 0 0	Transfer Value : H. W. Watts	19 12 3
		Balance Available	<u>2639 10 11</u>
	£3390 16 0		£3390 16 0

Resolved, That £2,500 of the balance be appropriated to the loan for New Filter Beds at Hayden Sewage Farm, at interest at 4 per cent. per annum.

11—County Rate Basis —The Town Clerk reported that he attended a Meeting of the County Rate Basis Committee at Gloucester on 10th inst.

12—Land Tax—The Town Clerk reported that the Land Tax on the Cottage Site, Swindon Road, assessed at 10 ³/₄ d. per annum, had been redeemed for the lump sum payment of £1 2s. 5d.

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 23rd inst. Present : Aldermen Steel (in the chair) and Taylor and Councillor Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL.

Chairman.