

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd December, 1925.

Sir.

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council. to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on the 7th day of December, 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 Statutory 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 to make an Order in pursuance of Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, authorising the use as Parking Places for Vehicles of the Streets set out in Minute No. 12 and to authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to Regulations made thereunder.

Also to consider application from Mr. L. A. Soper (Trading as Willows) of is Winchcomb Street for a licence to deal in Game. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 9th November, 1925, at 12 Noon. Present :

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

Aldermen Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Yates, Pruen, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

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

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 2nd inst. of the following as Councillors :—

Henry Thomas Yarnold for the North Ward :

Walter James Manser Dicks for the Central Ward :

William Sawyer for the East Ward :

Leigh James for the South Ward :

Alfred Mann for the Middle Ward : and

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

Robert Steel, 1 Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, Esquire, J.P. 16

James Stewart, 9 Bayshill Terrace, Cheltenham, Esquire... 16

Peter Philip Taylor, Creden, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, House Agent.. 16

The Mayor accordingly declared the said Robert Steel, James Stewart and Peter Philip Taylor to be elected Aldermen. The newly elected Aldermen then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

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
“ Stewart	Central Ward
“ Taylor	East Ward
“ Clara Winterbotham	South Ward

“ Bendall Middle Ward, and
“ Steel West Ward

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6—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 30th October 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.

7—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.

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, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, 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 Firths (Extension) Act. 1915, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing Acts, 1890 to 1925, 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 3 of the Housing, Act, 1925.

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.

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To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

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

Housing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and 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, Miller, Pates, 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, Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Boo•, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. K. McArthur, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby.

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Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, 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.

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 to 1925.

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 Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Montpellier Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and to enforce the provisions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage any matters in connection with the Mineral Waters under the control of the Corporation.

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

To consider and report upon all matters in connection with the Chelt Improvement Scheme.

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, Dunn, Mann, Miller, Moore, Captain Trye and Welstead, 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.

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 Stewart Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore, Pates and Sawyer, 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, 1822, 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, Leigh James, 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.

Allotments Committee--Resolved, That the following do form the Allotments Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard. H. J. Waine 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.

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Burial Board committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :— Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Mann, Miller, 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 Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Pruen and Welstead 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 Superannuation Scheme, 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:—Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh- Mainwaring, Mann, Miller, Pates, Captain Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold ; Rey. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, J.P., A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh, B.A., and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Captain Trye and Whitaker ; with The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., Dr. R. Davies, Col. J. C. Griffith, Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez as Consulting members, and that their powers and duties be as follow, : 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Resolved, also, That Mr. H. V. Page be appointed a Member of the Education Committee on the nomination of the President and Council of Cheltenham College, in the place of the Rev. R. L. Hodson, resigned ; That Mrs. E. M. Pruen be appointed a Member of the Committee as a woman having experience in Education, in place of Miss Edith M. H. Geddes, resigned ; That the Rev. W. E. Beck be re-appointed a Member of the Committee, as representing the Managers of Non-provided Schools, his term of office having expired and that Mr. G. Blagg be re-appointed a Member of the Committee, as being a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools, his term of office having expired ; all the appointments to expire on the 9th November, 1928.

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, 1926, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 7th December, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th November, 1925 : Present : The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Miller, Moore and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Lavatory Accommodation— (a) The Town Clerk reported that since the Meeting of the Council on the 30th ult., he had received an offer from Mr. Joseph Wheway to sell No. 7 Clarence Parade (with entrances in Post Office Lane and Clarence Parade) together with the piece of land adjoining, now used as Cycle stores, for the sum of £700.

The Committee inspected the property and also No. 25 Clarence Street. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer acceptance of the offer of No. 25 Clarence Street pending further consideration by the Committee.

(b) Read, Memorial from 12 Shopkeepers in Clarence Street protesting against the conversion of No. 25 Clarence Street into a Public Lavatory,

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th November, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

3—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Thomas, Whitaker 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.

4—**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.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th November, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Yarnold (Councillor Pruett in the chair).

5—**Farms Sub-Committee**—(a) Resolved, That Councillors Moore and Pruen be added to this Sub-Committee.

(b) Rota Committee—Resolved, That a Rota of this Committee consisting of three Members visit the Farms on the Tuesday following the first Monday of each month, leaving the Municipal Offices at 2 p.m., and that Members not on the Rota for any particular month be at liberty to attend.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:-4 Lansdown Place ; 1 Victoria Cottages, St. Paul's Road ; 3 Princes Terrace, Princes Road ; 25 Glenfall Street ; 15 Keynsham Street ; Garden Cottage, Montpellier Retreat and 2 Retreat Cottages.—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.

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

8--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 3 Brunswick Street ; Andover Dairy and Workshop adjoining ; and 7 to 12 Andover 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) 25 St. James's Street ; 79 Brunswick Street ; and 9 and 19 Corpus Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

(c) 8 Northwick Terrace-- The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, viz.—Messrs. Moore Bros. £92 0s. 0d. ; Messrs. Mealing & Co. £68 10s. 0d. ; and Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. £58 9s. 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.

(d) 11 to 31 Naunton Crescent and Sandford Cottage—The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for work specified to be done under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, viz.—Messrs. Moore Bros. £206 12s. 0d. ; Messrs. Mealing & Co. £182 16s. 6d. ; Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. £165 9s. 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.

(e) 9 Russell Place—Read, letter of 21st ult., from Messrs. Steel & Broom on behalf of the Owner (Mrs. E. S. Moulder), asking the Corporation to make the cost of works executed at the above premises repayable by instalments. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the expenses of the Sanitary work executed at these premises, amounting to £23 1s. 0d., to be Private Improvement Expenses chargeable on the premises, to be repayable by instalments within a period not exceeding four years, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, until the whole amount is repaid.

9-Insanitary Property—Garden Cottage. Montpellier Retreat ; 1, 7 and 8 Montpellier Retreat ; 43 and 44 Montpellier Villas ; 1 and 2 Retreat Cottages. Montpellier Retreat ; 10 and 11 Sidney Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Fairlight Cottages ; 1 and 3 Princes Terrace, Princes Road ; and Cumberland House, Grove Street.----The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 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.

10--Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1 and 2 Forge Cottages, Milsom Street—The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health of the inmates 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) 1 Limbrick Cottages--Resolved, That the question of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for a further six months.

(c) 28 Rutland Street and 21 Bath Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done to the premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made on 3rd December, 1923. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for ejectment against the tenants.

11--Notices not complied with--The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, 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.

12 --Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 154 lbs. beef; 112 lbs. mutton ; 336 lbs. pork ; and 9 tins of meat and fish.

13---Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-- Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. Weston, 9 St. Anne's Promenade, to be registered as a Dairyman, be granted.

14—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—The Medical Officer of Health reported that samples of " Certified" Milk, taken during the Summer months, had given variable bacteriological results. He had made investigation and the facts had been reported to the Ministry of Health.

15—Brooklyn Road—Sewer—The Town Clerk reported negotiations between Mr. J. G. Villar and the District Valuer, with regard to claim by Mr. J. R. Brown for compensation in respect of the portion of the sewer laid through his land, and recommended payment of £42 in settlement of the claim. Resolved, That this be approved.

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16-Public Health Act, 1925—The Town Clerk recommended the adoption of Parts II. to V. (inclusive) of this Act. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that special Notice of the Meeting and of the intention to propose the Resolution of adoption be given,, as required by Section 5 of the Act.

17—Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915 -Read, letter of 26th ult., from the County Medical Officer of Health, suggesting alternative procedure for the taking of samples under this Act, and asking to be informed of the views of the Corporation in regard thereto. Resolved, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report at the Meeting of the Committee in December next.

18—Lavatory Accommodation—(a) The Committee further considered offer from Mr. Joseph Wheway to sell No. 7 Clarence Parade, together with piece of land adjoining, for £700, together with report as to the adaption of the premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain provisional Contract for purchase of the property. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans and obtain estimates for the work for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on 30th inst.

(b) Imperial Square—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and estimate for setting back the entrance Gates to the Winter Garden Grounds on the West side of the

Town Hall to enable the Gentlemen's Lavatory to be kept open continuously, and, also, designs for Direction Notices thereto, to be placed in the Promenade and elsewhere.

19—Bye-Law for the Prevention of Fouling of Footways by Dogs—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Home Office, suggesting the addition of the following paragraph to the draft Bye-Law, viz :— " This Bye-Law shall cease to be in force after the First day of December, 1927, unless a Bye-Law confirming and continuing its provisions has been duly made and come into force before that date," And, also, that the Council should consider whether the proposed Bye-Law was a proper one to ask the Police to enforce and,, if not, what other steps could be taken for its enforcement. Resolved, That this be agreed to, that the Common Seal be affixed to the Bye-Law, that application be made to the Home Office for confirmation thereof, and that the Police be asked to undertake the enforcement of the Bye-Law. (Print of Draft Bye-law accompanies these Minutes).

20—Unexercised Borrowing Powers—Read, memorandum of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the Sanction, dated 19th March, 1903, to a loan of £500 for the extension of the Abattoir, which had not been exercised, and to the unexercised portion of the Sanction, dated 3rd October, 1910, to a Loan of 1£8,400 for sewerage works, in respect of which only £7,000 had been borrowed, and suggesting that if it was not intended that the Council should borrow any further moneys, the Sanctions should be returned for cancellation. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, with an intimation that this Committee desire to retain the borrowing powers in respect of sewerage works but agree to the extinction of the Sanction in respect of the Abattoir.

21—Farms Manager—Motor Cycle Allowance—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be allowed an annual sum of £10 for the running expenses of and repairs to his motor cycle.

22-----**Farms Sub-Committee** —Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present-- Councillors Leigh James and Yarnold

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

Farms Managers Report-- Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 9th inst. : 11 Horses (2 at Depot) ; 75 head of cattle, 1 calf and 1 bull ; 146 sheep, and 27 Pigs, all doing very well. 10 lambs and 1 bull had been purchased for £42, and other purchases amounted to £29 1s. 3d. Total Purchases £71 1s. 3d. 2 fat cows, 1 heifer in calf, 15 wethers and 10 lambs had been sold for £177 5s. 7d.

Requisitions—(a) The Farms Manage' reported that the Veterinary Surgeon had attended horse "Short," and advised that it be sold for slaughter. Resolved, That that the Farms Manager be authorised to sell for slaughter at the best possible price.

(b) The Farms Manager reported that F. Mason's house was unfit for habitation. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

Orchard, Hayden Knoll—Resolved, That the Orchard at Hayden Knoll, formerly rented by the late William Mason, be let to his son, Mr. Charles Mason, at a rent of £8 per annum, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Veterinary Surgeon—Read, quotation from Mr. T. J. Brain for veterinary attendances required for stock on the Farms, amounting to £25 per annum. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

Telephone—Read, quotation from the Post Office Telephones Department for installing a telephone at Hayden Knoll Farm, amounting to £13 per annum, plus calls, the Agreement to be for a period of not less than 3 years.

Resolved, That this be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st December, 1925, Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart and Councillors Farrar and Pruen. (Councillor, Pruen in the chair.)

2 --Lavatory Accommodation—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders received for converting No. 7 Clarence Parade into Public Lavatories for both men and women, including apartments for Caretakers.

Resolved, That a Provisional Contract be entered into with Mr. J. Wheway for the purchase of No. 7 Clarence Parade for £700, subject to loan being sanctioned and to the condition that vacant possession shall be given on completion.

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons (being the lowest) of £1,975 17s. 7d. (including a provisional sum of £100 for contingencies) be accepted, subject to Sanction to loan being obtained.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their Sanction to a loan of £2,675 for the purchase of the property and cost of conversion into Public Lavatories.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. McLaren would raise no objection to windows being constructed in the wall adjoining the passage and yard at the rear of his premises, provided the windows were of opaque glass and so constructed that no persons would be able to look into his premises from the windows, whether open or shut, that no one from his premises would be able to see into the proposed public lavatories, that no soil or other pipe should be fixed outside the wall and that a silent type of flushing box was installed, it being also understood that no adverse rights of light and air should be acquired against him. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore and Pates.

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 Cavenagh-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.
55 Byron Road	Stewart, John	£475
57 “	Ryland, Augustus F.	£475
29 Shakespeare Road	Ross, Mrs. Gladys M.	£475

Resolved, That the offers be accepted, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health 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. 55 and 57 Byron Road and 29 Shakespeare 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: 140 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 158 are let, and of the latter 59 have been sold, leaving 51 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.

(b) 5 Orchard Terrace—An offer to purchase this house was also received. Resolved, That the same be not accepted.

(c) 36 Byron Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Secretary, Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. Ltd., stating that the Purchaser of this house, Mr. J. Barrett, desired to install a hot-water system and that the Building Society had agreed to advance a further £25 to meet the cost thereof, and asking if the Corporation guarantee might apply to this sum. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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5--Shop Sites—(a) An offer was received from Mr. W. H. Alston to purchase the plot of land on the South-East side of Tennyson Road, at its junction with Shakespeare Road, and having a frontage to Tennyson Road of 38 feet and a depth of 102 feet, for £152. Resolved, That (subject to the District Valuer's formal valuation and the consent of the Ministry of Health) the offer be accepted, the sale

to be subject to the same terms and conditions as to buildings as contained in previous Conveyances of Shop sites and that application be made to the Ministry for their consent to the sale, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

(b) The Committer further considered the offer for a site upon which the prospective Purchaser proposed to erect glass houses, referred to in Minute No. 6 of the Committee at their last Meeting. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

6-37 Tennyson Road Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. B. H. Sparrow, tenant of this house, stating that he desired to obtain possession of Mythe Cottage, Malvern Road, and enquiring whether the Corporation would agree to let 37 Tennyson Road to the present tenant of Mythe Cottage. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Housing, etc., Act, 1923-4— (a) Subsidy House, Old Bath Road—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. H. B. Porter, in respect of a house to be erected by him in Old Bath Road for his own occupation containing 945 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 6.8 to the acre.

(b) Period—Read, letter of 31st 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 31st March, and completed by 30th September, 1926, respectively.

8—Sewers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to construct the necessary sewers in connection with the 60 houses now in course of erection by Mr. W. Drew.

9—Brooklyn Road—Land--Read, letter of 4th inst., from the District Valuer, valuing the frontages of the land forming part of the Housing Estate in Brooklyn Road. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to over the frontages of the whole of the land belonging to the Corporation in Brooklyn Road, at £3 per foot frontage, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notice-boards affixed, advertising the land for sale on these terms.

10—Parlour-type Houses—(a) Read, letter of 4th inst., from the District Valuer, valuing the two pairs of houses in course of erection by Mr. W. Bellamy, in Brooklyn Road.

(b) Read, letter of 10th inst., from Miss A. S. Gilbert, asking if the Corporation would be prepared to erect another pair of houses, adjoining the two pairs in course of erection, Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

(c) 141 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 11th inst., from Mr. S. G. Smith, asking to be granted the first refusal of this house when built. Resolved, That this be agrees to.

11—Fences between Estate and " Hillfields "—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. H. J. White, on behalf of Mrs. Marsland, stating that his Client proposed to erect a corrugated iron fence on two sides of the field adjoining Hillfields," and asking that the concrete posts and wire fence, belonging to the Corporation, should be removed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to remove the fence on the completion of the proposed corrugated iron fence.

12—Spenser Road—Resolved, That tire 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,

13—Surplus Land—Read, letter of 5th ult., from die District Valuer, forwarding map, showing the surplus land taken out of the Assisted Housing Scheme, is as follows:----

48.	712 acres	Portion not to rank for assistance (Edged green).
	2.752	“ Sold (Edged purple).
	19.617	“ Built on (Edged blue).
	8.821	“ Roads (Coloured brown).
	<u>38.630</u>	“ Surplus Land (Edged red).
	118.560	“ Total Area.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1925, Present -The Mayor ;
Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

2 — Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme —The Town Clerk submitted Reports from the District Valuer stating that a voluntary agreement had been negotiated with the Owners for the acquisition of the following properties on payment of the compensation as undermentioned :—No. 85 Stanhope Street £15. 1-4 and 78-81 Stanhope Street £507 and £5 5s. 0d. for Surveyor's fees. 1 —4 St. Peter's Place and 42-44 Stanhope Street £110. 49 and 76 Stanhope Street £22. 77 Stanhope Street £11. 37 Stanhope Street £18 and £2 2s. 0d. for Surveyor's fees, 66--74 Stanhope Street £760 and £13 15s. 0d. for Surveyor's fees. 35 Stanhope Street and land adjoining including severance, re-instatement etc., £436 and £10 10s. 0d. for Surveyor's fees. Strip of land containing 18.70 perches at back of East side of Stan-hope Street including compensation for re-instatement of buildings, re-construction of drainage and sanitary convenience, loss of crops, etc., £120 and £8 8s. 0d. for Surveyor's fees, and he recommended these sums for acceptance. Resolved, That consideration with regard to No. 35 Stanhope Street and land adjoining be adjourned for further information and that the other terms be agreed to subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

The Town Clerk also submitted Reports from the District Valuer in respect of Nos. to-24, 27-29. 45 -- 48, 50-65 and 82-84 Stanhope Street belonging to Mr. Stroud and recommended that an offer of £458 be made and failing acceptance the claim be referred to arbitration. He also recommended that an offer of £23 be made in respect of 25 and 26 Stan-hope Street, belonging to Messrs. Sabatella and failing acceptance that this also be referred to arbitration. He also reported that he had failed to arrange terms in respect of Nos. 5-9, 30, 36, 38--40 and 75 Stanhope Street, but the

Owners had all agreed to accept compensation based on the cleared site Value as determined by an arbitrator in a test case under the Order. Resolved, That an offer he made to Mr. Stroud and Messrs. Sabatella as recommended by the District Valuer and failing acceptance that these claims be referred to arbitration and that in the meantime the other claims be adjourned pending the decision of the arbitrator in the other two cases.

3—Houses --Swindon Road, Elm Street and Malvern Street--Rents—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum as to the rents to be charged for the 16 houses provided under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 (copy of which accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th November, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor : Councillors Dunn and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

4—Houses-- Elm Street, Malvern Street and Swindon Road—Rents—The Committee further considered the rents to be charged for these houses. Resolved, That the rents of the 16 houses to be let under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 be as follows. For the five 3-bedroom houses in Malvern Street 7s a week and for the eleven 2-bedroom houses in Elm Street 5s 6d a week (plus rates and water charges in each case) and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval thereof.

Resolved, also, That in the case of houses provided for the Improvement Scheme the Ministry be asked to approve of the following rents which are only to apply during the tenancies of displaced tenants, viz.. 3-bedroom houses 8s per week ; 2-bedroom houses 6s per week (inclusive of rates and water charges in each case).

5--Land at back of Stanhope Street—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £400 for the land purchased from Mrs. Rees.

6—New Houses—Mr. Malvern submitted plan of layout of the land purchased from Mrs. Rees and plans for erection of 15 houses thereon. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the same.

7—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of a pair of houses on the site of 42-44 Stanhope Street and Nos. 1---4 St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th November, 1925. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Farrar, Mann, Miller, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye and Yarnold

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

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

Plans—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall and Councillor Mann.

Stores and Requisitions—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. 'Frye and Yarnold.

Asphalt Plant —Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

Bye-laws—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann and Yarnold.

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

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 16th October to 12th November, 1925, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th inst., 741 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 960 tons, 18 cwts.).

5—Elm Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the carriageway in front of the houses in course of erection by the Corporation had been widened from 12 to 16 feet, at a cost of £200 (additional to the cost of paving £160). Resolved, That this be approved.

6--- Reddings Road—The Borough Surveyor reported completion of the making up and widening of this road. Resolved, That application be made to the Great Western Railway Co., for payment of their agreed contribution towards the cost of the work.

7—Swindon Road —The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of widening Swindon Road and providing a footpath near the Schools, amounting to £180, inclusive of kerbing, channelling and gravelling the footpath and also iron fencing required by Mr. G. Vizard in consideration of the land to be given up by him. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

8—Montpellier Walk—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 6th inst., from the Midland Bank Ltd. consenting to the fence fronting their premises being set back in line with fences in Montpellier Terrace, subject to the cost thereof being borne by the Corporation. Resolved, That this be agreed

to. The Borough Surveyor reported that he was in communication with the Owners of the other two properties concerned with a view to the fences of their premises being set back to the same line.

9--Wireless Aerial—The Borough Surveyor reported that an aerial had been fixed across the side road adjoining No. 18 Great Norwood Street by or for Mrs. Tilley of Nos. 1 and 2 Silverton Buildings. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write objecting to this and asking for its removal.

10-Karrier" Motor Sweeper—The Committee considered Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated 16th inst., as to the utility initial cost and estimated annual maintenance charges of a ' Karrier " mechanical road sweeper and the possible annual saving in the cost of scavenging by the use thereof. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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11 --Telegraph Lines (a) Old Bath Road -Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Superintending Engineer Post Office Telegraphs (Cardiff) asking that in view of the Postmaster General's statutory rights the application for consent to the transfer of an overhead telegraph line in Old Bath Road with five poles, to the roadway be re-considered. Resolved, That consent be given 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.

(b) Kensington Avenue-Read, application of 28th ult., from the Superintending Engineer for consent to the placing of an overhead line along Kensington Avenue with three poles. Resolved, That consent thereto be given on the same terms as in the previous Minute.

12-Petrol Pumps --(a) Leckhampton Road-The application of Mr. V. T. Nicholls for permission to erect two Bowser pumps on his premises with moveable delivery arms extending over the footpath in Leckhampton Road was further considered.

(b) Bath Street-Read, application of 20th ult., from Mr. Leslie Paynter for permission to erect a " Shell " petrol distributing pump on his premises in Bath Street with a moveable delivery arm over the footpath.

(c) See folk Street -Read, application of 23rd ult., from Mr. T. Smith of Suffolk Street for similar permission for a Gilbert and Barker pump to be erected on his premises in Suffolk Street with moveable delivery arm extending over the foot-path. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to an Agreement being entered into in each case containing the usual conditions.

13--Old Bath Road-Seats--Read, letter of 11th inst., from Councillor Harold Miller suggesting the provision of two additional seats in Old Bath Road. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the sites thereof be selected at the next View Meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL. Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 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.
2093	Robson, S.	Temporary Motor-house, rear of "Dorset House," Pittville Lawn (Amended Plan).
2099	Meats, A. G.	Temporary Motor-house " Mywaye," Pilford Road. (Amended Plan).
2104	Skillicorne, Miss B.	Addition to " Priors Lodge," Cemetery Road.
2105	Porter, H. B.	Detached House. Old Bath Road.
2106	Morris, Mr.	Detached House. Badgeworth Road.
2107	Frost, Mrs.	Temporary Coal and Tool Shed --Eventide," Old Bath Rd.
2108	Bourne, Mrs. M.	Bath-room addition to " Oakhurst," Old Bath Road.
2109	Long, C.	Alterations to No. 322 High Street.
2110	Mercer, L.	Additions to " Shelburne Hall," Lansdown Road.
2111	International Stores, Ltd.	Alterations to No. 340 High Street.
2112	Cole & Kendall	Additions to "Karlyton" and "Eversleigh," Ewlyn Road.
2113	Yeates, A.	Detached House. Old Bath Road.
2114	Trigg, C. F. and A. J.	Two Semi-detached houses, Whaddon Lane.
2115	Paynter, L.	Show-room and Workshop, 29 Bath Street.
2116	Cox, Mrs.	Temporary Motor-house, Cranham Road, rear of "Woodchester Lawn," Hales Road

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2105, 2110, 2112, 2113 and 2114 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2104, 2108, 2109 and 2111 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 2106 be approved subject to the drainage and septic tank being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plans No. 2093, 2099, 2107 and 2116 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. 2116 be further subject to a proper crossing being provided over the footpath, and that Plan No. 2115 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th November, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair). Mr. Claude Chandler and also the following Members of the Floral Fete Committee attended, viz : Messrs. E. Baring (Chairman), H. H. Chandler, C. C. Footit (Hon. Treasurer) and Mrs. E. H. Bisset (Hon. Secretary).

1--Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fete—Resolved, That the use of these Gardens be granted to the Floral Fête Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on the following terms, namely :—

The Floral Fete Committee to have the free use of the Gardens on the 30th June and 1st July next, (all tennis players to be excluded) and also the use of the Gardens on the 28th and 29th June and 2nd July for the erection and removal of tents, (including any tennis courts required).

Tents—The Fete Committee to be permitted to erect on the Tennis Courts, four large tents for floral exhibits, subject to their taking all necessary steps to protect the turf, and making good any damage. The Band engaged by the Fete Committee not to play except between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. and 6.45 and 8.45 p.m. The Fete Committee to include in their posters, programmes, etc., announcements of Mr. Chandler's performances at the Pavilion. The Fete Committee to have the use of the pay box at the entrance. Resolved, also, That the hirers of tennis courts at these Gardens be allowed to commence the next Season one week earlier than usual if the ground is suitable for play.

Concert Pavilion-- Resolved, That the following arrangements with Mr. Chandler for the Fete Days be approved :--Mr. Chandler's performances to be given between the hours of a and 3 p.m., 5 and 6.45 p.m. and 8.45 and 11 p.m.. tickets for his performances to be issued at the Pavilion, and not to include admission to the Gardens, and the Band of the Floral Fete to be allowed to play as mentioned in the previous Minute.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th November, 1925: Present—The Mayor : Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead

2—Chairman --Resolved, That Alderman Stewart be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th November, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Miller, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

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

Montpellier Baths Councillors Miller and Sawyer

Montpellier Gardens .. Councillors Pruen and Thomas

Town Hall and Winter Gardens .. Alderman Stewart and Councillor Pates

Alstone Baths .. The Mayor and Alderman Stewart

5—Winter Garden—Lease—Messrs. E. Baring and H. F. Midwinter attended on behalf of the Winter Garden Company, Ltd., and the following terms for a new lease to the Company were arranged :

Term—New Lease for ten years as from the 29th September, 1925.

Rent—£600 per annum, the Lessees to pay rates and taxes ; the Corporation to have the option of taking over the Central portion of the building and the South Transept or one or the other of these portions on three months' notice. A reduction of £250 to be made in the rent if both portions taken, £150 if the Central portion taken and two if the South Transept is taken.

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Entrance Hall —In the event of the Corporation exercising their option mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the Corporation to have the sole use of the Entrance Hall and to provide a new vestibule for the use of the Lessees as an entrance to the Cinema.

Other Terms—The other terms of the lease to be as in the present lease so far as applicable.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to these terms.

6 --Shop next Montpellier Baths—An application was received from Mr. and Miss Dymond for consent to the tenancy of this shop being taken over by Mr. Herbert Reece, of Sharpness at the same rent and upon the same terms as in present agreement. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the agreement containing a provision that the Tenant shall not exhibit nor allow to be exhibited any entertainment or other advertisement boards outside the premises.

7—Chelt Improvement Scheme The Town Clerk submitted Schedule and plan showing the Owners of riparian rights who had consented, consented conditionally, refused consent, and not replied to the circular sent to them in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on 22nd ult. Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Stewart), The Mayor and Councillor Miller be deputed to interview the Owners whose consents are still outstanding, with a view to obtaining their consents.

8-- Conferences —(a) Incorporated Sales Managers' Association—Resolved, That an invitation be given to this Association to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in June or July next year, and that the free use of the accommodation required at the Town Hall be granted to them.

(b) National Federation of Builders' Merchants — Resolved, That the free use of the Large Hall on the evening of Wednesday, 16th June next and of the Supper Room on the whole of the following day be granted for a Reception and Business Session and Dinner in connection with this Conference ; also, that the free use of Pittville Gardens be granted on Friday, 18th June and, if a Municipal Orchestra is engaged for the next Season, that arrangements be made for the Orchestra to play at the Gardens on that date, the usual charges for chairs to be retained by the Corporation.

9—Town Hall --(a) Benefit --Read, application from Mrs. E. M. McLellan, on behalf of several Teachers of Dancing, for the use of the Town Hall for a Dance as a benefit to Mr. Leo Dawes. Resolved, That this be granted in substitution for and on the same terms as hitherto granted in connection with Mr. Dawes' annual benefit, viz : Free of cost, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses for heating, cleaning, lighting and attendance.

(b) Direction Board--The Concerts Sub-Committee recommended that the application of the Chamber of Commerce for permission to provide a portable notice stand in the Entrance Hall, directing visitors to the Bureau be granted. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a sketch for a notice direction stand to all parts of the building.

to—Christmas Dance Teas—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to supply a band of six performers to play at Dance Teas to be held on the 26th, 28th and 30th December and the 2nd, 6th and 9th January next, and also one long night dance to be given on Monday, December 28th, for an inclusive fee of £49 8s. 2d., be accepted.

It—Saturday Night Dances —Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of five performers, with himself as Conductor, to give evening Dances on Saturdays from 8 to 11p.m. from the 7th November to the 27th March next, en sharing terms, he taking 60 per cent. of the gross receipts for admission to the Hall and the Corporation taking 40 per cent. where the attendance does not exceed 99, but when the attendance exceeds 99, the sharing terms to be fifty fifty, be accepted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th November, 1925. Present- The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair). Mr. E. J. Burrow attended.

12-Illustrated Guide—Mr. R. Sanders (Chairman), Mrs. E. H. Bisset (Secretary), Mr. H. W. Bennett and Dr J. S. Kellett Smith attended as a Deputation from the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and proposed that, instead of issuing separate Guides, the Corporation and the Chamber should combine in issuing a superior Guide. The Advertising Committee were prepared to recommend the Chamber to provide up to £400 per annum for two years, for the cost of the Guide and asked that the Corporation should contribute not exceeding £100 per annum for the same period. Resolved, That these proposals be agreed to on the understanding that the Corporation contribute one-fifth of the cost of the Guide, but not exceeding £100 per annum, for two years, and are credited with one-fifth of the net receipts, that the Guide is not issued until the expiration of the present Contract for the Corporation Guides, which will not terminate until June next, and that a joint Committee comprising representatives of this Committee and the Chamber be appointed to supervise the production and issue of the Guide.

13—Town Hall—(a) Unemployed Christmas Fund—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. W. J. Green, applying for the use of the Town Hall and Supper and Refreshment Rooms on Tuesday, 15th December next for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of this Fund. Resolved, That the application be granted on the same terms as in previous years, viz : free of charge, except the cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

(b) Co-operative Societies of Great Britain Conference, 1927—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the General Manager, Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society, Ltd., applying for the free use of the Town Hall and Rooms for a week at Whitsun, 1927, in the event of Cheltenham being chosen for the Conference. Resolved, That the application be granted.

14—Superannuation—The Borough Surveyor reported that John Gardner, Mechanic at the Town Hall, having attained the age of 65 years was due to retire on Superannuation, but it would be more economical for the Corporation to retain his services for at least a year. Resolved, That his services be retained for one year from the 4th November, 1925.

15—Medical Baths—Nauheim Room—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to set back the partition of this room to provide accommodation for an electric bath.

16 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**--The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 27th ult., and 10th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—Christmas Dance Teas—That the sum of £5 be expended for prizes to be awarded at the Fancy Dress Dance Tea on 9th January next.

Boxing Morning Concert—That Chan D'or be engaged to give an entertainment for £2 2s. 0d.

Programme Frames—That one dozen frames be provided, one for the " Lygon Arms," Broadway, the remainder to replace damaged frames at local Hotels, etc.

Town Hall—(a) Dickens Fellowship—That the use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Dickens Fellowship for a series of seven meetings at a reduced charge of £2 2s. 0d. per meeting, plus cost of cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses, subject to the Corporation reserving the right to cancel any of the lettings in the event of the whole building being otherwise let on any of the dates arranged.

(b) English Folk Dance Society—That the use of the Large Hall, Supper Room and Buffet be granted to this Society, free of cost except cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses, on Saturday, 20th March, 1926.

Resolved, That recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, [blank] That ; The Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead.

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS. Mayor.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 18th November, 1925; Present —Councillors Bastin. Dunn. Mann, Miller, Moore, Captain Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair),

2-Coal Contract—Messrs. J. W. Amery (President), J. P. Pates (Hon. Sec.) and R. J. Webb attended as a Deputation from the Local Coal Merchants' Association and made representations as to tenders for coal being invited by advertisement. The Deputation were informed of the Resolution, of the Council on the 3rd July, 1922, giving instructions that coal required by any Department of the Corporation should be advertised for in the usual trade journals and local papers.

3—View Meeting—The following Members attended a View Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd inst.--The Chairman (Councillor Moore); Alderman Taylor : Councillors Bastin and Miller.

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

St. George's Road, Bennington Street, North Place, Albion Street, Grosvenor Place South and All Saints' Lamp—That no change be made in the lighting.

Montpellier Rotunda—That a new bracket lamp be placed on the West corner of Barclays Bank premises. if necessary consent is obtained.

Bath Road—That a new lamp be fixed in the lane at the back of Montpellier Terrace opposite Sandford Road (Estimated Cost £31 3s. 5d.)

Norwood Arms—That a new canopy and fitting be provided for this lamp (Estimated cost £8 11s. 0d.).

Fairfield Parade---That the lighting of this road be referred to the Street and Highway Committee with a suggestion that a white fence be erected at the end of the road.

Clarence Square-- -That the lamp at the North corner be changed from 60 to 100 watts

Witcombe Place—That a new lamp be placed at the end of this road (Estimated cost £23 .4s. ad.).

St. Anne's Road—That a new lamp be provided and that the existing lamp at the corner be moved to a more suitable position (Estimated cost £10 1s. 3d.).

Old Bath Road--That seven new lamps be provided and the position of four existing lamps altered (Estimated cost £101 2s. 4d.). Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

Thirlestaine Road—Resolved, also, That an additional lamp be provided in this road.

4— Extension of Mains—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extensions of mains referred to in his Report at the estimated cost of £7 10s. 0d. and £18 2s. 1d. respectively.

5—Electrical Contractors—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on 22nd April last, he had informed local Contractors of the intention of the Corporation to issue a List of Approved Contractors which would only include Registered Contractors, and submitted the following List of Contractors who had obtained registration, viz :—

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Bastin, F. H. & Son, 87 Winchcomb Street.

Coombs, R., 24 Grosvenor Street.

Honeysett, W., Clarence Street.

Marshall, R. E. & C., Ltd., Clarence Street.

Stevens, C., Great Norwood Street.

Tandy, W. H., 14 Bennington Street.

Resolved, That a List of Approved Contractors be issued comprising the names of the foregoing firms, that the names of other firms who may obtain registration in the future be added to the List and that the various Departments of the Corporation be supplied with a copy of the List for their guidance in placing future work..

6—Boilers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported further as to the boiler plant capacity at the Electricity Works and stated that his estimate previously submitted to the Committee of the probable steam requirements this Winter was being confirmed. This estimate showed that the maximum demand on the boilers in December would be just over 50,000 lbs. per hour, while the effective capacity of the boilers at present installed after allowing for spare plant was 51,000 lbs. per hour In view of the increasing output it would therefore be necessary to install an additional boiler before next Winter. By removing Nos. 8 and 9 boilers (erected in 1902) which were hand-fired and had a combined steam capacity of 10,000 lbs. per hour, it would be possible to install a new boiler having a capacity of 35,000 lbs. per hour, but this would involve raising a portion of the boiler house roof from its present height of 23 ft. to a height of 50 ft.

He also recommended that the new boiler should be constructed for a working pressure of 250 lbs. per square inch and a superheat of 200 degrees Fahr., as this would enable further economies in steam consumption to be effected. He estimated that the total cost of the boiler, including draught fans, economiser and chimney, together with the necessary building alterations would be £11,450, and he recommended that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a Loan for this amount. The Loan under which Nos. 8 and 9 boilers were originally purchased would expire on 31st March, 1926.

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer's recommendations and estimates be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their Sanction to a Loan of £1,450.

7—Transformer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had purchased an almost new transformer, no longer required by the Hastings Corporation, for £50. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Electric Lamp Standards—(a) Worcester Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a standard at the corner of Worcester Street and Swindon Road on the 6th inst., amounting to £5 15s. 5d. caused by a milk float belonging to Mr. R. Minett of Elmstone Hardwicke.

(b) Malvern Road—He also reported damage to a standard near Malvern Road Bridge on the 6th inst., amounting to £7 19s. 0d caused by a G.P.O. motor mail van.

(c) Portland Street— He also reported damage to a standard at corner of Portland Street and Clarence Road on the 12th inst., amounting to 48 19s. sd. caused by a motor car belonging to Dr. Soden of Winchcomb.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim and, if necessary, take proceedings for recovery of damage in each case

9—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th and 31st ult., 14th and 16th inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates, respectively, to be 466.1, 469.2, 471.0 and 476.9 and the pressure 4.6, 5.0, 5.1 and 5.5 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th November, 1925, Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen-Bendall and Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Moore.

1-Chairman—Resolved, That The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Margrett) be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 9th November, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	116,000 gallons	251,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	903,000	1,287,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	28,000	67,000
Total	1,047,000	1,605,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	9th November, 1925.		9th November, 1924.	
Hewletts		12,446,000 gallons		19,196,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 6in.	39,038,000 “	32ft. 0in	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		52.699,000		120,839,000

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

	During October, 1925.	Total for past 6 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	931	7,049
“ taps found leaking	111	732
“ defective flushing boxes	25	121

“ defective stop taps ..	6	47
., draw “ taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	111	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) _	<u>91</u>	
	202	1,073
“ notices served re fittings	56	380
“ meters fixed and changed	22	118
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	106	631
“ burst pipes discovered ..	3	36
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc)	68	337

4 General Repairs--The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month

Mains laid :—Queen's Hotel ; Croft Avenue, Charlton kings.

Sluice Valves fixed	5
Sluice Valves repaired	5
Mains repaired	3
do. washed out	6
Hydrants repaired ..	5

5—Dowdeswell Reservoirs—(a) Obsolete Meters —The Borough Engineer submitted offer from Messrs. Guest and Chrimes, Ltd., of £35 (delivered to Rotherham for the four old meters with valves and breeches pieces.

Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

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6—British Waterworks Association—Read, circular letter of 12th ult., from this Association inviting Delegates to attend the Winter Session of this Association to be held in conjunction with the Public Works Congress and Exhibition on the 20th inst. Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to attend.

7—Withington Corn Rent—Read, letters of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that the Minister was prepared to make an Order of Redemption in this matter on payment of the redemption money amounting to £8 15s. 3d. together with £1 15s. 0d. for the Statutory Copies of the Certificate of Redemption and Office Fee. Resolved, That these amounts be paid.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th November, 1925: Present--The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen and Capt. Trye.

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

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

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

4—**Light Railway (Fares) Sub-Committee** —Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Margrett) ; The Mayor and Councillors Moore and Capt. Trye be appointed the Light Railway (Fares) Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—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—

(i.) Gloucestershire and District Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order, 1925—The Town Clerk reported that an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease occurred at Hardwicke, near Gloucester, on 12th inst., and submitted copy of this Order made by the Minister of Agriculture on that date, which had been published.

(ii.) Midlands and South of England (Regulation of Movement of Animals) Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, made by the Minister of Agriculture on 13th inst., and reported that this had also been published. He also submitted copy of an Order, made by the Minister on 14th inst., setting out the conditions applicable to animals landed at approved landing places in the regulated area to which the first-named Order applied.

(iii.) Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) (Temporary Modification of Restrictions) Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, made by the Minister of Agriculture on 10th inst., together with Circular from the Ministry of 12th inst., with reference thereto, asking that the provisions of the Order requiring the slaughter within 96 hours of arrival of all animals moved with a licence to Slaughterhouses should be strictly enforced. Local Authorities were empowered to reduce this period if they thought fit, as it was desirable that there should be no delay in slaughter. The Town Clerk reported that he had instructed Supt. Lane and the Veterinary Inspector accordingly.

(iv.) Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders—The Town Clerk submitted Orders, relative to various Districts, made by the Minister since the last Meeting.

(v.) Centres of Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum of 13th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, stating that there were ten areas subject to restrictions on account

of outbreaks of disease which had occurred since 25th September, since which date the total number of outbreaks had been 150.

(c) Animals (Transit and General) Amendment Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, made by the Minister of Agriculture on 27th October, which suspended the operation of the Animals (Transit and General) Amendment Order, 1925 (No. 2), until the 1st January next.

(d) Disinfection of Railway Trucks and Railway Loading Banks—A copy of an Order made by the Minister of Agriculture on 22nd ult., with reference to the disinfection of Railway Trucks and Railway Loading Banks used for imported animals, was submitted

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6-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.
1st November	Queen's Hotel (Roof)	£50-£100	£5 16s. 6d.
16th November	Hawkesworth, Eldorado Road	Unascertainable	£4 15s. 0d.

The Brigade had also been called to a farm fire at Farmcote, near Winchcomb, on 13th November, but the Brigade had not attended as this was in a non-contributory area.

(b) Attendance at Fires in Non-contributory Areas—Minute No. 2 (b) of the Committee at their Meeting on 21st October last, was again considered. Resolved, That the Resolution of the Committee at their Meeting on 18th December, 1923, viz., That the Brigade should not attend outbreaks of Fire in the Northleach, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb Rural Districts, be adhered to, and that the Captain be instructed accordingly.

7---Market—Shed—Read, letters of 10th and 13th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle, stating that he had acquired a suitable shed for his use at the Market, and enclosing particulars thereof. Resolved, That the shed be viewed by the Market Sub-Committee, and that they be authorised to approve of the same and also of the site thereof.

8---Bunting —The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the supply of bunting, etc., and reported that, in consultation with the Chairman, he had accepted the tender of Messrs. Joseph Cookson, Ltd., amounting to £50. Resolved, That this be approved.

9—Petrol Licence —Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, That the application of Mr. T. Smith for a licence to store Soo gallons (pump storage) of petroleum, at his premises in Suffolk Street, be granted.

10—Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library Committees--Resolved, That ex-Alderman E. C. Green be appointed a Consulting Member of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee and that he be also appointed a Member of the Public Library Committee.

11—Speed Limit—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Ministry of Transport, stating that it was the intention of the Minister, if Parliamentary business permitted, to introduce at an early date legislative proposals in regard to the regulation of motor vehicles on public roads.

12—Parking of Motors--The Town Clerk reported that due notice had been published of the intention of the Corporation to make an Order under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1923 authorising the use as Parking Places for Private Motor Cars of the following streets, viz.:---
Promenade : Inner Road (along the side adjoining Garden, except at Central Path-way Entrances).
Imperial Square Along East and South sides, adjoining Winter Garden Grounds (except in front of gate entrance).
Cambray : Centre of Carriageway in portion of road South of its junction with Bath Street.
Montpellier Walk : Inner Road, adjoining kerb on East side (being opposite side to the shops).
No objections had been received in respect of the first three mentioned roads but Objections had been received from Mr. G. F. Gauntlett of No. 14 Montpellier Walk and Mr. C. Norman of 15 Montpellier Walk, both of these objectors were occupiers and not owners. He also reported that he had received a Memorial from 28 owners and occupiers in Montpellier Walk asking that this Road should be included in the Order. Resolved, That an Order be made under the Common Seal authorising the use as Parking Places of the above-mentioned streets subject in the case of Montpellier Walk to the formal consent of the Owners being obtained. Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be fixed to the Regulations for the use of the Parking Places, already approved by the Council.

13 —Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Fares—The Report of the Sub-Committee, appointed at the last Meeting, was considered (Copy Report accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the application be not opposed, subject to the Company entering into an Agreement as to limitation of Fares, containing the same terms as the Agreement dated 12th December, 1924, and to the Order containing a condition providing that the Company should not, without the consent of the Ministry of Transport, charge fares exceeding or appoint stages of distance other than those set out in the Agreement, be approved and adopted.

14—Congestion of Traffic—The Committee further considered Mr. McCormick's suggestions as to alteration of motor omnibus routes Resolved, That no action be taken.

15—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Messrs. R. Board (Second Assistant, Town Clerk's Department) and T. H. K. Woolhouse (Cemetery Supt.), be added to the Certificate of Exception, they having completed three years' service on 20th inst., and 13th September last, respectively.

16--National Health Insurance Act—Resolved, That Mr. F. W. Bull (Junior Clerk, Town Clerk's Department), be added to the Certificate of Exception.

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17—Shops Acts—(a) Christmas Holidays—Read, circular letter of 9th inst., from the Home Office, stating that an Order had been made under Section 1 (1) of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, suspending operation of the General Early Closing Order from Friday, December 18th to Thursday, December 24th, inclusive.

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Secretaries, Grocers' Association for Cheltenham and District, urging that prosecutions should be taken to prevent evasions of the Acts. Resolved, That they be informed that the Committee had already given instructions for proceedings to be taken in cases of further infringement by persons who had been warned.

18-Christmas Holidays—Resolved, That the Municipal Offices be closed from Thursday, 24th December to Tuesday, 29th December.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th November, 1925 : Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine 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 Ward Councillor Yarnold and Mr. F. Vizard.

East Ward Councillor Dunn and Mr. E. M. Yeend.

South Ward Councillor Farrar and Mr. F. W. Clarkson.

West Ward Messrs. J. Waine and F. Vizard.

3—North Ward Allotments—Read, Report of Mr. J. Pounsett on his inspection of all these allotments which were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

(a) Crab Tree Piece—Resolved, That allotments Nos. 3, 4 and 5 be divided and that two chains be let to Mr. Minett, subject to his giving up his present allotment. Allotment No. 192—Resolved, That this allotment be transferred to Mr. F. V. Gibbard.

(b) Baglin's Piece--Read, letter from Mr. Baylis that he was having the dangerous elm tree at the entrance to these allotments cut down,

(c) Creamery Piece—Read, letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis that he was quite willing for the tenant of allotment No. 53 to cut down and remove the trunk of the old pollard ash on his allotment.

(d) Gappers Field—Read, letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis, that he did not wish to remove the trees bounding these allotments having regard to the low price of timber but that he was willing for the Corporation to lop the trees overshadowing the allotments. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lop the trees he considers necessary.

4 —Orrisdale Terrace—Resolved, That allotment No. 25 be transferred to Mr. F. W. Crumpton in place of his present allotment.

5—Additional Land—Read, letter from Mr. Villar as to enquiries he had made as to any suitable land available. Resolved, That he be asked to approach the owners of the Rainbow Field and of the land in Hale's Road now occupied by the Gloucester Dairy Co.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th November, 1925: Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead.

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

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 .. Councillor Welstead.

Naunton Park .. Alderman Steel and Councillor Leigh James.

Whaddon Lane .. Councillors Dunn and Sawyer.

3--Promenade Long Garden (a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Vizard had supplied sufficient Pansies for planting the four circular beds in this garden free of cost and obligation.

(b) The Chairman reported that he had received complaints that bicycles were left inside the War Memorial enclosure. Resolved, That the attention of the Police be called to this with a view to the practice being stopped.

4—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—(a) Bandstand --Resolved, That the visitors be asked to inspect and report as to the removal of this bandstand stated to be in a very dilapidated condition.

(b) Tree--Resolved, also, That the Visitors be asked to inspect a tree complained of by Mr. R. E. Eastoe of "Merlin Villa," Naunton Park Road, as overshadowing his garden.

5—Pittville Estate--Flamingos—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Flamingo ordered to replace the one that died had arrived and appeared to be quite at home, and that their winter shelter was in course of preparation.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th November, 1925 : Present--The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart ; Councillor Major Cavanagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and Geo. Dimmer.

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

2—Meetings —Resolved, That the monthly meeting of this Committee be held on Friday in the week following the week of the Council Meeting at 11 a.m.

3—Christmas Holidays--Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

4—Curator's Report—Visits— During October 3,586 (against 3,620) ; daily average 133 (against 134), including Students from Cheltenham Grammar Schools (Boys'), Ladies' College, Central School (Girls') and Widden Street School, Gloucester.

Receipts-- Post Cards 11s; Collecting Box 11s 2d. ; Sale of Catalogues 4s 3d.

Leslie Young Benefaction—Injurious Insects—The Authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum had approved of a grant-in-aid for purchase of these specimens and had asked that the purchase should be completed by 10th December next so as to qualify for this year's allocation The cost would be £12 1s. 0d., towards which it was expected to receive 40 or 50 per cent. from the grant. Resolved, That the specimens be purchased

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Stained Glass—The fragments of stained glass sent to the Vicar of Deerhurst in June, 1924 had been returned as in the opinion of experts, who had examined same the evidence that the glass had formed part of the windows of Deerhurst Church was only slight.

Exhibitions--The Exhibition of works by the Cheltenham Group of Artists would close on the 14th inst., and would be followed by an Exhibition of Prize Drawings from the Royal Institute of British Architects together with examples of work by Members of the Gloucestershire Architectural Association which would remain open until the 27th inst.

5—Donations—The following donations had been received Mr. E. F. Barnfield, Cheltenham Token, John Bishop & Co. 1812, 5 cents. U.S.A., 1916 ; Mr. J. G. Hawkins, Quern-stone found at Charlton Kings ; Miss C. M. Matthews, Framed photograph of Laying of Foundation Stone of Public Library in 1887 ; Mr. J. L. Smith, A Sickle circa 1850 and a flail or "dresher " circa, 1820.

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

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th November, 1925. Present: The Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Farrar, Mann, Miller, Welstead and Yarnold,

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th November, 1925: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Miller, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (23rd October to 20th November). Interments 47 ; Exclusive Rights in 21 graves sold (first class 5, second class 2 and fourth class 14). Monuments erected 15. New Inscriptions 7.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7266 to 7287 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Selby J. Newman and Agnes M. Holman ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Mary A. Thompson and Kerbing to graves of Sarah Pardington, Kathleen Grant and G. H. Barber.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th November, 1925: Present—Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann and Pates ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh.

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

2 —**Sub-Committee**----Resolved, That Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mann ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies and Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 5s. 3d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,450 (last year 5,207) ; Lending Library 52,560 (last year 10,623) ; Juvenile Library 2,221 (last year 1,828). Total for month 19,231 (last year 17,658).

Replacements--During the month, 125 volumes had been replaced and 217 volumes rebound.

Lectures—The second of the Winter Series of Lectures was given on the 2nd. inst, by Mr. William Bellows on " The Alps " and was attended by 230 people ; at this Lecture the Optical Lantern presented by the late Mr. Beetham was used and proved satisfactory.

Presentations—Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (16 guides) ; Gloucester County Council (1 vol.) ; Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S. (2 vols.) ; Shivaji Literary Memorial Committee (1 vol.) ; Captain Stokes, R.N. (16 vols.) ; Mrs. Webb (11 vols.) Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4---Staff---(a) The Librarian reported that failing to obtain a shorthand typist he had continued the services of the temporary assistant (Miss Green) at 10s. per week and engaged Miss Parry, who had good educational qualifications, at a wage of 12s. 6d. per week, subject to her becoming proficient in Shorthand and Typewriting. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) The Librarian reported that Miss M. Millward had volunteered to give 2 ½ hours service on Saturday afternoons without payment to enable her to gain an insight into Library Routine. Resolved, That this be approved.

5—Purchase of Books-- Resolved, (a) That 47 new volumes published at £20 8s. 6d. be purchased for £10 10s. 8d.

(b) That 140 vols. be rebound at a cost of £20.

6—Christmas Holidays Resolved, That the Libraries and Newspaper Room be closed on December 25th, 26th and 28th.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th November, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore and Welstead.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Steel 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 Tuesday, 24th November, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2--General District Rate—Read, Report of Borough Accountant, dated 24th inst. on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,428 10s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £28,463 9s. 2d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £3,897 10s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £14,498 13s. 3d.

4—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £200 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 £1,500 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £935 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £3,495 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date	£21,000
New Bonds	<u>£11,295</u>
Total ..	£32,295

Resolved, That this be approved.

6—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Accountant reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during October was 4,075-

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock -The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. £885 at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., plus expenses £2 6s. 3d. Resolved, That the sum of £885 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.

8—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 a second pair of parlour-type houses in Brooklyn Road.

9—District Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the District Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1925. The only matters to which the attention of the Council was particularly called were (a) Contribution by the Electricity Undertaking to the Salaries Account in respect of the Services of the Town Clerk's Department and the Rate Collectors and Water Charges and (b) Objection by Mr. George Bradfield to expenditure of £11 7s. 0d. being the purchase price of two wicket gates fixed on the Chelt footpath. The matter referred to in (a) had already been dealt with by Resolutions of the Electricity Committee confirmed by the Council on 5th October last and in the case of (b) The District Auditor had allowed the expenditure objected to by Mr. Bradfield.

10—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Parlour-type Houses, Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Ministry of Health, intimating that the further two houses in course of erection in Brooklyn Road, would be eligible for financial assistance under Section 1 of this Act subject to their complying with the prescribed conditions and to their Icing completed by 30th September, 1926.

(b) Government Contribution—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that in so far as lump sums grants of £75 were paid out of monies borrowed by means of short term mortgages carrying interest for the time being of 5 per cent. per annum each grant would be regarded for the purpose of calculation of the Government Contributions as equivalent to an annual payment of £5 17s. 0d. for 20 years, and that instructions had been given for the balance of £1 17s. 0d. for the year ended 31st March last to be paid to the Borough Treasurer.

11—Unexercised Borrowing Powers —Read Memo of 5th inst., from the Ministry of Health with reference to Sanction to a loan of £18,450 for works of Sewerage, dated 3rd October, 1910, of which only £7,000 had been borrowed and Sanction to a loan of £500 for extension of the Abattoir, dated 19th March, 1903, which was wholly unexercised. It was reported that the Public Health Committee desired the first-mentioned Sanction to remain in force but offered no objection to the extinction of the latter. Resolved, That the Ministry of Health be informed accordingly and that the last-mentioned Sanction be returned to the Ministry for cancellation.

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12—Insurance— (a) Depot Buildings and Contents—The Borough Accountant reported that a new inclusive policy covering the Buildings and Contents of the Depot had been taken up with the County Fire Office Ltd., by which the amount insured had been increased from £10,000 to £15,000. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Dowdeswell Filter House—The Borough Accountant also reported that he had insured the Buildings and Contents of the new Filter House for £3,000 with the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. Resolved, That this be approved.

13—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—The Borough Accountant submitted letter of 6th inst., from the Secretary of this Institute inviting the Corporation to nominate two or more Honorary Members of the Institute. Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Steel) and the Mayor be nominated for the year 1926.

14—Report of Accounts Rota Committee--Reported Meeting on 24th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); Councillors Moore and Pruen. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th November, 1925. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

15 —Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925 -The Committee considered the provisions of this Act in its relation to the Superannuation Scheme, together with a Joint Report thereon submitted by the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant (a Copy of which accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to make application for an amending Scheme under the provisions of Section 27, nor to apply for a Certificate of Exception under the provisions of Section 9 (c).

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham will be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, on Monday the 4th day of January, 1926,** at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at which Meeting it is intended to propose the following Resolution for adoption by the Council :-That the following Sections of the Public Health Act, 1925, be and are hereby adopted, namely :-

Part II. Sections 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 35.

Part III. Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

Part IV. Sections 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50.

Part V. Sections 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55.

and that this Resolution of adoption do come into operation as from the 11th day of January, 1926.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 1925.

Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th January, 1926.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1926, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Farrar to move :—That the Co-opted Members of the Allotments Committee be allowed to attend the Monthly Meetings of the Council, at or about the time it is held, to vote or other-wise on any point concerning the working of this Committee.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st December, 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 4th day of January, 1926, 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,

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

NOTE.—The Special Meeting of the Council convened by Notice, dated 3rd December inst., with reference to the adoption of certain Sections of the Public Health. Act, 1925, will be held first.

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 December, 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—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 Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council On the 9th November last having been printed, and a Copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Death of Queen Alexandra—The Mayor reported that he had sent the following telegram to His Majesty The King :—

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" The Mayor of Cheltenham humbly wishes to express on behalf of himself and his fellow townsmen most respectful and heartfelt sympathy to His Majesty The King, and members of the Royal family on learning of their sad loss by the death of Queen Alexandra, who was so greatly beloved ; "

and had received the following reply :—

" It has been a comfort to the King and Queen to receive the kind message of sympathy sent by you on behalf of the citizens of Cheltenham. Please convey to them an expression of their Majesties' heartfelt thanks."

Resolved, That this Council desire to record an expression of their sorrow at the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, who, by her interest in the welfare of the people, and her sympathy for the poor and suffering had endeared herself to the people of this country, and also desire to express their respectful and heartfelt sympathy with His Majesty The King and the Royal Family in the great loss they have sustained.

3—Mr. J. P. Winterbotham, deceased—Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of this Council be conveyed to Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E. and her family in the sad loss sustained by them by the untimely death of Mr. J. P. Winterbotham, formerly a member of this Council.

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

Public Health ... Meetings held November 6, 9, 10 and December 1

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Farrar, seconded by Councillor Dunn : " That Minute No. 23 re Lavatory Accommodation be referred back for further consideration " was lost by 14 votes to 7).

Housing... Meeting held November 12

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meetings " " 12 & 19

Street and Highway Meeting " " 16

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Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held November 6, 9, 13 & 20

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : " That the Resolution to Minute No. 12, with reference to Illustrated Guide, be amended to read as follows :—

Resolved, That these proposals be agreed to on the understanding that the Corporation contribute one-fifth of the cost of the production of the Guide, but not exceeding £100 per annum for two years, and are credited with one-fifth of the gross receipts after deducting the cost of distribution and circulation, that the Guide is not issued until the expiration of the present Contract for the Corporation Guide, which will not terminate until June next, and that a Joint Committee comprising Representatives of this Committee and the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to supervise the production and issue of the Guide.

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Welstead, seconded by Councillor Thomas : " That the words net receipts' be deleted, and the words net profits ' inserted in their place, in Minute No. 12 " was lost).

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : " That Minute No. 16 (b), with reference to use of Town Hall and Rooms by the English Folk Dance Society, be referred back " was lost by 17 votes to 4).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meetings held November 13 & 18

Water ... Meeting held November 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 17

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Moore : " That the Resolution to Minute No. 6 (b) with reference to attendance of Fire Brigade at Fires in Non-contributory Areas, be amended by omitting the words " viz., That the Brigade should not attend outbreaks of Fire in the Northleach, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb Rural Districts."

GAME LICENCE-Resolved, also, That a Game Licence be granted to Mr. L. A. Soper (Trading as Willows), of 1a, Winchcomb Street, such licence to expire on 1st July next.

PARKING or MOTORS-The Town Clerk reported that 17 out of the 28 owners of the properties fronting to Montpellier Walk had consented, the owners of four properties had refused, and six had not replied.

Resolved, That an Order be made under the Common Seal authorising the use as parking places of the following streets, namely :—

PROMENADE : Inner Road (along the side adjoining the Garden, except at Central Pathway Entrances).

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IMPERIAL SQUARE : Along East and South sides, adjoining Winter Garden Grounds (except in front of gate entrance).

CAMBRAY : Centre of Carriageway in portion of road South of its junction with Bath Street. Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Regulations for the use of the Parking Places.

Allotments ... Meeting held November 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds . Meeting held November 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 11

Burial Board ... Meetings held November 13 & 20

Public Library ... Meeting held November 10

Finance ... Meetings held November 13, 24 & 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.

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 15, with reference to Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions' Act, 1925, be referred back for further consideration," was lost by 9 votes to 5).

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 4th January, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore and Pruen (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-1 Green's Place, Tewkesbury Road ; 15 Park Place ; 1, 5, 6, 38, 41, 42 and 62 Rutland 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) 70 Duke Street ; 9 and 11 All Saints' Road ; 3 and 4 Ambrose Place ; and 6 and 7 Coltham Fields.—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) 3 Brunswick 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 Owner of the premises requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

3—Insanitary Property—1 to 5 Elm Place, Swindon Road ; Elm Cottage, Swindon Road; 1 and 2 Tivoli Street ; 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 Victoria Place ; and 1 Queen's Terrace, Wellington Passage.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 4 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.

4--15, Ewlyn Terrace, Fairfield Road—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting to inspect these premises reported that they did not consider that the Owner had complied with the requirements of the Notice served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925. The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for the work specified to be done, viz. : D. L. Turner & Sons £10 15s. 0d.; C. T. Clark & Son £9 6s. 6d. ; and E. Wilson £9 2s. 9d. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. C. T. Clark & Son (being the lowest having regard to price of paper provided) be accepted.

5—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.

6 —Houses unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2 Forge Cottages, Milsom Street—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.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 188 lbs. beef ; 14 lbs. mutton ; 247 lbs. pork ; and 3 tins beef.

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8—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, That the application of Mr. H. Munday, 16 Albion Street to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk be granted, and that a similar application of Mr. Geo. Jenkins, 41 Naunton Crescent be adjourned for further consideration,.

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 from 9th November last, and Mr. Fortucci's registration for three months, from 5th December inst.

10—Public Health Acts (Amendment Act, 1907)—Section 47--Public Conveniences—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had made an Order, dated 1st December inst., that on and after that date Section 47 of the above Act (which related to Public Conveniences and Lavatories) should be in force in the Borough.

11—Damage to Lavatory Locks- A claim was received for the reward of £1 offered for information leading to a conviction for breaking open lavatory locks. Resolved, That this be paid, subject to verification of claim by the Superintendent of Police.

12—Lavatories--(a) Imperial Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed ornamental fence to enable the entrance to the Winter Garden grounds from Imperial Square to be closed without interfering with public access to the Lavatory at all times. He estimated the cost of the alteration (by utilising the existing gates) at £40. Resolved, That this be approved and the work carried out.

(b) Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered alternative suggestions to afford public access to this lavatory at all times. Resolved, That the same be viewed on the 11th January next at 10 a.m.

(c) Direction Signs- -The Borough Surveyor submitted plan shewing the positions of the 16 public lavatories in the Borough together with a list of 21 suggested direction signs, the estimated cost of providing and fixing which was £20. Resolved, That this be approved and the signs fixed.

13—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present— The Mayor, Councillors Farrar, Leigh James, Moore and Pruen (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 14th inst., 101Horses (2 at Depot) ; 75 head of cattle, 1 bull ; 146 sheep, and 27 Pigs, all doing very well. 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. The horse "Short " had been sold for slaughter at £5 10s. 0d. Purchases of food stuffs, etc., had amounted to £15 5s. 1d.

Requisitions--Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 20 railway sleepers, wheat and oat seed, guillotine for fruit trees and 5 rolls wire netting. Also to carry out drainage of Long Hill Field by piece work at cad. per hour ; to enclose Common and Sand Fields with quick and

carry out other minor repairs. Resolved, That an offer received of 7d. per bundle for withy be accepted, the purchaser to undertake bundling.

Cottages—Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect and report generally on the condition of the Cottages at the Farms.

Orchard, Hayden Knoll—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Charles Mason was unwilling to pay a higher rent than per annum for this Orchard, which was the same as had been paid by the late tenant and was considered a fair rent by the Farms Manager. Resolved, That this be accepted and that the Minute passed at the last Meeting of the Sub-Committee be varied accordingly.

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

14—Purchase and Sale of Stock—Resolved, That, during the closure of markets owing to diseases amongst animals the Farms Manager be authorised to buy and sell stock under the scheme arranged by the Auctioneers.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1925 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Moore anti Pate; (Alderman Kendall in the chair).

1---Sale of Houses —(a) Non-Parlour Type— The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
85 Byron Road	Gurney, Miss A. B. L.	£475.
26 Shakespeare Road	Layton, Wilfred M.	£475,

(b) Parlour Type—The Architects reported that the first pair of Parlour Type houses on the North East side of Brooklyn Road had been completed by Mr. W. Bellamy and the Town Clerk submitted Valuation dated the 4th ult., from the District Valuer of these houses and the pair in course of erection on the adjoining site. Resolved, That the houses be offered for sale at £700 each. The following offers were reported :--

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
85 Brooklyn Road	Rogers, W. J.	£700.
3 do.	Cousens, Mrs. Dorothy E.	£700.
do.	Hunnam, Robert	£700.
7 do.	Bassett, James	£700.

Resolved, That the offers referred to in (a) and (b) above be accepted, (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), 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. 26 Shakespeare Road and Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7 Brooklyn Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding [10] 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. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 4 have been sold two of which are still in course of erection and of the latter 91 have been sold, leaving 49 for sale, all of which 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 the Architects be instructed to prepare Plan and Specification of Parlour type houses of cheaper construction than those being built and that tenders be invited for the erection of 5 pairs of these houses for consideration at the next Meeting.

3—Spenser Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted Plan and Estimate for the construction of this road, amounting to £1,375 5s. 10d., including drainage, footpaths, paving, trees and tar-macadam carriageway. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan for this amount and also that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant-in-aid.

4-37 Tennyson Road—Read, application of 9th inst., from the Tenant of this house for a contribution towards expenses of re-decoration. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

5-13 Byron Road—Read, application from the Tenant of this house for permission to transfer to a Non-Parlour type house. Resolved, That the same be not acceded to.

6-8, Orchard Terrace, Libertus Road--Read, application of 9th inst., from the Tenant of this house for permission to remove an old pear tree and plant a young tree in its place. Resolved, That this be agreed to

7—Shop—The Town Clerk submitted design of detached dwelling-house and shop proposed to be erected by Mr. W. H. Ellston at the junction of Shakespeare and Tennyson Roads. Resolved, That this be approved.

8-Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-24—Subsidy Houses—(a) Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a Subsidy of £100 be issued to Miss E. E. Cullum, in respect of a house to be erected by her in Whaddon Lane, for her own occupation, containing 936 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 11.9 to the acre.

(b) Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a Subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. C. F. Trigg, in respect of a house to be erected by him in Whaddon Lane, for his own occupation, containing 946 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 10.7 to the acre, and also, a Provisional Certificate for a Subsidy of £75, in respect of a house exactly similar and adjoining, which Mr. Trigg proposed to build for sale.

(c) Two Houses —Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of a semi-detached house in Old Bath Road on the 25th ult., by Messrs. E. A. Denton and J. T. Burrows, respectively. Resolved, That a Subsidy of £100 each be paid to Mr. Denton and Mr. Burrows.

(d) Bungalow—' Mam Tor,' Gloucester Road—Read, application of 20th ult., from Mr. John A. Hough, for the Consent of the Corporation to the sale by him of this house, in respect of which a Subsidy of was paid to him in November, 1924. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain at what price Mr. Hough proposed to sell the bungalow.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Pates, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—New Houses—Three tenders were received for the erection of 15 houses on the land purchased from Mrs. Rees in Tewkesbury Road. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Wm. Drew of £5,985 (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 of the houses for financial assistance under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, and to a loan of £6,374 for the cost of the houses (including Architects' Fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies).

2 —Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) Tenders for Houses—Four tenders were received for the erection of one pair of houses on the site of 42-44 Stanhope Street, and Nos. 1-4 St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Wm, Drew of £839 (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into and Sanction to loan being obtained.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval and to a loan of £895 for the cost of the houses (including Architect's Fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies).

(b) Read, letters of 17th ult., and 17th inst., from the Ministry of Health agreeing to the settlements arrived at for the purchase of the following properties, viz. : Nos. 85; 1-4 and 78—81 Stanhope Street; 1-4 St. Peter's Place and 42-44 Stanhope Street ; 49 and 76 Stanhope Street ; 77 Stanhope Street ; 37 Stanhope Street ; 66-74 Stanhope Street ; and two strips of land. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the acquisition of these properties.

3—Selection of Tenants—Resolved, That a Meeting of the Committee be held to select tenants for the houses nearing completion, as soon as the Ministry of Health consent to rents proposed to be charged.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st December, 1925. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors 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 Meeting on the 21st inst, Resolved, That the same be approved.

2 —View Meeting---The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th inst.:—Alderman Bendall (Chairman) ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows : Telephone Kiosk, St. Mark's Emporium—That no application be made for removal of this Kiosk to another position.

Trees— (a) Pembridge House, The Park— That no objection be made to the removal by Mr. J. T. Vulliamy of Sycamore tree by back gate of this house.

(b) Ringshall, Leckhampton Road—That the tree by this house be pruned.

Norwood Road—Footpath—That the footpath on the west side of Norwood Road (from Grafton Road to Suffolk Street) be kerbed and paved at an estimated cost of £68.

Suffolk Street—Footpaths—That the footpaths in Suffolk Street be repaved to a width of 7 feet at an estimated cost of £180.

Fairfield Parade—That posts and board be erected at end of this road and painted white.

Petrol Pump—Norwood Road—Read, application from Mr. B. Blissett for permission to erect a "Bowser" petrol distributing pump on his premises with moveable delivery arm over the footpath in Norwood Road. Resolved, That no objection be made thereto subject to an Agreement being entered into containing the usual conditions.

Old Bath Road—(a) Footpath—That the footpath in this road (between Thirlestaine Road and Sandford Road) be gravelled and sprayed with "Colas."

(b) Seats --That two seats be fixed in Old Bath Road.

Pittville Circus—Footpath—That the footpath on the South side of Pittville Circus be repaired.

Fairview Street—Channelling—That the channelling in Fairview Street be repaired.

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 13th November to 17th December, 1925, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 10th inst., 983 loads collected and consumed. (Weight consumed 1,403 tons, 5 cwts.).

4—Death of Mr. T. W. Halliwell—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Thomas William Halliwell, who retired on Superannuation on 31st July, 1924, after 33 years service as Outdoor Superintendent, died on the 16th inst. Resolved, That this Committee desire to convey to Mr. Halliwell's widow and family their sincere sympathy with them in the loss sustained and their appreciation of Mr. Halliwell's long and faithful service.

5—Death of Storekeeper—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Herbert Walter Harris, Storekeeper at the Central Depot since 1914, died on the 26th ult. Resolved, That this Committee desire to convey to his widow and family their sincere sympathy and their appreciation of Mr. Harris' faithful service.

Resolved, also, That Mr. M. Goode (formerly Assistant Storekeeper) be transferred to the position of Storekeeper.

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6—"Karrier" Motor Sweeper—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of 28 Sweepers shewing year of retirement in each case under the Superannuation Scheme. Resolved, That consideration of the purchase of a mechanical road sweeper be adjourned for twelve months.

7 —Gritter for Ford Lorry—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Tuke (Cc Bell, Ltd., of Lichfield had sent on trial a road gritter for attachment to the Ford lorry Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase same, if found satisfactory, at the price of £32 plus carriage.

8 --Plan Copier—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of an electric machine for printing copies of plans which would facilitate the work and effect economy. He submitted four tenders for the supply and fixing thereof. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. G. Thornton, Ltd., of 491, being the lowest, be accepted.

9—Refuse Destructor---(a) Hydraulic Press for Scrap Metal—Resolved, That provision be made in the Estimates for the ensuing financial year for a hydraulic press for baling scrap metal at an estimated cost of £170, including air pipe and fixing in a chamber.

(b) Weighbridge—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that in view of the smallness of the amount involved (£600), the cost of the new Weighbridge should be defrayed out of revenue. Resolved, That the Ministry be asked to sanction a loan for 5 years.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Weighbridge was brought into use on the 14th inst.

10—Promenade—Crimean Guns—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 2nd inst., from the Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham, Ltd., asking that in view of the re-decoration of the Hotel, the guns in front thereof should be re-painted. The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of the work was £15. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the work done.

11—Dangerous Corner--Hale's Road and Sydenham Road, South—The Borough. Surveyor submitted letter of 14th inst., from Mr. R. J. Webb asking that a danger sign be fixed in Hale's Road between Rosehill Street and Sydenham Road South. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply to the Automobile Association to provide a sign.

12 —Public Works, Road and Transport Exhibition - The Borough Surveyor reported that Councillor Mann and he attended this Exhibition in London on the 19th to 21st ult., and that it shewed the great advance taking place particularly in appliances connected with road-making and other municipal works.

13—Elm Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the improvement of Elm Street was as follows :—Carriageway (widening) £66 4s. 2d. Footpath £140 14s. 7d. Total £206 18s. 9d. (Not £360 as reported at the previous Meeting).

14—Wolseley Terrace—Private Improvement Works—Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of Private Improvement Works to this road amounting to £99 15s. 0d. (including supervision). Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice thereof and demand for payment be served upon the Owners named therein.

15—Montpellier Walk—The Borough Surveyor reported that Councillor Thomas (Owner of " Loreburn ") had consented to this fence being set back, subject to the cost of the work being borne by the Corporation. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement fronting these premises and those adjoining, belonging to the Midland Bank, Ltd.

16—Delancey Hospital Drive—The Borough Surveyor reported that this Drive was being repaired by the Corporation at the request of the Trustees. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Trustees be asked to agree to a portion of the Hospital land being thrown into the public highway for the widening thereof.

17—Reddings Road—The Town Clerk reported receipt of £500 from the Great Western Railway Co., being agreed contribution towards the cost of making up and widening this road. Resolved, That Notice be given declaring this road a public highway.

18—Street Projections—Dobell's Passage, High Street---Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. H. Rainer of 24th ult., for permission to fix a projecting sign over the entrance door to rooms at rear of Lennards Ltd., which had been taken over by Georges Ltd., be granted subject to the usual conditions.

19—Direction Signs —Spa Bureau-- Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Electricity Committee the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix a direction sign to the Bureau on the electric lamp standard in the Promenade at corner of Imperial Square and also a similar sign at the right hand entrance to the Town Hall drive (both signs to be provided and fixed at the cost of the Chamber of Commerce).

20-The Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Amendment Order, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 236 (Roads) of 14th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, enclosing copy of this Order.

21-Telephone Kiosk, Leckhampton—Read, application of 16th inst., from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, for consent to the erection of a street telephone Kiosk near the tram terminus at the foot of Leckhampton Hill. Resolved, That this be granted and the Town Clerk authorised to sign Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

22-Fountain, Whitehart Street—Resolved, That the piece of land at the corner of Whitehart Street be not sold, but that the fence enclosing same be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; and Councillor Leigh James (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1---New Buildings—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2115	Paynter, W. J. L.	Showroom and Workshop adjoining No. 29 Bath Street.
2117	Deane, J. E.	Temporary Motor-house at " Windrush," Old Bath Road.
2118	Cullum, Elsie E. (Miss)	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
2119	Minnett, C. J	Temporary Shop, adjoining St. Mark's Post Office, Queen's Road.
2120	Jones, H.	Bay Window to " Arran Lodge," Rodney Road.
2121	Gloucestershire Cinemas (1920) Ltd.	Extension of Lavatories at Plough Hotel, High Street.
2122	Thompson, R. S.	Detached House, Tudor Lodge Road.
2123	Goodwin, A.	Temporary Motor-house at The Limes," Bayshill Road.
2124	Cheltenham Corporation	11 Non-Parlour type Houses, Elm Street.
2125	do. do.	{11 Non-Parlour type Houses, Swindon Road. {10 do. do. do. Malvern Street.
2126	do. do.	15 do. do. do. Tewkesbury Road (Rees Site).
2127	do. do.	{12 do. do. do. Stanhope Street. {2 do. do. do. Swindon Road

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2115, 2118, 2120, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126 and 2127 be approved; that Plan No. 2121 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 2117 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. 2119 be disapproved.

2—Stanhope Lodge Cottage—Plan No. 1970—The Sub-Committee further considered letter of 15th October last from Mr. A. H. Ellis, who had recently purchased these premises, asking that the Motor-house erected at the side thereof should be allowed to remain. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Ellis providing a ventilator as suggested by him.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended and submitted his proposals for advertising during the ensuing year. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

2—Town Hall—(a) Nazareth House—Read, letter of 25th ult., from Rev. Father Ryan, applying for the free use of the Town Hall and Drawing and Supper Rooms on 25th January next, for a Dance Tea to be followed by a Whist Drive and Dance, on behalf of the funds of Nazareth House. Resolved, That the use of the Hall, etc., be granted at a reduced charge of £15, plus cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

(b) St. John Ambulance Brigade—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Rev. C. Cousens Petch, applying for the use of the Town Hall on 17th April next, from noon to 6.30 for the purposes of a Competition for Ambulance men and Nurses of the Order of St. John. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted at a reduced charge of £7 10s. Od., plus cleaning, heating, lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

3—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fete—Read, letter from Mrs. E. H. Bissett, thanking the Corporation for granting the use of the Gardens for the 1926 Floral Fête and agreeing to the terms arranged.

4—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Resolved, That the Property Tax (Schedule B) assessed upon St. George's Square be paid by the Corporation.

5—Medical Baths—Christmas Holidays—Resolved, That the Medical Baths be closed from Thursday 24th to Tuesday 29th December.

6—Illustrated Guide—It was reported that the Entertainments Committee of the Chamber of Commerce had appointed Messrs. E. Baring, H. W. Bennett, R. Sanders and Dr. J. S. Kellett-Smith as their Representatives on the proposed Sub-Committee for supervising the production and issue of the Guide. Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Stewart) ; Councillors Miller, Sawyer and Thomas be appointed as Representatives of the Corporation.

7—Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plans and estimates from Messrs. Dickson's Nurseries, Ltd., Chester. for diversion of the Chelt and laying out the grounds.

Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on the 23rd inst., for a Representative of Messrs. Dickson's to attend.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on 8th inst., was read. Only formal business was transacted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair). Mr. Denman, representing Dickson's Nurseries, Ltd., Landscape Gardeners of Chester, also attended.

9— Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Committee considered the following Plans and Tenders submitted by Dickson's Nurseries, Ltd.

Scheme No. 1—For diverting the Chelt and footpath adjoining same from Barrett's Mill to Keynsham Road and converting The Orchard (i.e., the land on the West side of College Road) into a Children's Park at a cost of £9,827 14s. 0d.

Note--The Borough Surveyor's estimate for this Scheme was £10,000.

Scheme No. 2 —For converting Perry's Meadow (i.e., the land on the East side of College Road) into a Playing Field at a cost of £3,999.

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The following are Summaries of the two Schemes :—

SCHEME NO. 1.

The diversion and improvement of the Chelt from Barrett's Mill to Keynsham Road including retaining the banks with artistic rock-work, providing rock-work weirs for backing up the water and making ornamental islands at various places along the course.

An ornamental shrubbery between the new course of the river and the backs of adjoining properties to obscure the unsightly boundary walls.

The formation of a road as a public walk along the entire length of the diverted river and the erection of an ornamental railing to form a fence between the river walk and the adjoining park and public grounds.

The complete lay-out of the land on the North-west Of College Road as a Children's Park including fencing, roads, paths, flower-beds, shrubberies and grass areas. An ornamental fountain with the necessary water supply, large basin, flower vases, etc.

A pond for swimming boats about 106 ft. diameter made water-tight with concrete or other suitable material.

An ornamental stream with cascades from the river to the pond with sides of selected rock-stone

Two ornamental shelters. Public Conveniences for both sexes. Access from College Road and Public Gardens.

Paddling Pool formed in connection with river.

A complete equipment of play-ground fixtures including giant-stride, joy-wheel, swings, ocean-wave, plank-swing and slides.

Provision of 8,000 shrubs, 300 standard trees, 600 conifers, 8,000 Alpine and rock-plants, 2,000 hybrid tea-roses and 1,000 privet.

SCHEME NO. 2.

The lay-out of the land on the South-east of College Road as Pleasure Ground and playing field including fencing, roads, paths, flower-beds, shrubberies and grass areas.

Four grass tennis courts with posts and nets and permanent enclosure of wire netting on iron framing.

Three hard tennis courts with posts, nets and lead line tapes. Permanent enclosure of wire netting on iron framing.

Two ornamental shelters.

Provision of 1,500 shrubs, 200 standard trees, 300 conifers, etc.

Resolved, (a) That Scheme No. 1 be approved and that the tender of Dickson's Nurseries, Ltd., of £9,827 Od. be accepted, subject to a formal Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into and to Sanction to a Loan and Grant being obtained.

(b) That Scheme No. 2 be approved and that the tender of Dickson's Nurseries Ltd. of £3,999 be accepted, subject to a formal Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into and to a Sanction for Loan and Grant being obtained.

(c) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a Loan of £14,517 including 5 per cent. for contingencies.

(d) That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid in accordance with terms offered.

(e) That in the opinion of the Council it is expedient that the portion of the footpath coloured brown on the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor should be diverted or turned to the position coloured blue on the said plan and that the Mayor do by Order in writing direct the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Council, acting as Surveyors of Highways, to apply to two Justices to view the said portion of the footpath in pursuance of the provisions of the Highways Act, 1835.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th December, 1925: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Miller, Moore and Captain Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Direction Signs on Standards—Resolved, That no objection be made to the fixing of a direction sign to the " Information Bureau, Town Hall," to a lamp standard at the corner of Imperial Square, subject to the sign being approved and fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

2 — Sub - Stations —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in the event of the Undertaking having to be changed to a three-phase system, it would be necessary to obtain suitable premises for Sub-Stations in connection therewith. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to make enquiries and enter into Contracts for the purchase of suitable premises.

3—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Scheme--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted Report on this Scheme by Mr. J. H. Rider, M.I.E.E., the Consulting Engineer appointed by Gloucester and Cheltenham. He also submitted letter from the Gloucester Corporation suggesting a conference thereon by a Sub-Committee of the two Electricity Committees to be held at Gloucester on a date to be arranged. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Chairman and Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet the Gloucester Sub-Committee together with the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer.

4—Extension to Mains - Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension referred to in his Report at an estimated cost of £432 upon the terms recommended by him.

5—Public Lighting—Read, application from Miss A. C. Tuke for an extra lamp to be fixed in the Lane leading from Prestbury Road to Pittville Circus Road. Resolved, That this be not granted.

6—Bracket Lamp—Resolved, That the Common Seal be fixed to an Agreement with the Executors of the late Thomas Wilkins for a bracket lamp on the premises at Montpellier Exchange occupied by Barclay's Bank.

7—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 20th ult., and 1st and 8th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 461.3, 466.2 and 484.8 and the pressure 5.1, 4.5 and 5.3 inches.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 3rd December, 1925. Present ; The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore and Pates (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Extension of Main—Cirencester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the levels a constant supply to the four houses proposed to be erected by Mr. C. Dickins could not be

guaranteed but that it was probable that an intermittent supply sufficient to fill a tank during the night could be given. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. Dickins was prepared to enter into Agreement to provide and maintain a tank of not less than 150 gallons capacity in the upper storey of each house and to enter into a covenant to bind so far as may be his successors in title, owners for the time being of the houses to be built, that no objection should be made to any deficiency of supply due to levels, and submitted draft Deed of Covenant. Resolved, That the main be extended subject to the Deed of Covenant, as settled, being entered into.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th December, 1925, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Pates (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 14th December, 1925.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	134,000 gallons	239,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	509,000	1,201,000
Leckhampton Springs	48,000	48,000
Total	691,000	1,488,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th December, 1925.		14th December, 1924.	
Hewletts		14,246,000 gallons		29,896,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	16ft. 0in.	30,352,000	32ft. 0in	100,023,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		46,083,000		131,539,000

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

	During November 1925	Total for last, 8 months
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,347	8,396
" taps found leaking .	113	845
" defective flushing boxes	11	132
" detective stop taps	16	53
"draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	113	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>50</u>		

	163	1,236
“ notices served re fittings	41	421
“ meters fixed and changed	7	125
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	72	703
“ burst pipes discovered ..	7	43
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc)	34	371

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

Mains laid :—Gloucester Road and Hayden.

Sluice Valves fixed 5

Sluice Valves repaired 1

Mains repaired .. 5

Hydrants repaired .. 2

5—Dowdeswell Reservoirs— Meter— The Borough Engineer reported that the new Venturi Meter had been fixed at Dowdeswell and was proving of great advantage.

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, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) The Town Clerk submitted Orders, relative to various Districts, wade by the Minister since the last Meeting.

(ii.) Declaration of Infected Areas Order, 1925 (No. 9).—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which he had published. Foot and Mouth Disease (Packing Materials) Order, 1925--The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which he had published.

(c) Foreign Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order, 1925 (No. 4)—A copy of this Order, dated 10th inst., which was to take effect forthwith. was submitted. The Order prohibited the landing of Hay and Straw from California and Texas.

(d) Foreign Animals Order, 1910—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of 10th inst., to take effect forthwith, including California and Texas in the prohibited Countries specified in the First Schedule to the Order of 1910.

(e) Anthrax—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries forwarding Notice of Caution to Stock Owners against cutting carcasses which had been posted and distributed among butchers and farmers.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
8th November	Hopwood's Nurseries, High Street.	£40—£50	£4 15s. 0d.
9th “	4 and 3 Bayshill Lawn, Parabola Road.	Slight.	£4 19s. 6d.
22nd “	Six Chimney Lane (Mr. W. C. Prude).	£50.	£4 2s. 6d.

(b) School of Arts--Read, letter of 12th inst., from Mr. J. O. M. Skelton, drawing attention to the absence of fire escape and fire buckets at the School of Arts and the Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded copy thereof to the Clerk to the Grammar School Governors.

3—**Market—(a) Report of Sub-Committee**—Reported, Meeting of Sub-Committee at the Market on and inst. Present : Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Stewart and Councillor Capt. Trye.

Shed—The Sub-Committee met Mr. C. C. Castle and discussed a site for the proposed shed. Resolved, That he be asked to see the Borough Surveyor and get the exact site proposed marked on a plan.

(b) Lease—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum with regard to the renewal of the lease to the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd, Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 7th January, to meet Representatives of the Society to consider terms for renewal of the lease.

4—Light Railway—Fares -Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., stating that his Company were quite agreeable to enter into a similar Agreement as before as to Fares and Stages.

5—Motor Omnibus Service—Charlton Kings to Rosehill, Evesham. Road or Race Course—Read, application of 23rd ult., from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company for an amendment of their licences to provide the continuation of the Sandy Lane Promenade Service to Rosehill or the Race Course. The fares on the new section would be :—

Colonnade to junction Portland Street and Wellington Road 1d.

Junction Portland Street and Wellington Road and Rosehill or Race Course . 1d.

Resolved, That the application be granted and the licences endorsed accordingly.

6—Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act, 1922—Read, circular letter from the National Fire Brigades Association suggesting that before sanction is granted to the storage of celluloid, a Report

upon the condition of the premises should be made by the Borough Surveyor, who should be accompanied by the Captain of the Fire Brigade when making his inspection. Resolved, That arrangements be made accordingly, it and when an application to store celluloid is received.

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7—Petroleum Acts, 1871-81— Read, circular letter from the National Fire Brigades Association as to the lack of precautions taken to minimise the risk of fire in garages and premises used for storage or sale of petroleum and kindred inflammable oils. The Town Clerk pointed out that the proposed place of storage of petrol or carbide was inspected in each case by the Petroleum Inspector, before a licence was granted.

8—Petrol Licence—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, That the application of Mr. H. T. Towell (Messrs. Mark Williams & Co.) for a licence to store 500 gallons (pump storage) of petroleum at his premises (Old Pearce's Yard. St. Paul's Parade) be granted.

9—Municipal Offices—Telephone— Resolved, That the quotation of the Post Office Telephones Department of £1 16s. 0d. per annum for each of two additional internal extensions to the Rates and Water Offices, respectively, be accepted.

10—Maintenance of Essential Services—The Committee considered circular letter No. 636 from the Ministry of Health with regard to the maintenance of essential public services, in the event of dislocation of the ordinary services arising from industrial disputes.

11—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Miss Griffin (Library Assistant) be added to the Certificate of Exception, she having completed three years' service on the 1st October, 1924

12-Shops Acts—Read, Report of the Shops Inspector of the 4th inst., as to contravention of the Tobacconists' Shops Closing Order by Messrs. Stephenson & Tailyour, 2 Leamington Place, by sales of tobacco, etc., during prohibited hours. Resolved, That they be warned that if any further infringement is reported, proceedings will be taken forthwith.

13 -Cheltenham Civic Society—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mr. W. Locke Mellersh, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Civic Society, inviting the Corporation to nominate two co-opted members of this Society. Resolved, That Councillor Brig.-Gen. ff. M. Thomas and the Borough Surveyor (Mr. J. S. Pickering) be nominated.

14 -Leckhampton Quarries—Blasting Operations—The attention of the Committee was called to an advertisement by the Company of their intention to resume blasting operations daily from 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 5 to 6 p.m. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Borough Member and ask him to make representations to the Government Department concerned with a view to the prevention of a recurrence of the intolerable nuisance previously caused by blasting operations conducted by the Company.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th December, 1925 : Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Pruett, Captain Trye and Welstead (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

15—Unemployment—The Town Clerk reported that at a Conference of Representatives of the Corporation, Board of Guardians, Chamber of Commerce and the Local Employment Committee held on 17th inst., it was reported that 826 men were unemployed and it was strongly urged that the Corporation should take immediate steps to relieve the situation as far as possible.

The Town Clerk submitted Circular of 15th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee with regard to schemes of work undertaken by Local Authorities with State assistance for the relief of unemployment, stating that it had been decided by the Government that the Unemployment Grants Committee should in future satisfy themselves, before approving any scheme, not only that the work was in all respects a suitable one of public utility put in hand out of the ordinary course expressly for the purpose of relieving unemployment, but also that it would not otherwise be undertaken for a considerable period (ordinarily more than five years) and that the unemployment sought to be relieved was exceptional. The Committee would, therefore, only be able to entertain applications for grants in respect of new schemes if they clearly complied with these conditions..

16- Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted the Minutes of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on 23rd inst. Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Council to approve the recommendations of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

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17—Additional Schemes—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following additional Schemes as suitable for the relief of unemployment :----

1. Brooklyn Road (Extension)—From Arle Road to Tewkesbury Road, to be carried out in conjunction with the laying of 9 inch. trunk water main from the latter road to junction of Lansdown and Hatherley Roads (already approved by the Council).
2. Storm Water Tanks at the Sewage Works.
3. Roads on Housing Estate—Making of.
4. Dowdeswell Waterworks—Sedimentation Basin.
5. Trunk Water Main—from Dowdeswell to Cheltenham.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates in respect of Schemes Nod. 1 and 2 for early consideration by the appropriate Committees.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waive and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Crab Tree Piece—Resolved, That allotments Nos. 3, 4 and 5 be let to Mr. A. Minett subject to his giving up his present allotment, and that Minute No. 3a of the proceedings of the Committee at their last Meeting be varied accordingly.

2-Additional Land—Read, letter from Mr. J. G. Villar that he had approached Messrs. H. Jordan and C. Castle as to their land in Old Bath Road and Hale's Road respectively but that they were not willing to lease the same for allotments. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillor Leigh James and Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and E. M. Yeend be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect other land in the Borough which they consider suitable for allotments,

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

3—Additional Land—The Committee further considered the acquisition of additional land. Mr J. G. Villar attended and reported that Mr. George F. Burrows, the tenant of Rainbow Field would raise no objection to the land being taken, subject to payment of compensation. Mr. Villar assessed the compensation at £70, which included £25 for fence provided by the Tenant. The Tenant was willing to defer proceeding with the cultivation of the field, pending the making of the Order, subject to his receiving a payment of one year's rent and rates if the Compulsory Order was not confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Resolved, That an Order be made under the provisions of the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908-1910 and the Allotments Acts, 1922 for the compulsory hiring of Rainbow Field containing 15 acres, 3 roods, 33 perches, for a term of 14 years, the Lease to be in the model form issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto, and also that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary Notices and make application for confirmation of the Order by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1--Pittville Estate— (a) Skating—The Borough Surveyor reported that the ice at Pittville was safe for skating from the 4th-6th inst., and that he had followed the instructions given on previous occasions. Resolved, That the following arrangements for skating be approved :--

(i) That a charge of 6d. be made for admission to either Pittville Gardens or Marie Hill Annexe both for skaters and non-skaters.

(ii) That skating be permitted up to 10 p.m. including Sundays and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make provision for the lighting of lakes in the evening.

(b) Dorset House—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan of proposed garage to be erected at this House. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

2—Promenade Long Garden—Read, letter from Supt. Lane suggesting that a Notice prohibiting bicycles being left inside the War Memorial Enclosure should be exhibited. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a Notice put up.

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Bandstand—The Visitors reported that they inspected the bandstand at this ground and recommended that the same be removed. Resolved, That this be approved but that before its removal the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mrs. E. St. Clair Donald (whose mother gave the bandstand) of the reason for removing it.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1925: Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Captain Trye and Col. J. C. Griffith (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During November 2,402 (against 2,841) ; daily average 96 (against 14), including classes from Ladies' College and Dean Close School.

Receipts—Post Cards 10s 6d. ; Collecting Box 15s 7d. ; Sale of Catalogues 11s 2d. Advertisements in Catalogues £1 5s. 0d. : Subscription to Picture Fund (" Golden Autumn ") £1 1s. 0d. ; Commission on Sales £1 3s. 6d Total £5 6s. 9d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists which closed on 14th ult., was visited by 4,527 persons; 4 pictures were sold ; proceeds £23 1 11s. 6d. less £1 3s. 6d. Commission, plus 10s refunded by Group Treasurer for Advertisements in " Echo."

The Exhibition of Prize Drawings from the Royal Institute of British Architects which closed on 27th ult., was visited by 828 persons, including many professional men and architectural students.

The Exhibition of work by the Staff and Students of Cheltenham Ladies' College Art Department which opened on 3rd and closed on 15th inst., was visited by 1,156 persons. An Exhibition of Water-colours by Mr. F. D. How (together with the permanent collection) opened on the 17th inst.

Baron de Ferrieres Gallery--This Gallery had been cleaned and re-decorated; a new colour scheme had been introduced and the pictures slightly re-arranged. All the canvasses and panels had been examined with a view to the completion of new catalogue of these and other British pictures. The catalogue would comprise 50 or 60 pages and cost about £425 and, assuming 1,000 copies were sold at 6d. each. the whole of the outlay would be defrayed.

Victoria and Albert Museum Loan—The Officer in Charge of the Circulating Collections visited the Museum on 15th inst., and substituted the following in the three loan cases :—1 case 18th Century English Glass ; 1 case 18th century Repousse Work and 1 case 17th and 18th Century English Embroideries.

Injurious Insects—8 cases of Injurious Insects had been received from the maker.

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2—Archaeological Specimens -The Curator reported that Mr. E. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S., had made a donation of £5 5s. 0d. for the purchase of a collection of specimens of Celtic culture from Cleeve Hill from Mr. G. W. S. Brewer. The specimens contained items probably unique, and made a collection of objects, mostly connected with the making of pottery before the introduction of the wheel, rarely met with. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Burrow for his generous help.

3—Oil Painting—Sonny Bridge, Brecon—The Curator reported offer from Miss L. F. Crawshay, Mr. R. Heyworth and Mr. W. A. Rixon of this picture by David Davies, R.O.I., as a gift. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the thanks of the Committee conveyed to the Donors. Resolved, also, That the picture be insured in the sum of £25.

4—Griffith's History of Cheltenham—Original Drawings—Resolved, That an album of 36 original drawings for Griffith's " History of Cheltenham " 1826 and 1838, be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £10, subject to half the cost being contributed by the Public Library Committee.

5—Napoleonic Fountain— Resolved, That this Committee accept the custody of the Fountain recently removed from the Town Hall, if the Public Library Committee agree to its being placed in the Entrance Hall to the Library.

6—Show Cases—The Curator submitted design of proposed new desk show cases, for which provision was made in the current year's estimates, and two tenders for the construction thereof. Resolved, That the tender of the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. of £74 7s. 6d., being the lowest, be accepted and the work put in hand forthwith.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1925: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Miller, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (21st November to 18th December). Interments 70 ; Exclusive Rights in 16 graves sold (First class 2, Second class 1 and Fourth class 13). Monuments erected 11. New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7288 to 7303 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 John D. Pearson ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Haward and Rita M. Adams and Kerbing to graves of Ada Bloodworth, Gilbert Green and Clara Palmer.

4—Additional Land—The Borough surveyor submitted plans for the layout of the additional land at the Cemetery in respect of which a loan of £600 was obtained on the rods June last. Resolved, That the plans be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

5—Maintenance of Grave P. 2412—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Messrs. Hillman, Burt and Warren, on behalf of the Executors of R. J. Verrall, deceased, enquiring for what sum the Burial Board would be prepared to undertake the upkeep of the above Grave for a period of 15 years. Resolved, That they be informed that the Burial Board would be willing to undertake the work on payment of a lump sum of £50.

6—Cemetery Chapel—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had insufficient equipment to enable him to make an inspection of the Masonry of the Chapel Tower and he recommended that Messrs. Collins and Godfrey be asked to make an inspection and report Resolved, That this be agreed to.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1925: Present; Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Pates ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Bastin in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 16s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,444 (last year 5,096); Lending Library 11,860 (last year 10,999) ; Juvenile Library 2,408 (last year 2,188). Total for month 18,712 (last year 18,283).

Replacements—During the month, 114 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The third of the Winter Lectures, was given by H. O. Barnett, Esq., on " Some Shakespearean Parents," on the 7th inst., and was attended by 120 people.

Presentations—The Right Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (3 vols.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S. (8 vols.); Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (6 vols. and 4 pamphlets) ; Executors of the late Canon Gardner (4 vols.) ; Librarian, Hereford Public Library (2 vols.) ; Director of the Municipal Intelligence Bureau, Toronto, Canada (1 vol.); Warrington Municipal Museum Committee (1 vol.). 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 10th inst. Present :— Alderman Steel; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mann ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the purchase of 50 volumes, new books, published at £20 10s. 6d. for £14 12s. 3d. be approved.

(b) That 50 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That the offer of a gratuitous copy of the " Woman Clerk," monthly, be accepted.

(d) That the Borough Engineer be asked to report as to the practicability of installing an extra radiator in the Reference Library.

(e) That owing to the expenditure on the roof exceeding the estimate by about £70, the external painting of the Library, estimated to cost £40, be deferred.

(f) That the wage of Miss Vera Griffin, Lending Library Assistant. be advanced from 12s 6d to 17s 6d per week.

(g) That the Public Library Committee offer no objection to the placing of the Napoleonic Marble Fountain in the Library Entrance Hall, Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Resolved, That subject to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee agreeing to meet half the cost, an album of 36 original Drawings for Griffith's " History of Cheltenham " 1826 and 1838, be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £10.

FRANK H. BASTIN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd December, 1925: Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of Borough Accountant, dated 22nd inst. on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £11,754 12s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £22,237 6s. 8d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £7,331 2s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £11,065 1s. 11d.

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

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £29,649 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 £620 had been renewed at 4 ¾ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £345 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date	£21,620
New Bonds ..	<u>£11,640</u>
Total	£33,260

Resolved, That this be approved.

5—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Accountant reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during November was 2,843.

6—County Rate Basis —Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the County Rate Committee had agreed to reduce the proposed Basis for the Parish of Cheltenham by £34, being the equivalent amount of the Assessable Value of the Tithe included in the Basis.

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 22nd inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th January, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Brigadier-General H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

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

2—Election of Councillor for the West Ward—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 9th ult., of Brigadier-General Henry Melville Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., as Councillor for the West Ward, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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3-Vacancies on Committees-(a) The Town Clerk submitted resignations of Councillors Farrar and H. W. Thomas from the Public Health Committee.

(b) Resolved, That. Councillor Brig.-General H. M. Thomas be appointed a Member of each of the following Committees, viz. :-Public Health, Housing and Public Library and also as a Member of the South, Middle and West Wards Local Pension Sub-Committee.

(c) Resolved, That the filling of the remaining vacancy on the Public Health Committee be deferred.

4-Mr. J. P. Winterbotham, deceased-Read, letter of 12th ult., from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., thanking the Council for the Resolution of sympathy passed at the last Meeting.

5-Public Health Act, 1925-In Pursuance of Special Notice, dated the 3rd day of December, 1925, of this Meeting and of the intention to propose the following Resolution, given to every Member of the Council and also inserted in the " Gloucestershire Echo " published on the 3rd and 10th days of December, 1925, It was Resolved, That the following Sections of the Public Health Act, 1925, be and are hereby adopted, namely :-

Part II. Sections 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 35.

Part III. Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

Part IV. Sections 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50.

Part V. Sections 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55.,

and that this Resolution of adoption do come into operation as from the 11th day of January, 1926.

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

Public Health	Meeting held December 14
Housing	Meeting held December 15
Slum Areas Clearance	Meeting held December 18

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Street and Highway ... Meeting held December 21

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Councillor Miller : "That Minute No. 6 be not approved but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to endeavour to obtain a " Karrier " Motor Sweeper on trial for as long a period as possible " was lost by 9 votes to 7).

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Plan No. 21 15 (Showroom and Workshop adjoining No. 29 Bath Street) be not approved and that Minute No. 1 be varied accordingly " was lost by 10 votes to 7).

Town Improvement and Spa. ... Meetings held December 18 & 23

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Captain Trye : "That Minute No. 9, with reference to Chelt Improvement Scheme, be not approved " was not seconded).

(A further Amendment, moved by Councillor H. W. Thomas, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : That Scheme No. 2 in Minute No. 9 be deferred " was lost, only the Proposer and Seconder voting therefor).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held December 16

Subject to the insertion of the word "provisional" before "Contracts " in the Resolution to Minute No. 2 with reference to Sub-Stations.

Water ... Meetings held December 3 & 17

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held December 15 & 30

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Captain Trye : That Scheme Nod. 5 (Trunk Water Main---from Dowdeswell to Cheltenham) be included in the Resolution to Minute No. 17, with reference to Additional Schemes for the relief of Unemployment.

Allotments ... Meetings held December 14 & 18

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meeting held December 18

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 18

Burial Board Meeting held December 18

Public Library Meeting held December 15

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Captain Trye, seconded by Alderman Taylor : "That para. (g) in Minute No. 2, with reference to Napoleonic Marble Fountain, be referred back for further consideration " was lost by 18 votes to 4).

Finance ... Meeting held December 22

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

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the 9uiii hilly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st February, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at Montpellier Gardens on Monday, 11th January, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen and Brig.-General H. M. Thomas (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1-Lavatory Accommodation --Montpellier Gardens—The Committee viewed the lavatory and considered suggestions for affording public access thereto when the Gardens were closed. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the ordinary Meeting.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Brig.-General H. M. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair),

2-Farms Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Stewart and Councillor Brig.-General H. M. Thomas be appointed Members of the Farms Sub-Committee in place of Councillors Farrar and H. W. Thomas, resigned.

3—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Brig.-General H. M. Thomas be appointed a Representative of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee in place of Councillor H. W. Thomas, resigned.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—2 and 3 Carlton Place, West ; 34 Marie Hill Parade ; 46 Upper Bath Road ; 10 Suffolk Square ; 1,3 and 5 Fairfield Road ; and 1, 9 and 16 Ewlyn Terrace. — 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,

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 19 Upper Park Street ; 53 Sun Street ; and 10 Albert Place, Pittville.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 3 and 4 Ambrose Place.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

6—Insanitary Property—1 to 7 Carlton Place, West ; 32 Lypiatt Street ; 34 Marie Hill Parade ; 62, 64 and 68 Rutland Street ; 12 Regent Place ; 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.

7--House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Factory of Eclipse Coal and Firewood Co., Upper Bath 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.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 80 lbs. beef ; 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. pork ; 28 lbs. herrings ; and 96 tins fish and fruit.

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—Lavatory Accommodation—Montpelier Gardens—The Chairman reported on the inspection of this lavatory. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a fence from the Lodge entrance gate to the inner fence at an estimated cost not exceeding £8, to afford public access to the lavatory when the Gardens are closed, up to the time the Custodian retires for the night.

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11—Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health--Read, circular letter (648) of 10th ult., from the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangement of Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1925 which would be "Survey" Reports.

12—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—Producers' Licences—Read, memorandum of 22nd ult., and 1st inst, from the Ministry of Health notifying the grant to the Gloucestershire Dairy Co., Ltd., and Mr. S. G. Wood of Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings and Moat House, Uckington, respectively, of a Producer's Licence to sell under the designation "Certified" milk and that the licensees were also entitled to sell the milk produced under the conditions of the licence as "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" or "Grade A." The licences would operate until 31st December, 1926. unless previously revoked.

Pasteuriser's Licence—Resolved, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co., Ltd., for renewal of their licence to use the designation "4' Pasteurised" milk in connection with the sale of milk treated by them at their Dairy, Imperial Lane, Cheltenham, be granted, the licence to expire on 31st December, 1926, unless previously revoked.

Dealer's Licence—(a) Resolved, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co., Ltd, for renewal of licence issued to Davis & Co. to sell " Pasteurised" milk from 3 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street, be granted, the licence to expire on 35st December, 1926, unless previously revoked.

(b) Read, application of 28th ult., from the Cheltenham Creamery Ltd., for renewal of their licenses to sell "Certified" milk from 3 and 4 Pittville Street and North Place Depot. Resolved, That the application be granted, the licences to expire on 31st December, 1926, unless previously revoked.

Bacteriological Examinations—Read, letters of 8th and 9th inst., from the Ministry of Health forwarding Scheme for taking, from any dealer, of samples of 'Certified" and "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" milk produced by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., at Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings, Mr. F. W. Winterbotham at Dowman's Farm, Coberley, and Mr. S. G. Wood at Moat House, Uckington. The approved charges therefor would be paid by the Ministry and the samples were to be sent to Mr. R. H. Ellis, F.I.C., F.S.C., Analyst to the City and County of Gloucester, who would send copies of each bacteriological report to the Ministry and Corporation. Resolved, That the Medical Officer be instructed to arrange for the samples to be obtained as required.

13--Clean Milk Instruction Course—Read, circular letter of 19th inst., from the Hon. Sec., Sanitary Inspectors' Association (South West Centre) forwarding particulars of a course of Lectures on Clean Milk to be held at Bristol University from 18th to 29th inst., and inviting the Corporation to grant permission to the Sanitary Inspector to attend same. Resolved, That no action be taken.

14—Royal Institute of Public Health---Read, circular letter from the Lord Mayor of Bristol inviting the attendance of Delegates at the Congress of this Institute to be held at Bristol from 19th to 24th May next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

15—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular letter of 16th ult., from the Secretary, inviting the attendance of Delegates at an Imperial Congress to be held in London from 5th to 10th July next. Resolved, That the Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

16—**Farms Sub-Committee**--Reported Meeting on 11th inst. Present— Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Managers Report --Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 11th inst. : 10 horses (2 at Depot) ; 72 head of cattle, 111 sheep, and 50 pigs. 1 calf had been purchased for £2 15s. 0d. Purchases of food stuffs, etc., had amounted to £68 18s. 3d. Total purchases £71 13s. 3d, 23 calves had been bred on the Farms. 1 calf, 20 wethers and 15 lambs had been sold for £149 18s. 8d.

Requisitions- Resolved, That that the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 60 to 80 gallons cider at 1s per gallon for farm labourers, 2 rolls barbed wire to fence in new withy bed, 20 second-hand sleepers from G.W.R. at 3s 6d each, and additional drain pipes to complete drainage at Barn Farm.

Mangolds—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to advertise for sale surplus mangold-wurzels.

Cottages—(a) The Sanitary Inspector attended and submitted Report on the Cottages at Hayden Knoll and Barn Farms. This showed that (except for minor defects) 3 cottages were in a reasonable state of repair, having been put in good order in 1920 ; 7 cottages were in need of general repair and 1 cottage, which was built in 1699, was not worth repairing owing to the very decayed and defective condition of the walls, floors, roof, roof-timbers, etc. Resolved, That the minor defects at the 3 first-named cottages be made good, that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare specification

and obtain tenders for the repair of the 7 cottages next mentioned and that arrangements be made to demolish the last-named cottage as soon as suitable accommodation can be found for the tenant.

(b) Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Malvern be instructed to prepare plan for a pair of non-parlour type houses with three bedrooms, to be erected under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, on a site to be selected by the Sub-Committee.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Pates and Brig.-General H. M. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1--Sale of House—Non-Parlour Type— The following offer was reported :--

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
83 Byron Road	Turner, Percy	£475

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale, and also for consent to the sale of the following houses in respect of which offers to purchase had already been accepted by the Council, viz :—Nos. 50, 55, 57, 81 and 87 Byron Road and Nos. 25 and 29 Shakespeare Road.

NOTE :-The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 4 have been sold, two of which are still in course of erection, and of the latter 92 have been sold, leaving 48 for sale, all of which 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-- Shop Site—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. W. H. Ellston, stating that he had decided not to purchase the plot of land on the South-East side of Tennyson Road.

3—Orchard, Back of Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr. Thomas Bassett, giving notice to terminate his tenancy of this land on 25th December next. Resolved, That consideration of letting the land be adjourned until the June Meeting.

4—Nicholl's Contract—Final Accounts— Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Ministry of Health enquiring if the final statement of account had been prepared for investigation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Nicholls with reference thereto.

5—Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-24--Subsidy Houses--(a) Moorend Park Road-- The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 11th inst., from Mr. R. G. Berryman for a subsidy in respect of a house for his own occupation in Moorend Park Road, the footings of which had been put in before the application was made. The house would contain 950 super feet and was to be built at a density of 10 to the acre. Mr. Berryman attended and explained that he was under the impression that a subsidy had been granted on the application of the Architect who had prepared the plans for him in February, 1925, when the plans were formally approved by the Plans Sub-Committee. Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued, subject to the Town Clerk ascertaining whether the Ministry would raise any objection thereto in the circumstances.

(b) Whaddon Lane--The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 11th inst., from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd., for a subsidy in respect of each of two houses to be erected in Whaddon Lane for occupation by their employees. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

6--Outbuilding -The Borough Surveyor submitted an application and plan of an outbuilding 10 ft. x 7 ft., proposed to be erected by Mr. G. U. Roberts at the rear of No. 8 Byron Road which he had purchased. Resolved, That the same be granted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting- of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1926. Present : Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Pates and Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

7—Parlour Type Houses—Five tenders were received for the erection of 5 pairs of Parlour Type houses of cheaper construction than those being built, and one tender for the erection of two pairs only. Resolved, (a) That the tender of Mr. William Drew to erect 5 pairs at the price of £1,190 per pair, being the lowest tender for this number, be accepted ;

(b) That the tender of Mr. Charles Giles, of 18 Upper Bath Road, Cheltenham, to erect two pairs for £1,190 per pair, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

8—Housing, etc. Acts, 1923-24--(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 30th September, 1926 and completed by the 31st March, 1927, respectively.

(b) Moorend Park Road—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that in view of the circumstances set out in Minute No. 5 (a) of the Committee at their last Meeting, the Minister would offer no objection to a subsidy being granted to Mr. R. G. Berryman.

(c) Whaddon Lane—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Managing Director, Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd., with reference to the decision of the Committee at their Meeting on the 12th inst., not to grant a subsidy in respect of two houses to be erected in Whaddon Lane by the Company, for

occupation by their employees, and the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 28th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

9—Parlour Type Houses—An offer was received from Mr. W. Drew to erect 20 pairs of Parlour Type houses to the same plan and specification as those in course of erection in Brooklyn Road, at the price of £1,200 per pair, instead of the houses proposed to be built to a modified specification at the price of £1,198 per pair in accordance with the tender from him considered by the Committee at their Meeting on the 20th inst. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that Resolution (a) in Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their Meeting on the 20th inst., be rescinded.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan of £28,095 for the estimated cost (including Architects' fees and five per cent. for contingencies) of erecting the 20 pairs of houses above referred to and also the 2 pairs proposed to be erected by Mr. C. Giles.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the 22 pairs of houses for the purpose of subsidy under the Housing, etc., Act, 1923,

Resolved, also, That the Architects be instructed to submit lay-out plan for the 22 pairs of houses.

10--Spenser Road— Read, letter of 27th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, stating that this Scheme was not one for which a Grant could be authorised.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme— (a) Purchase of Houses—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of Nos: 42, 43 and 44 Stanhope Street and 1, 2, 3 and 4 St. Peter's Place, and also 77 and 55 Stanhope Street. Resolved, That Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles be appointed Agent to collect the rents of these and other houses, as purchased and until vacated by the tenants, on the usual agency terms, viz.: at a commission of 10 per cent. on rents collected.

(b) Mr. Stroud's Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had not been able to negotiate a settlement of the compensation for these houses and submitted letters from Mr. Stroud with reference thereto. Resolved, That application be made for the appointment of an Official Arbitrator.

(c) Hanson's Property—Read, letter of 14th inst, from Messrs. Heath & Eckersall offering the remainder of Mr. Hanson's land, etc., for £1,600. Resolved, That as the Owner of the adjoining property is not willing to sell his land, the offer be not entertained.

2-Houses-Elm Street, Malvern Street and Swindon Road Selection of Tenants—Resolved, That Alderman Taylor and Councillors Pates and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications and select tenants for the houses erected under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

WALTER- J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

3—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme--(a) Purchase of Houses—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of Nos. 66 to 74 Stanhope Street.

(b) Mr. Stroud's Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the settlement of compensation for these houses had been referred to an Official Arbitrator and that Sir Anker Simmons had been appointed as Official Arbitrator in the matter.

4—Houses—Elm Street, Malvern Street and Swindon Road—(a) Rents— Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that the Ministry could not approve of the proposal to charge lower rents for houses under the Improvement Scheme than those proposed to be charged for similar houses being erected under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, viz.: 7s. for three-bedroom and 5s, 6d. for two-bedroom houses (exclusive of rates and water charges) per week. Resolved, That these rents be agreed to as the rents of houses erected under the Improvement Scheme and that the houses erected under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, and the Improvement Scheme be let at a rent (inclusive of rates and water charges) of 8s. 6d. for three-bedroom and 6s. 9d. for two-bedroom houses per week. Resolved, That Mr. Hudson be asked to see the present tenants of the houses in Stanhope Street, already purchased by the Corporation, and offer them the new houses on these terms.

(b) Resolved, That the houses fronting Swindon Road be named " Maud's Elm Terrace."

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th January, 1926. Present: Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Farrar, Leigh Janes, Mann, Miller, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Mrs. Buoy, 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 December, 1925. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	26.7	28.8
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	18.9	16.10
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	27.3	28.11

One infant attending the Baker Street Centre had died. The Society had rescinded their decision to abandon the Home Helps Scheme. A Jumble Sale was held at Highbury Schools on 2nd October, realizing £17 18s. 6d., out of which Toddlers' Scales had been purchased for £14 14s. 0d.

2-Health Visitor's—Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended 31st December, 1925.

No. of Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	2,263
“ “ (b) over 1 year	2,624
“ “ remaining on Visiting Register	2,817
“ Un-notified Births discovered	13
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	7,813
“ Attendances by Health Visitors at Centres (Highbury 84, Clare Street 86, Baker Street 87)	257
“ Talks to Mothers at Centres	28
“ Children remitted to Hospital	27
“ Ante-natal cases visited	127
“ Chicken-pox	26
“ Measles	53
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	16
“ Mumps cases visited	11
“ Ophthalmia-Neonotorum cases visited	4
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. (No prosecutions followed)	8

Grants of Milk :

To nursing and expectant mothers	46
To infants and children (under 3 years)	<u>45</u>
Total	91

Cost of milk during the year 1925 £101 6s. 4d.

Quarterly Report--The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1925 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,817
“ Children Visited (1 year and under)	894
“ “ “ (over 1 year)	676
“ Un-notified Births discovered	1
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,965
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	73

“ Children remitted to Hospital	8
“ Ante-natal Cases visited	39
“ Chicken-pox cases visited	2
“ Whooping cough cases visited	12
“ Measles Cases visited	51
“ Mumps Cases visited	6
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	2

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	8
New Orders	31
Orders discontinued during quarter	9
“ continuing to coming quarter	30

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 19 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 19 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Estimate-1926-27--The Chairman submitted Estimate for the financial year 1926-27 showing a total estimated expenditure of £876, which was £20 less than the estimate submitted to the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That this be approved.

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4-4th English Speaking Conference-Read, letter inviting attendance of delegates at a Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare to be held in London on the 5th-7th July Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

5 ---Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 660 of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the administration of this Act, and reported that the General Purposes and Watch Committee, we were recommending the Council to delegate their powers and duties under the Act to the Education Committee, in regard to children over five years of age or attending school and to this Committee in regard to children under five and not attending school. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Victoria Nursing Home- The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter of 25th inst., from the Secretary, stating that plans had been passed for ward extension, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, at a total estimated expenditure of £2,500 towards which the District Nursing Association proposed to apply £1,000 of their own capital by realizing certain stock, and asking the Corporation to make a grant towards the remaining £1,500. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Captain Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**----The proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 5th and 18th inst. were reported. 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 18th December, 1925 to 14th January 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th inst., 847 loads collected, 746 consumed and rot tipped away (Weight consumed 1,049 tons 3 cwts. 2 qrs.).

3—Refuse Destructor—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported as to structural defects at the Refuse Destructor, the repair of which would have to be undertaken next Summer.

(b) Waste Paper -The Borough Surveyor submitted draft circular which he proposed to issue to Occupiers of Business Premises asking them to put waste paper and cardboard into bags in order to facilitate and economise in the collection and disposal of same ; and also asking for the receptacles containing shop refuse to be available for removal as soon after 7 a.m. as possible. Resolved, That this Be approved,

(c) Chimney Shaft—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs. V. G. Morris, Ltd., to point the chimney shaft and provide a new lightning conductor therefor for £93. Resolved, That this be accepted.

4—Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. F. Kendrick had offered a five-years-old horse, suitable for town work. Resolved, That the horse be purchased, subject to inspection and approval by the Committee after a month's trial and to a satisfactory report from the Veterinary Inspector.

5—Mechanical Trailer—Resolved, That the **Asphalt Plant Sub-Committee** be instructed to consider and report on the provision of a mechanical trailer.

6—Removal of Snow --The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence which had passed between the Manager of the Local Employment Exchange and himself, and reported that arrangements had been made for men to report to the Depot direct (without having to be specially sent from the Exchange) whenever their services were likely to be required for removal of snow.

7—Post Office Trenches—Resolved, That the Post Office Authorities be charged half the cost of new slabs required for the reinstatement of footpath trenches in place of slabs previously broken but which would have lasted a considerable time but for removal.

8---Albion Street--Pillar Box—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Post Office Authorities were willing to have the Box opposite Lea House removed to a position indicated, at the cost of the Corporation. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the Occupier agreeing to pay 10s. towards the cost.

9- -Dangerous Corner —Bath Road—Montpellier Terrace—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notice on the Owner of " Hawthornden," Montpellier Terrace, under Section 4 of the Roads Improvement Act, 1925, restraining him from erecting a wall, fence or hedge at this corner and that the corner be viewed.

10--Brooklyn Road Extension—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for extending Brooklyn Road from Arle Road to Tewkesbury Road, which showed that the road would join Tewkesbury Road at a point outside the Borough Boundary. Resolved, That application be made to the Cheltenham Rural District Council to bear the cost of the portion of the road which would be within their District.

11—Libertus Road—Resolved, That notice be given declaring this road to be a highway.

12-Public Health and Roads Improvement Acts, 1925—(a) The Town Clerk reported on the provisions of these Acts (copy of which had been supplied to each member of the Committee). The Acts empower a highway authority, inter alia, to

(i) Prescribe Improvement Lines (Public Health Act, Section 33).

(ii) Prevent obstruction to view at corners by requiring the Owner or Occupier to alter the height or character of any wall (not being the wall forming part of a permanent edifice), fence or hedge or restraining them from permitting any building, wall, fence or hedge to be erected or planted (except works of reconstruction or repair) in such a manner as to create any new obstruction. (Roads Improvement Act, Sec. 4).

(iii) Prescribe Building Lines (Roads Improvement Act, Sec. 5). (b) Read, letter of 6th inst., from the County Surveyor, stating that it was the intention of the County Council to lay down Improvement Lines and Building Lines on all the main roads. On First Class Roads, which would be dealt with primarily, it was proposed to lay down Improvement Lines 60 feet apart, with Building Lines 30 feet behind the Improvement Lines, giving a total width of 120 feet from face of houses on either side and the County Council asked for the co-operation of the Town Council with reference to any building adjacent to main roads which came before them with a view to facilitating the application of Building Lines when actually prescribed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan of proposed Building Lines on all main roads in the Borough.

13—Town Planning Act, 1925—Resolved, That the County Council, the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council be invited to appoint four representatives to confer with a like number of representatives appointed by the Corporation and report as to formulating a Town Planning Scheme for the Borough of Cheltenham and the adjoining Urban and Rural Districts ; and that the Chairman (Alderman Bendall), Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Councillors Mann and Capt. Trye be appointed as representatives of this Council.

14-Bye-Laws—New Streets and Buildings—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Ministry of Health, expressing regret that the Council had not yet forwarded their proposals for the revision of these Bye-Laws and requiring the Council to revoke their Bye-Laws made in 1874 and 1894 and make new Bye-Laws within three months. The Town Clerk reported that he was giving the matter his attention.

15—Swindon Road Read, letter of 12th inst., from Messrs. Bubb and Co., on behalf of Mr. G. Vizard, asking that their Client and his successors in title should be freed from any future liability to pave or channel the footpath fronting land to be given up by him for this improvement. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

16-- Fountain, Whitehart Street—Resolved, That the fence enclosing this land be not removed but that a fence be provided to separate the land from the footway leading to the rear of No. 244 High Street, and that Minute No. 22 of the Committee at their Meeting on 21st ult., be varied accordingly.

17--Road Fund—Grants--Read, Circular 237 (Roads) of 16th inst., from the Ministry of Transport with reference to Annual Certificates in respect of expenditure. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

18—Telephone Kiosk—Gloucester Road—Read, application of 15th inst., from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, Gloucester, for permission to transfer the telephone kiosk now in front of No. 5 St. Mark's Emporium, Gloucester Road to a position on the opposite footpath near the entrance to Lansdown Station. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

19—Railway Wagons— Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Railway Clearing House, stating that the Railway Companies had decided to extend for a further experimental period to 31st December, 1926, the Scheme under which they accepted a commuted Annual Payment of 1s per wagon, in lieu of the charges for Shunting and Siding Rent of Private Owners' Wagons stopped for Repairs. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the required Declaration in connection therewith on behalf of the Corporation.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 5th January, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; and Councillor Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2119	Minett, C. J.	Shop, adjoining St. Mark's Post Office, Queen's Road (Amended Plan for permanent Building).
2128	Roberts, J.	Temporary Motor-house at No. 2 Bayshill Lawn, Parabola Road.
2129	Davy, Ernest F.} Harris, Francis H.} Pruen, Arthur S. F.}	Grandstand and Pavilion at Victoria Cricket Ground, Princes Street.
2130	Stuart, A. R.	Temporary Motor-house at " Sydenham Lawn," Sydenham Villas Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 2119 be approved ; that Plans Nod. 2128, 2129 and 2130 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 the approval of Plan No. 2129 be subject to the further condition that the Grandstand and Pavilion shall be erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Brig.-General H. M. Thomas (Alderman Steel 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.
2131	Bendall, John D. & Sons	Four semi-detached houses in Old Bath Road.
2132	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Two semi-detached houses in Whaddon Lane.
2133	Martin Brothers	New pavement light over cellar opening at No. 318 High Street.
2134	Cheltenham College Council	New Class Rooms, Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2131 and 2132 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 2133 and 2134 be disapproved.

3—Proposed Road from Old Bath Road towards Moorend Road, Charlton Kings--Plan No. 2135—The Borough Surveyor submitted Plan of a new road from Old Bath Road towards Moorend Road proposed to be constructed by Mr. Hugh Reeves who offered to give up a strip of land for the widening of Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the Plan be approved subject to the road being made 45 feet wide instead of 40 feet, as proposed. Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. Reeves to give up the strip of land referred to, be accepted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th January, 1926: Present— The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates. Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended and submitted proposals for advertising during the ensuing year. Resolved, That in addition to the contribution of £100 to the Advertising Scheme of the Federation of British Spas, a sum of £612 be provided for the 1926-7 Advertising Scheme, including

for " Daily Telegraph," £82 17s. 6d. ; " Times," £60 ; " Daily Mail," £120 ; advertising Bath and Spa treatment in local and surrounding County newspapers £106 and in other Spas, preceding the Cheltenham Season, £60; and the balance for advertisements approved by the Committee as may appear desirable according to circumstances.

2—Winter Garden—Lease--The Town Clerk submitted draft Lease to the Winter Garden Co., Ltd., embodying the terms approved by the Council on 7th December last. Resolved, That this be approved.

Parking of Motors—Resolved, That the parking rights be let to the Winter Garden Co., Ltd., for one year from 1st December, 1925 on the same terms as last year, viz :—The Company to pay the Corporation £20 per annum for the rights and not to charge more than 1s for a car and 6d. for a motor-cycle and to provide an Attendant to be on duty at all times when the Town Hall is engaged privately or otherwise.

3—Montpellier Gardens-- (a) Lavatory—Resolved, That the alteration of fence proposed by the Public Health Committee to afford public access to this lavatory be approved.

(b) Brotherhood Meetings—Read, application of 30th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Central Brotherhood for the use of the Proscenium for religious services on Sunday afternoons the 6th and 20th June, 4th and 18th July, 8th and 22nd August and 5th and 19th September next. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses, cleaning, etc. Resolved, also, That all the entrance gates be opened for the services and the Custodian instructed accordingly.

(c) Electric Light—Resolved, That the sum of £7 18s. 6d. be accepted from Mr. Claude Chandler in settlement of this account.

(d) Archery Ground Read, application of 13th inst., from Miss B. M. Legh, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Archers, for use of the Archery Ground for the 1926 Season. Resolved, That the same be granted on the same terms as in previous years, viz up to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and up to 6 p.m., on other days, from 1st April to 30th October next, excepting when the Gardens are let for special purposes, at a charge of £14 14s. 0d. for the Season, including the services of a man to put up and take down targets.

4—Town Hall—(a) Provisional Lettings—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed not to accept any provisional booking more than twelve months before the date to be booked.

(b) Direction Board—The Borough Surveyor submitted design of two direction boards, one to be fitted on either side of the Illuminated Baths Advertisement Frame. Resolved, That this be approved and the tender of the Cheltenham Shop-fitting Co., to provide and fix same for £3 17s. 6d. each be accepted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd January, 1926. Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

5—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Organiser, British Empire Exhibition (on Tour) for permission to erect a Marquee adjoining the Winter Garden, in connection with the Local Exhibition from the 8th to 10th February. Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to a payment of £3 10s. 0d., and to the Organisers undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the turf, shrubs, etc.

6—Summer Band—Resolved, That the question of engaging a Summer Band for the 1926 Season be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

7 — **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 5th and 19th inst., were read. Only formal business was transacted.

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

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at Montpellier Baths on Wednesday, 27th January, 1926. Present The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair). Drs. Hebblethwaite and Kirkland also attended.

8—Medical Baths—The Committee inspected the Baths. Resolved, (a) Carpet—That quotations be obtained for the supply of 16 yards of carpet for the main corridor.

(b) Ceilings--That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ceilings of the several Bath-rooms whitened.

(c) Chairs--That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs to chairs carried out.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, [..] January, 1926: Present—Councillors Bastin, Moore and Captain Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1925.—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement received from the Winchcomb Rural District Council, with an intimation that the District Council would consent to the application of the Corporation for this Order, subject to the Agreement being entered into. Resolved, That the Agreement, as revised, be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto, but, if the Rural District Council do not accept the Agreement, as revised, that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners to dispense with their consent.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1926 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Miller, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2-- Extensions to Mains Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension referred to in his Report at an estimated cost of £148 on the terms recommended by him.

3—Plan Copier Resolved, That a contribution of £20 be made towards the cost of the Plan Copier, which the Council had authorised the Borough Surveyor to purchase at a cost of £91.

4—Electric Lamp Standard—(a) Roman Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a standard in Roman Road on the 1st inst., amounting to £5 14s. 2d., caused by a horse and dray belonging to Mr. Thomas Stanley, of 73 Queen Street. The Town Clerk reported that he had applied to Mr. Stanley for the cost of replacing the standard, and submitted letter of 14th inst., from him, explaining the circumstances in which the damage was caused. Resolved, That £2 10s. 0d., be accepted in full settlement.

(b) Painting—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that the Electric Lamp Standards should be painted an aluminium colour. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had this under consideration and recommended that a whole-time painter should be engaged for general painting and allied work in connection with the Undertaking. Resolved, That this be approved.

5—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order— The Town Clerk reported that the Winchcomb Rural District Council had now accepted the Agreement as revised and passed the Resolution consenting to the Application.

6—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 16th, 23rd, 24th and 31st ult., and 15th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 480.1, 478.1, 462.4, 452.8 and 474.6 B.Th.U., and the pressure 5.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.1 and 5.1 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th January, 1926, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart and Councillor 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 11th January, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	325,000 gallons	377,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,879,000	2,030,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	69,000	97,000
Total	2,273,000	2,504,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th January, 1926.		11th January, 1925.	
Hewletts		17,609,000 gallons		31,016,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. gin.	83,360,000	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		102,454,000		132,659,000

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

	During December, 1926.	Total for past 9 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,086	9,482
“ taps found leaking	62	907
“ defective flushing boxes	24	156
“ defective stop taps ..	4	57
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	62	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspecti) <u>42</u>	104	1,340
“ notices served re fittings	81	502
“ meters fixed and changed	11	136
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	68	771
“ burst pipes discovered ..	44	87
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ..	82	453

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

Mains laid :—Cirencester Road.

Sluice Valves fixed	2
Sluice Valves repaired	2
Mains repaired	7
Hydrants repaired	1
Mains flushed out	6
Services pumped out	1

4—Sandford Pumping Station—Shaft—The Borough Engineer submitted Report of 1st inst., from Messrs. V. G. Morris, Ltd. on their examination of this Shaft. They recommended that the cast-iron cap which was broken should be replaced by a small brick head, that the bands be lengthened and that angle irons be fitted to the corners of the Shaft. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to invite tenders for the work.

5—Water Charges—The Committee considered Report on the financial position of the Undertaking for the current year which, it was estimated, would result in a small surplus and it was, therefore, recommended that the general charges be reduced as follows

SCALE OF CHARGES.

Domestic Supply-6 per cent. on Gross Estimated Rental, minimum charge 8s 8d per annum (Present charge 7 per cent.).

Licensed premises-7 per cent. on Gross Estimated Rental (Present charge 8 per cent.).

Meter Supplies-1s 6d per 1,000 gallons (Present charge 1s 9d). Large Consumers 1s 3d (Present charge 1s 6d).

Supply to Tewkesbury —A reduction of $\frac{1}{7}$ th to be made in the present charge of $7\frac{3}{4}$ (plus 45 per cent.) per 1,000 gallons.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted and that the reduced charges (superseding the present 10 per cent. rebate) take effect as from 1st April next (in the case of Meter Supplies from the reading of the meters for the March quarter).

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 Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th January, 1926 Present—The Mayor;- Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Pruen, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Market —Messrs. Bruce Swanwick (Chairman), G. N. Hollingworth, R. S. Watson and T. G. Underhill (Secretary) attended on behalf of the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd. and terms for renewal of the Lease to the Society were considered. Resolved, That the Lease be renewed for a further term of 7 years, the Commission on the first £30,000 turnover to be reduced from $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. to 1 per cent., subject to a minimum annual payment of £300 (instead of £200, as at present) by quarterly instalments, the present additional rent of £10 per annum for office accommodation and £52 per annum, interest on the Dutch Barn, to be waived, making a total reduction of £137 per annum in the amount now payable by the Lessees ; the Lease to provide that any additional accommodation required by the Lessees shall be provided by them, subject to plans of such additions being first approved by the Corporation, and that such additional accommodation be taken over by the Corporation at a valuation to be made at the end of the term.

2—Municipal Journal—Minutes—Resolved, That the application of the 6th inst., from the Editor of the " Municipal Journal " to be supplied with a copy of the Minutes be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

.At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th January, 1926: Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

3—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that the existence of Swine Fever had been confirmed at No. 254 High Street and at "The Bays," Rowanfield Road, otherwise the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—(i.) The Town Clerk submitted Orders, relative to various Districts, made by the Minister since the last Meeting.

(ii.) Revocation Orders--The Town Clerk submitted Orders made by the Minister revoking the Prohibition of Hunting Order, 1923 ; Disinfection of Vehicles Order, 1924 ; and Animals (Transit and General) Amendment Order, 1925 (No. 2). He also submitted Order made by the Minister on the 6th inst., revoking as from 14th inst., several Orders connected with the Midlands and South of England (Regulation of Movement of Animals) Order, 1925, which had been published.

(c) (i.) Diseases of Animals (Disinfection) Order, 1925.

(ii.) Markets, Sales and Lairs Order, 1925.

(iii.) Movement of Animals (Records) Order, 1925.

The Town Clerk reported receipt of these Orders and that the provisions thereof had been published as required by the by the Ministry.

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4-Fire Brigade-(a) Report of Captain----No outbreak of fire had occurred since the last Meeting.

(b) Attendance at Fires in Non-Contributory Areas-Read, letters of 26th and 31st ult., from the Clerks to the Winchcomb and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils, respectively, stating that the question of contributing towards the expenses of the Corporation Fire Brigade was a matter for the individual Parishes, to which a copy of the Resolution of this Committee on the 17th November last had been circularised. The Tewkesbury R.D.C. quite realised that the Parishes in their District could not expect to have the services of the Brigade if they did not contribute towards the expenses thereof.

5-- Market--Lease--Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Secretary, Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., stating that the Society could not agree to the terms proposed by the Committee at their Meeting on the on the 7th inst. Resolved, That, as a further concession, the Council be recommended to agree to the percentage payable to the Corporation after the first £30,000 turnover being at the rate of 15s per cent, instead of £1 as previously proposed, but that the Lease on this basis should be for five years only and that if the Society prefer a longer period, the terms proposed at the Meeting on the 7th inst., be adhered to.

6-Cinematograph Act, 1909-Resolved, That the Licenses of Messrs. H. G. Beard, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., Daffodil Picture House, Ltd., and Shakspeare Shenton in respect of Coliseum Theatre

and Picture House, North Street ; the Winter Garden ; the Daffodil Picture House and the Palace Picture Theatre, be renewed for one year from 6th February, 1926, on the same conditions as previous years.

7-Establishment of Police Force--Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee, stating that the Home Office had approved the additions of 12 constables to the Force, three of whom would be allocated to the Borough in respect of the four additional constables agreed to by the Council on the 27th July last.

8-Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions' Act, 1925--Read, circular 660 of 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health as to the Administration of this Act. Resolved, That the powers and duties of the Town Council as the Local Authority be delegated to the Education Committee in regard to children over five years of age or attending school and to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee in regard to children under five years of age and not attending school, both Committees to be Executive Committees and to report direct to the Ministry.

9-Leckhampton Quarries-Blasting Operations --Read, letters of 19th ult., and 13th inst., from the Borough Member, enclosing one of 11th inst. from Mr. R. McNeill, Secretary to the Treasury, stating that the Company were now blasting with powder deep down in the stone so that the noise was heavily muffled and that this blasting had been in progress for two or three weeks without inconvenience to the neighbourhood.

10-Public Health Act, 1925 Read, letter from the Ministry of Health stating that the portion of the Act adopted should not be brought into operation until one month after the passing of the Resolution had been advertised. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Council at their last Meeting adopting the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1925, namely :-

Pt. II. Sections 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 32, 33 and 35.

Pt. III. Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 42, 43 and 44.

Pt. IV. Sections 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50.

Pt. V. Sections 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55

do come into operation on the 5th March, 1926 and that Resolution to Minute No. 5 before referred to be varied accordingly

11-St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society- Read, letters of 11th and 16th inst., from the Hon. Treasurer of this Society stating that the number of street cases dealt with during 1925 was 81. The contribution of the Corporation (£25 per annum) was therefore equivalent to 6s 2d per case, whereas the cost of maintaining the two ambulances represented approximately £1 per case. Resolved, That the contribution to the Funds of the Joint Committee of the Society be increased to £40 per annum to cover services rendered in response to calls from the Police.

12-Poor Law Reform-Read, Memorandum of 11th inst., from the Secretary, Non-County Boroughs Association stating that the Ministry of Health had sent to the Association a Circular containing the text of the Government proposals on Poor Law Reform and had invited the views of the Members of the Association thereon. Under the Government proposals the administration of the Poor Law was

to be handed over to Counties and County Boroughs and not to Non-County Boroughs, whatever their population and the Association submitted that it would be unfair to place the larger Boroughs under County Councils in regard to the Poor Law, as the affairs of a Borough could more efficiently and economically be carried out by a Corporation composed of persons resident in the Town and cognisant of the conditions and wants of the inhabitants who would also have a stronger incentive to keep down the rates than a body collected from all over the County. Resolved, That the Council concur in the views set out in the Memorandum and that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Borough Member.

13-Public Health Committee-Resolved, 'That the Council be recommended to appoint the Mayor to fill the vacancy on this Committee.

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14—Unemployment—Read, Circular 657 of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health, asking that as regards painting and other seasonal trades the Council should consider whether work required to be done could not be allocated at such times as would tend to reduce the seasonal character of the trade.

15--Rating and Valuation Act, 1925 Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the County Council had appointed a Committee to prepare a Draft Scheme under Section 16 (2) of this Act with reference to the areas of the new Assessment Committees in substitution for existing Assessment Committees, representative of the County Council, Urban and Rural District Councils and Boards of Guardians, and asking the Corporation to confer with other Councils or Boards and submit their observations to the County Council. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1926: Present—Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Alma Road—Resolved, That allotment No. to, on its becoming vacant, be let to the occupier of No. 9.

2-Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write again to the tenant of No. 36 as to cultivation.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Agg Gardner Recreation Ground—Organised Games—Read, application of 6th inst., from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission to use this ground on Thursdays between 2 and 4.15 p.m. from the 14th inst., to the 25th March next, for organised games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

2-Pittville Estate—(a) Central Cross Drive—Read, letter from the Post Office Telegraphs stating that they had been unable to arrange for erection of a pole in a suitable position on private ground. Resolved, That, consent be given, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole if required.

(b) Albert Road—Read, letter from Mr. John G. Villar asking the terms on which the Corporation would allow the owner of the piece of land situate on the East side of Albert Road now occupied by Mr. H. G. Carter and having a frontage to Albert Road of 710 feet to build on the frontage to Albert Road which was the property of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to give access to the road for houses to be built on the frontage to Albert Road on the following terms :—

(1) The Owner to pay half the value of the carriageway in Albert Road for the length of the frontage.

(2) To be responsible for construction and maintenance of footpath adjoining the property and half cost of carriageway until the road is taken over by the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

(3) That the houses be set back to an approved building line and be of a value of not less than £2,000 per house, and to be erected in accordance with plans to be approved by the Corporation.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th January, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Col. j. C. Griffith, Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During December 2,397 (against 3,368) ; daily average 96 (against 135), including classes from Ladies' College and Parish Church Boys' School. The attendances during the past five years, 1921-5 inclusive, had been : 26,745 ; 28,317 ; 36,209 ; 47,579 ; 48,840.

Receipts—Post Cards 3s 2d. ; Collecting Box 7s ; Sale of Catalogues 18s ; Advertisements in Catalogue 15s ; 2 Photogravures of 1/5 Gloucesters ls. Od. ; Expenses refunded re Architectural Exhibition £1 10s. 5d. Total £4 19s. 7d.

Exhibitions--Cost of present Exhibition of Permanent Collection and F. D. How's Water-colours : £4 15s 3d., proceeds £5 13s. 5d.

2-Offers of Pictures—From Mr. S. Whitaker, " View of Cheltenham " by G. Dinsdale, c1825: from Mr. N. Mitchell, Picture by Sir E. J. Poynter, entitled, " Chloe." Resolved, That the purchases be not entertained.

3—Donations and Loans—The following donations and loan had been received : Mrs. Hamilton Browne, 6 Original Copper Plates of local interest ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, 36 Plaster cast miniature reproductions of the Parthenon Frieze (also cost of framing), Water-colour of the Birdlip Mirror in Gloucester Museum (also cost of framing) ; The Artist, Oil Painting A French Village : Ancourt" by R. Heyworth, R.O.I. ; Capt. R. P. Wild, Piece of Bauxite from Obuasi, W. Africa ; Miss M. A. Reid, Polished Flint Neolithic Celt found at Uley Barrow, 1901 ; 9 Palaeoliths from the Test Valley, Hampshire, lent by Mr. E. Courtney Gardner.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Lender, and that the picture by R. Heyworth be insured in the sum of £35.

4—Exhibitions—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to accept a loan of miniatures from Mr. Alexander Smith, and that the Chairman and the Curator be empowered to arrange for an Exhibition of work by the late Harry Furniss, should that of caricatures of Raphael Nelson, previously arranged for, be cancelled.

5 —Art Gallery Attendant—Resolved, unanimously, That the Council be recommended to retain W. Addis, (due to retire on pension), as Art Gallery Attendant for a further period of 12 months from the 1st April, 1926.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd January, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Mann, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1--Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (18th December to 22nd January). Interments 82 ; Exclusive Rights in 15 graves sold (Second class 3 and Fourth class 12). Monuments erected 7. New Inscriptions 12.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7304 to 7318 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 Richard C. Stephens, and Kerbing to graves of Kathleen R. Szlenker and Charlotte G. Hanbury-Williams.

4—Cremated Remains—Read, application from the Purchaser of a grave in which the full numbers of interments had been made asking whether permission would be given for interment if desired of a casket containing cremated remains of another member of the family. Resolved, That permission be granted.

5—Meetings—Resolved, That in future the meetings of this Committee be held at 2.30 p.m. instead of 2.45 p.m.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th January, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, Brig.-General Thomas ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Receipts £8 19s. 9d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,678 (last year 4,987) Lending Library 10,790 (last year 9,802) ; Children's Library 2,001 (last year 1,866). Total for month 16,469 (last year 16,649).

Presentations—Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd.,(14 guides) ; Messrs. Davies & Co., (a vol,) ; Miss A. Green, (1 vol.) ; Messrs. E. Husk & Son, (40 Periodical covers) ; The Rhodesian Publicity Association, (2 pamphlets) ; Mr. L. S. Wood, (1 vol.). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on 7th inst. Present :— Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mann ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the purchase of 58 volumes, new books, published at £24 3s. 3d. for £17 19s. 1d. be approved.

(b) That 70 replacement volumes be purchased at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That the offer of a gratuitous supply of 10,000 book-marks be accepted.

(d) That the tender of Messrs. Stephens & Finch to supply and fix a set of new fire-bars to boiler for £6 10s. 0d., being the lowest of two tenders received, be accepted.

(e) That a two-bar Belling Electric Radiator be fixed in the Staff enclosure of the Reference Library at a cost of £6 0s. 6d.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3--Tablets on Houses with Literary or Historical Associations—Resolved, That the following be asked to serve on a Sub-Committee to consider and report : Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Col. J. C. Griffith, Mr. A. J. Miles (Hon. Treas.-) Mr. H. E. Branch and the Librarian (Hon. Secretary). -

4—Book Covers—Resolved, That the offer of a gratuitous supply of 10,000 Book covers be accepted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th January, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate--Read, Report of Borough Accountant, dated 26th inst. on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,272 8s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £9,619 10s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 25th March 1926. Amount collected £13,224 10s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £6,235 0s. 5d.

3—Loans--(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received 42,900 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. (b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to 42,500 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £1,175 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £765 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date.	£22,795
New Bonds	<u>£12,405</u>
Total	£35,200

Resolved, That this be approved.

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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, 1st February, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, General H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E. ; Councillors Farrar, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th January last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—Bead. Circular 663 of 27th ult., from the Ministry of Health with reference to this Act, and letter of 30th ult., from the Clerk to the Guardians of the Cheltenham [neon, suggesting that Representatives of the Town Council, Charlton Kings Urban District Council, Cheltenham Rural District Council and the Board of Guardians should confer with a view to furnishing their observations to the County Council as to the suitability or otherwise of the existing Assessment Area. Resolved, That Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor and Councillor H. W. Thomas (Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham) be appointed, with the Town Clerk, to represent the Town Council at the proposed Conference.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 25th February, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of March, 1926, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To appoint Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the year ending 31st March, 1927.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

BROOKLYN ROAD SEWER-Loan-To authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to an Order and Certificate in respect of further advance of £1,000 by the Public Works Loan Board under Mortgage of 20th October, 1925, in respect of loan for Brooklyn Road Sewer.

5. HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1924— New Houses, Rees' Site — To pass Resolution giving Undertaking to the Ministry of Health pursuant to Section 3 (1) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, that the conditions set out in the Sub-Section referred to will be complied with in relation to the 15 houses to be erected on this Site.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

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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 ... Meeting held January 11

Housing ... Meetings held January 12, 20 & 28

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meetings held January 12 & 26

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : "That the first Resolution to Minute No. 4 with reference to rents be referred back for further consideration " was withdrawn by the Mover with the consent of Secunder).

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held January 26

Street and Highway Meeting held January 18

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held January 15, 22 & 27

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 6 & 20

Water ... Meeting held January 14

General Purposes and Watch ... Meetings held January 7 & 19

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : "That Minute No. 12, with reference to Poor Law Reform, be referred back for further consideration."

Allotments Meeting held January 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 11

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Moore : "That the words 'and at a distance from each other' be inserted after the word plans' in Minute No. 2 (b) (3)."

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held January 15

Burial Board Meeting held January 22

Public Library Meeting held January 12

Finance... Meeting held January 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.

4—Notice of Motion—The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Farrar, as to the attendance of Co-opted Members of the Allotments Committee at Meetings of the Council, was declared by the Mayor to be out of order.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be had on Monday, the 1st March, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1926: Present—The Deputy Manor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, General Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen 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. :---Dutton's Cottages, Rutland Street ; 1 Exmouth Cottages, Sidney Street ; 10 and 13 Glenfall Street ; Wiltshire Brewery, Hewlett Place ; and 1 to 8 Arle End Cottages, Arlo.—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) 16 and 18 Upper Park Street ; 7 All Saint's Terrace ; 26 and 27 Sidney Street ; 1 to 8 Benhall Cottages, Granley Road and 4,5 Montpellier 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) 19 Upper Park Street and 6 and 7 Coltham Fields.—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 23 days.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 5, 6 and 7 Prince's Terrace ; 13 Hatherley Street ; 10 and 14 St. Paul's Street, South; Cumberland House, Grove Street ; 8, 9, 9a and 10 Hewlett Place ; 29 Sandford Street ;

3 Hartley Place and 30 Glenfall 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 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 in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on 12th October last (Minute No. 3 (b)) the works of repair specified to be done to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. S. Marchant at a cost of £9. Resolved, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 10 lbs. beef ; 50 lbs. veal ; 48 lbs. mutton and 106 lbs. pork.

5—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.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, That the application of Mr. A. J. Tapp, 312 High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk (in place of Mr. H. Pryor) be granted.

7—Nuisance at 1 Queen's Terrace, Wellington Passage—The Town Clerk reported that on the 21st ult., the Magistrates made an Order requiring the Occupier of two rooms at these premises to abate a nuisance thereat, arising from an accumulation of rubbish and the dirty conditions of the rooms, within seven days.

8—Air Pollution Records—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Smoke Abatement League of Great Britain, enclosing Memorandum of the Advisory Committee on Atmospheric Pollution and suggesting the establishment of an atmospheric deposit gauge or an automatic recorder in Cheltenham. Resolved, That no action be taken.

9—Hayden Sewage Farm—Resolved, That Mr. Ursell's cottage, Hayden Green Lane be connected to the Water service at an estimated cost of £7 10s. 0d.

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10—Sewer —Granley Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary to relay a sewer off this road, owing to defective levels, at an estimated cost of 400. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

11—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 8th inst Present-- Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moor, Pruen, General H. M. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager Live Stock on the Farms on the 8th inst. : 10 horses (2 at Depot) ; 76 head of cattle, 1 bull, 2 calves, 96 sheep, 1 lamb and 44 pigs. 4 bullocks had been purchased for £57. Purchases of foodstuffs, etc., had amounted to £24 4s. 2d. Total

purchases £81 4s. 2d. 1 calf and 1 lamb had been bred on the Farms. 10 wethers, 5 lambs and pigs, also 20 sacks of wheat had been sold for £110 9s. 3d. One small pig had died.

Hay—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to dispose of 50 tons of surplus hay.

Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received offers of £6 and £5, respectively, for three trees at Hayden Knoll Farm. Resolved, That the former be accepted.

Cottages—(a) Two tenders were received for repairs to 8 Cottages at the Farms and the Bailiff's House at Barn Farm. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son of £183 14s. 11d., being the lowest, be accepted.

(b) Mr. Thomas Malvern submitted alternative plans for a pair of non-parlour type houses with three bedrooms and the Chairman reported that the Farms Visiting Rota Committee at their Meeting on the 2nd inst., selected a site in the Orchard at Hayden Knoll for the erection thereof. Resolved, That the plan of houses of similar design to those erected by the Corporation in Swindon Road be approved, that tenders for the erection thereof be invited by advertisement and that the site selected by the Rota Committee be approved.

Shooting at Farms—Resolved, That the sporting rights at Barn Farm and the shooting at Hayden, respectively, be offered to Mr. W. C. Unwin and Mr. G. McIlquham on the same terms as last year, viz., £4 and £5, subject to the Farms Manager having the right to shoot hares and rabbits.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th February, 1926: Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Pates and General H. M. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-Sale of House—(a) Non-Parlour Type— The following offer was reported :—

Situation:. Name of Purchaser. Price.

44 Byron Road Harris, Samuel £475

and 3 ft. strip of land adjoining Harris, Samuel £484

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), that application be made to Ministry for consent to the sale, 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 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) Parlour Type—Resolved, That Mr. R. G. Morris be given the first refusal of one of the Parlour type houses proposed to be erected on the Gloucester Road frontage.

2-Parlour-type Houses—The Architects submitted layout Plans for Parlour-type houses to be erected, viz.:—18 in Brooklyn Road, 20 in Gloucester Road, 2 in Milton Road and 4 in Tennyson Road. Resolved, That these be approved and the Town Clerk instructed to give three months' notice to Messrs. C. Harris and S. J. Wasley to give up so much of the land fronting Brooklyn Road in their occupation as will be required for the erection of the houses.

3-Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-24—Subsidy House—Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of a bungalow in Whaddon Lane on the 28th ult., for Mrs. L. Bales. Resolved, That a subsidy of £5 be paid to Mrs. Bales, subject to her executing an Undertaking to comply with the Conditions made.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 1,5th February, Present—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 2nd and 15th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted,

2-View Meeting---The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th inst. :—Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows :

Horse—That the aged horse used with the disinfection van be retained for the present.

Telephone Kiosk, Gloucester Road—That consent be granted to the Post Office Telephones Department to transfer the Kiosk now in front of No. 5 St. Mark's Emporium, Gloucester Road, to a position near the pillar-box opposite St. Mark's Post Office, Queen's Road.

Trees--(a) The Park—That the tree by " Ellesmere Lodge " be not removed but that the attention of the occupier be drawn to the large evergreen tree in her garden.

(b) Montpellier Terrace—That the tree by Langton Garage be not removed but that one limb be lopped.

(c) Imperial Square—That the tree by the entrance to the yard of the New Club be not removed.

(d) Cemetery Road—That the application of Miss Skillicorne for the removal of two trees by " Prior's Lodge " be adjourned till the next View Meeting.

Montpellier Wide Opening—That the raising of the footpath be carried out as soon as possible.

Dangerous Corner-- -Bath Road-- Montpellier Terrace—That a further three feet be taken off the corner at the junction of Montpellier Terrace and Bath Road, if the owner of " Hawthornden " agrees and that in this case no objection be made to the erection of a hoarded fence, as desired by him.

Oriel Road—Footpath That the attention of the Post Office Authorities be drawn to the necessity of re-surfacing a greater area of the footpath in this road than that actually disturbed by them, owing to a previous cable trench being close to the new one.

Rodney Terrace—That the footpath in Rodney Terrace be re-laid where necessary when the Post Office trenches are re-instated.

High Street—Footpath between Barrett's Mill Lane and College Road—That this footpath be repaired where necessary.

Winchcomb Street—Footpath from Clarence Road to Warwick Place—That provision be made in the Estimates for re-paving about one-third of the footpath on the West side of Winchcomb Street from Clarence Road to Warwick Place and for repairing the remainder.

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 15th January to 11th February 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 4th inst., 873 loads collected, 772 consumed and 'or tipped away (Weight consumed 1,043 tons 8 cwts.).

4—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Reported, Meeting held on Monday, 15th inst. Present : Councillor Pates.

161 Tenders were received. It was 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—Smith Bros. ; Sessions & Sons, Ltd. ; Webb Bros. Ltd.

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Castings—Taylor Bros. Ltd. (Sandiaere) (Subject to satisfactory references).

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. ; J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd. ; T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings---Sharpe & Fisher, 1.td,

Ironmongery—J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd. ; Shin Fisher, Ltd ; T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd.

Tools----J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

Lead Piping, Fittings, etc.—Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.

Uniforms, Overalls, etc.—C. S. Watts; A. N. Cole (The Famous).

White Lead, Oils and Colours, etc.—J. Fisher A Sons, Ltd. ; The British Petroleum Co. Ltd. ; G. Bence & Sons, Ltd.

Disinfectants—Dussek Bros. ; The United Alkali Co. Ltd. ; Jeyes Sanitary Compounds Co. Ltd.

Household Goods and Sundries—W. H. Mack ; Johns & Son ; W. & F. Archer ; Joyner & Son ; Jackson & Painter ; Dicks & Sons, Ltd. ; Drake & Co. ; J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd. ; E. H. Cross ; Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind ; A. E. Woodrow & Co. ; Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.; Harvey & Sons, Ltd. ; John Lance & Co. Ltd.

Printing and Stationery —J. A. Reynolds & Co. Ltd.; J. J. Gillham & Sons; Harvey & Healing ; J. Halden & Co. Ltd. Allott Jones & Co. Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes—J. Williams & Co. Ltd.

Timber—Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd. ; Smith Bros.

Forage—W. J. Oldacre, Ltd. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

5—Bath Road and College Road—Improvement of Corner —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the Cheltenham College Council with a view to securing a piece of land required for the improvement of this corner,

7—Swindon Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for railings and gate required in connection with the widening of Swindon Road, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss, Ltd., Wolverhampton being the lowest tender received, be accepted.

7-35 Portland Square—Coal Plate—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 25th ult., from Mr. M. C. Harding for permission to fix a new coal plate outside these premises in place of the existing stone cover to the shoot. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8- --Main and Contribution Roads--The Borough Surveyor reported that, as a result of interviews which he had had with the County Surveyor regarding the estimated cost of the maintenance, repair and improvement of Main and Contribution roads within the Borough after the expiration of the present Agreement on the 31st March next, the County Surveyor had agreed to recommend the County Council to increase their total contributions to £16,476 per annum for the next three years. As from the 1st April next, when certain first-class Contribution roads would be mained, there would be 13 ½ miles of Main roads and 1 ½ miles of Contribution roads in the Borough. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement on these terms.

9—Gloucester Road—Arle Court to the Borough Boundary—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Western Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co. Ltd., who were carrying out the asphaltting of Gloucester Road from the Borough Boundary to Gloucester for the County Council, were prepared to asphalt the road between Arle Court and the Borough Boundary for the Corporation at a reduced price of 9s 3d per square yard. with a five years' guarantee. He recommended that the work be carried out on these terms. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

10--Dangerous Corner—Hale's Road and Sydenham Road, South—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 10th inst., from the Automobile Association, stating that Danger signs in Hales Road, suggested by Mr. R. J. Webb, were unnecessary.

11—Promenade --Footpath by Cavendish House—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended application of 15th inst., from Messrs, Healing and Overbury for permission to insert a mosaic tiled strip 2 ft. 3 ins. wide (instead of 1 ft. 9 ins., as previously sanctioned) in the footpath adjoining the premises of Cavendish House Co. Ltd. Resolved, That no objection be made, provided that the strip shall be inscribed at each end to indicate that it formed part of the public footway and shall not bear any lettering or advertisement, and that the design of the mosaic shall be subject to the approval of this Committee.

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12—Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst., from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, stating that Mr. Hugh Reeves was willing to give up a strip of land for the widening of Old Bath Road, as reported to the Plans Sub-Committee on the 18th January last, together with a plan of the proposed road from Old Bath Road towards Moorend Road, which showed that the surface water therefrom would discharge into the watercourse in Old Bath Road. Resolved, That Mr. Reeves be informed that it will be necessary for the watercourse to be piped in at his expense to give access from the new road to Old Bath Road.

13--Post Office Telegraph Line—Read, application of 23rd ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead line along Post Office Lane. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

14—Brooklyn Road--Extension—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, stating that they could not join in this Scheme. Resolved, That no further action be taken.

15--White Lines on Highways—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 238 (Roads) of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Transport herein. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

16—Street Projections—(a) Read, application of 2nd inst., from Messrs. John Player & Sons, Nottingham, for permission to fix projecting signs outside the following premises, viz. : 40 Bath Street (Barrett's Stores) ; 193, 255, and 402 High Street (A. J. Pritchard, F. Horwood and H. R. Lapper) ; and 8 Pittville Street (V. Williams). Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to compliance with the usual conditions in each case. Resolved, also, That the attention of the applicants be drawn to a report received that a swinging sign had already been fixed, outside the premises of Mr. Pritchard and that they be informed that this must be converted into a fixed sign or be removed forthwith.

(b) 411a High Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Ryder & Mason to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

17—Aerial across Lane rear Leamington Place—Resolved, That no objection be made to the placing of an aerial across the Lane at rear of Leamington Place to the premises of Messrs Jeffries & Sons

(Chemists), by the Radio Electric Co., subject to Messrs. Jeffries & Sons undertaking to have the same removed within one month after notice requiring removal.

18--Fountain, Whitehart Street—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 5th inst., from Miss A. K. Bayliss, claiming owner-ship of this land, together with a copy of his reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

(b) Read, also, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. John Loveridge, asking that the fence enclosing this land be removed. Resolved, That no action be taken.

19—Leckhampton Hill---Footpaths from Pilley and Sandy Lane—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint that the Leckhampton Quarries Co. Ltd., had failed to construct the new footpath and footbridge rendered necessary by the railway laid by them in 1924 and submitted correspondence which had passed between the Company and himself in the matter. Resolved, That the Company be informed that unless the footpath and footbridge are constructed without further delay, proceedings will be taken to enforce the rights of the public.

20—Town Planning Act, 1925—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, notifying the appointment of Councillors, the Rev. Booth, Harris, Peacey and Mitchell (with himself) as representatives of that Council to attend the proposed Conference.:

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2136	Cheltenham District Nursing Association	New Wing at Victoria Nursing Home St. James's Square.
2137	Cheltenham College Council	New Fives Courts at "Southwood House," Lypiatt Road.
2138	Hitchings, A. J.	Detached house, Moorend Park Road.
2139	Hall, C.	Two semi-detached houses, Moorend Park Road.
2140	Poulton, W. H.	Lock-up shop at No. 110 Upper Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 2138, 2139 and 2140 be approved ; that Plan No. 2136 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 2137 be disapproved.

2--Cheltenham College Class Rooms—Plan No. 2134---Brig.-Gen. E. C. Peebles (Chairman of Finance Committee, Cheltenham College Council) and Mr. J. Eyre (Bursar) attended with reference to the temporary Class Rooms proposed to be erected in Bath Road. Resolved, That Plan No. 2134 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that the building shall be removed at the expiration of five years unless this period be extended by the Town Council.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 15th February, 1926: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel : Councillors Leigh James, Mann and General H. M. 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.
2141	Berryman. G.	New Bathroom at 13 Lypiatt Street.
2142	John D. Bendall & Son	Four semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road,
2143	St. James's School Managers	Internal Alterations at St. James's Schools,
2144	Children's Hospital, Harp Hill	Extension of Wards. Committee
2145	Bliss, H. H.	Temporary Shed at 16 Princes Street.
2146	Clapham, S.	New Stables and cart shed, Rutland Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2142, 2143 and 2146 be approved, but that Plan No. 2143 be subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plans Nos. 2141 and 2144 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plan No. 2145 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th February, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart: Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor, the Borough Surveyor and he interviewed Secretary of the Unemployment Grants Committee on the 20th ult., and submitted letter of the 27th ult. from him stating that the application of the Corporation for a grant was one for consideration under the conditions obtaining prior to the issue of the Unemployment Grants Committee's circular letter of 15th December last.

2-Winter Garden—Lease—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Secretary, Winter Garden Co, Ltd., forwarding draft Lease, amended. Resolved, That the same, as now settled, be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

Parking of Motors— The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement for letting of Parking Rights to the Company for one year from 1st December last. Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

Pittville—Whit-Monday Municipal Fete—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Chairman and Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Women's Conservative and Unionist Association suggesting that the Corporation should hold an Official Demonstration on Whit-Monday which synchronized with Empire Day'. Resolved, That this be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee.

4—Medical Baths—Ultra Violet Ray Equipment—The Spa Medical Advisory Committee recommended the installation of a K.B.B. Sun Lamp, Type " A " at a cost of £60. Resolved, That a lamp be installed for a month on trial and, if found satisfactory, that the same be purchased.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th February, 1926. Present : Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

5—Special Medical Baths -Ultra Violet Ray Equipment-It was reported that an electric generator would be required in connection with this installation, the cost of which would be £35. Resolved, That this be provided.

(b) Carpet—Four tenders were received for supply of 16 yards of carpet for the main corridor. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Shirer and Haddon, Ltd., of 15s 6d. per yard, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

6—Chairs—Maintenance—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for the maintenance of chairs at the Town Hall, etc. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. John Lance and Co., Ltd., of £139 10s. 0d. per annum, for two years, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

7—Alstone Baths—(a) Opening— Resolved, That Alstone and Montpellier Swimming Baths be opened for the Summer Season on Monday, 12th April next.

(b) Direction Signs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have direction signs to these Baths fixed at St. George's Square Bowling Green, St. George's Road Bridge, near St. James's (G.W.R.) Station and elsewhere as considered desirable.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Motor Lawn Mower—The Borough Surveyor recommended that, in view of the large area of grass to be mown, a more powerful motor lawn mower be purchased at an estimated cost of £93 and that the present mower be transferred to the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

9—Federation of British Spas—Bi-Annual Conference—Resolved, That the Chairman and Spa Manager be authorised to attend the Bi-Annual Conference of this Federation to be held in London on 12th prox.

10—Association of Bath Superintendents—Read, circular letter of 15th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of this Association, inviting the attendance of Delegates at the Annual Conference to be held at Nottingham on 6th May next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

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11—Sunshine Return, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted Return received from the Meteorological Office, Air Ministry, shewing the number of hours Bright Sunshine during 1925, at various Stations, mostly Health Resorts. At Cheltenham 1570.3 hours Bright Sunshine were registered as against (inter alia) Bath 1551.6, Buxton 1189.7, Harrogate 1375.2 and Leamington 1409.8 hours.

12—Shop next Montpellier Baths—Advertisement Boards-- Resolved, That the Owners of the Boards exhibited outside these premises, advertising amusements, be required to remove same.

13 — **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on 2nd and 16th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—Easter Week --That the quotation of £36 received from Mr. Leo Dawes, for the following engagements during Easter Week, be accepted, viz. :

5th April	Ball ..	8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
6th "	Dance Tea ..	3 p.m. to 6 a.m.
7th "	Children's Dance Tea	"
9th "	Dance Tea ..	"

Montpellier Baths—That the charge to Mr. Percy Mills for hire of Montpellier Swimming Bath for indoor cricket be reduced forthwith from 5s to 3s per hour, other terms to remain as at present.

Summer Land—That tenders be invited by advertisement for the provision of a Military Band for the ensuing Summer Season, of 18 performers (including Conductor) to give 13 performances a week, including Sunday night, as follows:—

WINTER GARDEN—Tuesday and Saturday evenings ; Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

PITTVILLE—Wednesday evenings (of 3 hours).

six performances of 1 hours duration to be given at the Winter Garden in the mornings ; the venue of Sunday evening performances to be decided upon by the Town Improvement Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

Resolved, also. That the Summer Band play in the Winter Garden Bandstand on Sunday evenings.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th February, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Albion Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted correspondence which had passed with the Cheltenham Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., with reference to the continuance of the Corporation's tenancy of their premises. Resolved, That the premises be taken for one year at a rent of £10.

2—Electric Lamp Standard—Corner of Sun Street and Swindon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a standard at corner of Sun Street and Swindon Road on 9th inst., amounting to £7 16s. 3d. caused by a motor vehicle belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim and, if necessary, to take proceedings for recovery of damage.

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3—Boilers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in view of a recent Conference with the Electricity Commissioners and the need for curtailing capital expenditure at the present time he recommended the purchase of a second-hand boiler and auxiliary plant instead of new plant. He had advertised for suitable plant and submitted ()tiers received and estimate of the total outlay involved. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to inspect a boiler, economiser, chimney and other plant recommended by him and, subject to obtaining a satisfactory report from the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., thereon, to purchase suitable plant at a total cost, which (including necessary building extension) he estimated would not exceed £6,000.

4—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Scheme—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Electricity Commissioners stating that in the light of the new Government proposals it was undesirable that any definite decision should be taken at present in regard to the proposed Joint Station and suggesting that the correct course would be for the two Corporations to inter-connect and to negotiate a short-term's bulk supply contract with the West Gloucestershire Power Company in order to provide for the requirements of the next three or four years. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the suggestion of the Commissioners would receive attention when it became necessary to obtain an additional supply.

5—Public Lighting----Grosvenor Street—Read, Memorial from Residents in Grosvenor Street complaining of the lighting thereof. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

Malvern Street—Resolved, also, That consideration of a complaint received regarding the inadequate lighting of this Street be adjourned for view.

6--Electricity Charges--(a) 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 energy to ordinary consumers. Resolved, That the following Revised Scale of Charges be approved and adopted. such charges to take effect after the reading of the meters for the March Quarter :—

LIGHTING—Maximum Demand—

For the first 125 hours use per quarter of the Maximum Demand as shewn by the Demand Indicator... 6 ½ d. per unit.

For all additional units ... 2 ½ d. per unit

Flat Rate — Ordinary Consumers (other than special supplies) ... 5 ½ d. 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.

(b) Slot Meters—Resolved, also, That the charge for energy supplied through Slot Meters be 8d. per unit, this charge to take effect from 1st March, 1926.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for Quarter ended 31st December last which sheaved the average calorific value to be 470.3 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 24th ult., 5th and 16th inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 462.0, 466.1 and 480.8 B.Th.U. and the pressure 5.3, 5.0 and 5.0 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th February, 1926, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn 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 8th February, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	502,000 gallons	503,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,254,000	2,260,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	146,000 “
Total	2,900,000	2,909,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th February, 1926.		8th February, 1925.	
Hewletts		25,122,000 gallons		29,092,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000	32ft. 0in	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 “	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 “
Total Storage		126,765,000		130,735,000

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

	During	Total for past
	January, 1926.	10 months.
No of house-to-house inspections	1,168	10,650
“ taps found leaking	94	1,001
“ defective flushing boxes	18	174
“ defective stop taps	4	61
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	79	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>39</u>	
	118	1,458
“ notices served re fittings	115	617
“ meters fixed and changed	19	155
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	63	834
“ burst pipes discovered ..	62	149
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc) ..	64	517

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

Sluice Valves fixed	2
Mains repaired ..	4
Hydrants repaired ..	1
Water Pillars repaired	2
Mains flushed out	5
Services pumped out	3

4—Sandford Pumping Station—Shaft-- Three tenders were received for the necessary repairs to this Shaft. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. V. G. Morris, Ltd. to carry out the work for d64, being the lowest tender received, be accepted.

5—Pipes—Eight tenders were received for the supply of cast-iron pipes required during the year ending 31st March, 1927. Resolved, That the tender of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co., Ltd., being the lowest tender received, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

6—Hewletts Reservoir (No. 4) —Valve Tower—Read, letters of 20th ult., and 12th inst., from the Ministry of Health notifying the visit on the 24th inst., of an Inspector of the Ministry to investigate the application of the Corporation for Sanction to a Loan of £1000 herein.

7—Extension of Main-Tewkesbury Road to junction of Lansdown and Hatherley Roads—The Town Clerk reported that in view of the Circular of 15th December last from the Unemployment Grants Committee no grant would be obtainable towards the cost of this Extension. Resolved, That the application to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a Loan of £6,900 be proceeded with.

8---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, 16th February, 1926 Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1- Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Lane reported that Swine Fever still existed at No. 254 High Street and at The Bays," Rowanfield Road, otherwise the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease-- (i) The Town Clerk submitted Orders, relative to various Districts, made by the Minister since the last Meeting.

(ii) Packing Materials (Amendment, Order, 1926—The Town Clerk submitted this Order and reported that same had been published.

(c) (i) Markets, Sales and Lairs Temporary Order, 1926 (No. 4,147).

(ii) Disinfection Order, 1925, (Suspension) Order, 1926 (No. 4,148). The Town Clerk reported receipt of these Orders and that the provisions thereof had been published as required by the Ministry.

(d) Tuberculosis Order, 1925 -Read, circular T.A. 11,845/C.L., of 11th inst., from the Ministry, as to diagnosis in cases of suspected tuberculosis Resolved, That this be referred to the Veterinary Inspector for attention.

2--Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 10th inst., the Brigade attended an outbreak of fire at Ball's Cabinet Works, Grosvenor Place South. Damage £175. Brigade Expenses £4 8s. 0d.

(b) Medals—Resolved, That long-service medals for Members of the Brigade be purchased at an estimated cost of £1 11s. 6d. (including inscriptions).

3—Market—Lease—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Secretary, Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., accepting the terms approved by the Council at

their last Meeting for a renewal of the Lease to the Society for five years and suggesting certain minor amendments to the clauses thereof. Resolved That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare Draft Lease.

(b) Office—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary outside painting to the doors and windows of the Office carried out and that no objection be made to a door being placed by the Society in the wall dividing the office

(c) Tolls —Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle asking the Council to waive payment of £30 of the percentage due from him in lieu of tolls as he had not been able to recover this amount. Resolved, That this be not agreed to.

4—Motor Omnibus Licences --Resolved, That the application of 5th inst., from the National Omnibus and Transport Co., Ltd., for temporary licences in respect of two 20-seater saloon omnibuses (Registration Nos. DD. 7069 and 7070) be granted, subject to inspection by Superintendent Lane,

5 —Conductor's Licence—Resolved, That a Conductor's Licence be granted to Mr. Gordon Dovey of No. 4 Tennyson Road, St. Mark's.

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6—Races—Regulation of Traffic—Resolved, That the Traffic Regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act. 1841, recommended by Superintendent Lane, be adopted for the Races to be held in March and April next.

Special Licences-Resolved, That 15 special omnibus licence be granted for the Races, 12 to the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co.. Ltd —and 1 to Mr. F. Martin and 1 to Mr. C. H. Reason, provided that not more than two " Bristol omnibuses shall be permitted to stand in High Street at any one time.

7—Petrol Licence—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, that the application of Mr. A. R. Chick for a licence to store 20 gallons (brick storage) at his premises (The Leckhampton Garage) be granted.

8—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Read, application from Mr. Ernest A. Webb (of Hopwood & Son. 58 High Street) for a licence thrie.it to sell and keep open shop for the sale of poisonous substances to which Section 2 of this Act applied for use exclusively in connection with agriculture and horticulture. The Town Clerk reported that the applicant had complied with the requirements of the Regulations as to publication of Notice of his intention to apply for a licence and submitted satisfactory Report from the Chief Constable of the City of Worcester where the applicant held a similar licence during 1924- 1925. Resolved, That a licence be granted for the period ending 5th June, 1926.

9—Parking of Motors —Resolved, That only one Motor Car be permitted to park opposite the War Memorial in the Promenade (Inner Road) and that the R.A.C. Attendant be instructed accordingly.

10-Poor Law Reform -- The Committee considered reference back from the Council at their last Meeting herein. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be deferred.

Light Railway --Fares—The Town Clerk submitted Order made by the Minister of Transport on 31st December last prescribing the Fares to be charged by the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., from 1st January to 31st December, 1926, unless previously revoked.

12-Soup Kitchen—Resolved, That the use of the Soup Kitchen be granted to Mr. E. M. Yeend for sale of potatoes by Allotment Holders as last year.

13—Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920 —The Town Clerk reported that on the 21st ult., J. W. Griffin of No too Albion Street was prosecuted for contravention of the provisions of this Act, by keeping his Shop open after hours, when the Magistrates imposed a fine of ten shillings.

14—Town Clerk's Department—Junior Clerk—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. F. W. Bull (Junior Clerk in his Department) had obtained an appointment under the Caterham Urban District Council, that he had advertised the vacancy and that he proposed to appoint Mr. S. H. McArthur of " Cheltside," School Road, Charlton Kings, to fill the vacancy at a salary of £1 per week. Resolved, That this be approved.

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

	£ s. d.
General Hospital ..	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 Ambulance Association	14 3 4
Clarence Parade House (C.O.S)	<u>3 17 1</u>
	£192 4 11

General Hospital—Annual Contribution due 1st January, 1926, 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, 8th February, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar Leigh James, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Crab Tree Piece-- The Borough Surveyor reported that the elm trees on the boundary of these allotments adjoining Nos. 160 and 161 had been inspected and belonged to the Corporation. Resolved, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report as to their removal.

2—Additional Land--Rainbow Field— The Town Clerk reported that the Notice of the Compulsory Hiring Order having expired he had made application for confirmation of this Order by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

3—Turner's Field Allotments—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to refund the rent for the March Quarter paid by allotment holders whose tenancies had been terminated at Christmas.

MT. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1926: Present -- Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Waterfowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an offer from Mrs Littledale to present a Flamingo, to replace the one that died, and other fancy waterfowl. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to exchange two of the swans for other fancy waterfowl.

(b) Trees--(i) Albert Road—Read, application from Mrs. Milne Smith for the removal of an oak tree in this road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(ii) Pittville Lawn—Read, letter of 11th ult. from Mrs. Goodlake asking for the removal of an Ilex tree outside " Llyndda" in this Road, and also for permission to construct a pathway to the side door of this house. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(c) Pittville Gardens —Read, Report of Park Constable of damage to flower beds in these Gardens by a dog belonging to Mr. W. S. Holloway, and the Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Owner undertaking that in future the dog would be kept under proper control. Resolved, That this be accepted.

2 — Recreation Grounds-- (a) Cricket—Read, applications from The Templar, St. Paul's Old Boys' and Wesley Sunday School Cricket Clubs for cricket pitches to be allocated to them. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

(b) Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the portion of the ground used for allotments during the War was now suitable for general use. Resolved, That no cricket be allowed on this portion of the ground so that the same may be available for children.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th February, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Stewart ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Capt. True, Col. J. C. Griffith ; Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

Curator's Report—Visits— During January, 2,330 (against 3,942) ; daily average go (against 146), including classes from Calton Road Girls' School, Gloucester and St. John's Girls' School, Cheltenham.

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Receipts— Collecting Box 4s 10d ; Sale of Catalogues 15s 2d ; Commission on Sales (F. D. How Exhib.) £3 7s. 9d., and Post Cards 5s 4d. Total £4 13s. 1d. Injurious Insects—The Authorities of Victoria and Albert Museum had sanctioned a grant-in-aid of £3 15s. 0d towards the purchase of 8 cases of Injurious Insects.

2--Donations and Loans—The following Donations had been received :—Mr. F. J. Chambers, Lithograph of Rev. A. Morton Brown, LI D. ; L.M. & S. Rly., 1 Cheltenham Poster ; Mrs. A. St. Clair (in Memory of late Councillor St. Clair) Thumb-screw (formerly belonging to Graham of Claverhouse), Piece of Icelandic Spar, Piece of Malachite from Broken Hill, Rhodesia ; and Mr. S. D. Scott, de Morgan Dish The following had been offered on loan :—Capt. Bruce George, 2 Oil Paintings by Jan van der Meer ; Mr. R. Heyworth, R.O.I., " Dieppe Harbour " by Lender and "Normandy Village" by David Davies, R.O.I., and Mr. Alexander Smith, 32 Old English Portrait Miniatures. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Lenders.

3—Exhibitions—Resolved, That the following arrangements be approved :—16th March to 13th April—Staffordshire New Group ; " 20th May to 19th June—Local Arts and Crafts with Printing.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th February, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Thomas Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent (23rd January to 19th February). Interments 71 ; Exclusive Rights in 32 graves sold (First class 6, Second class 3, Third class 3 and Fourth class 20). Monuments erected 4. New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7319 to 7350 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 graves of Doreen M. Morton, Katherine F. Lamb, James H. Williams, Frank W: Edwards, Gertrude Constable and Bridget Davis ; Head-stone and Kerbing to grave of Ann Houldey ; Headstone to graves of Alice M. Hughes and William Lane ; Memorial Block and Kerbing to grave of Edith A. Waite and Kerbing to graves of Grace E. Parish, K. W. A. Mackenzie, Frank Holder, Mary A. Miles, Lucy Selley and Gertrude A. K. Dowell.

4—Maintenance of Grave P. 2412—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Messrs. Hillman, Burt & Warren enclosing cheque for £50 and Agreement between the Corporation and the Executors of R. J. Verrall, deceased, for the upkeep of this grave in perpetuity. Resolved, That this sum be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

5—Grave D. 6944—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the St. Joseph's Private Nursing Home, London, stating that the Purchaser of this grave had died there, but as there was no money or any known relatives, it had not been possible to bring the body to Cheltenham, and asking the Committee to re-purchase the space which was purchased on the 27th July, 1923. Resolved, That they be offered the sum of £2.

6—Cemetery Chapel—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey on their inspection of the masonry of the Chapel Spire. Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery to enable the Committee to view the Chapel, and that in the meantime a provisional sum of £200 be included in the estimate of expenditure for the year 1926-27 for any necessary repairs that may be required.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th February, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Pates, General H. M. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 7s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,524 (last year 6,025) ; Lending Library 12,662 (last year 55,854) ; Children's Library 2,392 (last year 2,277). Total for month 19,578 (last year 20,556).

Presentations—Anonymous (5 vols.) ; British Museum Trustees (1 Catalogue) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co, Ltd. (1 vol. 17 guides) ; Mr. H. Dartnall (7 vols.) ; Miss Fletcher (3 vols.) ; Mr. C. J. Teal (2 vols.) ; Mrs. F. J. Monahan (1 vol.) ; India Office (1 vol.) ; Trinity College of Music, London (Calendar) ; Gloucester Co-operative & Industrial Society, Ltd. (Year Book) ; Incorporated Society of Musicians (Register and Report) ; and Mrs. A. R. Burton (1 vol.).

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

Replacements—During the month, 22 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The fifth of the Winter Series of Lectures was given on the 8th inst., by Mr. G. Arthur Cardew, O.B.E., V.D., M.R.C.S., on The Saltways—Droitwich to Ashton under-Hill and through Gloucestershire to Lechlade " and was attended by 208 people.

Archdeacon Gardner's Music Library—This library had been classified and catalogued and Mr. F. G. Perrins, Music Master to the two Training Colleges had rendered considerable assistance in connection therewith. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Perrins for his services.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mann ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 22 vols., (new books) published at £11 12s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £8 14s. 0d.

(b) That 30 vols. be replaced at an estimated cost of £5

(c) That 1 ton of " Dusmo" be ordered, delivery and payment to be made for 5 cwt. consignments as required.

(d) That the Estimate of Expenditure for the next financial year, having been considered in detail, be approved.

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

3—Tablets on Houses with Literary or Historical Associations—The **Tablets Sub-Committee** reported that they met on the 25th inst. : Present—Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Col. J. G. Griffith ; Messrs. H. E. Branch and A. J. Miles (Rev. Canon Johnstone in the chair).

Statements were submitted by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer who reported that subscriptions promised amounted to about £12. Resolved, To recommend approval of the principle of placing a limited number of tablets on buildings with outstanding literary or historical associations.

A list of names was considered and that of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was selected for first treatment, and the Hon. Secretary was authorised to approach the Owner of No. to St. James's Square, for permission to place a tablet thereon and to invite quotations for a suitable tablet.

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

A. MANN. Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd February, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Miller, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of Borough Accountant, dated 23rd inst. on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £30,832 18s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £3,059 0s. 4d.

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 £16,349 5s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £3,110 5s. 10d.

3—Estimate for Rates—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday the 12th March at 7 p.m. to settle estimates for the rates.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,950 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 £2,925 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £280 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £440 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date	£23,075
New Bonds	<u>£12,845</u>
Total ..	£35,920

Resolved, That this be approved.

5—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Accountant reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during January was 8,670.

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

Date, 1926.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
21st January	Electricity—Boilers (on a/c 411,450).	£9000	10 years.
29th	Electricity —Excess Expenditure (Generating Plant)	£1,401	15 years
9th February	Electricity—Mains and Services	£5000	25 years
22nd „	Housing Act, 1925—Houses, Rees' Site	£6374	60 years

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair): and Councillor Miller. 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, 1st March, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, General H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Captain Tree, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 1st 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—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Fountain—The Mayor read letter of 18th ult., from Mrs. Wilfrid Unwin stating that the Members of the Family of the late Mr. Herbert Unwin desired to give a fountain to his memory in connection with this Scheme. Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Council be given to Mrs. Unwin's Family for their generous gift.

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3—Superannuation—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Secretary. Association of Municipal Corporations, asking the Councillor an expression of opinion as to whether it was desirable that the Scheme 01 Superannuation established by the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, should be made obligatory, on all Local Authorities. Resolved, That the letter be on the table.

4—Allotments— Rainbow Field—The Town Clerk reported that the Compulsory Hiring Order herein made by the Council on 4th January last, was confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 26th ult.

5—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That Robert Steel of 1 Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham ; James Stewart of 9 Bayshill Terrace, St. George's Road, 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.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held February 8

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Farrar : " That the words Hares and' in the Resolution with reference to Shooting at Farms (Minute No. 11) be not approved."

Housing ... Meeting held February 9

Street and Highway Meeting held February 15

Town Improvement and Spa. ... Meetings held February 12 & 19

Subject to the following Amendments, viz. :—(a) Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bastin : " That Minutes Nod. 4 and 5 (a), with reference to Ultra Violet Ray Equipment be referred back for consultation with the Borough Electrical Engineer and enquiries to be made if a lamp could not be purchased capable of being used off the Town Circuit."

(b) Moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Pates : " That the words a Military Band be provided ' be substituted for the words tenders be invited by advertisement for the provision of a Military Band' in the recommendation of the Concerts' Sub-Committee with reference to Summer Band (Minute No. 13).

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SUMMER BAND - Resolved, also, That the tender of Mr. Leo. Dawes to provide a Summer Band of 18 performers (including. Conductor) to give performances as specified in the recommendation of the Concert's Sub-Committee before referred to, May to 4th September next, for £98 10s. 0d. per week be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Electricity and Lighting	...	Meeting held February 17
Water	" "	11
General Purposes and Watch	" "	16
Allotments	" "	8
Parks and 'Recreation Grounds	" "	8
Art Gallery and Museum	" "	12
Burial Board	" "	" 19
Public Library	" "	9
Finance	" "	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.

BROOKLYN ROAD SEWER—Loan from Public Works Loan Board—Resolved, That the Council hereby authorise the Mayor and Town Clerk to affix the Common Seal to the Receipt and Order for Certificate in respect of the further advance of £1,000 to be made by the Public Works Loan Board under the Mortgage, dated 20th October, 1925, on account of the Loan sanctioned for the construction of Brooklyn Road Sewer.

7—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.—New Houses. Rees Site—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 15 houses being erected by them on Rees' Site.

WALTER M. DICKS, Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough or Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 1st April, 1926. Present: The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair.

Aldermen Bendall and Steel Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E., Mann, Pates, Pruen and Welstead.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor General H. M. Thomas, D.S.O.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council on the 23rd 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, 188'2, or other-wise by law, and it having, been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of SIXTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, will, in addition to the Borough Fund, be sufficient for those purposes (including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Act) for the period ending the 31st March next, it is ordered by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the property rateable to the poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed. and the Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham, which is co-extensive with the said Borough, and the rateable value of the property lying therein, the said sum of Sixty two thousand five hundred pounds and it is further ordered liv the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseer, of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do, and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rate made and collected or to be made and collected, within the said Parish, and it is further ordered that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following, that is to say, by eight instalments, viz., the sum of Ten thousand

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five hundred pounds on or before the First day of June next, Ten thousand five hundred pounds on or before the First day of July next, Five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds on or before the

first day of August next, Five thousand pounds on or before the First day of September next, Ten thousand five hundred pounds on or before the First day of November next, Ten thousand five hundred pounds on or before the First day of December next, Five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds on or before the First day of January next and Five thousand pounds on or before the First day of February next to the Treasurer of the said Borough at The Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, and it is further ordered that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further, proceedings as the law directs.

3—General District Rate —Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham improvement Act, 1889, of 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 1926, and the other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the First day of October 1926, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

4—Mrs. H. M. Thomas, deceased—Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of this Council be conveyed to Councillor General H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., in the sad loss sustained by him and his family by the death of his Wife.

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 Friday, the 9th April, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th March, 1926: Present- The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, General Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. St. Philip's Street ; 44 and 45 Rosehill Street ; 2 Naunton Crescent ; 4 Corpus Street ; 4 Portland Parade ; 4 Winchcomb Street ; 64 and 66 Brunswick Street ; and 22 Lansdown Place.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

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

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 30 Duke Street ; 4 Mitre Street ; 65 Queen Street ; and 28 and 29 King 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) 16 and 18 Upper Park Street : 26 and 27 Sidney Street ; 9, All Saints' Road ; 70 Duke Street ; and International Tea Stores, Highs Street.-- The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

(c) 8 Northwick Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on 10th November last the drainage and sanitary work required at these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £57 17s. 0d. Resolved, That application be made for payment by the Owner.

(d) 11 to 30 Naunton Crescent—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on 10th November last the drainage and sanitary work required at these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £157 14s. 0d. The Borough Surveyor submitted Apportionment between the Owners of the expenses incurred as aforesaid 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.

(e) Sandford Cottage—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 10th November last, the drainage and sanitary work required at these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £10 5s 0d. Resolved, That application be made for payment by the Owner.

4--Insanitary Property-2 Birdlip Place, Bath Road ; 38 Fairview Road ; 9 St. Philip's Street ; The Bungalow, Hester's Way; 22 Lansdown Place ; 2, 3 and 4 Corpus Street 30 St. James's Street; 4 Portland Parade ; and 11 Russell 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 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.

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5- -House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation -The Wiltshire Brewery, Hewlett Place-- It appearing on the Report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient

water closet accommodation. Resolved, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

6—Common Lodging Houses—Rowton House, Grove Street— An application was received from Mr. Michael Fortucci for registration as keeper of Rowton House, Grove Street, as a Common Lodging House. Resolved, That the application be granted, the registration to be for the period ending 9th November next. Nos. 20 and 21 Stanhope Street—Resolved, also, That Mr. Fortucci's registration in respect of these premises be renewed for three months, as from 5th inst.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs. beef; 45 Ox kidneys; 4 cwt. pork ; 4 turkeys ; 2 tins meat and 7 tins fruit.

8—Notices not complied with--The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, 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.

9—Visit to Sewage Works—Resolved, That a Special Meeting be held to visit the Sewage Works on Wednesday, 28th April at 2.30 p.m.

10--**Farms Sub-Committee** Reported Meeting on 8th inst Present— Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, General Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Managers Report—Read. Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 8th inst. : 10 horses (2 at Depot) ; 86 head of cattle, 1 bull. 2 calves, 91 sheep and 36 pigs, 11 bullocks, 2 heifers and 16 sheep had been purchased for £229 Ss. 0d. Purchases of foodstuffs, etc., amounted to £56 1s. 6d. Total purchases £285 g9s. 6d. 67 lambs and 11 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 2 heifers, 20 sheep and 19 pigs had been sold for £202 15s. 9d. One ewe died while lambing as did also her three lambs.

Requisitions—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase wire necessary for fencing. Bungalow —Resolved, That Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son be instructed to carry out small repairs to Bungalow occupied by Gray.

Waterman—Resolved, That the services of C. Potter, who was due to retire on superannuation be retained until 30th September next.

Valuation of Farms—Read, Report of 4th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar on his Valuation of the Stock, Implements, etc., on the 3rd inst., of which the following is a Summary :—

89 Cattle ..	1843 10 0
91 Sheep and 68 Lambs..	343 10 0
36 Pigs .. 74 10 0	
12 Horses ..	212 0 0
Hay, Straw, Roots, Corn in Rick	605 3 0
Acts of Husbandry, etc. ..	159 2 9
Meals, etc., on hand ..	67 12 4
Implements, Tools, Harness, etc.	<u>599 10 9</u>
	£3904 18 10

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th March, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James. Moore, Pruen, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

11—Farms— Cottages-- Five tenders were received for the erection of a pair of Non-Parlour Type Houses, with three bedrooms, in the Orchard at Hayden Knoll.

Resolved, (a) That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros., of 29 Hanover Street, St. Paul's, Cheltenham, of £929 0s. 0d. (being the lowest tender), be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into by. the Contractors and a satisfactory Surety.

(b) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the houses for the purpose of Subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

(c) That application be made to the Ministry for sanction to a loan of £1004 0s. 0d., for the estimated cost of the erection of the houses (including Architect's Fees and 5 per cent. for contingences).

ARTHUR S. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday. 9th March, 1926: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Pates and General H. M. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sale of House--(a) Non-Parlour Type :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
43 Byron Road	Millington, W.	£475
45 Do.	O'Donoghue, Mr. and Mrs. L. B.	£475
47 Do.	Gould, John	£475
59 Do.	Budden, G. W.	£475
67 Do.	Jennings, Herbert T.	£475
69 Do.	Bowle, Arthur H.	£475
54 Shakespeare Road	Bendall, Frederick C.	£475

(b) Parlour Type--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. James Bassett had withdrawn his offer to purchase No. 7 Brooklyn Road and that he had received an offer from Mrs. Maud E. Claridge to purchase the same for 1700. Resolved, That the offers referred to in (a) and (b) above be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), that application be made to 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. 45, 47, 59, 67 and 69 Byron Road, 14 Shakespeare Road and 7 Brooklyn Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances 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. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923 : 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 4 have been sold, two of which are still in course of erection, and of the latter too have been sold, leaving 40 for sale, all of which 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—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from Ministry of Health stating that the Minister could not agree to the acceptance of the tenders of Messrs. W. Drew and C. Odes referred to in Minutes Nos. 7 and 9 of the Committee at their Meetings on the 20th and 28th January last. Resolved, That the Chairman, Town Clerk and Architect be instructed to interview the Ministry of Health thereon.

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3-Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-24-(a) Period-Read, letter of 9th ult., from the Ministry of Health extending the period for affording financial Assistance in respect of not more than 40 houses to be built by private enterprise, so as to apply to houses commenced by 30th June and completed by 31st December 1926, respectively.

(b) Whaddon Lane-Read, letter of 9th ult., from Ministry of Health stating that the Minister would not object to payment of a subsidy in respect of each of two houses proposed to be erected in Whaddon Lane by the Original Brewery Co. Ltd., but that it would be necessary for application to be made for approval of the Minister if the rate of density was to exceed the standard prescribed by the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, Sec. 7. Resolved, That the Company be informed accordingly.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

HOUSING AND PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS (Joint) COMMITTEE.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, 24th March, 1926: Present-The Mayor; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Pates and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Housing Estate-Recreation Ground-The Committee inspected the land set apart for a Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of fencing and preparing this land with a view to the same being taken over as a public Recreation Ground.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th March, 1926. Present-The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin and Dunn (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme-Tenders for Houses- The Town Clerk submitted correspondence which had passed between himself and the Ministry of Health with reference to the tender of Mr. W. Drew for the erection of one pair of houses on the site of 42-44 Stanhope Street and Nos. 1-4 St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

2-66 to 74 Stanhope Street- Repairs--The Sanitary Inspector submitted list of defects at these premises, together with estimate from Mr. E. J. Welch for the repair thereof amounting to £11 3s. 0d, Resolved, That this be accepted and the work put in hand.

3-Rees' Site -Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed forthwith with the construction of road and water main.

4 Biddies' Properties-Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate for the acquisition of this property on the basis of the Arbitration Award in the case of Mr. Strand's property.

5-Giles' Property-Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. J. B. Villar asking that the arrangement arrived at with the District Valuer for his Client to have the right to sell and dispose of the materials of the houses for removal within one month after vacant possession had been obtained by the Corporation, be confirmed. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th March, 1926 : Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates and Trye (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

2-Sydenham Road North (Footpath, North Side)—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the Works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1852 to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting

upon the parts of the said street requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889,

3--Post Office Telegraphs -Read, application of 17th ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an underground telegraph line along Post Office Lane. Resolved, That consent be given and that the reinstatement of the trench be undertaken by the Corporation, subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office Telegraphs Department.

4--Petrol Pump—Read, application of 22nd ult., from Messrs. Haines and Strange for permission to erect a " Shell " Petrol pump on their premises in Albion Street with moveable delivery arm extending over the footpath. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to an Agreement being entered into containing the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd March, 1926: Present—The .Mayor; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Mann, Pates, Captain Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

5—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 2nd and 22nd inst, Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

6 -- Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 12th February to 18th March, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal —During the five weeks ended 11th inst., 1,002 loads collected, 914 consumed and 88 tipped away (Weight consumed 1,251 tons 9 cwts.).

7--Telephone Kiosk—Queen's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the proposed site of telephone kiosk in Queen's Road. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Horse —The Borough Surveyor submitted certificate from the Veterinary Inspector that the horse purchased from Mr. F. Kendrick was sound.

9—Refuse Destructor —Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Electricity and Lighting Committee had agreed to bear half the cost of alteration to cables necessitated by the construction of the new Weighbridge.

10—Highways Superintendent—Resolved, That the resignation of the Outdoor Superintendent (Mr. J. Hurley) to take effect on 30th June next, be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to invite applications for the appointment of Highways Superintendent at a salary of £300 per annum.

11—Bath Road and Sandford Road —Improvement of Corner---The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 17th inst., from the Cheltenham College Council agreeing to give up the land required for the improvement of this corner, subject to the Corporation bearing all incidental expenses. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

12—Asphalt Plant--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Constable, Hart & Co., Ltd., were erecting the building for the Asphalt Plant and submitted letter of 5th inst. from the Company assuring the Corporation that there would be no further cause for complaint or nuisance from dust. (b) Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving of the purchase of the plant.

13—Whaddon Lane—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been in communication frith the Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Transport, with the view to a grant being obtained towards the cost of widening and improving this road and submitted reply of 20th inst. from the Chief Engineer that the Minister was not in a position to make a grant towards the cost thereof,

14--Libertus Road --The Town Clerk reported that Notice declaring Libertus Road to be a Highway had been duly put up in the road and that no objection had been received to such Declaration. Resolved, That the Notice be recorded on the Minutes.

15—Reddings Road—The Town Clerk reported that Notice declaring this road to be a Highway had been duly put up in the road and that no objection had been received to such Declaration. Resolved, That the Notice be recorded on the Minutes.

16—Bye-Laws (a) New Streets and Buildings— Report of Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 15th inst.: Present— The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall (in the chair) ; Councillors Mann and Yarnold. The Sub Committee further considered the revision of these Bye-Laws and settled draft for submission to the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

(b) Wireless Installations—Read, Memorandum from Ministry of Health stating that it was not intended at present to issue Model Bye-Laws with respect to wires, etc., connected with wireless installations, but the Ministry would be prepared to consider any proposals for Bye-Laws which the Council thought necessary and within the scope of Section 26 (l) of the Public Health Act, 1925,

17—Imperial Square—Read, application of the 5th inst. from the Secretary, New Club, for an alteration of the pavement opposite the entrance to the yard, Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned for view.

18—Municipal and County Engineers-- Resolved, That the Chairman (or Councillor Capt. Trye and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual General Meeting of this Institution to be held at Bristol on 23rd to 25th June next.

19—Leckhampton Hill—Footpaths from Pilley and Sandy Lane—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Manager, Leckhampton Quarries Co. Ltd., stating that he had been instructed to proceed forthwith with the construction of the footbridge, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written in reply urging the necessity of constructing a footpath along the side of the railway to the new bridge.

20—Town Planning Act, 1925—(a) Read, letters of 23rd ult. and 8th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council, and the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, stating that the following had been appointed to represent these Authorities, respectively, at the proposed Conference.

County Council—The Chairman (Lt. Col. Russell J. Kerr), The Vice-Chairman (Major F. W. B. Cripps, D.S.O.), Messrs. J. S. Gibbons and J. O. M. Skelton,

Cheltenham Rural District Council—The Chairman (Mr. Gilbert Mellquham); Capt. H. P. Laschallas and Messrs. A. Wiggett and F. J. Hitch.

(b) Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to invite a Representative of the Ministry of Health to attend the pro-posed Conference,

21-Street Projections—(a) 23 Clarence Street—Resolved, That the application of 10th inst. from Mr. L. Cantrill for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) 83 Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That the application of 6th inst. from Messrs. Drake & Co. for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Supervision—Read, Memorandum of 12th inst. from the Borough Surveyor with reference to the general supervision of projecting signs and encroachments on the public footpath by tradesmen, Resolved, That the attention of the Street Inspector (Supt. Lane) be drawn to this matter.

22-Church Direction Sign—Read, application of 20th inst. from the Hon. Sec., Cambay Baptist Church, for permission to fix a direction sign to the Electric Lamp Standard opposite No. 94 High Street. Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, the application be granted.

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23—Petrol Pumps--(a) Lansdown Place Garage—Read, application of 15th inst. from Mr. F. M. Bostock (on behalf of Mr. F. O. H. Goulding) for permission to erect a "Shell" Petrol Distributing Pump on the latter's premises at Lansdown Place Garage. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to an Agreement being entered into containing the usual conditions.

(b) Read, application of the 20th inst. from Mr. Leslie Paynter for permission to erect two petrol distributing pumps on land at the corner of Bath and Wellington Streets, recently given up by him to the Corporation. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

24--Roads in Rural Areas—Read, circular No. 234 (Roads) of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Transport with reference to grants available during the Financial Year 1926-27, in respect of Unclassified Roads. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply for grants in respect of Cemetery Road and Old Bath Road.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 2nd March, 1926 : Present—The Mayor ; 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.
2147	Hind, Mrs. M. T. R.	Temporary Motor House at Ermington, Hatherley Road.
2148	Tibbles, Messrs. W. G. & Co.	Alteration to front of "Sunningend." High Street.
2149	Bastin, G. H.	Garage and Workshop at Old Bell Yard, Winchcomb Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 2148 be approved and that Plans Nos. 2147 and 2149 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 22nd March, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and General H. M. 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.
2137	Cheltenham College Council	New Five Courts, Southwood House. Lypiatt Road.
2150	Marshall, A. F.	Temporary Motor House. "Elsham," Painswick Road.
2151	Thompson, R. S.	Temporary Motor House, Tudor Lodge Road.
2152	Wilkins, E. C.	Temporary Motor House. Dawstone." Old Bath Road.
2153	Fletcher, C.	Temporary Garages, New Court Hotel.
2154	Smith, T.	Detached House. Suffolk Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2137 and 2154 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2150, 2151, 2152 and 2153 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. 2152 be farther subject to a proper crossing being provided over the footpath.

JOHN D. BENDALL.

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 19th March, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, H. W. Thomas and Welstead (alderman Stewart in the chair).

1- Chelt Improvement Scheme, (a) Consent-Read, letter of 1st inst., from Mr. J. G. Hutchings, Owner of No. 2 Belle Vue Place, consenting to the diversion of the Chelt, subject to the footpath being provided as proposed.

(b) Designs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain quotations from Landscape Architects for collaboration with him in the preparation of Designs and Drawings.

2--- Alstone Baths —(a) Swimming and Mixed Bathing — Read, application of 27th ult., from the Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming oath on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to closing time for Water Polo, and on Thursdays from 5.30 to closing time for Mixed Bathing, also for Galas on nights deemed suitable by the Superintendent. Resolved, That the use of the Bath be granted on the same terms as in previous years.

(b) Resolved, That the Bath remain open on 1st October next for the National Water Polo Club Championship Final.

3—Montpellier Gardens-Open Air Services- Read, application of 5th inst., from the Rev. F. Senior (President, Free Church Council) on behalf of the Rector and himself, for permission to hold one United Open Air Sunday Evening Service in each of the months of June, July and August from 8 to 9 p.m. Resolved, That the application be granted as last year.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th March, 1926. Present : Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, H. W. Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

4—Medical Baths—Resolved, That the Whirlpool Bath be lowered to seat level at an estimated cost of £12.

5—Alstone Baths—Resolved, That the Washing Baths be lighted by electricity.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. F. Vizard to plant beds to be made on the North side of the Broad Walk with herbaceous plants three times in succession during the ensuing season at half cost, viz. £15, subject to his being permitted to display a small tablet intimating that the beds had been planted by him be accepted.

7—Borough Meteorologist—Resolved, That Mr. A. J. Bence (Custodian, Montpellier Gardens) undertake the duties of Meteorologist during absence of Lt.-Cmdr. Orgee at an additional wage of ten shillings per week.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**— The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on 2nd and 16th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens Putting Course—That the Putting Course be let for general hire during the month of April, as an experiment, at a charge of 3d. per round (exclusive of entrance fee) children two for the price of one ; and that a girl attendant be engaged at a wage of ten shillings per week, to issue tickets, etc.

Summer Band—(at That the Summer Band Season commence on Sunday. 2nd May and close on Saturday, 4th September.

(b) That the Band play on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4.30 p.m.. and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m., the hour so saved weekly to accumulate to the credit of the Corporation and to be worked off during the Season by performances to be given at Recreation Grounds or elsewhere as may be required.

(c) That the application of the Chamber of Commerce for the services of the Band at Pittville on 12th July next be granted, subject to Chamber paying £2 2s. 0d., for cartage of chairs.

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Tennis—That the Tennis Courts be let for the ensuing Season one week earlier than usual, i.e., as from 26th April.

Easter Monday--That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide Band performances at a Dance Tea on Easter Monday afternoon on sharing terms, be accepted.

Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian--That Mr. Gibbs be appointed Custodian for the Summer Season at a wage £1 10s. 0d. per week, the Corporation to pay all Insurance contributions.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART.

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th March, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Miller, Moore- and Captain Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order—Inquiry—Resolved, (a) That the Town Clerk be authorised to brief the same Counsel as the Gloucester City Council.

(b) That the Corporation bear their proportion of a Professional Shorthand Writer's Fee.

(c) That the Chairman (Councillor Moore), Councillor Captain Trye and the Borough Electrical Engineer be requested to attend the Inquiry.

2--District Joint Board—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor j. Moore) be nominated Representative of the Under-taking of the District Joint Board No. 6 (West of England) Area for the year ending 31st March, 1927.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21th March, 1926: Present—Councillors Bastin, Drain, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3—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, 1927.

4—Municipal Offices—Telephone- -Resolved, That the quotation of the Post Office Telephones Department of £2 12s. 0d. per annum for an internal extension to the Mains Superintendent's Room be accepted.

5—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 21st, 27th ult., 5th, 8th, 16th and 22nd inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 464.9, 476.2, 481.4, 470.2, 454.1 and 471.4 and the and the pressure 5.0, 5.1, 5.0, 4.6, 4.9 and 4.5 inches.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th March, 1926. Present—The petty Mayor ; Alderman Stewart : Councillors Bastin, Dunn 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 15th March, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	464,000 gallons	437,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,616,000 “	1,514,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	139,000
Total	2,224,000	2,090,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th March, 1926.		15th March, 1925.	
Hewletts		29,976,000 gallons		31,264,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 8in.	96,042,000	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total		127,638,000		132,907,000

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

	During February, 1926.	Total for past 11 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,210	11,860
“ taps found leaking	105	1,106
“ defective flushing boxes	1	195
“ detective stop taps ..	3	64
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	77	
(special repairs apart from house- to-house inspections)	<u>48</u>	
	125	1,583
“notices served re fittings	53	670
“ meters fixed and changed	8	163
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	57	891
“ burst pipes discovered ..	9	158
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc) ..	48	565

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

Sluice Valves fixed	2
Sluice Valves repaired	3
Mains repaired ..	3
Hydrants repaired ..	4
Services pumped out	2
Mains flushed out in 5 districts.	

4—Dowdeswell Trunk Main—The Borough Engineer reported that a burst occurred on this main on the 25th ult., in con-sequence of which the supply from the Reservoir had to be shut down for about 24 hours.

5--Supply at Apperley—An application was received from Mr. P. D. Perry for permission to use galvanised steam tubing for service to a new house and an existing farm at Apperley. Resolved, That no objection be made.

6—Foreman Sandi—Retirement—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Thomas Sellick, who had been in the employ the Water Department for 45 years and was 72 years of age, desired to retire on superannuation on the 31st inst. The Borough Engineer considered it desirable that the services of Mr. Sellick should be available for the information of his successor as to the position and working of mains, valves, etc., and recommended that his part-time services for this purpose be retained for six months at a weekly wage of £1 in addition to his superannuation allowance. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted. Resolved, That the Committee Department desire to place on record their warm appreciation of Mr. Thomas Sellick's valuable and faithful service of 45 years in the Water Department of the Corporation.

7— Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground—Resolved, That this Recreation Ground be opened on Sundays at 9 a.m., and closed half an hour after sunset.

8—May Meeting—Resolved, That the May Meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell.

9—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 as from 25th inst., until the arrears are paid.

no--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 March, 1926 : Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals —(a) Supt. Lane reported that the premises at "The Bays," Rowanfield Road, had been declared free from Swine Fever, but a case of the disease still existed at No. 754 High Street.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Orders, relative to various Districts made by the Ministry since the last Meeting.

(c) Supt. Lane submitted copies of Form " D " served upon several persons in the Borough in respect of animals purchased at Gloucester Market on the 8th inst., requiring detention and isolation thereof until the 29th inst.

2--Declaration of Infected Areas Order of 1926 (No. 45).—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which had been published as required by the Ministry.

3—Declaration of Infected Areas Order 1926 (No. 52).—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order received from the Ministry that day. Resolved, That the same be published.

4—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Sub-Committee--Reported Meeting on the 4th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair), and Councillor Mann.

They recommended :—

(i) Sunbeam Fire Tender—That the Captain be instructed to have this tender overhauled at a cost not exceeding £12.

(ii) Fire Station Painting— That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the exterior painting carried out forthwith.

(iii) Accumulator—That a damaged accumulator be repaired, or, if necessary, a new accumulator be purchased.

(iv) Uniform—That tenders be invited for four pairs of trousers.

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

b) Report of Captain—No outbreak of fire had occurred since the last Meeting.

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(c) Parish of Buckland—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. H. J. Burrage, Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Buckland, enquiring the annual payment which would be required by the Corporation for the Brigade to attend fires in the Parish. Resolved, That he be informed that Buckland was too far away from the Borough for the Corporation to undertake for the Brigade to attend fires thereat.

(d) Brockhampton Park—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. B. C. Cobb, asking if arrangements could be made for the Brigade to attend, in the event of fire occurring at Brockhampton Park, Andoversford. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

5—Market—Fair---(a) The Town Clerk reported that a portion of the Market had been let to Mr. Marshall Hill from the 15th to the 26th April next at a rent of £35, plus water charges. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Shed—Read, letters of 23rd and 26th ult., from Mr. C. C. Castle with reference to site desired by him for a shed which he proposed to erect, and the Town Clerk submitted plans showing this site and the site selected by the Sub-Committee.

Resolved, That the latter site be adhered to.

6--Races—Special Licences -(a) Resolved, That six special Omnibus licences be granted to the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. for the Races to be held on the 14th and 15th April next. Resolved, also, That the Chairman and the Town Clerk be authorised to issue such additional Special Licences for the Races as may be deemed necessary to meet the requirements of traffic.

(b) Hackney Carriage Stand—North end of Promenade Long Garden--Resolved, That the number of Motor Carriages permitted to use this stand be reduced from three to two, to enable a notice " Entrance to Parking Place " to be fixed at the corner of the Long Garden.

7—Petrol Licences—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Inspector, that the following applications to store petroleum be granted

Name.	Place of Storage.	Pump Storage. gallons.
Messrs.	Reed & Pattison 6 and 7 Bath Road	300
Mr. C. F. Dennis	At rear of 13 Ambrose Street	300
Messrs, Haines & Strange	19 Albion Street	300
Mr. E. B. Crabtree	60 Fairview Road	500
Dicks & Sons, Ltd	St. Georges Street	600
Mr. L. E. Lusty	Victoria Street, St. Paul's	400

8—Incorporation—jubilee—Resolved, That the Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider arrangements to celebrate the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Town on the 9th September next.

9—Poor Law Reform—Read, Circular of the 9th inst. from Secretary, Non-County Boroughs Association, stating that a Committee of Members of Parliament was being formed to ensure that the case for Non-County Boroughs was fully considered in Parliament, and inviting the Borough Member to join the Committee. Resolved, That Sir James Agg-Gardner be asked to join.

10—Shops Act—Fishmongers, etc., Closing Order—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Fishmongers' Association forwarding Resolution urging that the Shops Acts Inspector be instructed to see that the Fishmongers' etc., Closing Order, 1925, was complied with. The Town Clerk reported that the Inspector had been supplied with a copy of the Order when it was confirmed, and that he had been instructed accordingly.

(b) Inspector's Reports—(r) Read reports of 6th inst. and 27th and 27th ult. as to contravention of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, by Willows, Fishmongers, ma Winchcomb Street ; Price & Jones. 27 Sherborne Street and E. M. Jones, 55 Sherborne Street, respectively. Resolved, That they be informed unless a written assurance was received from them by the 27th inst., that they in future would comply with the requirements of the Statute, proceedings would be taken against them forthwith in respect of the above offences.

(ii) Read, Report of 22nd inst., from the Inspector, as to contravention of the before mentioned Act. on the 20th inst., by J. W. Griffin, too Albion Street, who was prosecuted on the 21st January last for a similar offence and fined ten shillings. Resolved, That further proceedings be taken.

11—Maintenance of Essential Services—Resolved, That, if necessary, accommodation in the Council Chamber or Committee Room be provided as Emergency Office Accommodation.

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12-Vinegar Hill That this Council approve of the Bill now before parliament to prevent the fraudulent sale as vinegar of liquids or products made in imitation of vinegar, and that the Borough Member be asked to support the Bill.

13 Malvern Street, The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed re-numbering of houses in Malvern Street. Resolved, That this be approved.

14 --Town Clerk's Department —Typewriters—The Town Clerk reported as to the condition of the typewriters in his Department and submitted quotations from the Underwood Typewriter Co., Ltd., to supply a new Brief Standard Machine for £22 5s. 6d., and to overhaul and adjust the two existing typewriters for £1 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the quotation be accepted.

15—Municipal Offices-Shed for Motor Car—The Borough Surveyor submitted site plan for a lean-to shed proposed to be erected at the rear of the Municipal Offices to provide shelter for motor car belonging to Medical Officer of Health the cost of which he estimated would be £9. Resolved, That no action be taken.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting- of this Committee held on the 3rd March, 1926 : Present -Councillors Dunn and Farrar ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Picard and J. Waine (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

1-- Rainbow Field —Mr. J. Bubb attended on behalf of Mr. Jordan and stated that Mr. Jordan asked for a rent of £5 per acre. Resolved, That the Committee consider this too high, and that Mr. Bubb be asked to consult Mr. Jordan with a view to arriving at an agreement.

(b) Layout—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a layout plan of the field providing for both chain and half chain lots.

G. OWEN DUNN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th March, 1926 Present -Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson. F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

2-Creamery Piece Allotments --The Borough Surveyor submitted claim from Messrs. H. Dunn and J. Halford for the cost of repairs to the roads of these allotments carried out by them. Resolved, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report.

3—Rainbow Field—(a) Rents Resolved, That the rent of these allotments be 19s. 0d. per chain, but that tenants be allowed a rebate of one quarter's rent for getting the ground into order.

(b) Layout—The Borough Surveyor submitted Plan of proposed layout of the field. Resolved, That this be approved.

(c) Pigs —Read, letter of 5th inst., from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of Mr. Jordan objecting to the keeping of pigs on the allotments. Read, also, Memorial from tour owners and occupiers of houses in Old Bath Road supporting this objection.

Read, also, letter from the Sanitary Inspector suggesting that if pigs were allowed on the allotments, no allotment holder should be allowed to keep more than two pigs and that the sties should be at least two yards from the nearest house.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to insert a condition in each tenancy agreement that no pigs shall be kept on any part of the ground.

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(d) Rent of Field—Read, letter from Messrs. Bubb and Co. stating that Mr. Jordan still considered that a rent of £5 per acre was a fair rent. Resolved, That the Committee are all of the opinion that a rent of £5 per acre is too high, and that Messrs. Bubb and Co be asked to agree to the question being referred to Arbitration by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and tailing this that application be made for the appointment of an Official Arbitrator under the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919

(e) Entrances --Resolved, That two gateway entrances to the allotments be provided from the roadway along the southern boundary of the field, provided that no objection is made by the Owner to whom the hedge belongs, and that the roadway from Asquith Road in the old allotments be continued to this portion of the field.

4--Baglin's Field Allotments—Resolved, That allotment No. 15 be let to Mr. S. Groves on its becoming vacant.

5— Arrears—(a) 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 recovery of the arrears.

(b) Resolved, That the tenant of Allotment No. 3 Creamery Piece be given notice to terminate this tenancy unless the two years arrears of rent are paid forthwith.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th March, 1926 : Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and J. Waive (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

6----Rainbow Field—The Town Clerk reported that he had circularised the displaced tenants in Turner's Field and College Road Tip Allotments but only a few of the tenants required an allotment in this field. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the local newspaper inviting applications.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th March, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1-PittvilleEstate—(a) Waterfront -The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Littledale had given a pair of Mandarin Ducks and some ornamental plants and had promised further gifts including a pair of Black Australian Swans. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide the necessary fencing and shelter at a cast of £28 10s. 0d.

(b) Motor Lawn Mower --The Borough Surveyor recommended that a second Motor Lawn Mower should he obtained for Pittville for which provision had been made in the estimates. Resolved, That a Ransome" machine be purchased at a cost of £93.

2—Albert Road—Land—Read, letter of 8th ult., from Mr. J. G. Villar stating that the terms proposed by the Corporation for allowing an entrance from this land to Albert Road were too stringent for his clients to agree to.

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3—Recreation Grounds—(a) Cricket Pitches—Resolved, That the following applications for permission to play Cricket be granted :

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg Gardner	Templar Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“	St. Paul's Old Boys' C.C.	“
Whaddon Lane	Wesley Sunday School C.C.	“
“	Central School Old Boys' C.C.	“
“	Salem Chapel C.C.	Wednesday evenings.
“	Holy Trinity Church C.C.	Tuesday evenings.

Resolved, also, That the application from the Principal of the Douglas School for a Cricket Pitch on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, be not granted.

Resolved, also, That the Templar Cricket Club he allowed to provide teas for visiting teams, but that the Custodian of the ground be not allowed to supply these.

(b) Grazing—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the grazing rights for next Season.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th March, 1926 : Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn and Welstead (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

4—Recreation Grounds— 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.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th March, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Capt. Tree; Col. J. C. Griffith : Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Saumarez (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During February, 2,730 (against 4, cot) ; daily average 114 (against 171), including classes from Pate's Grammar School for Girls ; Tredworth Road School, Gloucester and Hatherley Road School, Gloucester.

Receipts—Collecting Box 11s 6d ; Sale of Catalogues £1 5s. 9d., and Postcard Reproductions 5s 1d.

Napoleonic Fountain—This fountain, removed from the Town Hall, was placed in position in the Library Entrance Hall on the 25th February.

Show Case--The new desk show-case had been delivered.

Permanent Catalogue—The new Catalogue of the Permanent Pictures and Statuary was now ready, 6d. each.

Exhibition—The Exhibition of work by the North Staffordshire New Group of Artists would open on the 16th March and close on 13th April.

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2--Offer of Picture--From Mr. W. G. Wellman, Oil Painting of " Cheltenham Races, 1826." Resolved, That the purchase be not entertained.

3—Donations--Resolved, That a case of nests of hornet and wasps, offered by Mr. E. A. B. Cansdale as a gift, be accepted and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor.

4—Exhibitions—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to arrange Exhibitions of water-colours by Fred Tucker, and Alfred Rawlings, and Oil paintings by Richard Jack, as and when convenient.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th March, 1926, at the Cemetery : Present—Alderman Stewart and Councillor Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent--Read, Report of Superintendent from 20th February to 26th March ; Interments 67 ; Grave Spaces sold 25 (First class 4, Third class 4 and Fourth class 17). Memorials fixed to. New Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7351 to 7375 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 Cora Burrows, Rev. S. Jackson, Maria Ramsay and Robert I. Dalby Hackett ; Memorial Cross to grave of Rose L. Averill ; Headstone and kerbing to graves of John L. Vent, Mary J. Casson, Edwin Best, Annie E. Orgee and Winifred Brill ; and Kerbing to graves of Ann F. K. Rogers and Gertrude P. Smith.

4—Report of View--Resolved, That the decisions of this Committee on the various matters requiring attention at the Cemetery be adjourned for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th March, 1926: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, pates, General H. M. Thomas, Cap. Trye and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Gridley, and-C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1— Librarian's Report—Receipts £14 0s. 8d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,216 (last year 6,322) ; Lending Library 12,001 (last year 10,982) ; Children's Library 2,257 (last year 2,113). Total for month 18,474 (last year 19,417).

Presentations—Anonymous (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (14 Guides) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (18 vols.) ; Mr. A. Davies (6 vols.) ; Mrs. Elliot (1 vol.) ; Miss Lloyd (1 vol.) ; Mr. Mortlock (1 vol.) ; Mr. Mott (3 vols.) ; The Rubber Growers' Association (6 Pamphlets) ; The Freedom Association (1 vol.) ; The Royal Society of Arts (1 Pamphlet) ; Urban District Council, Filey, Yorks. (1 Pamphlet) ; Agent General, Western Australia (1 vol.).

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

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2 -**Sub-Committee's Report.** The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst. Present;- Councillors Major Cavanaugh-Mainwaring and Mann : Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended

(a) That 33 volumes, (new books) published at £14 17s. 0d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £9 13s. 11d.

(b) That 10 volumes be bound at an estimated cost of £10

(c) That the offer of the "Review of English Studies" – monthly, as a presentation during 1926, as a result of this Library being nominated by the Ladies' College, be accepted, with thanks.

(d) That one mezzotint print of "Mrs. Siddons" be purchased at a cost of 10s

(e) That the Lending, Reference and juvenile Departments be closed on Easter Saturday and Monday ; the News Room to remain open on Saturday as usual and on Monday up to twelve noon.

Read, letter from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust re Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

The Librarian was authorised to co-operate in furthering the Scheme. The Librarian reported that the Cheltenham Science Society had formed a Sub-Committee to revise their collection of books stored in the Reference Library, and that he had been asked to act as Hon. Secretary.

Resolved, That this be approved. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Periodicals An order of three Periodicals was received, Resolved, That the matter be deferred for further consideration.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday. 29th March. 1926: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Prue,; and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1---General District Rate—Read. Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst. on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,968 14s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £923 5s. 3d.

2-Water Rate—Read. Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 25th inst, Amount collected 4-£7,540 4s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,931 16s. 6d.

3 - Loans -(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £950 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 £8,300 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Reciprocal Investment of Reserve Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that he had provisionally arranged with the Swindon Corporation to invest £10,000 if a similar amount were advanced by them, the period of loan, length of notice and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved, That, subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £10,000 (£5,000 part of Electricity Undertaking Reserve Fund and £5,000 Water Works Undertaking Reserve Fund) be advanced to the Swindon Corporation, and that debentures be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Swindon Corporation.

5-4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £615 had been renewed at 4 ¾ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £245 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

Bonds renewed to date –	£23,690
New Bonds .. • • ..	<u>£13,090</u>
Total for year	£36,780

Resolved, That this be approved.

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6—Borough Treasurer---(a) Fidelity Insurance—Resolved, That the Borough Treasurer (Mr. E. W. Deacon) be included in the Fidelity Guarantee Policy with the County Fire Office Ltd, in the sum of £5,000, at an additional net premium of £5 14s. 9d.

(b) Professional Assistant—The Borough Accountant reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on 26th January last, Mr. C. L. Smith, of Norfolk County Council, had been appointed Professional Assistant in his Department at a salary in accordance with the scale approved by the Council on 1st February last.

7—County Rate Basis—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the assessment of the line formerly belonging to the Midland and South Western Joint Railway (namely £128) now absorbed by the Great Western Railway, had not been included in the new Basis. It would therefore be necessary to amend the Basis for the Parish of Cheltenham, which would be as follows :-

Net Annual Value.	Agricultural Land.	Buildings.	Assessable Value.
£351,441	£8,723	£342,718	£344,900.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) : Councillors Moore, Pruen and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, except one for £4 17s. 6d. for advertising and another for £2 2s. 0d. for Band Attendant's Uniform which were both referred back to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted,

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, April, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council. to be held at the at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY the 3rd day of May, 1926, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon. at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted. and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE Pt STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, 9th April, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, H. W. Thomas, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., Councillors Sawyer and Brig. Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O.

1—Condolences—Read, letters of 27th ult. and 5th inst. from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., and Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., respectively, thanking the Council for the Resolutions of Sympathy with them in their bereavements, passed at the last Meeting.

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2—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Council on 1st March last and 1st April inst., respectively, having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ... Meetings held March 8 & 29

HAYDEN KNOLL FARM—Cottages—Resolved, also, That the Town Council hereby undertake that the Conditions set out in Sub-Section (I) of Section 3 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, will be complied with in relation to the pair of Non-parlour Type houses proposed to be erected by them at Hayden Knoll Farm.

Housing Meeting held March 9

Housing and Parks (Joint) Meeting held March 24

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held March 15

Street and Highway ... Meetings held March 4 & 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 19 & 26

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held March 12 & 25

Water ... Meeting held March 18

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 23

Allotments ... Meetings held March 3, 8 & 29

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held March 8 & 24

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Moore : " That Minute No. 1 (b), with reference to Motor Lawn Mower, be not approved."

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held March 12

Burial Board Meeting held March 26

Public Library Meeting held March 16

Finance Meeting held March 29

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

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4-Summer Band-Moved by Councillor H. W. Thomas, in pursuance of Notice, seconded by Councillor Miller : " That the Second Resolution to Minute No. 13 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting held on 19th February last, with reference to the Summer Band playing at the Winter Garden, be rescinded, and that the Band play on Sunday evenings at Montpellier Gardens."

To this an Amendment was moved by Councillor Pruen, seconded by Councillor Leigh James : " That the Band play at Montpellier Gardens on two Sunday evenings in each of two months as an experiment."

Whereupon the motion, as amended, was carried *nem dis*.

5-Alstone Mill — Resolved, That the Council consent to an Assignment of the Lease of Alstone Mill premises from Mr. T. E. Sutcliffe to Mr. Bertram Jones, subject to the Town Improvement Committee being satisfied as to his financial position, etc.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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, 3rd May, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1926: Present -- The Mirror; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart : Councillors Leigh James, Moore and Pruen (Councillor Pruen 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. 23 Hatherley Street ; 15 Lypiatt Street ; [Vest Cottage, Tivoli ; 1 to 7 Exmouth Court and 1 All Saints' 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-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 2 Albert Cottages ; 370 and 372 High Street and Outbuildings of Georges' Ltd—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.

3—Insanitary Property-8 Witcomb Place; 35 Union Street, Fairview ; 19 Rutland Street ; 1 Priory Cottages, Sidney Street ; 30 St. James's Street ; 24 and 25 Hatherley Street ; West Cottage, Tivoli and 27 Sun Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 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.

4—Gas Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had again found objectionable liquor from the Gas Works was being discharged into the Sewers, and submitted letter of 13th ult., which he had written to the Gas Engineer and a reply of the 15th ult., stating that the letter would be considered by the Board at their Meeting on the 18th ult., since which he had received no further communication. He considered that the Sewage Filters would be ruined if the discharge was continued. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk, Medical Officer of Health and Borough Surveyor to consider and report as to what action should be taken,

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 10 cwts. 1 qr. 2 lbs. beef ; 2 cwts 1 qr. veal ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. mutton ; 2 cwts. 2 lbs. pork and 14 lbs. 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 to enforce compliance.

7—Hayden Sewage Works—Filters—Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be authorised to consider tenders for media required for the new filters and to recommend a suitable tender to the Council for acceptance.

8—Sewer—Grander Ruud—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer between Granley Road and Hatherley Brook had been reconstructed and additional manholes provided which would permit better inspection and control of the sewer where it passes under the railway.

9—Conferences—Read, circular from the National Clean Milk Society (Inc.), the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, inviting attendance of Delegates at their respective Conferences. Resolved, That no delegates be appointed.

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10-Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 12th inst Present- Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore and Pruen (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Managers Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 12th inst.: 10 horses (2 at Depot) ; 104 head of cattle. 1 bull, 1 calf, 90 sheep, 74 lambs and 33 pigs. 1 horse, 3 bullocks, 4 heifers, 8 steers, 4 barren cows and 1 calf had been purchased for £315 10s. 6d.

Purchases of foodstuffs, etc., amounted to £35 14s. 5d. Total purchases £351 4s. 11d. 6 lambs had been bred on the Farms. 1 horse, 1 fat cow, 2 calves and 1 fat sow had been sold for £102 6s. 2d.

Requisitions—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised (a) to purchase a sheep shearing machine at a cost not exceeding £5; (b) to obtain an estimate for repair of the binder, and (c) to fell four trees on the site of new cottages.

Hayden Court—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report as to repairs required to the roof of the Farm house.

Rainbow Field—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to cultivate and sow with oats the portion of this field not immediately required for Allotments, on behalf of the Allotments Committee, at a charge to the latter Committee of 35s a day for 2 men and 3 horses and 5s an hour for the Farms Manager's services, time to be calculated from departure from and return to Farms and to include time wasted by wet weather, etc.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 28th April, 1926. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen and General Thomas (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

11—Lavatory Accommodation—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister was not satisfied that the site in Clarence Parade was the most suitable, and he

gathered the need for conveniences for men was not so great as that for women as there were already seven conveniences for men within a short distance of the General Post Office, four of which were provided with W.C's, and he thought the matter should be further considered as regards both the site and the need of providing further conveniences for men. Resolved, That the reply submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

12—Gas Works—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Clerk to the Gas Company stating that the plant for manufacturing sulphate of ammonia had not been at work since the end of March, that it was not the intention of the Company to start manufacturing again until arrangements which they were then making to dispose of the liquid otherwise, than by allowing it to percolate through the sewers, were complete and that the Corporation might rely on the Company using its utmost endeavours to avoid any action which might tend to endanger the sewage filtration from that source.

13 -Farms-Cottages—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that as the proposed houses would be tied houses provided in connection with the Sewage farm, they could not be recognised as eligible for Exchequer Subsidy under the Housing Acts, 1923 and 1924, but it was assumed that the Council would proceed with their application for Sanction to a Loan. Resolved, That the application for Sanction to a Loan be proceeded with.

14—Sewer—Electricity Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that a sewer crossed the site of the steel building to be erected at the Electricity Works. Resolved, That no objection be made thereto by this Committee, subject to it being agreed by the Electricity Committee that any additional expense which might be incurred thereafter in regard to the sewer by reason of the existence of the building thereover should be borne by the Electricity Undertaking.

15—Visit to Sewage Works—Resolved, That the proposed visit to the Sewage Works be postponed until a date in May, to be arranged.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th April, 1926: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors-Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
51 Byron Road	Agg, Walter	£475
53 Gater,	Charles Percy	£475
61	The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd.	£475

63 Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. O. £475-

12 Shakespeare Road Stewart, Charles £475

Resolved, That the offers be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), 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. 51, 53 and 63 Byron Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances 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. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour-type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 102 have been sold, leaving 38 for sale, all of which 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.

55 Byron Road—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Secretary, Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd., stating that the Purchaser of this house, Mr. J. Stewart, desired to install a bathroom and make other structural alterations thereto, that application had been made to the Building Society for a further advance of £20 to meet the cost thereof and asking that the Corporation Guarantee should apply to this additional advance Resolved, That this be agreed to.

2--Parlour-Type Houses The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor, Mr. Rainger and he interviewed a Representative of the Ministry of Health with reference to the proposed erection of 22 pairs of Parlour-type houses by Messrs. W. Drew and C. Giles whose respective tenders had been provisionally accepted. and were informed that the Ministry had decided not to grant a subsidy in respect of houses exceeding in value £600 (including cost of site), so that the grant of a subsidy could not be recognised in respect of these houses unless the District Valuer could recommend their sale at not exceeding £600. He also submitted Report from the District Valuer that he could not certify under Section 9 (3) of the Housing Act, 1925, for the sale of these houses at that price. Resolved, That the Architects be instructed to prepare plans for Parlour-type houses of a selling value not exceeding £600,

3—Rents—Arrears—Resolved, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit to this Committee at each monthly meeting a statement showing arrears of rent,

4—Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-24—Subsidy Houses—(a) Final Certificates—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificates of Completion of the following houses in respect of which Provisional Certificates had been issued, viz. :

Situation. Name of Owner. Date of Completion. 1926. Amount of Subsidy payable.

Charlton Lane (Detached House) Ford, H. W. March 18th. £100

Badgeworth Road (Detached Bungalow) Jones, Mrs. E. E. March 25th. £75

Hester's Way (Detached Bungalow) Challenger, G. Marth 25th. £75

Resolved, That subsidies be paid accordingly.

(b) Provisional Certificates—(i) Suffolk Street—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of, too be issued to Mr. Thos. Smith in respect of a house to be erected by him in Suffolk Street, for his own occupation, containing 932.52 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 15.81 to the acre, subject to the density being approved by the Ministry of Health.

(ii) Naunton Lane— Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. Vim. A. Shill in respect of a house to be erected by him off Naunton Lane, for his own occupation, containing 940.14 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 2.46 to the acre.

5 —Brooklyn Road—Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported the completion of this sewer at a little less than the estimated cost.

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4—Outbuildings —The Borough Surveyor submitted applications and plans of outbuildings proposed to be erected, as follows

Description.	Situation.
3 Brooklyn Road	Porch.
14 Byron Road .	Shed.
89 “	Motor Garage.
1 Milton Road	Shed and Store.
25 Shakespeare Road	Workshop and Shed.
29 “ “	Shed.

Resolved, That the applications be granted. except that in respect of Workshop and Shed at 25 Shakespeare Road, and that this be adjourned for further consideration.

7—Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply not exceeding two loads of suitable soil where required for levelling the gardens of the houses sold.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th April, 1926: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, Welstead and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Site for additional houses—The Town Clerk submitted Valuations of the District Valuer of two pieces of land lying between Folly Lane and Hanover Street one piece containing 3.790 acres belonging to Mr. J. E. Favis of Fern Cottage. Cleveland Street and the other piece containing 4.676 acres belonging to Mr. Edgar Hanks of Hunting Butts Farm, Marie Hill. Mr. T. Malvern also submitted preliminary plan for laying out the land for houses. Resolved,

That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of the land by the Corporation for the erection of houses for the Working Classes under the provisions of this Act.

2--Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That the District Valuer be asked to complete negotiations for the purchase of the remaining properties in Stanhope Street.

3—Rent Collection —Read, letter of 27th ult. from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles agreeing to undertake the collection of the rents of the new houses in Swindon Road, Malvern Street and Elm Street and also the houses in Stanhope Street at a reduced charge of 5 per cent. Resolved, That this be approved.

4 —Mr. Stroud's Houses—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Mr. Stroud to whom the Draft Conveyance was sent for approval on the 1st inst., but had not yet been returned. He had pointed out to Mr. Stroud that the 10 houses on the Swindon Road Site had been completed and were ready for occupation and were being reserved for the tenants of his houses requiring three-bedroom houses and that the delay in completion was causing serious inconvenience and loss to the Corporation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to proceed under the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act for payment of the purchase money into Court and for execution of a vesting Deed and that in pursuance of Section 7 of the Law of Property Act, 1925 he be appointed and authorised to execute the vesting Deed in the name and on behalf of the Owner.

5—Cottage Site—Resolved, That the small piece of land lying at the rear of the new houses in Elm Street be let as an allotment garden to the tenant of an adjoining house at a rent of 10s per annum.

6—Stanhope Street- -Resolved, That the drains of the houses in Stanhope Street purchased by the Corporation be cut off as they become vacant and that the water supply be also cut off at the main.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th April, 1926. Present: Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Leigh James, Mann, Captain Trye, Welstead and Yarnold; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh and Mrs. D. M. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1926. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :- -

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	33.3	30.2
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	16.12	25.2
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	32.1,	43.3

At Baker Street there were 6 sets of twins attending and 27 new infants were brought in one month. At the Highbury Centre the average attendances last month reached Sr. Mothers attending the three Centres (200) were entertained at the Highbury Schools in January, the expenses of which had been

provided by gifts of money and in kind. The Secretary (Miss Irene Seton) had been appointed their representative on the Council of Social Welfare recently formed in Cheltenham.

2-Health Visitor's Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1926:—

No. of Children on Register	2,802
“ Children Visited (firsts) . . .	160
“ “(1 year and under)	897
“ “(over 1 year) . . .	746
“Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	2,110
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	74
“ Un-notified Births discovered	4
“ Children remitted to Hospital -	4
“ Ante-natal Cases visited ..	36
“ Whooping cough cases visited	15
“ Chicken-pox cases visited	2
“ Measles Cases visited	62
“ Mumps Cases visited	2

Grants of Milk

Carried over from previous quarter	30
New Orders . . .	26
Orders discontinued during quarter	24
“ continuing to coming quarter ..	32

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 27 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 29 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3— Grant—Read. letter from the Ministry of Health approving of an estimated expenditure of £836, the Ministry had reduced the Estimate submitted by £60 from the amount provided for supply of milk.

4—Victoria Nursing Home—The Committee further considered application for a Grant towards the cost of the proposed extension. Resolved, That the application be not granted and that the question of making an increased Annual Grant be deferred for the present,

5—Training of Health Visitors—Read, Circular No. 680 of the 26th ult., from the Ministry of Health as to the training and appointment of Health Visitors.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th April, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann and Pates (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 adopted.

2-View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th inst. :--The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :

Imperial Square—That the application of the Committee of the New Club for alteration of pavement to enlarge entrance to their yard about 3 feet be granted subject to the Club paying the cost.

Painswick Road—That the footpath on the East side of this road from Andover Road to Ashford Road be kerbed and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath by the abutting Owners.

Bath Road—That the seat formerly fixed against Nos. 6 and 7 Bath Road be placed at the edge of the footpath near the lamp.

Sydenham Road South—That a large tree outside " Fleetwood," be removed and two small trees planted instead.

Hewlett Road --That a tree outside " St. Kilda " be removed. All Saints' Road—That the tree outside Glenfall Lodge and one on opposite side of All Saints' Road be not removed.

Pittville Circus—That a second seat be fixed and that the existing seat be painted.

35 Portland Square—That the application of Mr. M. C. Harding for permission to fix a coal plate outside these premises be granted, subject to the design being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

Asphalt Plant Building—The building at the Refuse Destructor was inspected.

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 19th March to 15th April, 1926, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th inst., 813 loads collected, 744 consumed and 69 tipped away (Weight consumed 930 tons 2 cwts.).

4—Road Sweepings—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. G. Thorndale of 1s per ton for road sweepings to be hauled by him from the Central Depot be accepted.

5—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 24th March from the G.W.R. Surveyor that he would recommend the sale to the Corporation of 100 square yards of land adjoining the Destructor if the terms offered were acceptable. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to over £5 therefor.

6—Montpellier Walk--The Borough Surveyor reported that Councillor H. W. Thomas (Owner of " Loreburn ") had consented to the fence of his property being set back 8 feet as shown on the plan submitted. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

7—Highways Superintendent—Resolved, That the Asphalt Plant Sub-Committee be authorised to consider applications for this appointment and select Candidates for interview, and that a Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held for the purpose on 6th May next.

8 -Town Planning Act, 1925 —Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mr. George L. Pepler (Ministry of Health) expressing his willingness to address the proposed Conference on Monday, 31st May next at 3 p.m., and the Town Clerk reported that he would call the Conference accordingly.

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9—Main Roads—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the County Council providing that as from 1st inst., the following Roads within the Borough should be Main Roads, in addition to the Main Roads now within the Borough, viz. :—Promenade (including Montpellier Walk and the Colonnade), High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Bath Road, Upper Bath Road, Winchcomb Street, Prestbury Road, Pittville Street, Portland Street and Evesham Road, and for the payment by the County Council to the Corporation of the annual sum of £6,076 for a period of three years from 31st March. 1926, towards the cost of maintenance, repair and reasonable improvement connected with the maintenance and repair of the Main Roads and footpaths connected therewith within the Borough ; also for payment to the Corporation of the annual sum of £400 towards the cost of maintenance, repair and reasonable improvement of the remaining Contribution Roads and footpaths connected therewith within the Borough until this part of the Agreement should be determined by the County Council by six months notice expiring on 31st March in any year; Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to the Agreement.

10—Aerials Across Highways--(a) Lane off St. George's Road--Resolved, That (pursuant to Section 25, Public Health Act, 1925) no objection be made to the placing of an aerial across this Lane, subject to the condition that the same shall be removed within one month after notice requiring removal.

(b) Painswick Road--Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. Lock Mellersh for permission to place an aerial across this road be not acceded to.

11-Streamers across Colonnade -Read, application of 27th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade in connection with the Club's Gala nights during the ensuing Season. Resolved, That permission be granted, for three days, subject to the usual conditions.

12—Street Projections—(a) Promenade--Resolved, That the application of 7th inst., from Mr. S. H. Brunt for permission for a projecting sign outside his premises to remain, be granted, subject to the same being altered to comply with the usual conditions.

(b) Inspection—It was reported that Supt. Lane was giving special attention to projecting signs to ensure that they were fixed in accordance with the conditions imposed, and also to the placing of traders 'goods on footpaths, to prevent obstruction.

13—Pillar Box—Leckhampton Road-- Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Postmaster stating that it was proposed to replace the existing post pillar box at junction of Leckhampton Road and Old Bath Road by a larger box. Resolved, That no objection be made thereto, subject to the exact position thereof being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

14—Petrol Pump -60 Fairview Road—Read, application of 29th ult., from Mr.. E. R. Crabtree for permission to erect a petrol pump on his premises with moveable delivery arm over the footpath. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to an Agreement containing the usual conditions being entered into.

15-Advertisement Regulation Act, 1907 Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the County Council were requiring the Owners of advertisements of Hotels and other businesses, which interfered with the beauty of the landscape, to remove such advertisements which were contrary to the County Byelaw;, and suggesting that the Corporation should take similar action. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration and report.

16—Locomotives on Highways--Read, Circular No. 239 (Roads) of sand ult., from the Ministry of Transport with reference to representations received by him from agricultural interests as to difficulties experienced in moving threshing machines and tackle without the use of studs on the wheels. In view of the extensive damage caused to roads by improper use of studs the Minister did not propose to take any action but considered that the difficulty could be met by leaving the matter to the discretion of Highway Authorities. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be given discretionary power in the matter.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th April, 1926: Present-The Mayor and Alderman Steel (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
2155	Dobson, R. R.	Temporary Motor House at "Berkhampstead" Cleeve View Road
2156	Shill, W. A.	Detached house off Naunton Lane
2157	Trustees of Bethesda Wesleyan Church, Gt. Norwood Street	New Parlour and Kitchen at Bethesda Wesleyan Church

Resolved, That Plan No. 2156 be approved; that Plan No. 2157 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 2155 building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1927, subject to the condition that it shall be

removed within three months after notice requiring removal, and to proper provision being made for Car to cross footpath.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th April, 1926: Present —The Mayor: Councillors Mann and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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
2158	Eggleton, E. A.	Temporary Workshop at Hereford Place
2159	Eamonson, Miss	Detached House. Whaddon Lane
2160	Messrs. Baker, Falconer and Campbell.	Preliminary Plan showing building Line, Wellington Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 2158 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 that Plans Nos. 2159 and 2160 be disapproved and that in the case of Plan No. 2160 the site be viewed by the Committee.

3—Contravention of Byelaws-12 Lansdown Crescent—It was reported that the Owner of 12 Lansdown Crescent had erected a wooden building at the rear of the above house without plans having been submitted to and approved by the Corporation. Resolved, That Notice be given to show cause why the building erected should not be pulled down as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

H. M. THOMAS.

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1926: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health that it would be necessary for the Town Council to formulate simpler and cheaper proposals before the matter could be further considered, and that the revised Scheme should be prepared so that competitive tenders could be obtained for the works and that any engineering work involved should be designed by an Engineer.

Resolved, That the Ministry be asked to receive a Deputation to discuss the matter and to ascertain more in detail how far it would be necessary to modify the Scheme submitted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th April, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

2—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 25th ult, from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, offering, on behalf of the Owner, to sell "Esslemont," 2 Southampton Place, High Street, to the Corporation for the purpose of this Scheme. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

3—Sunshine Recorder —Read, letter of the 7th inst., from Meteorological Office with reference to verification of sunshine spheres. Resolved, That this be referred to the Borough Meteorologist with authority to get the sunshine sphere verified by the Meteorological Office.

4—Visit of Gloucestershire Society in London—The Town Clerk reported that an invitation had been extended to the Gloucestershire Society in London to visit Cheltenham on the first Saturday in July. The number likely to attend would be between 70 and 80, and subscriptions amounting to 25 guineas had been promised for the entertainment of the visitors. Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Stewart, Councillors Pates and Welstead with Mr. E. J. Burrow be appointed a Sub-Committee to make arrangements for entertaining the visitors.

5—Co-operative Congress—Read, application of the 12th inst., from the Secretary, The Co-operative Party for the use of the Town Hall on the evening of Sunday, 23rd May, 1927, for a Demonstration. Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned for further particulars of the proposed Demonstration to be obtained.

6—Municipal Orchestra—Read, application of 29th ult., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Rotary Club Entertainment Committee for the Municipal Orchestra to play in the Promenade on June 24th next, on the occasion of the Rotary Club's Appeal in aid of the Boys' Orphanage, The Cripple Childrens' Aid Association and the Victoria Nursing Home. Resolved, That this be granted subject to the Rotary Club undertaking to provide a suitable platform for the Band,

7—Medical Baths —(a) Advertising-----Resolved, That a full page advertisement be inserted in the Souvenir Programme to be issued in connection with the proposed Musical Festival at a cost of 31s 6d less 5 per cent.

(b) Tariffs --Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee that the alteration and additions to the Medical Baths Tariffs be approved.

Paraffin Wax—Present Price Single Bath 8s ; Series of four £1 15s. 0d. Proposed Price Single Bath 7s ; Series of four £1 5s. 0d.

Massage only-20 minutes, 5s 6d ; 30 minutes, 7s ; 40 minutes, 9s 6d ; 1 hour, 12s

Massage when taken after another treatment-15 minutes 1s 6d ; 20 minutes 4s 30 minutes 5s-

Radiant Heat Local—Present Price 4s ; Series of five 17s 6d.

Proposed Price Single Bath 5s 6d; Series of four £1 0s. 0d.

New Treatments—Proposed Prices—Electrical Vibratory Massage. Local 4s ; General 6s

Schnee Four Cell Treatment 5s 6d.

Cataphoresis (Ionization) 20 minutes 7s ; 30 minutes 9s 6d.

Paradium and Galvanism, 10 minutes 5s ; 20 minutes 5s 6d.

Ultra Violet Ray, up to 10 minutes 5f- ; up to 20 minutes 7s 6d.

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8—Refreshments—Buffet—Resolved, That permission be granted to Mr. F. E. B. Horwood, 225 High Street, for a Motor Refreshment Buffet to stand in the Winter Gardens during Orchestral Performances on payment to the Corporation of the sum of £5 for the Season, subject to his keeping to the pitch allocated for that purpose.

9—Montpellier Gardens—Putting Course—Resolved, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange small Putting Competitions.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting. of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd April, 1926. Present : Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

10—Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported the Right Hon. Sir J. T. Agg Gardner, The Mayor, The Town Clerk and he had an interview with the Ministry of Health on the 21st inst., and discussed at length proposals for the revision of the Scheme. The Deputation were informed that if the Scheme were revised so as to reduce the cost to about £10,000 it would receive favourable consideration.

Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare a revised Scheme to meet the views of the Ministry of Health, and that he be authorised to obtain the advice and assistance of Mr. Edward White, Landscape Architect of 7 Victoria Street, London, in regard to the lay-out, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made as to the fee to be paid for his assistance.

11—Alstone Mill—Lease—The Town Clerk submitted Assignment of the Lease of these Premises to Mr. H. W. Jones in which Mr. Bertram Jones had joined as a Guarantor. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed thereto. Resolved, also, That subject to the stable being taken out of the Lease and to payment of the quarterly instalments within one month of the date on which they become due, a rebate of 25 per cent of the rent be made throughout the tenancy.

12—Co-operative Congress—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Secretary, Co-operative Congress, enclosing programme of a Demonstration in connection with the Congress at Southport in 1925. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted for the proposed Demonstration on Sunday, 23rd May, 1927, subject to payment of cleaning, heating, lighting and out of pocket expenses and any damage being made good.

13—Advertising—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow enclosing a specimen of advertisements which were being inserted in the Leader Columns of the "Daily Mail." Resolved, That Mr. Burrow be informed that this Committee consider this an excellent form of advertising.

14--Summer Band--Resolved, That the proposed charge to the Chamber of Commerce of 2 guineas for cartage of chairs in connection with the celebrations of the above at Pittville on 12th June next be waived and that Minute No. 8 of this Committee at their Meeting on the 26th March last be varied accordingly.

15— Concerts and Gardens—(a) Season Tickets Resolved, That the Scale of Charges for Season Tickets (commencing May 1st, 1926, to the 30th April, 1927), be the same as for the year 1924-25 (see Minute No. 3, 11th April, 1924).

(b) Complimentary Tickets—Resolved, That complimentary Tickets be issued to persons exhibiting weekly programmes, boards, etc., in accordance with the list as now submitted.

16 —**Concerts Sub-Committee**— The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 30th ult., 13th and 15th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—That the Mr. A. E. Wakefield be appointed Custodian for the Summer Season, at a weekly wage of £1 10s. Od., the Corporation to pay all insurance contributions, in place of Mr. Gibbs who had obtained permanent employment.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th April, 1926 : Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

17—Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Messrs. Milner, Son & White, Garden Architects, 7 Victoria Street, London, who are prepared to undertake the preparation of plans and supervision etc. of the proposed Scheme at a fee of 2 per cent, on the Contract Price plus £2 10s. Od. per visit for expenses. In the event of the Scheme not going forward the fee for the plans and sketches prepared to be 25 guineas and travelling expenses. Resolved, That these terms be accepted, and that Messrs. Milner, Son & White be instructed to prepare plans and sketches forthwith.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st April, 1926: Present---Councillors Mann, Moore, Miller, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Boilers---- (a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in accordance with the Resolution passed on the 17th February last he had inspected and purchased the undermentioned plant and that Contracts had been entered into with the respective firms, viz. :—

Second-hand Boiler A. E. Hart, Middlesbrough £1,050

Economiser Messrs. Goodbrand, Ltd., Stalybridge £845

Second-hand Iron Chimney Messrs. Burford Taylor & Co., Middlesbrough £850.

Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to the Contracts.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted four tenders for the building to accommodate the new boiler plant. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hill and Smith of Brierley Hill, of £386 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2-Sub-Stations-Westall Green--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been unable to obtain the offer of any suitable site on private property for the proposed sub-station and recommended that application be made to the Street and Highway Committee for their consent to the removal of the Tank and to the erection of a suitable building on this triangular piece of land. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and that Messrs. Healing and Overbury be instructed to prepare a preliminary plan for submission to the Street and Highway Committee.

3—Extension to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to provide an additional feeder from the Electricity Works to cope with the increasing load and he recommended that a high pressure cable be laid at an estimated cost of £905 12s. 7d. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Electric Lamp Standards—Hatherley Place--Read, Police Reports as to damage caused by three youths throwing stones at a lamp standard in this street. Resolved, That Supt. Lane be instructed to take proceedings for wilful damage.

(b) Pittville—Read, Police Report as to damage caused to lamps in Trinity Lane and Pittville Drive by five young boys. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys for payment of the damage.

5—Institution of Public Lighting Engineers—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of this Institution inviting the attendance of Delegates at the Annual Conference of the Institution. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

6—Sunningend Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. had applied for a revision of the terms of their Agreement for the supply of electric energy. Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to negotiate fresh terms with the Company and that the Common Seal be affixed to the new Agreement.

7—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th, 29th and 31st ult., and 9th and 15th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 474.7, 474.4, 468.6. 467.9 and 471.0 and the pressure 5.1, 4.5, 4.5, 4.7 and 4.6 inches.

JAMES MOLES,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th April, 1926. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart and Bendall ; Councillors Bastin 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 12th April, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	290,000 gallons	307,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	694,000	893,000
Leckhampton Springs	109,000	103,000
Total	1,093,000	1,303,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 12th April, 1926.	Contents	Depth 12th April, 1925.	Contents
Hewletts		29,049,000 gallons		28,997,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000	31ft. 9in	98,706,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		110,218,000		129,323,000

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

	During March, 1926.	Total for past 12 months.
No of house-to-house inspections	928	12,788
“ taps found leaking	66	1,172
“ defective flushing boxes	12	207
“ detective stop taps	3	67
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	57	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>40</u>	97	1,680
“ notices served re fittings	36	706
“ meters fixed and changed	34	197
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	84	975
“ burst pipes discovered ..	1	159
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc) ..	64	629

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

Mains laid :—Rees' Site	1
Sluice Valves fixed	1
Sluice Valves repaired	2
Mains repaired	3
Hydrants repaired .	2
Services pumped out	1
Mains flushed out in 10 districts.	

4 — Extension of Mains—(a) Road from Old Bath Road to Moorend Road—The Borough Engineer reported application from Mr. Hugh Reeves for a main (approximately 255 yards) along this road. Mr. Reeves was willing to pay the whole cost of the main on the understanding that this should be refunded as the Water Charges on the houses connected thereto produced 10 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay. Resolved, That an Agreement to lay the main on these terms be entered into.

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(b) Whaddon Lane and Cleeve View Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that there was a length of 370 yards of 2 inch main in Whaddon Lane which was in an unsatisfactory state and inadequate. He recommended that before this road is repaired the 2 inch main be replaced by a 4 inch main and that the existing 4 inch main in Cleeve View Road be extended to Hewlett Road. He estimated the cost at £550. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

(c) Cirencester Road—The Borough Engineer reported receipt of application from Mr. C. Dickins for a supply to another house about to be erected. Resolved, That in view of the uncertainty of the Corporation being able to afford a constant supply, the application be not granted.

5— Dowdeswell Water Works--Gas Engines—The Borough Engineer submitted quotation from The Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., for the insurance of the two new gas engines at Dowdeswell. Resolved, That the engines be insured in the sum of, too each at an annual premium of £2 19s. 0d. per engine to cover all damage by frost, etc., and breakdown and resulting damage to property.

6—Hewlett's Reservoir (No. 4)— Valve Tower—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the Report of the Inspector on his recent visit and suggesting that the provision of Filters should be considered as an alternative to the installation of a Screening Tower. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out that the installation of Filters would reduce the pressure on supply and that the Valve Tower in the adjoining Reservoir had proved satisfactory and that the Borough Engineer was of opinion that the proposed Tower would prove equally efficient.

7--Rivers Severn and Avon—The Town Clerk submitted Reports Nos. 112 and 113 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on certain portions of the Rivers Severn and Warwickshire Avon, respectively. Resolved, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and, if necessary, report.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th April, 1926: Present : The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann. Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals---(a) Supt. Lane reported that premises at 254 High Street had been declared free from Swine Fever, but a case of the disease existed at Baglin's Field Allotments in the occupation of Mr. J. Patrick. All restrictions under the Foot and Mouth Disease orders had now been revoked.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Orders, relative to various Districts made by the Ministry since the last Meeting.

(ii) Declaration of Infected Areas Order, 1926 (No: 52)--The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which he had published.

(c) Disinfection Order, 1925 - The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order suspending this Order until the 1st July next which had been published.

2 —Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Annual inspection—Resolved, That the Annual Licensing Meeting and Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot on Tuesday the 11th May at to a m.

(b) Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—Supt. Lane recommended that Mr. Felix Miles of 117 High Street should be appointed Hackney Carriage Inspector in place of Mr Eke who had now left Cheltenham. Mr. Miles was willing to undertake the duties on the same terms and conditions as Mr. Eke, Resolved, That Mr. Felix Miles be appointed Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector to inspect all the licenced motor hackney carriages mechanically once in every year before the Annual Licensing Meeting and to make a report thereon as to their fitness, both in regard to their general state of repair and cleanliness and also in regard to their mechanical efficiency and to make such further inspections during the year as may be necessary to see that the carriages are being properly maintained, and to attend the Meetings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee. The salary to be £25 per annum, payable quarterly, together with half the fee of 10s to be charged to applicants for new licences for the inspection of each vehicle. The appointment to be terminable by three months' Notice in writing on either side.

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(c) Taxi—Resolved, That a License be granted to Mr. T. H. Houghton for a Motor Cab (Registered Number MD5428) subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(d) Wheel Chair - Resolved, That a Wheel Chair licence be granted to Mr. G. Harding of 83 Marie Hill Parade.

(e) Drivers—Resolved, That Drivers Licences be issued to W. H. Cornell, 16 Marle Hill Parade ; J. F. Hulse, 6 Leicester Terrace ; F. F. Mason, 53 Sun Street ; C. W. Taylor, 3 Marsh Lane ; A. E. Taylor, 18 Byron Road ; and H. Williams •, 55 Sun Street.

(f) Conductors —Resolved, That Conductors Licences be issued to E. G. Dovey, 4 Tennyson Road ; D. G. E. Gillett, 31 Hatherley Street ; C. H. Ling, 19 Hermitage Street and W. Pearce, Sherborne Place.

(g) Motor Omnibus Licence—Cheltenham to Evesham---Read application from the Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. for an additional licence to provide a daily service to Evesham via Poplar Row. The Manager and Local Manager attended to support their application and submitted Time Table and List of Fares. They proposed to run seven return journeys a day and five on Sundays to and from Evesham and undertook to maintain this Service for at least one year. Resolved, That the licence be granted.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain-- (a) The Captain reported that on the 1st. inst. the Brigade attended an outbreak of Fire at 26 Winchcomb Street (The Misses Radcliffe —Milliners). Damage slight. Expenses £2 19s. 6d.

(b) Uniform --Resolved, That the tender of " The Famous " to supply four pairs of trousers at 30s per pair be accepted.

(c) Parish of Guiting Power-- Read, letter from the Clerk to the Guiting Power Parish Council asking on what terms the Brigade would attend fires in this Parish. Resolved, That he be informed that Gutting Power was too far from the Borough for the Corporation to undertake for the Brigade to attend fires thereat.

(d) Brockhampton Park- --The Town Clerk reported interview with Mr. B. C. Cobb. Resolved, That the Council undertake to provide the services of the Brigade and Fire Engine, etc., for an outbreak at Brockhampton Park and the Buildings on the Estate subject to an Agreement being entered into to pay an annual retaining fee at the rate of 3d. in the £ on the rateable value of all the Buildings covered by the Agreement and to pay actual expenses incurred in attending an out-break in accordance with the Scale for the time being in force, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

(e) 333 High Street- --Read, report of H.M. Inspector of Factories on these Premises occupied by Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. Ltd., that they were not provided with sufficient means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed in the Binding Room on the top floor, and the Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. Ltd. stating that they would prepare and submit plan for approval.

4—Street Trading--Read, Report from Supt. Lane stating that for a considerable period he had received complaints from Tradesmen in High Street complaining of the nuisance caused by Street Hawkers standing in the roadway with their trucks and baskets, etc., thereby causing obstruction to traffic. Many of the Hawkers had been prosecuted and fined for causing obstruction, but this had not put a stop to the practice. He had written to the Police of several Cities and Towns in this part of the country including Bristol, Bath, Worcester, Coventry and Birmingham and found that the method of dealing with this nuisance had been overcome by the respective Authorities making an Order under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847 restricting the use of certain streets for this

purpose and he recommended that the Council make a similar Order. Resolved, That an Order be made under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, with a view to preventing such obstruction, Directing that no Costermonger, Hawker or other person shall use the streets set out below between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. of each weekday for the purpose of selling Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Music Prints, Toys, etc., or other articles from trucks or barrows and that the Police be directed to enforce the provisions of the Order and to prevent any obstruction of the such streets, namely High Street (from Bath Road to Henrietta Street) ; Colonnade ; Promenade Clarence Street ; North Street ; Pittville Street : Regent Street (from High Street to County Court Road) ; Rodney Road (from High Street to Essex Place) ; and Winchcomb Street (from High Street to Albion Street). Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Order.

5—Market—(a) Lease—The Town Clerk submitted draft Lease approved by the Society. The Society asked that the Lease should include the area required for the proposed extension of buildings and for giving access thereto as shown on the plan submitted and also that they should be permitted to use the area of the market leased to them for sales of sundries as hitherto allowed. Resolved, That the draft Lease as now settled be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Lease.

(b) Dogs—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Secretary, Gloucester Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Society complaining of the nuisance caused by dogs in the market. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice put up prohibiting dogs being brought into the market except under proper control.

c) Poultry Pens—Read, also, letter of the 9th inst., from the Society asking that the poultry pens against the market office wall should be removed. Resolved, That this be referred to the Market Sub-Committee for consideration.

(d) Assistant Superintendent—Resolved, That the Assistant Superintendent be provided with a new uniform cap to replace present one which was worn out.

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6—Sale of Coal Byelaws —Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Council were considering the question of revising their Bye-laws as to the Sale of Coal and enclosing copy of the draft Bye-laws for the Council's observation thereon. Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillors Mann, Pruen and Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the advisability of adopting similar Bye-laws.

7—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925--Read, of ult., from the Clerk of the County Council enclosing Draft Scheme prepared by the County Council for the Constitution of Assessment Areas under the above Act. The following are particulars of the proposed Cheltenham Assessment Area :—

Representatives on Assessment

Committees from :—

Rating Areas included.	Unions included.	Estimated Population.	Assessable Value.
Rating Area.	Boards of Guardians.	County Council.	
Cheltenham M.B.	Cheltenham 5		48810 325620
Charlton Kings U.D.	Cheltenham 1}	2	4328 25704
Cheltenham R.D.	Cheltenham 1}		5359 36732
Tewkesbury Borough	Tewkesbury 1}		4774 21528
Tewkesbury R.D.		4	
Glos. portion	Tewkesbury 1}	1	4616 33455
Worcs. portion			2136 14274
Winchcomb R.D.			
Glos. portion	Winchcomb		8860 44632
Worcs. portion	1}	1	107 387
Area Totals	10 4	4	78990 502333

7—Establishment of Police Force—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee stating that the Home Office offered no objection to the Recruitment of the Police Force to its authorised establishment and therefore the number of Police engaged in the Borough would be increased by one man which would bring it up to the strength approved by the Council.

8—Shops Act — The Town Clerk reported that J. W. Griffin of 100 Albion Street was prosecuted on the 15th inst., for contravention of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920 and fined £2.

9—British Goods—Read, letter from Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens Union asking the Corporation to use British Material and Products in the Public Works under their control. Resolved, That he be informed that the Council are in sympathy with their views and where practicable British Goods are used.

10—Kings Roll—Read, Circular 686 from the Ministry of Health asking Local Authorities to give effect to the recommendation of King's Roll National Council and to give preference in all their Contracts to Firms who are on the King's Roll.

11—Summer Time -Read, Circular letter from the Willett Memorial Fund appealing for funds to purchase Pett's Wood to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Willett the originator of Daylight Saving and suggesting that Members of the Corporation should subscribe 1s each. Resolved, That the Members be asked to subscribe.

12-Bunting —The Borough Surveyor submitted an offer of Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., to supply Naval Signal Flags fitted with ropes and toggels which they had secured at a greatly reduced price. Resolved, That 20 Streamers of 18 Signal Flags at £1 7s. 0d. per streamer be purchased.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1926 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field—Read, letter from Messrs. Bubb and Co., stating that Mr. Jordan was willing for the land to be taken on a tenancy instead of on a Lease for 14 years, provided a rent of £5 per acre was agreed to. Resolved, That in view of the small number of applicants for allotments, that this offer be accepted.

Resolved, also, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to arrange for cultivation of the portion of the field not taken by allotment holders.

2-Inspection of Allotments--Read, Reports of inspections of Mr. J. Pounsett on the North Ward Allotments and also from Messrs. Davis, Reid and Hamlin on the other allotments. The Reports showed that generally the allotments were in a satisfactory state of cultivation, but No. 36 Whaddon Lane was again reported to be in a bad condition ; and also No. 35 Asquith Road, the tenant of which wished to give up his allotment. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the allotment let to another applicant. Resolved, also, That Notice to quit be given to the tenant of No. 36 Whaddon Lane. Resolved, also, 'That the attention of Supt. Lane be called to the nuisance caused by persons trespassing with dogs on the North Ward Allotments on Sundays.

3—Hall Road Allotments—Fencing—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Mr. W. H. Madge, Sequestrator, with regard to the fencing between the Sports Ground and these allotments, and that Mr. Madge had now agreed to have this put in repair.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. A. E. Hooper, the tenant of No. 54 allotment asking for a barbed wire fence to be provided in the hedge adjoining his allotment to prevent trespassers. Resolved, That permission be granted to him to have this done at his own expense.

4—Creamery Piece Allotments--Mr. Vizard reported that he had inspected the work done by Messrs. Halford and Dunn on repairs to road leading to their pig styes, but could not recommend that any allowance should be made to them. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1-Pittville Estate—(a) Water-fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported the receipt of a pair of Muscovy Ducks from Mrs. Littledale. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to her.

b) Rockery—Read, letters from Mr. R. W. Lodwick suggesting that the rockery adjoining Pittville Lake should be remade and also suggesting that the lake should be stocked with trout, and offering to make a contribution towards the cost of stocking the lake. Resolved, That Mr. Lodwick be thanked for his offer, but that he be informed that no provision had been made in the current year's estimates for the rockery and that the quality of the water in Pittville Lake was not sufficiently good for the maintenance of trout

(c) Shelter --Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare an estimate for the provision of a Shelter near the lake in place of the old Shelter which had been appropriated for the water-fowl.

(d) Squirrels —Resolved, That enquiries be made with a view to obtaining some Squirrels for the gardens.

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2—Recreation Grounds—Naunton Park—Read, application from the Rev. H. D. Peel on behalf of Emmanuel Cricket Club for permission to play Cricket at this Ground on alternate Saturdays. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Housing Estate - Read, application from the St. Mark's A.F.C. for permission to play football next Season on the proposed new ground on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That consideration of this be adjourned for the present.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Friday, 16th April, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring. ; Col. J. C. Griffith and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During March, 2,181 (against 4,052) ; daily average 81 (against 156), including classes from St. Mary's College, Central School (Girls), Gloucester, Overton House Girls' School and St. Nicholas Girls' School, Gloucester,

Receipts-- Collecting Box 9s 6d. ; Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £2 17s. 5d, ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues £1 2s. 6d. ; Advertisements £8 12s. 6d. ; Subscriptions to Picture Fund (Leslie Young) £3 8s. 0d. ; and Post Card Reproductions 4s 2d, Total £16 14s. 1d.

2—Donations and Loans--The following Donations and Loans had been received:—Donations —Mrs. John Browning, 3 Astronomical Photographs ; Mr. A. Davies, Photograph of the late Venerable Archdeacon George Gardner as a boy Mr.: E. H. Grant, Man Trap ; Mr. S. D. Scott, M.A., Etching of High Street, Cheltenham ; Sir James Seabrooke, Burmese Painting on Sateen ; and Capt. R. P. Wild, Two pieces of Native Bark Cloth- (in three stages) from the Sefwi District, Gold Coast Colony.

Loans—Lady Dixon Hartland, Oil Painting, " Diadumene," by Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A. ; Miss H. A. Martin, Fichu for a Lady's Dress—English (Early 18th Century) and three Pieces of Chinese

Embroidery--Chinese (Modern) ; The Victoria and Albert Museum per The Gloucestershire Federation of Womens Institutes ; Six Frames of Embroidery.

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

3—Art School Exhibition—Resolved, That the Exhibition of the Art School Students' Work be held from 23rd June for three or four weeks.

4—Leslie Young Benefaction—Purchase of Picture—Resolved, That the picture "Sous Gruuthuse, Bruges," by Harry Tittensor, shown in the Staffordshire Artists' Exhibition, be purchased for the sum of £12.

5--Archaeological Specimens —The Curator reported the purchase of specimens belonging to the late Canon Bazeley for £2 10s. 0d., and the receipt of a cheque from Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S. to cover the cost. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Burrow for his gift.

6—Leckhampton Camp and Barrow—The Curator reported the gift of the finds from this excavation through the co-operation of the Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd., The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club and the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to these Bodies.

7—Civic Society—Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. H. Knowles, F.S.A. for permission to hold meetings on the Museum premises be acceded to.

8—Typist—Resolved, That the wage of Miss E. Parry be increased by 2s 6d. per week, making a total weekly wage of £1.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd April, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of Superintendent from 27th March to 23rd April, 1926 ; Interments 50 ; Grave Spaces sold 15 (First class 2, Third class 2 and Fourth class 11). Memorials fixed 11. New Inscriptions 7.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7376 to 7390 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 France M. Lawrence and Marion S. Shaw ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of R. Desmond Ashby and Joseph F. J. James ; and Kerbing to Graves of Annette Gabb and Emily J. Sumner.

4—Cremated Remains—Read, application from Cavendish House Co. Ltd., applying on behalf of a client for permission to place an urn containing cremated remains above ground in a suitable stone casket. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the space being purchased and to the usual inscription and monumental fees being paid,

5—Report of View Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th ult. : Present- --Alderman Stewart and Councillor Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

They recommended :—

Inscription----That the application of Mr. E. P. Cookley for permission to inscribe his son's name, who was killed in the War, on a tomb stone free of charge be granted.

Lodge—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the doors, entrance hall and staircase redecorated.

Trees—That one tree at the inner gates and two in other parts of the Cemetery be removed.

Shelter and Seats— That the Seats and Shelter be repainted and repaired where necessary.

Lavatory Accommodation for Men—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan for the erection of a Water Closet adjoining the Men's Urinal.

Cemetery Chapel—That the Canopies on the Tower be removed as being dangerous and the Borough Surveyor obtain a full report as to the repairs necessary.

Timber and Tool Sheds—That a door and partition be fixed to one portion of the Tool sheds.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

6—Additional Land—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the lay out and classification of Graves on the land recently taken over. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

(b) Resolved, That the remaining land containing 3 acres be let to Mr. Denley on a yearly tenancy on the same terms as his present Agreement and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th April, 1926: Present— Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold. Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. F. Walsh (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report---Receipts -£13 9s. 10d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,597 (last year 5,043) ; Lending Library 12,846 (last year 11,546) ; Children's Library 2,117 (last year 2,174). Total for month 20,560 (last year 18,763).

Presentations—Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (2 vols.) ; John Rylands Library, Manchester (1 Pamphlet) ; Miss F. Johnson (2 Pamphlets); Bodleian Library (Report); Library of Congress (Report) ; University College of Wales (Report); Mr. J. Spencer (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. W. Todd (1 vol.) and Capt. R. P. Wild (5 Pamphlets). Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—Purchase of Books—Resolved, (a) That 31 volumes, (new books) published at ;C16 18s. 3d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £13 1s. 0d.

(b) That 120 volumes be replaced at an estimated cost of £20.

(c) That 160 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £20.

3—Periodicals—That the offer of three Unitarian Periodicals, gratis, one, " The Inquirer," (weekly) be accepted.

4—Typewriter--The Librarian submitted a quotation from the Underwood Typewriter Co., Ltd. to supply a new foolscap Standard Typewriter for £20 13s 0d., less £3 allowance for old machine. Resolved, That this be accepted.

5—Staff—The Librarian reported the resignation of Miss Eva Clark, the Senior Assistant, who had been appointed Chief Assistant in the Hastings Public Library. Resolved, That the promotion of an Assistant to fill the vacancy be deferred, that a Junior Assistant (female) be appointed at 12s 6d per week, and that Miss M. I. Millward be appointed a part-time Assistant (temporary) at 6s per week.

Resolved, also, That the wage of the Typist, Miss E. Parry, be increased from 12s 6d to 17s 6d per week.

6—Whitsuntide Closing—Resolved, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit-Monday.

7—**The Tablets Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 22nd ult. : Present—Messrs. H. E. Branch, A. J. Miles and D. W. Herdman (Hon. Sec.). (Mr. A. J. Miles in the chair).

Tennyson Tablet—Ten designs and quotations from five Cheltenham firms were considered.

Resolved, That the quotation of Messrs. Hancock & Son of £7 5s. 6d. for a Cast Bronze Tablet be recommended for acceptance.

It was further Resolved, That the design be standardised for further tablets, so far as may be found expedient.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th April. 1926 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair). -

1--General District Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst. on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £33,249 11s. 7d. Excused £67 13s. 3d. Irrecoverable £114 11s. 0d. Void £547 8s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £129 10s. 7d.

2-Water Rate--Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 23th ult. Amount collected £18,032 15s. 4d. Abatements £231 11s. 4d. Defaulters £11 12s. 1d. Voids £77 2s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £3,819 17s. 7d.

3 —Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £4,200 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £5,500 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £645 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £280 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly

5—National Savings Certificates--- -The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during March was 5,660.

6—Superannuation--Resolved, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of the Medical Officer of Health be extended up to the 31st March, 1927, and that the services of Mr. C. Potter (Farms Waterman) be extended to the 30th September, 1926.

7--Corporation 3 per cent. Stock --The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £865 15s. 11d. at 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent., plus expenses £2 7s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £863 15s. 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.

8— Institute of Municipal Treasurers—Conference—Resolved, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to attend this Conference at Southport from 16th to 18th June next.

9--Report of Accounts Rota Committee ---- Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair): Alderman Taylor and Councillor Major Cavenagh Mainwaring. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th March, 1926: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended:—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Captain Trye and Yarnold.

1—Estimates for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council at a Special Meeting on the 23rd inst., and if the same are approved, that the General District Rate and Order for the Borough Rate be made accordingly at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st April next.

2 –Borough Treasurer—The Committee consider that as the Borough Accountant is responsible for keeping the accounts of the Corporation and of preparing the same for Audit, it will be more convenient that he should be appointed Borough Treasurer which is the practice now generally adopted by other Local Authorities. Mr. Alford, the present Borough Treasurer, is agreeable to this proposal if the Council so desire. The Committee, therefore, recommend accordingly the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Mr. Ernest William Deacon be and he is hereby appointed Borough Treasurer as from the 1st day of April next and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 19th March, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of March, 1926, 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 or otherwise the proceedings of the Finance Committee and to make Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates.

2. To authorise the installation on a month's trial and, if found satisfactory, the purchase of Ultra Violet Ray Equipment (including electric generator) at the Medical Baths at an estimated cost of £95.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town. Clerk.

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, 23rd March, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Captain Trye, C.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall and Councillor General H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O.

1—Mrs. J. B. Winterbotham, deceased—Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., and the Members of her family in the loss they have sustained by the death of Mrs. Winterbotham, widow of the late Alderman J. B. Winterbotham.

2—Proceedings of Finance Committee—Estimate for Rate—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 12th March inst., be approved and confirmed : that a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared ; that the Owners, instead of the Occupiers, be rated in cases where the rateable value of the premises does not exceed £8 10s. ; and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one-half.

3--Medical Baths—Ultra Violet Ray Equipment—Resolved, That the Council authorise the installation on a month's trial and, if found satisfactory, the purchase of Ultra Violet Ray Equipment (including electric Generator) at the Medical Baths at an estimated cost of £95.

4—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—The Representatives appointed by the Council to confer with adjoining Authorities with a view to making a recommendation to the County Council as to an Assessment Area under this Act reported that at a Conference held on the 11th inst., it was Resolved, That the following recommendation be made to the County Council :—

" That the existing Cheltenham Union, as at present constituted, remain an Assessment Area under the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925."

Resolved, That this be approved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd June, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th day of June, 1926, 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 COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE STRIKE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and to consider application from Mr. Claude Chandler for permission to hold a limited number of Sunday Evening Concerts at Montpellier Gardens. ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and grant renewal of Hackney Carriage and Drivers' and Conductors' Licences. 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. COUNCILLOR CAPT. TRYE TO MOVE : That the Resolution No. 3 of the Housing Committee at their Meeting on the 12th May, 1925, and approved by the Council at their Meeting on the 5th June, 1925, transferring to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee the question of providing additional houses for letting under the provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, be rescinded, and that, after the houses now in course of erection on the Rees' Site by the Slum Areas Clearance Committee are completed, the provision of houses for letting under the aforesaid Act be carried out by the Housing Committee.

5. TOWN PLANNING—To approve or otherwise a resolution passed at a Conference of representatives of the Corporation, The County Council, The Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and the Cheltenham Rural District Council on the 31st May, 1926, namely, "That this Conference recommends that a Town Planning Scheme for an area extending approximately four miles from the centre of the Borough should be prepared by the Corporation of Cheltenham and that an Advisory Committee should be appointed consisting of four representatives of each of the Councils whose Districts will be affected by the proposed Scheme, together with four representatives of the County Council."

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd May, 1926, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farrar, Gen. Thomas, and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 9th 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—Local Authorities Coal Emergency Order, 1926—(a) The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order. Resolved, That the following be appointed a Committee for the purposes of the Local Authorities Coal Emergency Order, 1926, and that all the powers and duties of the Council conferred or imposed upon them by the Order be delegated to the Committee :—The Mayor (Councillor W. J. M. Dicks), The Deputy Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett), Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Stewart Councillors Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen,

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Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold, and that, if the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council agree to combine with the Borough, two representatives of each of these Councils be added to the Committee.

Resolved, also, That Mr. J. S. Pickering and Mr. W. J. Bache be appointed the Executive Officers for the purposes of the said Order.

(b) Councillor Pates, who had been appointed Coal Emergency Officer for Cheltenham and neighbouring district, reported that a Committee of Coal Merchants had been appointed comprising Messrs. W. J. Amery, C. Barrett, W. J. Greenway, J. H. Jackson, J. P. Pates, L. G. Thompson, R. J. Webb and W. Weller. Resolved, That Councillors Mann and Sawyer be appointed as Representatives of this Council on the Coal Merchants' Committee.

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

Public Health ... Meetings held April 12 & 28

Housing ... Meeting held April 13

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held April 26

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring " That Minute No. 1, with reference to the proposed purchase of land between Folly Lane and Hanover Street for additional houses, be referred back for detailed figures."

Maternity and Child Welfare... Meeting held April 26

Street and Highway Meeting held April 19

MONTPELLIER WALK-Resolved, also, That the best thanks of the Council be given to Councillor H. W. Thomas for his gift of land adjoining " Loreburn " for the improvement of Montpellier Walk."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 12, 16, 23 & 27

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 21

Water Meeting held April 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 20

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 2 (g) with reference to Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham to Evesham—be referred back for further consideration.

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STREET TRADING—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Mr R. A. Harding, on behalf of Street Traders, asking the Council to receive a Deputation in regard to the proposal to make an Order under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, limiting the use of certain streets in the Borough by Street Traders. A number of Traders attended the Meeting and were informed that Minute No. 4 would be referred back to enable a Deputation to attend a Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 4th inst., and Minute No. 4 was referred back accordingly.

Allotments Meeting held April 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 16

Burial Board Meeting held April 23

Public Library Meeting held April 13

Finance Meeting held April 27

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

4—Empire Shopping Week—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mrs. E. H. Bisset asking the Corporation to decorate the Promenade with the flags and bunting at their disposal, in connection with the Empire

Shopping Week to be organised by the Chamber of Commerce from 24th to 29th May inst. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Assistant Town Clerk—The Deputy Mayor reported that Mr. Francis J. R. Mountain (Assistant Town Clerk) had been appointed Deputy Town Clerk of Paddington. Resolved, That the Council heartily congratulate Mr. Mountain on his preferment, and desire to place on record their appreciation of his services as Assistant Town Clerk during the past six years and wish him success in his new appointment, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy 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, 7th June, 1926.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Council in Committee held on Sunday, the 9th May, 1926. Present : The Deputy Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett, C.B.E.) in the chair ; Alderman Steel, Councillors Bastin, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and Capt. Trye.

1—**Strike Emergency Committee**—Resolved, That the following be appointed a Strike Emergency Committee to deal with any pressing matters of importance which may arise in connection with the present industrial crisis :—

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

2—Electricity Undertaking—The Chairman (Councillor Moore) stated that his Committee had every confidence in the loyalty of the staff of the Electricity Undertaking and believed that if there was any withdrawal of labour at all, it would only be after giving proper legal notice to terminate their engagements. He also informed the Meeting that satisfactory arrangements had been made for carrying on the Undertaking in the event of labour being withdrawn.

Resolved, That these arrangements be approved and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to incur any necessary expenditure which may be involved in securing the maintenance of the Undertaking.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

STRIKE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th May, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett), Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

1—Tramway Service—Mr. R. Stubbs and Mr G. F. Tawney attended as a Deputation from the Council of Action and asked that the supply of Electricity to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., should be discontinued.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them in reply that in the interest of the general public this could not be complied with.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th May, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen 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.: —Westall Cottage, Tivoli ; 9a Russell Place ; 3 and 4 Mitre Street ; St. Anne's Cottage and Moreton Cottage, Mitre Street ; and 26 Imperial Square.-
-Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, Mg, 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) 30 Courtenay Street ; 31 Sandford Street ; and 5 Imperial Square.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1375, 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) 370 and 372 High Street and Outbuildings of Georges' Ltd.—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) 8 Northwick Terrace--Read, letter of 15th inst., from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen on behalf of the Owner of this house stating that their client was unable to pay the cost of the drainage and sanitary work carried out at these premises amounting to £57 17s. 0d. until he had effected a sale of the property. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement expenses chargeable on the premises to be repayable by instalments within a period not exceeding 5 years with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum until the whole amount is repaid.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Mitre Street ; St. Anne's Cottage and Moreton Cottage, Mitre Street ; 6 Waterloo Street ; 1 and 2 Elm Gardens, Swindon Road ; and 9 and 9a Russell 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.

(b) 1 and 2 Butts Cottages, Lower Park Street and 10 Worcester Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners 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. E. J. Welch to do the work for £22 12s. 0d., being the lowest, be accepted.

4--House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Brewer's Arms, Tewkesbury Road.—It appearing on the Report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation. Resolved, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

5—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.

6--Visit to Sewage Works—Resolved, That the proposed visit to inspect the Sewage Works be held on the 8th June next.

7—Houses unfit for Human Habitation--1 Limbrick Cottages—Resolved, That the question of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for a further six months.

8—Conferences—Read, circulars from the Association of Sewage Works Managers, The Nation's Health Exhibition and The People's League of Health, inviting the attendance of Delegates at their respective Conferences. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

9—Lavatory Accommodation—South Ward—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for providing two underground lavatories under the footpath in Leckhampton Road outside the "Norwood Arms," providing for one water closet and 3 stalls for men and two water closets for women with separate entrances ; he estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £804. Resolved, That the plan be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their Sanction to a loan of £804 for the cost thereof and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work.

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10—Hayden Sewage Works —The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they had .considered 20 tenders received for the supply of filtering media and submitted alternative tenders from The Pyx Granite Co., Ltd., Malvern, Resolved, That the tender of The Pyx Granite Co., Ltd. (being the lowest) of 15s 6d per ton for 755. tons of the 3in., and 5,540 tons of 1 ½ in. media and 17s -per ton for 1,007

tons of the $\frac{3}{4}$ in. media, washed and placed in filter beds, be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into. (The quantities above mentioned are approximate).

11—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 104 lbs, mutton, and 6 tins of meat and fruit.

12-Farms Sub-Committee - Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present— Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 10th inst.: 11 horses (1 at Depot) ; 111 head of cattle, 98 sheep, 74 lambs and 19 pigs. 8 steers, 10 sheep 35 tegs and 1 sow and 11 young had been purchased for £304 15s. 6d. Purchases of foodstuffs, etc., amounted to £8 13s. 0d. Total purchases £313 8s. 6d. 35 tegs, 28 store pigs and 1 heifer had been sold for £250 4s. 9d. 2 sheep had died from inflammation of the lungs.

Implements—The Farms Manager submitted estimate from Messrs. Meats & Co. for repairs to implements, viz. : New wheels for hay-maker £7 19s. 0d., new wheel for horse rake £4, and new set of canvasses for the hinder £4 10s. 0d., and also an estimate of from £5 to £10 for necessary repairs to the binder. Resolved, That the quotation he accepted.

Staverton Glebe, Elm Hill--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Notice to terminate the Corporation's tenancy of this land on the 29th September, 1927, with an intimation that the Corporation are willing to give it up at an earlier date.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th May, 1926: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Pates and General Thomas (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
40A Byron Road	Edden, J. H.	£475.
42 “	Austin, Mr. and Mrs. F.	£475.
71 “	Carter, Mrs. K.	£475.
73 “	Ansell, C. H.	£475.
28 Shakespeare Road	White, H. B.	£475.

Resolved, That the offers be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), 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. 42 and 73 Byron Road and No. 28 Shakespeare Road, and also with the widow of the late Mr. G. W. Budden (the purchaser of No. 59 Byron Road—see Minute No 1 of 9th March, 1926) in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances 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. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour-type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 110 have been sold, leaving 30 for sale, all of which 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.

28 Shakespeare Road

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2—Parlour-Type Houses—(a) The Architects submitted plans and specification for Parlour houses of a modified type and two tenders were received for the erection thereof. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. W. Drew to erect 20 pairs of houses to the plans and specification referred to at the price £1,158 per pair, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

(b) A tender was also received from Mr. W. Drew for the erection of 5 pairs of houses to the same plan and specification as those already erected in Brooklyn Road (but with minor alterations and omissions to reduce the cost of construction) at the price of £1,198 per pair. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan of £31,045 for the estimated cost (including Architects' fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies) of erecting the 25 pairs of houses above referred to.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the 20 pairs of houses first referred to, for the purpose of subsidy under the Housing, etc., Act, 1923.

Resolved, also, That the Architects be instructed to submit lay-out plan for the 25 pairs of houses.

3-38a, 40, 47 and 49 Byron Road; 23, 24, 25 and 26 Shakespeare Road—Fences—A tender was received from Mr. W. Drew for erecting a fence at each of these houses, to screen the back gardens, at a cost of £6 14s. 6d. per house. Resolved, That this be accepted, that the selling price of Nos. 382, 40 and 47 Byron and Nos. 23 and 24 Shakespeare Road be increased to cover the cost of the fence and that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange with the Purchasers of 49 Byron Road and Nos. 25 and 26 Shakespeare Road for a similar fence to be provided for these houses.

4—Housing, etc., Acts, 1923-24 Subsidy Houses—(a) Provisional Certificates (i.) Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £65 be issued to Miss R. Eamson in respect of a bungalow to be erected by her in Whaddon Lane, containing 676 super feet and to be erected at a density of 10 to the acre, subject to the applicant undertaking not to sell the bungalow at a price

exceeding £440, and to require any purchaser or purchasers from her to enter into a similar covenant.

(ii.) Suffolk Street—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Ministry of Health approving of the rate of density proposed in respect of this house to be erected by Mr. Thos. Smith in Suffolk Street. 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 after 30th June.

5—Letchworth Civic Week Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Secretary of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association inviting the attendance of delegates at two Conferences to be held in connection with the Letchworth Civic Week on the 18th and 19th inst. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st June, 1926. Present : Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Dunn, Pales and General Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

6---Parlour Type Houses--An offer was received from Mr. C. Giles to erect two pairs of Parlour Type houses to the same plan and specification as the twenty pairs allotted to Mr. Drew at the last Meeting of the Committee, at the price of £1,158 per pair, instead of the houses proposed to be built by him at the price of £1,190 per pair in accordance with the tender from him accepted by the Committee at their Meeting on the 20th January last, but which the Ministry of Health would not approve.

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to loan sanction and to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the two pairs of houses for the purpose of subsidy under the Housing, etc., Act, 1923.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,467 for the estimated cost, including Architect's Fees and five per cent, for contingencies, of erecting the houses.

Resolved, also, That the Architects be instructed to submit lay-out plan for the whole twenty-two pairs of houses

7-63 Byron Road--The Town Clerk reported that the Purchasers of this house owing to altered financial circumstances found they were unable to pay the instalments due to the Building Society and had asked that the Corporation should take over the house again. The Building Society were willing to agree to the money being refunded and to the cancellation of the Mortgage, and the Solicitors concerned had agreed to forego their costs. Resolved, That the Corporation refund to the Building Society the amount advanced by them and the balance to the Purchasers less the sum of £5 for any touching up and cleaning, etc., required to the house.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th May, 1926 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Welstead and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 75 Stanhope Street—Read, letters of 3rd inst., from the District Valuer stating that he had provisionally agreed the compensation payable for Nos. 5 to 9 Stanhope Street at £58 and for No. 75 Stanhope Street at £15, the Corporation to pay the negotiation fees and Vendors costs in each case, and the Vendors to have the right to remove materials on the land within one month and fourteen days respectively. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

Tenders for Houses--The Architect submitted lay-out plan for 14 houses on the West side of Stanhope Street and St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road, similar to those erected on Rees' site. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection thereof.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st June, 1926 : Present : Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, Welstead and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme--(a) Tenders for Houses—Seven tenders were received for the erection of six pairs of houses on the west side of Stanhope Street and one pair in St Peter's Place, Swindon Road. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. W. J. B. Halls Ltd., Gloucester of £5,750 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 of the houses and to a loan of £6,124 for the cost of the houses including Architect's Fees and 5 per cent. for contingences.

(b) Mr. Stroud's houses—Read, letter of 28th inst. from Messrs. Stroud & Co. asking the Corporation to allow Mr. Stroud to continue to receive the rents of the houses not immediately required by the Corporation for the purposes of this Scheme after the Conveyance of the properties had been completed. Resolved, That Messrs. Stroud & Co. be informed that the Committee are unable to agree to this suggestion and that the Town Clerk's reply as submitted be approved.

(c) Hanson's Property--The Town Clerk submitted an amended offer from Mr. Hanson to sell Ashcroft and garden in Swindon Road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Site for additional houses—(a) Read, Memorial from number of allotment holders of the land proposed to be purchased by the Corporation, urging that other land should be purchased for the new houses.

(b) Referring to Minute No. 1 of this Committee at their Meeting on the 26th April last recommending that the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of the two pieces of land lying between Folly Lane and Hanover Street and containing together 8.466 acres as a site for additional houses. Resolved, To report to the Council as follows : The Architect advises that the Site will accommodate 147 houses and the Borough Surveyor estimates the cost of making the roads and sewers required at about £5,270 making with the cost of the land as valued by the District Valuer the sum of £7,295 for the site, equivalent to under -30 per house. Under the above-mentioned Act the rents for the houses must not exceed in the aggregate the total amount of the rents which would be payable if the houses were let at the appropriate normal rents charged in respect of working class houses erected prior to the 3rd August, 1914, ascertained in accordance with the rules prescribed, except where the annual expenses incurred in connection with the houses exceed so far as the sums are borne by the Local rate, an amount equivalent to £4 a year payable for 40 years for each house and then only to the extent of such excess. The cost to the rates would therefore be £4 10s x 147 = £661 10s. But it should be pointed out that where a house now suitable for one family is occupied by say two families, the Corporation are only receiving the rates for one house, although they are providing all the Municipal rate services for two families. If one of these families is transferred to a new house the rates should therefore be a gain to the Corporation, except about one-third being the portion of the rates contributed to the County and for Poor Law purposes. Resolved, also, That the Council be again recommended to instruct the District Valuer to negotiate the purchase of the land for the erection of houses for working classes under the provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

T. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th May, 1926: Present—Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1--**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 4th and 17th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 16th April to 13th May, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th inst., 805 loads collected, 755 consumed and 50 tipped away (Weight consumed 144 tons 6} cwts.).

3—Refuse Destructor--The Borough Surveyor reported that an offer of £5 had been made to the G.W.R. Co., for 100 square yards of land adjoining the Destructor, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last Meeting. He submitted reply of the 26th ult., from the Company's Surveyor agreeing to recommend the Company to accept £10, plus Surveyor's Fee of two guineas. Resolved, That the land be purchased on these terms.

4—Charlton Lane—Widening—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Charity Commissions had made an Order authorising the Delancey Hospital Trustees to grant strip of land required for widening Charlton Lane on the conditions that the expenses of the Trustees in respect thereof were paid and a fence erected, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, by the Corporation. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate of the cost of the widening, including gravel foot path, new iron fencing, etc., amounting to £95. Resolved, That this be approved and that he be instructed to have the work carried out.

5 --Montpellier Walk—Widening —The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed line of footpath adjoining the Midland Bank and " Loreburn" and reported that it was proposed to pave the footpath with slabs. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported the receipt of fifty applications for this appointment and that the Asphalt Plant Sub-Committee met on the 6th inst. (Present Councillors Pates and Yarnold), and selected five candidates for interview by the full Committee Resolved, That a Meeting be held on Thursday, 27th inst., at 3 p.m. accordingly.

7—Mechanical Trailer--The Borough Surveyor reported that at the Meeting of the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 6, the provision of a Mechanical Trailer for the collection of refuse, etc., was considered and that it was resolved to recommend that a trial be made of the Tractor Trailer System for several weeks and that for this purpose two Trailers be hired from The Eagle Engineering Co., at a charge of £1 10s. 0d. per week per trailer, the Corporation paying carriage to Cheltenham and one from Messrs. Tuke & Bell, Ltd., if satisfactory terms could be arranged. The Tractor could be hired locally.

After this demonstration it was recommended that a trial should be made with Freighters (Messrs. Shelvoke & Drewery's, Ltd.). The terms for hiring the Freighters would be £7 10s. 0d. per week for each machine. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Streamer across Colonnade—Resolved, That the application of the Whit-Monday Fete Committee for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th inst., be granted.

9 —Advertisements Regulations Acts, 1907—(a) Hale's Road —Read, letter of 20th inst., from Mr. G. T. Vyse, complaining of an unsightly hoarding recently erected near his residence (" Kerrysdale," Hale's Road). Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Fairfield Walk—The Town Clerk reported that the hoarding erected by Mr. Shakespere Shenton in Fairfield Walk (opposite Fairfield Park Road), in respect of which a complaint had been received, complied with the Bye-laws made under this Act.

10—Trees—Read, application of 27th ult., from Mr. T. C. Weatherhead for two trees near his residence " Harborne" to be removed. Resolved, The consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Petrol Pumps—(a) Old Bell Yard, Winchcomb Street—Read, application of 3rd inst., from Mr. E. T. Crabtree for permission to erect a petrol pump on his premises in lieu of a similar pump at 60 Fairview Road, referred to in Minute No. 14 of the Committee at their last Meeting. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned pending approval of plans of the proposed Garage by the Corporation.

(b) Pittville Garage, Winchcomb Street—Read, application of 20th inst., from Messrs. Williams & Bayliss for permission to erect a petrol pump on their premises with moveable delivery arm over the footpath. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to an Agreement, containing the usual conditions, being entered into.

(c) Victoria Street, St. Paul's—Read, application of 3rd March last from Mr. L. S. Lusty for permission to erect a petrol pump on his premises with moveable delivery arm over the footpath. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to an Agreement, containing the usual conditions, being entered into.

12—Street Projections—(a) Promenade—Read, letter of 11th inst., from Mr. S. H. Brunt stating that he had given instructions to have the sign outside his premises altered to comply with the usual conditions and that he hoped this would be done within the next two or three days.

(b) Grafton Garage, Suffolk Road—Resolved, That the application of 23rd ult., from Messrs. Reed & Patterson for permission to fix three projecting signs outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Imperial Hotel, High Street—Resolved, That the application of 5th inst., from Mr. C. H. Rainger for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

1—Reddings Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Roads Department, Ministry of Transport, stating that an Order had been issued for payment to the Corporation of £303 in respect of the work carried out to this road under Grant No. E. A. 3394/24.

14—Aerial across Highway—Lane back of North Place—Resolved, That (Pursuant to Section 25, Public Health Acts, 1925) no objection be made to the placing of an aerial across this lane by Mr. E. H. Smith, subject to the condition that the same will be removed within one month after notice requiring removal.

15—Post Office Telegraphs—Lane between Bayshill Road and Montpellier Street—Read, application of 15th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line along this lane with one pole. Resolved, That consent thereto be given subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole, if required.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 27th May, 1926. Present : Councillors Mann, Pates and Sawyer (Councillor Mann in the chair).

16--Highways Superintendent—The Committee interviewed six candidates for this appointment. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make further enquiries as to one of the Candidates and if satisfactory that he be recommended for the appointment,

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1926 ; Present—Alderman 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.
2159	Eamonson, Miss	Detached House, Whaddon Lane.
2161	Crabtree, E. R.	Temporary Garages, Winchcomb Street.
2162	Berryman, G., & Sons.	Two Houses, Roman Road.
2163	Gardiner, Major W. G.	Motor House, Lismore, Andover Road.
2165	Watson, W. G.	Temporary Motor House, " St. Kilda," Hewlett Road.
2166	Fortey, O. A.	New Shop Front, 5 St. Mark's Emporium
2167	Gloucester Co-operative Society.	Re-building 89, 90 and 91 High Street.
2168	Bourne, Col. W.	Temporary Garage, Weston House.
2169	Pilley, W. J. H.	Temporary Motor House, "St. Cuthberts," London Road.

Resolved, That Plan Nos. 2159 and 2162 be approved ; that Plans No. 2161, 2163 and 2168 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. 2168 be also subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee ; that Plan No. 2167 be approved subject to all soil pipes inside the building being in lead and to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans No. 2565, 2166 and 2169 be disapproved.

2— Contravention of Byelaws-12 Lansdown Crescent—Plan No. 2164—Read, letter from Messrs. Engall Cox & Co., Agents on behalf of the tenant of these premises stating that the Owner was removing the shed erected at the rear of the house and submitting plan of a temporary shed to be erected in lieu thereof. Resolved, That the plan be disapproved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see that the shed now erected is removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th May, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Steel 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.
2165	Watson, W. G.	Temporary Motor House at " St. Kilda," Hewlett Road.
2166	Fortey, O. A.	New Shop Front at No. 5 St. Mark's Emporium, Gloucester Road.
2169	Pilley, W. J. H.	Temporary Motor House at "St. Cuthbert's," London Rd.
2170	Brooks, C. S.	Detached House, Kingsditch Lane.
2171	Sheppard, E. J.	New W. C. and Coal-house at No. 4 Victoria Cottages, off Bath Parade.

Resolved, That Plan No. 2166 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2570 and 2171 be approved subject to the drainage, sanitary and cesspit work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2165 and 2169 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, and, in the case of Plan No. 2169, to proper provision being made for Car to cross footpath in Hayward's Road.

4—Contravention of Byelaws-12 Lansdown Crescent—Plan No. 2164--The Borough Surveyor reported that the wooden building at rear of this house had now been removed and submitted an amended plan No. 2164 for a shed to be erected in place thereof. Resolved, That Plan No. 2164 as now amended be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the conditions that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and that the building shall not be used for human habitation.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 3rd May, 1926 : Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that as the Scheme was to be revised and no commencement of the work could be expected for some little time it was proposed to withdraw their offer of Grant, but before doing so they would consider any observations the Council might have to make upon the matter, giving some indication of the date upon which it was anticipated the revised Scheme, if approved, could be commenced. Resolved, That the draft reply submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

2-Winter Garden—Summer Band—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., protesting against the arrangements made by the Corporation whereby the Summer Band would play in the Winter Garden Bandstand on Tuesday and Saturday evenings and

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons during the ensuing Season (i.e. five performances instead of three as in previous years) and pointing out that these performances were a serious detriment to their business and he did not think the Company would enter into the new lease if so many performances were to be held at the Winter Garden Bandstand. Resolved, That the arrangements already made for this Season should stand, but that they be informed that the matter will be further considered before the fixtures for the 1927 Season are decided upon.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st May, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

3—Visit of Gloucestershire Society in London—The Town Clerk reported that after the luncheon it had been arranged for the visitors to drive to Stanley Park where they would be entertained to tea by Sir Percival Marling. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain terms for charabancs.

4-1 Oriel Road - Read, letter from the Tenant of this house asking for the premises to be redecorated. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report as to the state of the premises.

5—Montpellier Baths—Read, letter from the Secretary of the English Folk Dance Society asking for the use of the Montpellier Baths during Easter Week, 1927 (April 18th--23rd), in the event of the Folk Dance Vacation School being held in Cheltenham. Resolved, That they be granted the free use of these Baths for the week, and that the opening of these Baths be postponed to the 1st May.

6—Pittville Gardens—British Legion Fete—Read, application from the Local Branch of the British Legion for the use of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room on August Bank Holiday, 1926, for a Fete. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted subject to the following conditions :—the Residents on the Pittville Estate to be entitled to admission to the Gardens, the members of tennis clubs on the lower portion of the Gardens to be allowed to play all day and on other courts up to 1 p.m., no intoxicants to be sold, any roundabouts to be engaged to be placed on the ground near the swings and the music of same to be modified and to cease at 10 p.m., a Policeman to be engaged to prevent trespass over the gardens adjoining the Pittville Park, any damage caused to buildings and grounds to be made good and the full programme of the Fete to be submitted for approval to this Committee.

7—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Flower Show—Resolved, That permission be given to the Floral Fete Committee to provide temporary conveniences for both sexes in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor, subject to the ground being afterwards reinstated and any damage made good.

(b) Electricity Sub-Station—The Town Clerk reported that in the event of a site for the erection of a Sub-Station not being obtainable on land near the Tank it would be necessary to move the Tank to another position. Resolved, That this Committee are willing for the Tank to be placed in a suitable position in these Gardens subject to the Electricity and Lighting Committee paying all expenses.

8—Alstone Baths—Badminton Club—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Badminton Club asking for a reduction of 1d. per unit in the price for electricity used by them as from the date on which a similar reduction was made to the Committee. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th May, 1926. Present: Alderman Stewart; Councillors Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

9—Pittville Gardens—(a) Whit-Monday Fete—The Statement of Income and Expenditure in connection with this Fete was submitted showing receipts amounting to £278 19s. 6d., and expenditure £195 6s. 2d. (including paid to the Spa Manager for extra work in respect of the Fete) leaving a net surplus of £83 13s. 4d. Resolved, That the Balance Sheet be approved.

(b) Read, application from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Habitation of the Primrose League applying for the use of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room for a Dance and Pastoral Play either on a Wednesday or Saturday to be arranged in August. Resolved, That the application be granted at a charge of £5 5s. 0d.

10—Medical Baths—Resolved, That Mr. E. J. Burrow be asked to submit a Scheme for further advertising the Medical Baths in the County and adjoining Counties including Birmingham.

11—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 27th ult., 11th and 25th inst., were read. They recommended as follows.—

Winter Garden Bandstand—That Messrs. Lance & Co. be asked to supply, make and fix Awning 14 ft. x 10 ft. to the Bandstand at the Winter Garden at a cost of £3 16s. 6d.

Summer Band—That as the and July has been fixed for the College Speech Day, the Band Performance usually held on Tuesday evening 29th June be cancelled and the Band play on Friday evening 2nd July instead.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th May, 1926 : Present—Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Sewer —With reference to Minute No. 14. of the Public Health Committee of 28th April last. Resolved, That this Committee agree that any additional expense which might be incurred hereafter in regard to the Sewer by reason of the erection thereover of the extension to the Boiler House should be borne by the Electricity Undertaking.

2—General Strike—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported during the Strike that the supply to the Town was maintained without interruption and that the men in the mains department had voluntarily undertaken the guarding of the Manchester Street Sub-Station. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to convey to the members of the Staff the cordial thanks and appreciation of the Council for their loyalty and co-operation during the crisis.

3—Coal Supply—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase 50 tons of fuel oil and to make any necessary alterations to the boilers for using the same with a view to maintaining as full a supply to consumers as possible during the Coal Strike.

4—Electric Lamp Standards--(a) Hatherley Place—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Supt Lane stating that he had prosecuted the three youths for throwing stones at lamp standards in this street and that they were each fined 5s and 5s for damage.

(b) Pittville—The Town Clerk reported that the cost of the damage to lamps in Trinity Lane and Pittville Drive by five young boys had been paid for by their respective parents.

(c) Suffolk Street and Norwood Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., to a standard at the corner of these roads on the 4th inst., amounting to £7 15s. 7d. The Royal Insurance with whom a halving agreement had been made, had paid half the amount in settlement.

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5—Cirencester Road—Resolved, That the sum of £15 be paid to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council towards the cost of re-instating the foot-path in this road along which mains had recently been made.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 25th March last which showed the average calorific value to be 470 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 3rd and 20th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 471.4 and 471.7 B.Th.U. respectively, and a pressure of 4.7 and 4.6 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th May, 1926. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, 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 17th May, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	273,000 gallons	243,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,379,000	1,070,000
Leckhampton Springs	91,000	82,000
Total	1,743,000	1,395,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	17th May, 1926.		17th May, 1925.	
Hewletts		25,845,000 gallons		16,500,000
Dowdeswell	31ft. 0in.	94,756,000 "	31ft. 6in,	97,389,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000
Total Storage		122,086,000		114,969,000

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

	During April, 1926.
No. of house-to-house inspections	803
"taps found leaking	48
" defective flushing boxes	6
" defective stop taps ..	13
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	48
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>55</u>
	103
" notices served re fittings	47
" meters fixed, changed, etc.	25
" houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	89
" burst pipes discovered	8
" supplies discontinued (void houses etc)	63

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

Sluice Valves fixed	1
Sluice Valves repaired.	12
Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	1
Mains repaired ..	1
Hydrants repaired ..	3
Mains flushed out in 4 districts.	

4—Dowdeswell Water Works—(a) Mechanical Filters—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to instruct Dr. Rideal, or some other analytical Chemist, to report as to the efficiency of the Filtration Plant before it is taken over by the Corporation, subject to the terms for such report being approved of by the Chairman.

(b) Sedimentation Basin—The Borough Engineer reported that it would be desirable to clean out the Sedimentation Basin in the Autumn. Resolved, That he be instructed to prepare a specification and estimate therefor.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—Shaft—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report of 20th inst., from Messrs. V. G. Morris, Ltd., on their examination of this Shaft, together with their tender for fixing four iron bands and angle irons, raking out joints and repointing, also scraping and painting iron cap, amounting to £46. Resolved, That this be accepted.

6—South Midlands District Industrial Council for Water Works Undertakings—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 18th inst., from the Joint Secretary, inviting attendance of Representatives at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Offices of the Ministry of Labour, Whitehall, on 17th June next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

7—British Waterworks Association—Annual Conference—Read, circular of 1st ult., from the Secretary of this Association inviting the attendance of Delegates at the Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Bristol from 30th June to 3rd July next. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

8—Hewletts Reservoir (No. 4) Valve Tower—The Town Clerk reported receipt of Sanction, dated 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Health, to a loan of £1,000, cost of installing this Tower, repayable within 20 years.

9—Sandford Mead Well Supply—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to arrange for analyses of the water from this source of supply when pumping is resumed, and to report to this Committee.

10—River Severn--(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted Memorandum upon Reports Nos. 112 and 113 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on certain portions of the Rivers Severn and Warwickshire Avon, referred to him by the Committee at their last Meeting. The River Avon was below the Corporation Water Works at Tewkesbury, but the Reports showed that the water from the River Severn at the Tewkesbury Intake was satisfactory for drinking purposes.

(b) Read, letter of 27th ult., from the District Fisheries Inspector (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries) South Wales and Severn Area, inviting representatives to attend a Meeting of Local Authorities in the Water Shed of the River Severn to be held by the Ministry at the Shire Hall, Worcester, on Tuesday, 1st June next, for the purpose of discussing the report of Dr. Gee on the recent survey. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

11—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted, and the Town Clerk was instructed to take proceedings for recovery of certain outstanding water charges.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE,

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th May, 1926: Present : The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart Councillors Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Street Trading—A Deputation of Street Traders attended the Committee, and Messrs H. T. Dartnall and R. A. Harding stated on their behalf that they recognised that the traffic in the High Street was at times congested, but they urged that some ground should be allotted to them where they could sell their goods. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

2—Foot and Mouth Disease—Read, circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Emergency) Order, 1926, empowering Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry to apply the provisions of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order, 1925, in the event of an outbreak occurring during the present Emergency. Resolved, That in case of an outbreak occurring during the Emergency the Sanitary Inspector and his assistants be appointed to assist the Police if required in supervising any infected place in enforcing the observance of the rules for the prevention of the spread of the disease and also in issuing licences for the movement of animals under the Order.

3—Omnibuses—Drivers and Conductors—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Town Clerk be authorised to issue such licences as may be necessary during the Emergency for drivers and conductors.

4—Town Clerk's Department—(a) Chief Assistant—Resolved, That Mr. Richard Board be appointed Chief Assistant to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mountain and that his salary be increased to £250 per annum as from 1st June next.

(b) Second Assistant—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to advertise for a Second Assistant at a commencing salary of £170 per annum rising by three annual increments to £200, and that he be authorised to engage such temporary assistance as may be necessary pending the filling of the vacancy.

(c) General Office—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a partition in the General Office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the design submitted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th May, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen and Capt. True (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, except for a case of Swine fever at Baglin's Field.

(b) Tuberculosis Order, 1925—Superintendent Lane reported that a case of Tuberculosis in a cow not in milk at Benhall Farm had been confirmed. The animal was slaughtered on the 10th inst., and 25s had been received for the carcase. Resolved, That the sum of £2 5s. 0d. be paid to the Owner for compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Order (Section 9 (2)).

(c) Sheep Dips (Regulation) Order, 1926—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which had been published.

(d) Sheep Scab Order, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order, dated 13th inst., revoking the Sheep Scab Order of 1923, which rendered a sheep owner liable to penalties in the event of Sheep Scab appearing amongst his sheep unless he could prove that he had taken reasonable steps to keep his sheep free from Scab.

6—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that no outbreak of fire had occurred since the last Meeting.

(b) Brockhampton Park—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. B. C. Cobb, suggesting that an annual Retaining Fee of £4 be paid in respect of the services of the Brigade and Fire Engine, etc. (instead of at a rate of 3d. in the £ on the Rateable Value of all the Buildings covered by the Agreement) plus actual expenses incurred in attending an outbreak in accordance with the Scale for the time being in force. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the draft Agreement amended accordingly.

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(c) Rotary Carnival Procession—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Rotary Carnival Procession Committee, asking for the Corporation's consent to the Fire Brigade turning out as part of this Procession. Resolved, That consent be given.

(d) Municipal Offices—Resolved, That Members of the Staff be invited to volunteer for instruction in the use of the fire appliances at the Municipal Offices,

7—Market—Fair—The Town Clerk reported that a portion of the Market had been let to Mr. Charles Studt from the 22nd to the 31st inst., at a rent of £25, plus Water Charges. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Hackney Carriage Licences —(a) Annual Inspection—Resolved, That the Annual Licensing Meeting and Inspection of Hackney Carriages (which had been postponed owing to the General Strike) be held at the Central Depot on Wednesday, 26th inst., at 10 a.m.

(b) Drivers—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be issued to A. C. G. King, Railway Bank, Granley Road, St. Mark's.

(c) Conductors—Resolved, That Conductors' Licences be issued to Richard Herbert, 9 Montpellier Villas ; H. R. Swayne, 15 Dagmar Road ; V. G. Walton, 50a Worcester Street, and C. H. Williams, 3 Moor's Parade, Tewkesbury Road.

9--Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham to Evesham—The application from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd., for additional licences to provide a daily service to Evesham via Poplar Row was further considered. The Traffic Super-intendent and Local Manager of the Company attended in support of the application and Mr. F. Martin, who already provided a service of omnibuses between Cheltenham and Evesham, also attended to oppose the application. Resolved, on further consideration, That in the opinion of this Committee the service of omnibuses provided by Mr. Martin, with the service provided by the Company for the first six miles of the route, is sufficient for the present needs of traffic and the Committee, therefore, recommend the Council not to grant the application made by the Company for additional licences.

10—Petrol Pumps (a) Resolved, on the recommendation of the Inspector, that the following applications for Licences to store Petroleum be granted:-

Name.	Place of Storage.	Pump Storage Gallons
Goulding, O. H.	Lansdown Place Garage	500
Williams & Bayliss	49 and 50 Winchcomb Street	500

(b) Resolved, That the application of Mr. E. R. Crabtree for a licence to store 500 gallons of Petroleum (Pump storage) at The Old Bell Yard, Winchcomb Street, be adjourned pending approval of plans of the proposed garage.

11—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, That the renewal of Licences be granted to the following applicants for one year from the 2nd prox., viz. :- -Messrs. J. J. Cypher ; G. E. Pates ; E. A. Webb ; P. C. A. Wiggall and W. Yates.

12-Parking of Motors—The Town Clerk reported the contravention of the Regulations by Mr. Leslie W. Bayley, and submitted letter from Mr. Bayley explaining the circumstances and stating that he would comply with Regulations in future. Resolved, That proceedings be not taken in this instance.

13—Street Trading---The Town Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. R. A. Harding and another representative of the Street Traders and he had pointed out that the Corporation could not allow the continued obstruction of the traffic in High Street. He had suggested to them that they should mutually arrange to distribute themselves in the various streets so as to avoid causing obstruction in any particular street and that they might arrange for each trader to take his turn in streets most favourable to their business. He pointed out that if they continued to neglect to follow the directions of the Police and to assemble in unreasonable numbers in any particular street, they would leave the Corporation no alternative but to make the Order as proposed. Superintendent Lane reported that nothing had been done to lessen the obstruction caused to the traffic and on some days from 8 to 10 trucks had been in High Street between Winchcomb Street and Pittville Street in the busiest hours of the day. Resolved, That the Street Traders be informed that unless some arrangement is made between them in the course of the next month to prevent obstruction to traffic, the Council will make the Order as recommended by Superintendent Lane.

14—Sale of Coal Bye-laws—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered these Bye-laws. No complaints had been made which called for the making of the proposed Bye-laws, some of which would impose additional expense on Coal Merchants and, therefore, tend to increase the cost of coal to consumers. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to make any Bye-laws at the present time.

15—Avenall's Parade—Read, letter of 20th ult., from Mr. Russell suggesting that as this road was very difficult to locate a name plate should be fixed at each end (viz., Old Bath Road and Sandford Mill Road). Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name plates fixed.

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16—Rotary Club Carnival—The Borough Surveyor .submitted an application from the Rotary Club for the Promenade to be decorated with bunting, etc., in connection with this Carnival. Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to the cost of the labour involved being paid for by the Rotary Club.

17—Empire Shopping Week—Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to bear the cost of the labour involved in decorating the Promenade in connection with the Empire Shopping Week.

18—National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts— Resolved, The Mr. I. C. Jenkins (Borough Surveyor's Department), R. E. Lyde (Deputy Librarian), and C. L. Smith (Borough Treasurer's Department) be added to the Certificates of Exception under the National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts and also that Miss E. M. Potter (Education Department) and W. J. Clarke (Labourer) be added to the Certificate of Exception under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Wednesday, 26th May, 1926. Present : The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart and Councillor Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

19—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.—(a) The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages including Omnibuses, Motor Cabs and Wheel Chairs. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the Licences for one year from the 6th prox., subject to satisfactory reports on all the motor vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and to all repairs reported necessary by the Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction.

(b) Transfers—Resolved, That the following transfers be granted subject to satisfactory Reports on the new cabs being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector :—

Licence No.	Name.	New Cab.
7	S. Butt, junior	LA 5899
25	J. Hitchman	BU 18
30	F. C. Hughes	E 710
36	G. F. Meadows	AD 2192
54	A. H. Chandler	NP 5361

(c) New Licences—Read, application from Mr. J. F. Clifford for a licence in respect of Motor Cab XC 5185. The Inspector reported that the cab was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted,

(d) Driver—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be issued to Mr. J. F. Clifford of 10 Royal Crescent

20—Taxi-Meters—Read, memorial from thirty-six licenced Hackney Carriage Owners asking the Committee to allow them to substitute speedometers instead of the taxi-meters now in use. The memorialists pointed out that the taxi-meters could not be purchased by them but had to be hired at an annual rental of from £6 to £9. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make enquiries from other towns as to use of speedometers instead of taxi-meters.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th May, 1926: Present---Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Creamery Piece Allotments --Motor Shed—The Borough Surveyor reported that a Motor Shed had been erected on allotment No. 5. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the removal of the shed and if necessary to give the tenant notice to terminate his tenancy.

2—Whaddon Lane Allotments (1920)—Pig-stye—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of allotment No. 17 was erecting a pig stye on his allotment. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the removal of the stye and if necessary to give notice to the tenant to terminate his tenancy.

3—Inspection of Allotments—Resolved, That in lieu of the Annual Inspection of the allotments by the Committee, the Visitors be asked to make an inspection and report to the next Committee any matters requiring attention.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th May, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1--Recreation Grounds—(a) Resolved, That permission be given to men out of employment through the Strike to play Cricket at the several Recreation Grounds at times not already allocated for the use of Cricket Clubs and Organised Games.

(b) Agg-Gardner Read, application from the Principal, Technical Schools, for permission to use this ground on Thursdays between 2 and 4 15 p.m. from the 29th April to 22nd July next for Organised Games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

(c) Naunton Park—Resolved, That permission be granted to the Parish Church Boys' Cricket Club to play Cricket at this Ground on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

2-Pittville Estate—(a) Weston House—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed Garage at this house. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) Waterfowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that a pair of Black Australian Swans offered by Mrs. Littledale had now been received, Mrs. Littledale had also promised a muscovy duck to match the drake previously given. Resolved, That the grateful thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Littledale for her gifts. The Borough Surveyor also reported that Mr. E. J. Gibbins had offered to present a pair of white call ducks and a pair of shell ducks as soon as these were obtainable. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Gibbins for the same.

(c) Squirrels--Read, letter from H.M. Office of Works stating that it was found that the grey squirrels were destructive and tended to exterminate the native or brown squirrel, and in the circumstances they had decided it was not advisable to accede to the many applications received for grey squirrels.

Read, also, letter from Mr. Louis C. Wrigley, agent for Lord Bathurst, stating that Lord Bathurst was willing to give some squirrels, and the keeper had been instructed to endeavour to catch some for this purpose, and they would be sent as soon as obtainable. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Lord Bathurst.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th May, 1926: Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During April, 3,459 (against 5,342) ; daily average 138 (against 213).

Receipts—Collecting Box £1 2s. 2d. ; Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £3 19s. 3d. ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues £1 13s 0d. ; Donation from Mr. E. J. Burrow for purchase of Archaeological Specimens of late Canon Bazeley £2 10s. 0d. ; Commission on Sales £1 18s. 3d. ; Donation towards expenses of Brangwyn—Jack Exhibition 2s 6d ; Sale of Post Card Reproductions 8s 5d ; Refunded carriage on " Diadumene" 4s; and 1 copy of Rock Specimens 6d. Total £11 18s.1d.

Exhibitions—It was proposed to keep the Brangwyn—Jack Exhibition hanging until it was practicable to fix dates for the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which had been postponed owing to the industrial situation.

2-Donations--The following donations had been received :—Miss A. B. L. Gurney, Photograph of James Elroy Flecker ; Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, 41 Monastic and Armorial Tiles (13th-15th Century) with the pen and ink drawings of same; Mr. H. E. Norris, Bittern.

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

3—Museums Association Conference— Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of this Association to be held at Bournemouth from 5th to 10th July next.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th May, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Farrar, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of Superintendent from 23rd April to 28th May, 1926 ; Interments 50 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First class 1, Second class 6, Third class 1 and Fourth class 4). Memorials fixed 11. New Inscriptions 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7390 to 7401 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 Ernest A. Giles and Isabel M. Colan ; Memorial Cross and Base to Grave of James P. Winterbotham ; Head Stone and Kerbing to Graves of John Cruse and Albert S. Lott ; Memorial Scroll to Grave of Edward Bliss ; Marble Vase to Grave of William G. Brown and Kerbing to Graves of Elizabeth Wearing, Charles R. Radway and William Davies.

4 --Additional Land—Shelter and Tool Shed—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of Shelter and Tool Shed for the new portion of the land at present being laid out. He also submitted five tenders for the work. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons of £135 17s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

5--Cemetery Chapel—Boiler—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of The Vulcan Boiler & General Insurance Co., Ltd., stating that the second section of the Boiler required replacing and he submitted an estimate from Messrs. Stevens & Finch for providing a new section at a cost of £8 19s. 0d. Resolved, That this estimate be accepted.

6— Remembrance Day—The Superintendent reported damage to tombstone caused by persons attending to watch the Ceremony on Anzac Day. Resolved, That the Remembrance Day Committee be asked to arrange in future years for the public Ceremony on Anzac Day to be limited to the proceedings at the War Memorial in the Promenade.

7--Addition to the Cemetery—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps with a view to the consecration of the portion of the additional land appropriated for burials according to the rites of the Church of England.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th May, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Gen. Thomas ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 17s. 4d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,359 (last year 4,157) Lending Library 10,929 (last year 9,958) ; Children's Library 1,630 (last year 1,819). Total for month 16,918 (last year 15,934).

Presentations ---Anonymous (2 vols) ; Mr. C. P. Bendall (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (13 vols.) ; Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (1 vol.) ; Cheltenham General & Eye Hospitals (15 pamph.) ; Miss Edith Craig (34 vols.) ; Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (1 vol.) ; The Executors of the late Archdeacon Gardner (1 vol) ; Mrs. Hore (325 vols) ; Mr. T. Kingscote (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Norman Bros., Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Oxford Visitors' Committee (1 pamph.) ; Sir Alfred Read (1 vol.) ; The Rhodesia Publicity Association (1 pamph.) ; Messrs. Truman & Knightley, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; London Association of Accountants, Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Sir Alfred and Lady Yarrow (1 vol.) ; and various guides and pamphlets.

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 13th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ;. Councillors Bastin and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair). They recommended

(a) That 80 volumes (new books) published at £29 0s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £18 4s. 9d.

(b) That 70 volumes be replaced at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That 75 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £15.

(d) That the offer of the Western Publicity Service to produce 2,200 copies of a " Library Quarterly, - gratis, be accepted.

(e) That a Portable Water Heater be purchased and installed at a cost of £5 17s. 6d.

(f) The appointment, on three months' probation, of Miss Edith Townsend as a Junior Assistant was reported.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st June, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £6,510 1s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £27,742 19s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £4,002 19s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £13,739 2s. 9d.

3—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £900 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £600 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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4—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £25 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years that £2135 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—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during April was 2,441.

6—Cheques—The Borough Treasurer reported that for convenience it was proposed to dispense with the endorsement on the backs of the cheques and to have a signature of the receipt at the foot of such cheques. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the form of Undertaking asked for by the Bank that the receipt at the foot of such Cheques shall have the same effect and give them the same protection as if it had been an endorsement of the Cheque purporting to be made by the person to whom it is drawn payable.

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £350 0s. 0d. at 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent., plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £350 0s. 0d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial 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.

8—Superannuation—Library Assistant—Read, application from the Hastings Corporation asking that the transfer value (£9 2s. 11d.) of Miss E. M. Clark, who had been appointed Library Assistant with

that Corporation, ascertained in accordance with the Rules under the Act, might be paid to them.
Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(b) Assistant Town Clerk—Resolved, That Mr. Mountain be refunded the amount of the Contributions paid by him (£20 8s. 4d.).

(c) Caretaker, Naunton Park—The Borough Treasurer reported that on going into the matter of J. Sutton's pension it was found that the value of his emoluments had not been fully allowed for and that he was entitled to a pension of 22s. 0d. per week instead of 20s. per week. Resolved, That Mr. Sutton be paid at the rate of 22s. 0d. per week as from the date of his retirement.

9—National Association of Assessment and Rating Authorities — Read, circular of 26th ult., from this Association inviting the Corporation to join this Association and to appoint Representatives to attend the Annual Meeting. Resolved, That no action be taken.

10—Flower Show—Resolved, That the sum of 30 guineas to be paid out of the Agriculture Fund be granted to the Chamber of Commerce for Cash prizes for the forthcoming Flower Show to be applied at their discretion in three prizes of 10 guineas each or two prizes of 15 guineas each, one of the prizes to be awarded for the best rose exhibit at the Show.

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee — Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present : Alderman Steel : Councillors Miller and Moore (Alderman Steel in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for .payment.

12-Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report as to formation of a Rating Committee under this Act.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 15th July, 1926.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 19th day of July, 1926, 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 or otherwise, the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, (annexed hereto).

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee held on Wednesday, 14th July, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Prue), and H. W. Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following estimate prepared by Mr. White, jointly with himself, of the revised Scheme :--,

For purchase of strip of land from Mr. C. H. Rainger to give entrance from Bath Road ..	£200
Purchase of strip of land from the United Chemists Association Ltd., bordering the Chelt for a distance of about 650 feet and containing about 700 square yards	70
And Cost of fencing same ..	80
For one acre of land to be taken from land belonging to the Water Undertaking adjoining Sandford Mead pumping station ..	160
Roads and Paths ..	770
Surface Drainage including supply and delivery from Pond	480
Water supply ..	75
Fencing and Gates ..	1 750
Renovation of River banks	1250
Swings, etc., in Children's playground	300
Children's boating pond . . .	380
Asphalting Children's playground	580
Two bridges	350
Shelters (one single and one double)	350
Waterfall excavation and rockery, etc.	750
General lay-out of grounds including trees, shrubs. turf, flower beds and wages of Clerk of Works	2355
Public Conveniences .. —	300
Fees and travelling expenses of Mr. White ..	<u>300</u>
	£10500
Less public subscription to Children's playground ..	<u>500</u>
	£10000

Resolved, That the estimate be approved.

Resolved, also, That the strip of land 20 feet wide be purchased from Mr. Rainger at £200 and the strip of land from the United Chemists Association Ltd., for £70, subject to the conditions set out in the letter of the 5th ult., from the Managing Director.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £10,000 for the cost of the Scheme and also for their consent under Section 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 to the appropriation of the land belonging to the Water Undertaking required for the purposes of the Scheme.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st July, 1926.

Sir

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of July, 1926, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :-- THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to further consider application from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for licences for the Cheltenham to Evesham Service. • 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. COUNCILLOR CAPT. TRYE TO MOVE : That the Resolution No. 3 of the Housing Committee at their Meeting on the 12th May, 1925, and approved by the Council at their Meeting on the 5th June, 1925, transferring to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee the question of providing additional houses for letting under the provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, be rescinded, and that, after the houses now in course of erection on the Rees' Site by the Slum Areas Clearance Committee are completed, the provision of houses for letting under the aforesaid Act be carried out by the Housing Committee.

5. RATING AND VALUATION ACT, 1925—To appoint five Representatives on the Assessment Committee for the Cheltenham Area.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th June, 1926, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Sawyer and H. W. Thomas. Resolved, That the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Alderman Clara Winterbotham in her illness.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd 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-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:-

Council in Committee ... Meeting held May 9

Strike Emergency Meeting held May 9

Public Health.. Meeting held May. 10

Housing ... Meetings held May 11 & June 1

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held May 4 & June 1

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Farrar : " That the Council accept Mr. Stroud's proposal as set out in his letter to the Town Clerk of the 7th inst., subject to Counsel agreeing that this is desirable, and also subject to Mr. Stroud undertaking to complete the sale of the houses on the West side of Stanhope Street within 7 days, and that Minute No. 2 (b) be varied accordingly."

Street and Highway ... Meetings held May 17 & 27

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Alderman Stewart : " That Minute No. 14 with reference to Aerial across Highway at rear of North Place be not approved."

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held May 3, 21 & 28

MONTPELLIER GARDENS-Resolved, also, That Mr. Claude Chandler's application to give a limited number of Sunday Evening Concerts in Montpellier Gardens be acceded to.

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held May 26

GENERAL STRIKE--Resolved, also, That the Council desire to record their appreciation and thanks to those who had volunteered their services in the event of a stoppage at the Electricity Works.

Water ... Meeting held May 20

General Purposes and Watch ... Meetings held May 4, 18 & 26

Allotments ... Meeting held May 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 14

Burial Board Meeting held May 28

Subject to the following Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Moore : "That Minute No. 6 with reference to Anzac Day be not approved."

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Public Library Meeting held May 18

Finance Meeting held June 1

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Capt. Trye, with reference to the transfer of the question of providing houses for letting under this Act, was, with the consent of the Council and mover adjourned owing to the absence of the Mayor.

4—Town Planning—Moved by Councillor Capt. Trye, seconded by Alderman Taylor, and Resolved, That the following resolution passed at a Conference of representatives of the Corporation, the County Council, the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council on the 31st ult., be approved, namely That this Conference recommends that a Town Planning Scheme for an area extending approximately four miles from the centre of the Borough should be prepared by the Corporation of Cheltenham and that an Advisory Committee should be appointed consisting of four representatives of each of the Councils whose Districts will be affected by the proposed Scheme, together with four representatives of the County Council."

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy Mayor.

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MINUTES' of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval Monday, 5th at the Monthly Meeting of Me Council to be held on Monday, 5th July, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th June, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore and Yarnold.

1—Visit to Sewage Works —The Committee inspected the sewage works and the new filter beds in course of construction.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th June, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen 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.: —2, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 54 and 73, Brunswick Street ; Hungerford Cottage, Hungerford Street ; and 13 Queen 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.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 5 and 6 Belmont Place, Portland Square 16, 17 and 18 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road ; 32 Malvern Street; and 11 and 12 Oxford 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) 28 and 29 King Street and 30 Courtenay 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) 16, 19, 21, 23, 30, 32, 36, 54, 79, 81 and 83 Brunswick Street ; 31a Jersey Street ; Brittonia Cottage, Trinity Lane; Cumberland Buildings, 6 Grove Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 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) Lambs Retreat, Commercial Street—It appearing on the Report of the Sanitary Inspector that a nuisance exists at the above mentioned premises caused from the fumes and smoke arising from the burning of straw manure and offensive matter at the rear of the premises. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the burning is a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owner requiring him to abate same.

5--Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Cumberland Buildings, Grove Street ; 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Grove 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.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order, 1897--Resolved, That the application of Mr. G. Thorndale of Beulah, Swindon Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk be not granted.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 7 cwt 81 lbs. beef, 1 cwt. 2 qrs. Pork, 16 chickens, and 16 lbs. Finnon haddock.

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8--Sanitary Condition of Theatres, etc.--The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had visited all the public places of entertainment and found the condition of the several premises to be satisfactory with the following exceptions : North Street Picture House ; The Palace, High Street ; and the Coliseum, at which various sanitary defects were found and notices had been given to Managers of these places to have the defects remedied.

9—Common Lodging Houses--An application was received from Mr. Michael Fortucci 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 up to the 9th November next.

10--Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his Annual Report, which this year, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, would be a Survey Report for the last 5 years. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain competitive tenders and have 150 copies of the Report printed, and that a proof be submitted to the Chairman before the Report is printed off.

11—Supervision of Small Pox Contacts—Read, Circular No. 698 of 10th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that, save in the exceptional cases, referred to in Section 7 (3) of the Memorandum 7ra Med,, it was not necessary for persons who have been in contact with a case of Small Pox to abstain from following their usual occupations.

12-Sanitary Officers Order, 1926--Read, Circular letter No. 701 of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing a copy of this Order relating to the appointment of Sanitary Officers.

13—Lavatory Accommodation-7 Clarence Parade--Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing formal Sanction to a loan of £2,625 for the purchase and erection of this lavatory.

14--Sewer Granley Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that in the reconstruction of this sewer an additional manhole had been provided in order to obtain better inspection, this was on private land, and the Agent for the Owner had agreed to accept the sum of £5 compensation for damage to Freehold and for surface damage. Resolved, That these payments be agreed to.

15—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.

16--**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst Present— Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 14th inst,: 11 horses (1 at Depot) ; 99 head of cattle, 89 sheep, 65 lambs and 9 pigs. 1 calf purchased for £3 2s. 0d. 4 bullocks, 6 steers, 4 heifers, 55 lambs, 7 ewes, 1 calf and 10 pigs had been sold for £501 12s. 5d 2 sheep and 2 pigs had died.

Rainbow Field—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 1 ton of artificial manure for this field.

Farm House--He asked that the drive might be tar-sprayed when the tar-sprayer was being used in the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have this done.

Staverton Glebe, Elm Hill—The Town Clerk reported that the Sequestrator of Staverton Benefice had arranged with Mr. E. G. Drew of Staverton to take over this land from the Corporation at Michaelmas next. Resolved, That this be approved.

Cottages --Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing Sanction to loan of £1,000 for the erection of the pair of Cottages repayable within a period not exceeding 30 years. The Ministry had required provision to be made for either an efficient percolating filter bed or alternatively a cess pool of adequate size and the latter had been provided with a pump.

Barn Farm—Read, letter from Mrs. O. Leared of "The Colmans" complaining of the nuisance caused by irrigation of sewage on land adjoining her house. The Farms Manager reported that the complaint was made in respect of the irrigation of land occupied by Mr. Corbet. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to see that no further nuisance was caused by irrigation of this land.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th June, 1926: Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, and Brig.-Gen. Thomas, (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sale of House—Non-Parlour Type :—The following offers Were reported :—

Situation. .	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
10, Shakespeare Road	Glos. Air-craft Works Ltd.	£475.
27 do do	Yeend, Ernest Henry Frederick	£475.
23 do do	Mr. and Mrs. Honeysett	£482.
38a Byron Road	do	£482

Resolved, That the offers be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), that application be made to the Ministry for consents 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 and 23 Shakespeare Road, and No. 38a Byron Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances not exceeding 10 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 44 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour-type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 113 have been sold, leaving 27 for sale, 7 of which have been completed and the remainder are in course of erection. Total houses erected, or to be erected on Housing Estate, by the Corporation 304 ; by private enterprise a houses and 1 dwelling-house and shop.

2-Garden Prize Scheme—Resolved, That the sum of £5 be offered in prizes at the discretion of the Sub-Committee without regard to the type of house to Tenants and Owners of houses on the Estate ; 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.

3—Outbuildings—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted applications and plans of outbuildings proposed to be erected, as follows :—

Situation.	Description.
95 Tennyson Road	Store Shed.
42 Byron Road.	Motor Cycle Shed.

Resolved, That the application regarding 93 Tennyson Road be granted and that the application in respect of 42 Byron Road be granted subject to a suitable screen or fence being erected in a position approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) 12 Shakespeare Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of this house had erected in undesirable positions two small sheds at the rear of his house. Resolved, That he be required to move the sheds to positions approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Period—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health, extending 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 30th September, 1926 and completed by 31st March, 1927 on the understanding that they must be substantially commenced by the former date.

(b) Kingsditch Lane--The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 11th inst., from Mr. C. H. Brookes for a subsidy in respect of a house to be erected by him in this Lane. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5 -Orchard, Back of Tennyson Road—Resolved, That the land be advertised to let as from Christmas.

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6—Brooklyn Road-- (a) Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Mr. T. Kitson making an application for the purchase of a piece of land in this road with about 65 ft. frontage for the erection of a house and offering £2 10s. 0d. per foot. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

(b) Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Gas-Light and Coke Co., enquiring if the Corporation would sell a building plot on this road with a frontage of 36 ft., and asking the price per foot frontage. Resolved, That at the present time the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to sell the land at the price of £3 0s. 0d. per foot frontage subject to Covenants as to building line and other usual protective Covenants.

7—Rents—Arrears—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of arrears of rent. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings for recovery of the arrears due in respect of 119 Tennyson Road.

8-38a, 40, 47 and 49 Byron Road ; 23, 24, 25 and 26 Shakespeare Road—Fences—The Town Clerk reported that the Purchasers of Nos. 29 Byron Road and 25 Shakespeare Road had agreed to pay for the provision of a screen fence, but that the purchaser of No. 26 Shakespeare Road was not at present prepared to do so, In the case of the other houses, as these have not yet been sold the cost of the fences would be added to the price of the houses. Resolved, That these arrangements be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect the fences with the exception of No. 26 Shakespeare Road.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th June, 1926. Present : Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring-, Dunn, Pates and General Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

9—Parlour Type Houses—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the proposal to build twenty-two pairs of houses with subsidy and five pairs without on the St. Mark's Estate and stating that the Minister of Health after giving the matter careful consideration did not consider that he could properly agree to houses at so high a cost as these being erected under Part 3 of the Housing Act, 1925. Resolved, That the proposal to build Parlour type houses be postponed for the present.

10—Housing Etc. Act, 1923-24—Subsidy House, Whaddon Lane--The Borough Surveyor submitted certificate of completion of a house in Whaddon Land on the 17th inst., built by Mrs. E. E. Cullum. Resolved, That a subsidy of £100 be paid to Miss E. E. Cullum subject to her executing an undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th June, 1926. Present : Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Highways Superintendent--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had not received satisfactory replies to enquiries made in respect of the Candidate selected at the last Meeting. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite Mr. E. W. Bottomley, Roads Superintendent at Exeter to attend before the Committee at their Meeting on 21st inst.

2 - Rowanfield Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. E. Palsler on behalf of the Owners in this road offering to pay £15 for the road to be tar-sprayed if the Corporation could undertake the work for this sum. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work done.

3—Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 8th and 9th insts., the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. had had trees in this road cut back without permission being obtained. Resolved, That the Manager be informed that the Corporation cannot allow the trees belonging to the Corporation to be interfered with and that in future he must call the attention of the Borough Surveyor to any trees requiring to be pruned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st June, 1926: Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

4—**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 and adopted.

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from 14th May, to 19th June, 1926, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 10th inst., 927 loads collected, 890 consumed and 37 tipped away (Weight consumed 1065 tons 19 ½ cwts.).

6—Lansdown Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from Mrs. E. G. Williams complaining of the footpaths, etc. in this and adjoining roads. Resolved, That the Committee inspect these at their next Meeting.

7—Post Office Telegraphs—Post Office Lane—Resolved, That the application of the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of one stay to a Pole in Post Office Lane be granted.

8—Petrol Pumps --Lansdown Place Garage--Resolved, That no objection be made to the application of Mr. O. H. Goulding to a second petrol pump being erected on land adjoining his premises in

Lansdown Place, subject to an agreement being entered into containing similar provisions as in previous cases.

9 —Bath and Shurdington Roads-Norwood Arms—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing a proposed improvement by rounding off the corner at the junction of these roads. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

10—Charlton Lane — Widening --Resolved, That the fencing required for the new frontage to the Delancey Hospital be obtained from Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss Ltd. at the price recently accepted for the fencing of the Gloucester Road Shrubberies and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a price from a local firm for fixing same.

11--Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Bottomley, the candidate selected at the last Meeting of the Committee had withdrawn his application. Resolved, That Mr. J. Rees be recommended for the appointment subject to a satisfactory interview by the Sub-Committee.

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12—Borough Surveyor —Read. application from the Borough Surveyor for an increase of salary. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to increase his present salary of £825 to £900 per annum, and that the Water Committee be asked to agree to part of this increase being allocated to his salary as Water Engineer.

13—Montpellier Walk—Widening—Read, letter from Mr. F. M. Vickeridge stating that the tenant of Beechwood House would not give up a portion of the garden and he could not entertain any proposal for giving up part of this for road improvement.

14—Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse " Trooper " had now recovered and that the Veterinary Surgeon considered that he was fit for usual work, but the horse " Snuffy " was again suffering from " grease " Resolved, That the latter be destroyed.

15--Street Projections —(a) 384 High Street—Read, letter from the Illuminated Advertising Co. Ltd, for permission to fix a projecting sign outside these premises. Resolved, That the application be not granted as it does not comply with the usual conditions.

(b) Royal Well Church—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Rev. A. C. Phillips for permission to fix a Notice, directing to the Royal Well United Methodists' Church, on a lamp standard in the Promenade. Resolved, That this he agreed to subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

16—Town Planning— Read, letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that his Council had appointed The Rev, W. B. Atherton, Coberley Rectory, Nr. Cheltenham ; Captain H. P. Leschallas, Whiteshill, Prestbury ; Mr. Alfred Wiggett, Church Farm, Prestbury ; and Mr. R. S. Watson Highelms, Prestbury as their Representatives on the Advisory Committee. Read also, letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council that his Council had appointed the following Representatives : Mr. W. Davies, Boddington, Mr. C. J. Yeend, Elmstone Hardwick ; Mr. H. Firkins, Stoke Orchard ; and Major Shakspeare, Walton Cardiff.

17—Beaufort Place—Read, letter from Mr. J. Lewis complaining of the Hoarding fixed by Mr. Shakspere Shenton. Read also, letter from Mr. Shakspere Shenton. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned pending consideration of new Bye-Laws.

18—Queens Road—L.M.S. Entrance—Read, letter from Mr. E. H. Mason suggesting the necessity of alterations being made to prevent the risk of persons being knocked down by vehicles passing out of the Midland Station. Resolved, That this be adjourned for inspection.

19—Light Railway St. George's Place—Read, letter from Mr. F. G. Baldwin reminding the Committee that nothing had yet been done to carry out the proposal to replace the granite sets of the tramway track in this road with Clinker Asphalt. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. McCormick again with a view to arranging terms for the work to be carried out for the whole width of the road.

20—Bye-Laws—New Streets and Buildings—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health returning draft Bye-Laws with their observations thereon. The Ministry urged the desirability of repealing Section 74 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, giving the Council discretion as to width of walls for buildings as while this Section remained in force a large number of the clauses in the model byelaws could not be adopted. Resolved, That application be made to the Minister of Health for the issue of a Provisional Order under Sections 297 and 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875 to partially repeal alter or amend the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, so as to repeal Section 74 thereof, and for the several purposes of this application or for purposes connected with, incidental to or consequent on those purposes to make any such alteration or amendment of the said Local Act or of any other Local Act or of any Act confirming a Provisional Order made in pursuance of any of the Sanitary Acts or of the Public Health Act, 1875, and in force in Borough as may be necessary or desirable

21-Streamers-Resolved, That, subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted for Streamers to be hung across Streets as follows:—

High Street .. The Rotary Carnival list to 24th June.

Colonnade Flower Show, etc. 28th June to 1st July.

22-Imperial Square—Wilful Damage—Name Plate— The Spa Manager reported that a porcelain name plate in Imperial Square had been broken by five boys throwing stones. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents asking for payment of 2s 6dd., in respect of each boy towards the cost of replacing the plate, and that failing payment Supt. Lane be instructed to prosecute the boys for wilful damage.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th June, 1926 : Present—Alderman Bendall.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2172	Phillips, H. A.	Temporary Cycle Shed, Sunningend Road.
2173	Thompson. S. G.	Temporary Motor House, St. Chads, Old Bath Road.
2174	Dudin, L. G.	Motor House, " Quinta," Hatherley Road.
2175	Council of Dean Close School	New Sanitary Wing, Dean Close School, Shelburne Road.
2176	" "	Temporary Class Rooms, Dean Close School.
2177	Bennett, Mrs. A.	Temporary Motor House, " Pendeen," Old Bath Road.
2178	Fordham, W.	Detached House, Leckhampton Road.
2179	Daws, Miss C. G.	Detached House, Old Bath Road.
2180	Ward, Mrs. A. G.	Bathroom at 7 Prospect Place, Hall Road.
2181	Smith, W. J.	Additions to Wilfred House, Shurdington Road.
2182	The Directors of The Daffodil	New Waiting Room at The Daffodil Picture Theatre, Picture Theatre Suffolk Parade.
2183	Craft, E. A.	Temporary building at " Wichmere," Hales Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2174, 2175, 2178, 2179, 2180 and 2181 be approved, but that Plan No. 2180 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2172, 2173 and 2177 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal ; that Plan No. 2176 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that the building shall be removed at the expiration of five years unless this period be extended by the Town Council ; and that Plans Nos. 2182 and 2183 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st June, 1926: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Gen. 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.
2170	Brooks, C. S.	Detached House, Kingsditch Lane (Amended Plan).
2184	Martin, E. E.	Temporary Shed, 4 Fairview Road.
2185	Wilson, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, " Roseneath," Fairmount Road.
2186	Steel, H. E.	New Open Garage (Steel constructed) Queen's Hotel Yard.
2187	Smith, Mrs.	Additions to Cottages, Arle Road.
2188	Davies, D. V.	Additions and alterations to Ellenborough Hotel.
2189	Bastin, G. H.	Lock-up Garages and Workshops at Old Bell Yard, Winchcomb Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 2186 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2170, 2187 and 2188 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plans Nos. 2184, 2185 and 2189 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th June, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, and Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—(a) The Medical Advisory Committee reported that owing to the increasing number of patients it was now necessary, to consider the question of providing larger accommodation and they recommended that the provision of new baths on the Winter Garden site should be considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare sketch plans in consultation with the Medical Advisory Committee for the erection of baths on the Imperial Square side of the Winter Gardens, it being proposed to have an entrance from the Promenade side through the centre of the Building which could also be made into a Pump Room for drinking the waters and be used for Band Concerts in the Winter, and on wet mornings in the Summer.

(b) Advertising—Mr. Burrow attended and submitted the following scheme for advertising the Medical Baths :—

DAILIES.

Cost for 3 inches single column (one issue).

Birmingham Post.	£5 12 6
Bristol Times and Mirror	1 13 9
Worcester Daily Times	0 18 9
Western Mail (Cardiff)	3 7 6
Gloucester Citizen ..	0 15 0

WEEKLIES.

Evesham Journal	1 2 6
Stroud News ..	0 12 0
Wilts. and Gloucester Standard	0 12 0
Hereford Times..	<u>1 1 0</u>

Total Cost for one issue only £15 15 0

Resolved, That the scheme be approved and that Mr. Burrow be authorised to issue 4 insertions at a cost of £63, the first two insertions to start in July and to be spread over a period of 5 weeks and the other two insertions to start in October and to be spread over a similar period.

2-Winter Garden--(a) Sundry Concerts— Read, letter from Miss A. Brown complaining of the behaviour of youths attending Sunday Concerts. Resolved, That for the remainder of the Season an additional constable be engaged at a cost of 4s per Sunday.

(b) Saturday Nights Concerts—The Committee considered Councillor Welstead's complaint as to the condition of the Winter Garden on Sundays. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the litter from Saturday Night Concerts to be collected early on Sunday mornings.

3—Town Hall—Diocesan Conference—Read, letter from the Hon. Lay Secretary thanking the Corporation for the use of Town Hall for this Conference.

4—Australian Commonwealth Band—Read, letter from Mr. T. B. Phillips asking if arrangements could be made for this band to visit Cheltenham and enclosing terms. Resolved, That he be informed that no arrangements can be made.

5—Chelt Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee sketch plan prepared by Mr. William White of the Lay-out, Mr. White strongly recommended that an Entrance should be obtained from Bath Road and that the Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground and The Orchard should be laid out as an Ornamental Ground in view of their natural features, and also of the importance of having the ground immediately adjoining the entrance laid out in an attractive manner. He proposed that Perry's Meadow should be laid out as a Playing Field with a portion thereof appropriated for the Children's Park with pond, swings, etc. He also proposed, instead of diverting the Chelt, that a strip of land, a few feet wide, should be acquired on the opposite bank from the United Chemists Association Ltd. to be planted with a belt of trees and shrubs so as to make the River on that portion an attractive feature on both sides.

A little below this point, the main walk would diverge from the River bank and lead through the centre of the grounds to the main entrance from Bath Road. It would, therefore, not be worthwhile incurring expenditure in obtaining a strip of land from other owners (even if this were practicable) or of diverting the course of the River.

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To provide sufficient area for the playing field. he recommended the acquisition of a part of the land belonging to the College at the back of Orrisdale Terrace.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Ch. H. Rainger was willing to sell all his land fronting Bath Road or a strip of 20 feet which ever was required. The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Harold Miller, Managing Director of the United Chemists Association Ltd., stating that he was prepared to recommend his Company to sell the strip of land required along their property at the price valued by the District Valuer, subject to security being given to their buildings and to an undertaking that the banks will be kept in proper repair so as not to endanger any of their structures, and to their rights of water supply being maintained.

Mr. White estimated that the lay-out as submitted by him including the additional land to be acquired could be carried out for a sum not exceeding £10,000.

Resolved, That the provisional lay-out as shown on the Plan be approved, except that the question as to the purchase of the whole or a strip of Mr. Rainger's land be deferred for further consideration.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain whether the College would sell the whole or part of the land at the rear of Orrisdale Terrace, with a view to the portion thereof required being appropriated for the Scheme and the remainder for allotments.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. White considered it would be impracticable to prepare a detailed specification of the general lay-out in a form in which competitive tenders could be invited (with which view he also concurred) and it was therefore recommended that the general lay-out should be carried out by direct labour but that competitive tenders should be invited for the portions of the work, such as fencing, shelters, etc., for which it was practicable to prepare detailed estimates.

Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th June, 1926. Present: Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Pruen, H. W. Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

6-- Alstone Baths—(a) Mixed Bathing—Read, application of 9th inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for an extension until 8.30 p.m. for Mixed Bathing on three Thursdays during the season. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(b) Girls Life Saving Practice—Read, application of 14th inst., from the Cheltenham Schools Swimming Association for the use of this Bath on Tuesdays from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., for practising lifesaving by girls. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the condition that only lady instructors shall attend with the classes.

7-1 Oriel Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the necessary whitening and colouring at these premises could be carried out at a cost of £2. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the work done, subject to rent due being previously paid.

8 —Borough Meteorologist—Annual Report---The Annual Report of the Borough Meteorologist was submitted. Observations had been made three times daily and the sunshine recorder at Pittville had been constantly attended. Daily Reports had been regularly sent to the Meteorological Office in London. Weekly Reports had also been sent to the Medical Officer of Health and Local Press. Monthly Returns and Sunshine Cards had been sent to the Meteorological Office and charts and graphs giving daily and other periodical readings had also been posted in the glass frame in the Promenade. The Station and all the instruments had been inspected by an Inspector from the Meteorological Branch of the Air Ministry when everything was found to be satisfactory.

9--Sales Managers' Conference--Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Sales Managers' Association stating that owing to the coal stoppage and the reduced Railway service the Conference had had to be abandoned but it was hoped that the arrangements made this year might hold good for next year.

10--Pittville Gardens—British Legion Fete—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Local Branch of the British Legion asking if the Municipal Band could play at these Gardens on the afternoon of the Fête. Resolved, That this be granted at a charge of £6 6s. 0d.

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11—Medical Baths—Winter Garden Site—The Borough Surveyor submitted sketch plan of proposed site for the Medical Baths. Resolved, That the Council be asked to authorise this Committee to engage an Architect to prepare plans and estimates for Medical Baths including Turkish Baths on this site.

12 —Winter Garden—Sunday Concerts --The Spa Manager submitted application from Mr. F. E. B. Horwood for permission to stand his refreshment stall in this garden on Sunday evenings. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

13—Montpellier Gardens—Putting Course—Resolved, That the charges for the Putting Course be reduced after 6 p.m. to 4d. per round including admission to Garden.

14—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 8th and 22nd inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens--Floral Fete—That the band play on the mornings of the Floral Fete, viz, 30th June and 1st July, subject to the Floral Fete Committee paying £2 10s. 0d. for each performance, this sum to include the cartage of chairs.

Pittville Gardens —Flannel Dances--That the tickets for these Dances be issued at the Chalet Entrance.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1926: Present—Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Miller, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1. -General Strike---The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a resolution passed by the National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Members recommending in consideration of the extra services rendered by the staffs of many undertakings and the universal determination of the staffs throughout the industry to maintain the supplies of electricity that 4 days additional holiday be given

by employers in all districts. Resolved, That the members of the technical staff of the undertaking be given 4 days additional holidays or in the alternative 4 days additional pay.

2-Painter--Read, letter of 12th inst., from the local Secretary of the National Federation of Building Traders Operatives stating that a painter was being employed by the Electricity department at less than the standard rate of wages and was also working longer hours than the National Agreement. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

3—Avon Valley Electricity Supply Order, 1926—Read, letter from Parliamentary Agents forwarding copy of this Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity Supply Acts, 1882 — 1922, in respect of parts of the Counties of Gloucester and Warwick.

4—Direction Sign on Standard—Resolved, That no objection be made to a Direction sign to the United Methodists Church, Royal Well, being fixed to a lamp standard in the promenade, subject to the Sign being approved and fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Tuesday, 22nd June, 1926. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; 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 21st June, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	340,000 gallons	357,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	859,000	1,540,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	101,000
Total	1,314,000	1,998,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	21st June, 1926.		21st June, 1925.	
Hewletts		26,617,000 gallons		6,710,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 0in.	84,588,000	27ft. 6in	77,291,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	—	—
Total Storage		112,825,000		84,001,000

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

	During May, 1926.	During past 2 months.
No of house-to-house inspections	1,044	1,847
“ taps found leaking ..	88	136
“ defective flushing boxes	21	27
“ detective stop taps	1	14
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	88	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) _____	49	
	137	240
“notices served re fittings	44	91
“ meters fixed, changed, etc. ..	13	38
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	70	159
“ burst pipes discovered ..	10	18
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ..	55	118

3—General Repairs—The Borough Engineer reported the following General Repairs during the month

Sluice Valves fixed	1
Sluice Valves repaired	5
Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	1
Mains repaired	2
New Valve Hydrants fixed	3
Mains flushed out in 7 districts.	
New Mains laid ..	1
Services Pipes pumped out	1
Ball Hydrants required .	6
Main extensions ..	1

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4—Dowdeswell Water Works—Mechanical Filters----(a) After inspection by members of the Council, all of whom had been invited to attend, these works were formally opened by the Chairman.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that with the approval of the Chairman he had arranged terms with the County Analyst (Mr. R. H. Ellis) for the Analyses to be made by him. Resolved, That the terms be approved.

5—Extension of Mains—(a) Whaddon Lane—The Borough Engineer reported that the Cleeve View Road Main extension which coupled up the main in Hewlett Road with Whaddon Lane had been completed. Tests of the pressure and discharge showed that the flow now registered 150 gallons per minute as against a previous flow of only 30 gallons per minute.

(b) Cirencester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. C. Dickins for further extension of the main in Cirencester Road to supply 5 additional houses intended to be built by him. He understood that the floors to these houses would not be more than 4. ft. above the level of the existing houses already supplied, and the Town Clerk reported that if the extension was agreed to, the additional houses were covered by the Covenant already entered into by Mr. Dickins. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to Mr. Dickins paying the fees for Registration of the covenants in Local Land Charges Register in respect of the houses and land to which the agreement applies.

(c) Shurdington Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. L. W. Barnard on behalf of Major Rickerby for the extension of a main along Shurdington Road to supply " Hafod " and " Chargrove." Major Rickerby offered to lay the main at his own cost (estimated at £960) in accordance with a Specification prepared by the Borough Engineer on the understanding that the cost would be refunded to him as the Water Charges on the houses connected thereto produced to per cent. per annum on the capital outlay. Resolved, That an Agreement to the main being laid on these terms be entered into.

6—Supply to Dean Close School—The Borough Surveyor reported that the extension of the service in galvanised iron piping had been carried out without permission having been obtained, but as this supply was a meter supply he did not recommend that the substitution of a lead service should now be insisted on. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the parties to the irregularity and also to point out that in the course of time the corrosion of the galvanised iron pipe was liable to cause discolouration of the water.

7—Supply to Barrow Hill Farm, Boddington—The Borough Engineer reported that on inspection of the galvanised iron pipe recently laid to supply these premises, it was found that it had only been laid 18 ins. deep instead of 2 ft., but as this was a meter supply he did not think it necessary to require the pipe to be relaid. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

8—Borough Engineer—Resolved, That this Committee approve of the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee to increase the salary of the Borough Engineer from £825 to £900 per annum, and they recommend that £25 be allocated as part of his salary for main roads and £50 as part of his salary as Water Engineer and that in view of the extra work and responsibility in connection with the construction of the mechanical filters, the latter sum be paid as from the date of the commencement of the construction of the ferro concrete tanks, etc.

9--Appeals--The cases entered in the Appeals Book were dealt with, and the rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, except for a case of Swine fever at Folly Lane Allotments.

(b) Sheep Dips (Regulation) Order, 1926---The Town Clerk submitted Copy of this Order received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking Local Authorities to give notice of the effect of the Order when publishing any Sheep Dipping Regulations made by them, or which apply the provisions of Sheep (Double Dipping) Order, 1920 to any areas in their district.

(c) Importation of Carcases Prohibition Orders Nos. 1 and 2, 1926--The Town Clerk submitted copies of these Orders which prohibited the landing in Great Britain of carcases as provided by the Orders.

(d) Disinfection Order, 1926—Read, letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing list of disinfectants required to be used under this Order. Resolved, That the Order be now published as requested by the Ministry.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported on the 14th instant the Brigade attended an outbreak of fire at 410 High Street (Mr. Bliss, Fish and Fruit Merchant). Damage estimated at £25. Expenses £4 7s. 0d. He also received a summons from the Police to attend a farm fire at Alderton, near Winchcomb but as this was outside the area the Brigade did not attend.

(b) **Report of Sub-Committee**--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 22nd instant. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Councillor Sawyer.

Brockhampton Park Estate—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement as to the attendance of the Brigade at the mansion and buildings belonging to this Estate. The Sub-Committee recommend that this be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

3—Hackney Carriage Licenses--(a) Transfers—Read, application from Mr. F. E. Herbert for license No. 43 to be transferred to Cab No. EU239. Read, also, application from Mr. R. F. Yiend for license No. 8 to be transferred to Cab registered No. AD 1206. The Inspector reported that the vehicles were satisfactory. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

(b) Taxi-Meters--The Committee further considered Memorial from licensed Hackney Carriage Owners asking the Committee to allow them to substitute speedometers instead of the Taxi-meters now in use and the Town Clerk submitted replies from other towns where taxi-meters were not required. Resolved, That No. 3 of the Regulations for Motor Hackney Carriages made on the 6th day of March, 1911, be modified so that it shall not be compulsory for a carriage to be fitted with a taxi-meter provided it is fitted with a speedometer of a make approved by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and capable of being altered to zero at the end of each journey. Provided that all carriages not provided with a taxi-meter shall have a notice exhibited in such carriage in a clear and legible type to the following effect :—

“ Before commencing a journey the passenger should see that the speedometer is at zero, so that on completion of the journey he may be able to check the distance travelled.”

4—Motor Omnibus Services--(a) Cheltenham to Evesham—Read, letter of 4th instant from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd asking the Committee to further consider their application for licenses for this service, and the Town Clerk reported that the Manager had informed him that his Company had decided to appeal to the Ministry of Transport if the application was not granted. Superintendent Lane reported that Mr. Martin who at present was running a service over the route had only taken up one of his licenses as he had failed to submit a second omnibus for inspection, although repeated applications had been made for him to do so. Resolved, That Mr. Martin be informed that unless he takes up his license on or before the 5th July, the Council will grant the necessary licenses to the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd.

(b) Ladies' College Speech Day—Read, application from the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co. for a license to run an Omnibus between the Ladies' College and their playing field in Christchurch Road on July 3rd next at 2d. fares. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Street Trading—(a) Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens Union stating that while they fully agreed with making the Order, they hoped that the Council would endeavour to find suitable pitches for the hawkers elsewhere.

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(b) Read, letter of 27th inst., from the Cheltenham Gas-light & Coke Co., stating that they were unable to enter into any arrangement whereby the land adjoining their offices in North Place might be used for the street hawkers, as it was their intention to develop the land at an early date for the purposes of the Company.

(c) Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr. W. Palmer that nothing had yet been done to prevent obstruction to traffic and on 19th inst. there were 12 barrows in High Street between Winchcomb Street and Pittville Street. Superintendent Lane confirmed this and that one day he saw 16 barrows in High Street between the Royal Hotel and the Town Clock. Resolved, That an Order be made under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, with a view to preventing such obstruction, Directing that no Costermonger, Hawker or other person shall use the streets set out below between the hours of 10 a. m. and 8 p.m. of each weekday for the purpose of selling Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Music Prints, Toys, etc., or other articles from trucks or barrows and that the Police be directed to enforce the provisions of the Order and to prevent any obstruction of the such streets, namely : High Street (from Bath Road to Henrietta Street) ; Colonnade ; Promenade ; Clarence Street ; North Street ; Pittville Street ; Regent Street (from High Street to County Court Road) ; Rodney Road (from High Street to Essex Place) ; and Winchcomb Street (from High Street to Albion Street); Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Order.

6—Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920-1921—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Labour stating that the Certificate of Exception obtained by the Corporation under this Act would expire on the 5th July next. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to apply for a renewal of the provisional Certificate of Exception under Part II (d), as amended, of the first Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, granted to the Corporation in respect of whole-time employed

persons on the permanent staff whose post is designated as established for the purpose of the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922.

7—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing scheme for the constitution of Assessment Areas and Assessment Committees in Gloucestershire which had been submitted to the Minister of Health. The proposed Cheltenham Assessment Area was the same as approved by the Committee at their meeting on the 20th April last.

8—Flower Show—Resolved, That the decorations and bunting, etc., at present displayed for the Rotary Carnival be kept up until after the Flower Show on the 30th instant and 1st July, next.

9—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that 31 applications had been received for the appointment of second assistant in his department and that having interviewed Messrs. T. Berks (Town Clerk's Department, Oldham) and T. W. Preston (Clerk's Office, Gainsborough U.D.C.) he had proposed to appoint the first named at a salary of £170 per annum rising to £200 by annual increments of £10. Resolved, That this be approved.

10—Municipal Research—Read, letter from the Bureau of Municipal Research of Woosungtseng Kiangsu, China, asking for information as to Western methods of Municipal administration. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to send copies of such reports and other information as may be available.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th June, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Inspection of Allotments—Read, Reports of the Visitors on their Inspection of all the allotments. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the various allotments reported to require attention, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds on vacant plots cut down so as to prevent their seeding, and also to carry out necessary repairs to hedges and fences, and that the report as to the Allotments at the Electricity Works be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer,

2—Crab Tree Piece—Allotments Nos. 31 and 177—Resolved, That allotment No. 177 be let to the tenant of No. 31 subject to his giving up his present allotment.

3—Whaddon Lane Allotments (1920)—Pigstye—Read, letter from the tenant of Allotment No. 17 who had erected a pigstye on his allotment asking for permission to use the building for keeping fowls instead of pigs. Resolved, That this be agreed to, subject to it being understood that the Council have not approved of the erection of the building and cannot recognise any claim for compensation on the tenant giving up the allotment

4—Creamery Piece—Motor Shed—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of allotment No. 5 had removed the motor shed as required.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th June, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate--(a) Shelter—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders from Messrs. Smith Bros., and Messrs. T. W. Smith & Sons for the erection of a new Rustic Shelter. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. T. W. Smith & Sons of £33 (being the lowest) be accepted.

(b) Moorhens' Eggs—Read, Report of Park Constable as to the taking of eggs from Moorhens' nests on the 24th ult., by a boy aged 13 years, and on the 6th inst., by three boys aged 12 years and one boy aged 13 years. Four of the boys attended the St. Gregory's R. C. School and the other boy, St. Paul's Practising School. Resolved, That the Managers of the Schools be requested to ask the parents of the boys to attend with their boys at their next Meeting with a view to the boys being reprimanded and cautioned.

2—Recreation Grounds—(a) Naunton Park— Read, application from the Education Committee for the use of this Ground on the 9th July next for the Elementary Schools Sports from 1 to 6 p.m. Resolved, That this be granted, subject to any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in preparing the Ground for the Sports being charged to the Education Committee.

(b) Agg-Gardner—Resolved, That permission be granted to Capt. Balfour to use a portion of this Ground for Territorial Parades on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

3—Promenade Long Garden—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. F. Vizard to plant the four round beds in this garden with Asters (after the pansies have finished flowering) at a cost of £5, the Corporation providing any unskilled labour which may be required.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th June, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Capt. Trye ; and Col. J. C. Griffith (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During May 3,260 (against 3,481) ; daily average 125 (against 134), including classes from St. Mark's Boys' School (27), Cheltenham Ladies' College (7), Gloucester Boys and Girls (36).

Receipts—Collecting Box £1 3s. 7d.; Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £3 5s. 6d.. ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues 10s 6d. ; Post Card Reproductions 4s 10d. Total £5 4s. 5d.

Exhibitions--The Frank Brangwyn and Richard Jack Exhibition was visited by 4,319 persons. Expenses amounted to £11 5s. 3d., and proceeds to £11 4s. 8d. The Local Arts and Crafts Exhibition opened on 29th May, and closes on the 26th June. Incidental expenses amount to about £21, and proceeds to about £26.

2-Donation-Oil-Painting of "Cheltenham Races. 1826," depicting Spectre, Shamrock, Elastic and Effie Deans in the Gloucestershire Stakes, presented by the Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor.

3—Loan of China—Read, letter to the Mayor from Mr. James Wigan, Bournemouth, offering loan of Spode -tea—service,[not now offered] Wedgwood salad set, and other pieces of old china, with a view to possible future gift. Resolved, That the Curator view the specimens when in Bournemouth on other business, and report thereon.

4—Sculpture by the late Robert Lindsey Clark-- The Curator reported promises amounting to £47 towards the proposed subscription purchase of "The Limber—A Broken Pole," for which £300 is now required. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee this bronze would make a worthy addition to the town's art possessions, and that the Curator be authorised to proceed further with the matter.

5—Cheltenham Group of Artists—The Curator reported application by the Chairman and Hon. Secretary asking the Committee's sanction to the holding of an Art Union in connection with the Autumn Exhibition by the Group. Resolved, That no objection be offered, subject to the Group obtaining the authority of the Board of Trade.

6—Exhibitions—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for an Exhibition of Oil-Paintings by Seymour Walker during August, and also for an Exhibition by various artists in December.

7 —" Gloucestershire : Past and Present"— Resolved, That facilities be given to the publishers, Messrs. Cook & Vowles, to photograph prints and maps in the Museum, and that their offer of space for advertising the Institution's activities, free of charge, be accepted.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th June, 1926, at the Cemetery : Present— Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold to the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of Superintendent from 28th May to 25th June, 1926 ; Interments 44 ; Grave Spaces sold 14 (First class 3, Third class 1 and Fourth class 10). Memorials fixed 8. New Inscriptions 7.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7402 to 7415 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 Kate R. Steedman ; Gertrude E. Hancocks and Alice M. Dolan ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Lucy H. Dymond ; Head-stone to grave of Eilen Saunders ; Memorial Tomb and Kerbing to grave of Anne Byrne, and Kerbing to graves of Margaret Bradshaw, James L. Yeend, Mary James, and George W. Daniel ; and Ledger Tomb to grave of Mary Haines.

4—Classification of Spaces—Resolved, That the division of sites of ground be described as Positions 1, 2, 3 and 4 instead of Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 as at present.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th June, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Yarnold ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 2s. 6d Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,385 (last year 4,141) ; Lending Library 12,943 (last year 10,56.); ; Children's Library 1,845 (last year 1,781). Total for month 19,173 (last year 16,486).

Presentations-- Mr. T. C. Nixon (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (17 vols.) ; Messrs H. O. Lloyd & Co., Ltd. (1 vol.) ; The High Commissioner for S. Rhodesia (1 vol.).

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

2 —**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mann ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 62 volumes (new books) published at £25 18s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £ 17 0s. 0d.

(b) That the three New Volumes of " The Encyclopaedia Britannica " (13th edition) be purchased at a cost of £5 17s.

(c) That the sum of £10 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That the sum of £10 be spent on Binding.

(e) That the offer of "The New York Times," weekly, by Capt. Trye, as a gift, be accepted with thanks.

(f) That " The Statist (6d. weekly) be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

(g) The Librarian submitted the report of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co., to the effect that the Beeston Boiler was in satisfactory order. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th June, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Moore and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £13,796 10s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £20,456 10s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £7,681 12s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £10,060 10s. 5d.

3—Loans --(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £10,500 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 £2,700 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £100 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £1530 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—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during the month of May was 2,315.

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

Date, 1926.	Purpose	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
3rd May	Valve Tower, Hewletts Reservoir	£1,000	20 years.
19th May	Public Convenience	£2,625	25 years.
24th June	Houses in Stanhope Street	£6,124	60 years.

7—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 706 dated 7th inst., from the Ministry of Health and copy of the Assessment Committee's First Meeting Order, 1926, the

circular pointed out that the first Meeting should be held without undue delay and instructions had been given for this to be held as soon as possible.

8—Borough Treasurer's Department—Junior Clerk—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Junior Clerk (J. A. Jenkins) had resigned and that having interviewed five applicants he recommended that R. Browning, of 59 Roman Road be appointed at a salary of £35 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £55 subject to approved service. Resolved, That this be approved.

9—Report of Accounts Rota Committee — Reported Meeting on the 29th inst Present : Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillor Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 22nd July, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 26th day of July, 1926, 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 of the Special Meeting on the 19th July.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and consider Incorporation Jubilee Celebrations, and to give instructions as to Provisional Order for repeal of obsolete sections of Local Act.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

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4. COUNCILLOR CAPT. TRYE TO MOVE : That the Resolution No. 3 of the Housing Committee at their Meeting on the 12th May, 1925, and approved by the Council at their Meeting on the 5th June,

1925, transferring to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee the question of providing additional houses for letting under the provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, be rescinded, and that, after the houses now in course of erection on the Rees' Site by the Slum Areas Clearance Committee are completed, the provision of houses for letting under the aforesaid Act be carried out by the Housing Committee.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c. To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town. Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th July, 1926, at 7 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Captain Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from The Mayor.

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

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

Public Health ... Meetings held June 8 and 14

Housing Meetings held June 15 and 28

Street and Highway Meetings held June 10 and 2

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 18 and 25

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor with regard to Minute 6 (b)—Girls Life Saving Practice was ruled out of order by the Chairman).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Miller " That Minute No. 5—with regard to the Chelt Improvement Scheme—be referred back " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Steel : "That while recognising the necessity of some such scheme as suggested in Minute No. (re Medical Baths) this

Council thinks it inadvisable at the present time to proceed with such a scheme until it has received more consideration by the Council and that Minute No. 11 (re engagement of Architect) be not approved" was lost.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Major Cavenagh Mainwaring and seconded by Councillor Sawyer : " That Minute No. 1 (b) (re advertising the Medical Baths) be referred back" was lost.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting, held June 23

Except that in Minute No. 1 the words—" and workmen included in the list submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer"—be inserted after the words " Technical staff."

Water Meeting held June 22

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held June 23

Subject to the following Amendment : " That Mr. Martin be granted a temporary licence for the omnibus Registered No. PC9201 and that Minute No. 3 be varied accordingly.

Allotments Meeting held June 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 14

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Major Cavenagh Mainwaring and seconded by Councillor Bastin : " That Minute No. 3 be referred back" was lost).

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 18

Burial Board Meeting held June 25

Public Library Meeting held June 13

Finance Meeting held June 29

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

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3--Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Capt. Trye, with reference to the transfer of the question of providing houses for letting under this Act, was, with the consent of the Council and mover, further adjourned owing to the absence of the Mayor.

4—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—Resolved, That the following persons be appointed to represent the Cheltenham Borough Council on the Assessment Committee for the Cheltenham Assessment Area :—Councillors Leigh James and Capt. Trye ; Messrs. H. W. Chatters, D. L. Lipson and A. G. Wheeler.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy Mayor.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 19th July, 1926, at 3 p.m. Present: The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E.) in the chair.

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, H. W. Thomas, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor ; and Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, Leigh James, Pruen and Sawyer.

5—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting held on the 14th inst. be approved and confirmed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for aft loyal at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 26th July, 1926.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Council in Committee held on Monday, 19th July, 1926, Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Farrar, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, H. W. Thomas, Brig. Gen. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Land at rear of Orrisdale Terrace—The Town Clerk reported negotiations with the Cheltenham College Council for the purchase of the whole or part of this land with a view to a portion thereof being appropriated for the Chelt Improvement Scheme and the remainder for allotments, and that the College were unwilling to sell a portion of the land. Resolved, That an offer of £1,000 be made for the whole of the land containing 4 acres 3 roods, 3 perches subject to the condition required by the College that the land shall not be used for building purposes.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th July, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen 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.: —11 Chapel Street ; The Vineyards, Gloucester Road ; 10 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road ; 23 and 28 Bath Terrace and 56 and 60 Union Street— Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them

in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 72 Upper Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Cumberland Villa, Grove 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) 32 Malvern Street ; 16, 17 and 18 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's 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.

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4—Insanitary Property —(a) 25 St. James's Street, 2, 3 and 5 Cleeve View Terrace ; 10 Old Millbrook Terrace, 29 Hatherley Street and 1 to 9 News Cottages, Alstone—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 Sec. 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--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.

6—Sewers--(a) The Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the 12 inch pipe sewer which runs through the grounds of " Woodlands," The Park, had been blocked and upon examination it was found that the length from the junction with the main sewer in Hatherley Road to a point to the south of Merestones Lane (about 730 yards) was at many points choked with tree roots. The sewer had been cleared by dragging cutters through and would now last for some time longer.

(b) Elmstone Passage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer in this Passage was defective. A portion of it was reconstructed about 25 years ago and he recommended that the remaining length of about 50 yards should be relaid at an estimated cost of £40. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

7—Health Week—Read, circular of 6th inst., from the Health Week Committee of the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to consider the promotion of a Health Week for Cheltenham in October. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 5 qrs. 5 lbs. beef; 85 lbs. Pork ; 25 lbs. veal, 14. lbs. fish and 1 tin of Ox tongue.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, That the applications of Mr. L. W. Jenkins of Victoria House, Charlton Lane to be registered as a purveyor of separated milk and Mr. G. Thorndale of Beulah, Swindon Road to be registered as a dairyman or purveyor of milk be granted.

10—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present— Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report —Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 14th inst.: 12 horses (1 at Depot) ; 93 head of cattle, 2 calves, 1 bull, 88 sheep, 55 lambs and 9 pigs. 1 cow and calf and 1 barren cow had been purchased for £24 5s. 0d. and 3 heifers, 3 bullocks and 12 lambs had been sold for £206 5s. 11d. 2 pigs had been bred on the farms but had since died and 1 ewe had died from inflammation of the lungs.

Requisition—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase straw for thatching ricks, and to have the necessary repairs done to the float and farm manure cart.

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

Fruit—Resolved, also, That it be left to the **Rota Sub-Committee** to decide as to including fruit in Mr. Castle's Annual Sale.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1926 : Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
48 Byron Road	Mr. F. A. Gabriel	£475.
51 do.	Mr. A. C. Rumsey	£475.
6 Shakespeare Road.	Mr. Baker, W. H.	£475.
30 do.	Mr. Treweke, R.	£475.

Resolved, That the offers be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), 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. 51 Byron Road and Nos. 6 and 30 Shakespeare Road in Mortgages to the Building Society for advances of not exceeding 100 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. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923 : 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour-type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 117 have been sold, leaving 23 for sale, 5 of which have been completed and the remainder 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—Housing, etc., Acts, 1923—Subsidy Houses—(a) Kingsditch Lane—Resolved, That a provisional certificate for a subsidy of £65 be issued to Mr. C. H. Brooks in respect of a bungalow to be erected by him in this Lane containing 688 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 8 to the acre subject to the applicant undertaking not to sell the bungalow at a price exceeding £475 and requiring any purchaser or purchasers from him to enter into a similar covenant.

(b) Final Certificates—The Borough Surveyor submitted certificates of completion of a detached house near Moorend Park Road erected by Mr. R. G. Berryman and a semi-detached house in Whaddon Lane erected by Mr. C. F. Trigg. Resolved, That subsidies of £100 and £75 be paid to Mr. Berryman and Mr. Trigg respectively.

(c) Period—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the appointment of a Delegate to join in a Deputation of this Council to the Minister of Health to discuss with him the Financial Provisions of the existing Housing Acts and other Housing and Town Planning matters. Resolved, That a delegate be not appointed.

3—Outbuildings—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted applications and plans of outbuildings proposed to be erected, as follows :—

Situation.	Description.
28 Shakespeare Road.	Motor House.
43 Byron Road.	Motor House.

Resolved, That the applications be granted, subject to suitable screens or fences being erected in positions approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) 95 Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of this house had erected the shed approved at the last Meeting of the Committee in an unsuitable position. Resolved, That this be referred to the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee for view and report.

(c) 52 and 54 Byron Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that conservatories had been erected at these houses without permission having been obtained and were contrary to the Bye-Laws which required each habitable room to have at least one window opening directly into the external air. Resolved, That these also be referred to the Sub-Committee for view and report.

(d) 71 Byron Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of this house had erected a shed in an unsuitable position. Resolved, That he be required to move this shed to a position approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

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4—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from Mr. T. Kitson on behalf of Mr. C. T. Dowell agreeing to pay £3 per foot for a frontage of 65 feet to this road. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to the Purchaser entering into a Contract containing the restrictive covenants as now submitted by the Town Clerk.

5-39 Byron Road--Re-decoration—Read, letter from the Tenant of this house asking for this house to be re-decorated. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the house inspected and report.

6—Non-Parlour Houses—Gloucester Road--The Committee considered the question of erecting houses on the Gloucester Road frontage. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of 13 pairs of non-parlour type houses, similar to those now in course of erection on other parts of the estate by Mr. Drew, for erection on this frontage.

7—Garden Prize Scheme Resolved, That a Meeting of this Sub-Committee be held on Wednesday, 28th July at 11 a.m. to inspect the gardens and award the prizes.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th July, 1926. Present : Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Pates and General Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

8—Parlour Type Houses--The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Ministry of Health in reply to their letter disapproving of the plans of the proposed parlour type houses and pointing out that the Corporation had incurred considerable expense in the formation of the Shrubberies and the inner road on the Gloucester Road frontage, along which it was proposed to erect some of the houses submitted for approval. Interest and Sinking Fund had to be paid on this outlay upon which the Corporation were receiving practically no return ; it would therefore, have been an economic proposition to build houses on this frontage to secure a return on the capital expenditure incurred on the outlay and stating that no enquiries from builders had been received for this frontage. Applications had been received to build houses from private persons which could not be entertained owing to the Covenants that only pairs of houses should be built along this frontage and he now submitted a letter from the Ministry that in the special circumstances mentioned the Minister would waive his objection to parlour type houses to the extent of permitting such parlour type houses to be proceeded with as may be required to complete the Gloucester Road frontage.

Mr. Rainger reported that the Gloucester Road frontage would accommodate ten pairs of parlour type houses and that Mr. Drew was willing to enter into a contract for these houses at the price previously quoted for the 20 pairs and 5 pairs respectively, viz. : £599 per house for the Parlour Type Houses with bay window and verandah, and £579 per house for the modified type without bay window and verandah. Resolved, That as the cost of the houses and site will exceed the limit on which a subsidy can be obtained the proposal to build parlour type houses on this frontage be not proceeded with Resolved, also, That application be made to the executors of the late Mr. Unwin asking for their consent to the covenants as to this frontage being modified so as to permit as an alternative to pairs of houses the erection of detached houses at a cost of at least £800 each.

g—Non-Parlour Houses— Resolved, That tenders be invited for seven pairs of non-parlour type houses similar to those now in course of erection on other parts of the Estate to fill up vacant sites fronting to roads already made up and that the Minute No. 6 passed at the previous Meeting of the Committee be rescinded. Resolved, also, That notice be given to the allotment holders on the portion of Wasley's Field fronting to Milton Road required for the erection of two pairs of houses.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 2nd July, 1926 : Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, Welstead and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) Halls' Contract, —Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. W. J. B. Halls, Ltd. asking for permission to use concrete blocks in the event of their not being able to obtain a reasonable supply of bricks. Resolved, That they be informed that this cannot be agreed to, but that they would be entitled to any necessary extension of time for completion of the Contract due to delay on account of non-delivery of bricks.

(b) Hanson's Property--Mr. Hanson attended and submitted an amended offer to sell Ashcroft Cottage and Garden in Swindon Road. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to entertain the offer in view of the refusal of the adjoining owner to sell his land.

(c) Mr. Stroud's Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the Conveyance of Mr. Stroud's Properties had now been completed and that the transfer of the Tenants was being proceeded with.

(d) Mrs. Morgan's and Mr. Sabatella's Houses—Resolved, That the completion of the purchase of these houses be deferred for the time being to enable the owners to remain in possession as long as possible.

(e) Dutton's Properties.—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to complete the purchase of these properties in accordance with the terms negotiated by the District Valuer.

2—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 —Site for additional Houses—(a) Hank's Land—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer's instructions did not authorise him to undertake

negotiations for the purchase of the land and he had therefore written to Mr. Villar direct. He submitted letter from Mr. Villar offering to sell the piece of land belonging to Mr. E. Hanks adjoining Hanover Street containing 4.676 acres for the sum of £1,170 the Corporation paying in addition the Surveyor's fee and cost of Conveyance. Resolved, That an offer of £1,150 be made for the land.

(b) Davis's Land—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. Villar stating that Mr. Davis was unwilling to sell a portion of the land fronting to Folly Lane by itself but was willing to consider the sale of the whole of the property belonging to him and his son on both sides of Folly Lane including Prospect Villa and the Outbuildings and Prospect Cottage containing altogether 12 acres 3 roods 13 perches for £5,000. Resolved, That this be not entertained.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th July, 1926. Present : Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin and Pates (Alderman Taylor in the Chair).

3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924— Site for additional houses —Hank's Land— The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. Villar agreeing to sell this piece of land for £1,160. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept this offer.

Cottage Site— Mr. Malvern submitted estimate of Mr. Drew to lay Tarmac along the backs of these houses and also for providing five screen fences at a cost of £80 13s. 2d. Resolved, That this be accepted.

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 50 square feet on the following conditions, viz. :—

(a) Completed form of application and plan to be submitted to the Borough Surveyor and his Consent in writing obtained before erection of Outbuilding is commenced ; (b) the Outbuilding to be erected on the 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.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th July, 1926. Present : Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates 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 adopted.

2-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from 18th June to the 15th July, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th inst., 705 loads collected, 685 consumed and 20 tipped away (Weight consumed 881 tons 18 cwts.).

3—Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was desirable to asphalt the carriage way of Winchcomb Street and that a considerable length of kerbing required raising and a new footpath would be required. He estimated the cost of the footpath work at £930. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

4—Highways Superintendent—The **Asphalt Sub-Committee** reported that they interviewed Mr. W. M. B. Rees. the selected candidate for this appointment, and decided to appoint him and he had commenced his duties ; they had arranged with Mr. Rees to occupy the house at the Central Depot and a reduction of £25 per annum would be made in his salary as-from the date on which he occupies the house.

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

5—Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse " Short " was suffering from contracted feet and that the Veterinary Surgeon recommended that the horse be turned out in the Autumn. Resolved That this be agreed to.

6—Hatherley Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that a portion of this road was being recoated with asphalt but before this could be completed the existing kerbing required renewal and he proposed to have this done. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Dangerous Corner—Suffolk Road and Park Place—Read, letter of 1xth inst. from Mrs. Fletcher of Andover Lodge, that the warning notices to motorists were inadequate and further precautions were necessary to prevent accidents at this crossing,

8--Leckhampton Road—Trees--Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Secretary to the Cheltenham District Light Railway with reference to the pruning of the trees in this road by his Company stating that Mr. McCormick was laid up, but from the information at his disposal he thought the pruning complained of must have been the result of a misunderstanding as the Company had no desire to interfere with the property of the Corporation or act in any way discourteously towards them and that in future their attention would be drawn to any trees requiring to be pruned.

9—Streamers—(a) Resolved, That, subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted for streamers to be hung across streets as follows :—

High Street British Legion Fête Two days.

Colonnade Hatherley and Reddings Show .. 18th August.

(b) Read, application from Messrs. Shirer & Haddon for permission to hang a banner across the Colonnade advertising their sale. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

10—Town Planning—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council stating that his Council had appointed Lt.-Col. Russell J. Kerr, The Haie, Newnham-on-Severn ; Major F. W. B. Cripps, D.S.O., Ampney Park, Cirencester J. S. Gibbons, Esq., Boddington Manor, Near Cheltenham, and J. G. M. Skelton, Esq., Battledown Priors, Battledown Approach, Cheltenham, as their representatives on the Advisory Committee. Read, also, letter from the Clerk to the Northleach Rural District Council stating that his Council had appointed Mr. J. H. Clifford, Whalley Farm, Whittington, Mr. F. E. Reiss, Dowdeswell Manor, Andoversford, Mr. J. C. Meikle, Cotehay, Andoversford, and Mr. E. E. Turner, Shipton Manor, Andoversford, as their representatives on the Advisory Committee.

11—Reddings Road—Grant—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Ministry of Transport (Roads Department), stating that after examination of the account by the District Auditor the proper amount of grant earned was £271 instead of the amount paid (£303) and requesting that the overpayment of £32 should be refunded. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

12—Classification of Roads—Read, circular of 28th ult., from the Ministry of Transport (Roads Department) as to grants from the road Fund for the year 1926-7 and terms on which the same would be made.

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13—Leckhampton and Old Bath Roads—Read, letter from the Misses Hooper drawing attention to the state of this road and suggesting plate should be fitted at the corner of Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road repaired and a name plate fixed if he considers it necessary.

14—Advertisements (Regulations) Act, 1907—Read, application of 21st ultimo from the Proprietor of the New Court Hotel for permission to erect a board advertising his hotel in one of the fields on the Gloucester Road. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

15—Montpellier Walk Widening—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson & Yeaman, Solicitors on behalf of the Midland Bank, Ltd., setting out the following conditions regarding the land given up by the Bank for this Improvement, namely :—

In consideration of the land given up, the Bank abandons all claim to any private rights over the surface, provided, however that should the cellaring of the bank project underground into the said land such privilege of the surface rights shall not in any way prejudice the Bank's rights of user to the cellaring, and in consideration of this gift the Corporation under-take to make good any damage occasioned to the said cellars by reason of the user of the land above as a road or foot-path and also to set back the fence on the Bank's old boundary to the new boundary line free of all expense to the Bank and to make good any disturbance of the soil of the Bank's premises thereby occasioned. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

16—Telegraph Lines—(a) Sandfield or Arle Road—Read, application of 20th ult. from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line and a short section of underground line in Sandfield Road near Alstone Avenue with one pole in Arlo: Road. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the exact position of the pole being approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Montpellier Drive—Read, application of the 13th inst. from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line in Montpellier Drive with a pole in this road. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to an ornamental steel pole being used.

(c) College Road—Read, application of 14th May, from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an underground telegraph line along College Road near the River Chelt and also an overhead telegraphic line. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

(d) Hatherley Road --- Read, application from the Superintending Engineer Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with one pole near Hatherley Hall, Hatherley Road. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(e) Lane rear of Clarence Square and along lane off Clarence Road —Read, application of 9th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line with two poles along lane at rear of Clarence Square and along lane off Clarence Road with one pole. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(f) Glenfall Street—Read, application of 13th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line in Glenfall Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted as the pavement is too narrow.

17—Street Projection-184 High Street—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall for permission to fix an illuminated sign outside these premises. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

18—Charlton Kings Urban District Council—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking if arrangements could be made with the Corporation to enter into an Agreement with them for the reinstatement of roads and footpaths when opened by the Corporation in their district. Resolved, That he be informed that the Committee are willing to entertain proposals for an agreement.

19--Westal Green Sub-Station---The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and reported that the Electricity and Lighting Committee had been unable to obtain a satisfactory site and wished to erect a sub-station on the Tank site Resolved, That this be agreed to, provided the tree thereon is not interfered with.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 6th July, 1926 Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Brig.-Gen. 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.
2190	Cooke, Mrs.	Extension of Wing room at " Holmdale," Painswick Road.
2191	Kirkham, E. W. J.	New showroom and workshop at 18 Royal Crescent.
2192	Wicliffe Motor Co.	New Garage, Wellington Street.
2193	Lady Selby	Temporary Motor House, " Ashford," Ashford Road.
2194	Williams, E.	Temporary shed at 6 Maud's Elm Terrace, Swindon Road.
2193	Johnson, J. T.	Temporary shed at 41 Malvern Street.
2196	Bateman, F.	Temporary shed at so Maud's Elm Terrace, Swindon Road.
2197	Christian Spiritualistic Society	New Church in Bennington Street.
2198	Pates, W. T. & Son	Alterations to premises off Hewlett Street.
2199	do.	Two houses, Duke Street.
2200	Webb Peploe, Rev. F. W.	Temporary Motor House, Christ Church Road.
2201	Hill, W. H.	Temporary motor house, " Southlands," Queen's Road.
2202	Cheltenham College Council	Addition to lavatory accommodation, Boyne House, College Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2190, 2192 and 2202 be approved, but that Plan No. 2202 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2193 and 2201 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. 2191, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199 and 2200 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th July, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Brig.-Gen. 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.
2191	Kirkham, E. J. W.	New showrooms and workshops, 15 Royal Crescent.
2194	Willmore, E.	Temporary shed, 6 Maud's Elm Terrace (amended Plan).
2195	Johnson, J. T.	Temporary shed, 4 Malvern Street.
2197	Christian Spiritualistic Society	New church, Bennington Street (Amended Plan).

2200	Webb-Peploe, The Rev F. H.	Temporary Motor House, Christ Church Vicarage (Amended Plan).
2203	Cooke, Mrs.	Temporary Wash-house and Ironing room.
2204	Wiggins, W. D.	One Semi-detached house, Old Bath Road.
2205	Hannis, S. J.	Temporary shed, 52 Elm Street.
2206	Tahourdine, Mrs.	Temporary Motor Shed, Alma Road.
2207	Randall, Mr. W.	Temporary shed, for portable engine, of Fairhaven Cottages.
2208	Ladies' Club, 29 Promenade	New Cloak Room.

Resolved, That Plans Nos.2191, 2204 and 2208 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2191 and 2208 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 2194, 2195, 2205 and 2206 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. 2197, 2200, 2203 and 2207 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th July, 1926. Present: Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Leigh James, Captain Trye, Mrs. E. Buoy and Mrs. W. L. Mellersh (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Annual Report—(a) Read, the 17th Annual Report (From 1st April, 1925 to 31st March, 1926). The attendances had been as follows :—

No . of Children attending.	Attendances.			Total.
	Infants.	Toddlers.	Total.	
At Highbury (46 meetings)	323	1214	1630	2844
At Baker Street (47 meetings) ..	459	1447	1266	2713
At Clare Street (48 meetings)	263	993	904	<u>1897</u>
				7454

Visits paid by Club Visitor 1804.

The number of attendances had increased during the year.

(b) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1926. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (it Meetings) ..	35.0	22.9
At Clare Street (it Meetings) ..	15.5	22.1
At Highbury (ii Meetings)	35.6	37.2

A Jumble Sale was held in the last week in March in aid of the funds of this Society and the sum of £14 0s. 6d. was realised. There were no deaths to report at any of the centres this Quarter.

2—Health Visitor's Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1926 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,732
“ Children Visited (firsts)	140
“ “ (1 year and under)	1060
“ “ (over 1 year)	769
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors .	1,834
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	62
“ Un-notified Births discovered	1
“ Children remitted to Hospital	1
“ Ante-natal Cases visited ..	30
“ Whooping cough cases visited ..	25
“ Chicken-pox cases visited	5
“ Measles Cases visited	7
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	32
New Orders ..	14
Orders discontinued during quarter	23
“ continuing to coming quarter	23

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 26 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 20 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Child Welfare Travelling Exhibition—Read, letter from Voluntary Health Society stating that they were endeavouring to arrange for this exhibition to visit Cheltenham and asking the Committee to recommend that the free use of the Supper Room at the Town Hall should be granted. Resolved, That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to grant the free use of the Supper Room for this exhibition on three days to be arranged.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th July, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart Councillors Pates, Pruen and H. W. Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Visit of Gloucestershire Society In London—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary conveying to the Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce and the President of the Rotary Club and friends, the thanks of the Society for the reception and hospitality on their visit on the 3rd inst.

2—Medical Baths —(a) Advertising--Read, letter from the Gloucestershire Echo asking that the Scheme of advertising for these Baths should be extended to include advertisements in the " Echo " and " Chronicle and Graphic." Resolved, That they be informed that the Committee do not see their way to recommend the Council to add to the cost of the Scheme approved at the last Meeting of the Council.

(b) Site of proposed New Baths—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from Mr. F. Ruck stating that he was prepared to offer the Turkish Baths and adjoining land as a site for the erection of the proposed Medical Baths. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

3—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fete—(a) The Town Clerk submitted a claim from Mr. Claude Chandler of £125 6s. 10d. for loss claimed in respect of the alleged breach of the Agreement as to the hours at which the Band provided by the Flower Show Committee should perform and of the failure to announce particulars and hours of his performances in the Flower Show programme in accordance with the Agreement with him. Resolved, That the claim be referred to the Floral Fête Committee.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Custodian of these Gardens as to damage caused by the Floral Fete ; very little damage had been done to the garden furniture, shrubs, etc., but the grass occupied by the tents was much worn and some bare patches would require returfing in the Autumn. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send particulars of the damage done and out of pocket expenses incurred by the Corporation to the Floral Fête Committee.

4—Alstone Baths Girls' Life Saving Practice—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Schools Swimming Association stating that they did not ask for male teachers to be allowed to enter the baths on days reserved for female bathers, but that male teachers should be allowed to enter the baths at times when the Baths are exclusively reserved for the elementary schools. Resolved, That no objection be made to this.

5—Town Hall—Read, application from the Secretary of the Local Esperanto Society for the free use of the following rooms at the Town Hall for the Annual Esperanto Congress, namely, the Supper and Drawing Room on the 14th and 16th April for Meetings, on the 15th (Good Friday) for a Sacred Concert from either 3 to 5 p.m. or from 8 to 9.30 p.m., the Large Hall on 17th April for a religious service in the evening and the Card Room on the 18th April for a Meeting. It was expected that 300 Delegates would be attending the Congress and he asked that permission might be given for them to attend the Municipal Long-night Ball on Easter Monday the 18th April free of charge except for cost of refreshments. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to payment of out of pocket expenses.

6—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 6th inst., was read.

They recommended as follows :—Cricket Festival—That a dance be held on Saturday, 7th August from 8 p.m. to midnight (providing license is granted) and also a long-night Dance on Monday, 9th August and that Mr. Leo Dawes be asked to submit a quotation for a Dance Band for these dances.

Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th July, 1926

: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Coal Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to the arrangements made for obtaining coal. Resolved, That these be approved.

2—Accounts, 1925-26—The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1926 was submitted showing a net surplus for the year of £7,066 1s. 3d. Resolved, That the accounts be approved and the surplus allocated as follows :—Reserve Fund, £3,000 ; Renewal Fund, £2,000 ; Carried forward, £2,000 1s. 8d.

3—Sub-Stations—Westal Green—The Town Clerk reported negotiations with adjoining owners near Westal Green for the purchase of a suitable site for a Sub-Station. After considering these offers it was Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to move the tank to the site in the Montpellier Gardens approved by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee and also to remove the tree and alter the position of the water trough, subject to the approval of the Street and Highway Committee, and to invite tenders for the erection of the Sub-Station on the Tank Site.

4—Boilers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in accordance with the Resolution passed on the 17th February last he had accepted the following Contracts in respect of the foundation for the iron chimney. Messrs. 1Vlouchel and Partners Ltd. for preparing design, specification, plan, supervision and guarantee of strength of foundation £52 10s. 0d. Contract for foundation, Messrs. Hobrough and Co. Ltd.—£632 ; and Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for brickwork for Main Flue —£136. Resolved, That these be approved and the Common Seal affixed to the Contracts,

5—Power Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted correspondence with the Engineer of the Shropshire, Stafford- shire and Worcester Power Company who informed him that his Company would have a 33,000 volt trunk main at Tewkesbury by the winter of 1927 and would have available 3,500 K.W. and were prepared to entertain proposals for a supplementary supply to Cheltenham if required. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to ascertain on what terms a supply could be obtained.

5—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 22nd, 24th, 27th and 28th ult. and 12th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 461.0, 460.6, 458.0, 460.0 and 468.4 and the pressure 4.2, 4.0, 5.3, 4.0 and 3.6 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th July, 1926. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 12th July, 1926.

Hewletts Springs	264,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	565,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>109,000</u>
Total	938,000

Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.

Hewletts Springs	282,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	671,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>85,000</u>
	1,038,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 12th July, 1926.
Hewletts		23,212,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	25ft. 4in.	67,023,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		91,720,000

	Depth	Contents 12th July, 1925.
Hewletts		2,879,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 6in.	59,003,000 „
Leckhampton	3ft. 0ins.	405,000
		62,287,000

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

	During June, 1926.	During past 3 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections ..	1,070	2,917
“ taps found leaking	77	213
“ defective flushing boxes	16	43
“ detective stop taps . • •	4	18
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	77	
special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>48</u>	
	125	365

" notices served re fittings	67	158
" meters fixed,, changed, etc.	14	52
" houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ..	83	242
" burst pipes discovered	14	32
" supplies discontinued (void houses etc)	47	165

3—Charlton Park Camp Free Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted application of 29th ult. from the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association applying for a free supply of water and the loan of one or two water carts for the Camp at Charlton Park to be held from 27th July to 12th August. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the payment of costs of the necessary services.

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

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th July, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals--(a) Superintendent Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, except for a case of Swine fever at Folly Lane Allotments and a case at Granley Road.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
30th June	24 Roman Road	£20	£4 10s. 0d.
9th July	20 Lansdown Place	£40	£3 8s. 6d.
12th July	Motor Lorry (Loaded with oil cake) on Shurdington Road	£10	£3 2s. 0d.

(b) Extinguishers—Resolved, That the Captain be authorised to obtain two refills for the extinguishers on the Fire Engine.

3—Market--(a) Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society stating that the spouting and roofing of the main building required attention and some of the slates renewed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs required to roof and spouting carried out but that it be pointed out to the Society that they are responsible for the other repairs asked for.

(b) Damage----The Society also stated that during the weekend the Market was used as a general playground by boys and considerable damage was done to the stalls, etc. The Town Clerk reported

that he had written to Supt. Lane who had given instructions to his officers to pay special attention to this with a view to abating the nuisance.

4—Motor Omnibus Services—Cheltenham to Gloucester via Churchdown--Resolved, That the two licenses held by the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd., for this route be transferred to two omnibuses of an improved and lighter type seating 20 passengers.

5 —Hackney Carriage Licences (a) The Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector reported that he had examined 55 motor cabs and 30 omnibuses.

(b) Speedometers—The Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector recommended the approval of "Stewarts" Speedometer for use on the licensed Hackney Carriages and asked that he might be allowed to supply these and stock the spare parts for same so that he could see that speedometers were fitted correctly and kept in order. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925 —(a) Assessment Committee—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. H. W. Chatters regretting that he was unable to serve on the Assessment Committee for the Cheltenham Assessment Area. Resolved, That Mr. F. E. Wood, of Normanhurst, Hales Road, be nominated in place of Mr. Chatters.

(b) Rating Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, (Councillor W. J. M. Dicks) ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; and Councillors H. W. Thomas and Gen. Thomas be appointed the Rating Committee under this Act.

7—Parking of Char-a-bancs— Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Worcester City, County & District Char-a-banc and 'Bus Proprietors' Association asking the Corporation to provide a Parking Place for Char-a-bancs and the Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. H. E. Steel stating that he was prepared to park the char-a-bancs in the Queen's Hotel Yard at a charge of 2s 6d each per day, subject to their setting down and picking up passengers outside the Yard. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the Corporation are unable to provide a public parking place for char-a-bancs, and of the accommodation available at the Queen's Hotel Yard.

8—Petrol Licences—Resolved, That the application of Mr. E. J. Kirkham for a licence to store 3,000 gallons of petrol in five tanks to be connected to six pumps at his proposed new premises at 18 Royal Crescent be granted subject to the approval of the plans of the proposed garage.

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9--Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Resolved, That Mr. F. W. Smith (Caretaker of the Library) be added to the Certificate of Exception having completed 3 years service on the 2nd inst.

10—National Health Insurance Act Resolved, That Mr. F. B. Frostard (Electricity Works Chief Engineer) be added to the Certificate of Exception.

1—Land Charges Act, 1925--The Town Clerk reported that under this Act, which came into force on the 1st January last, he was appointed Registrar of Local Land Charges and that Counsel of the Association of Municipal Corporations had advised that in the absence of any special conditions (other than a condition as to giving whole time service) a Town Clerk was entitled to retain the fees

for searches under the Act, and he therefore applied for a repayment of the fees (£7) received and paid over. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th July, 1926Chairman.

: Present—Councillors Dunn, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Quarterly Report re Inspections of Allotments Read, Report of Inspections of Allotments from Messrs. Davis, Reed and Hamblin. The Reports showed that generally the allotments were in a satisfactory state of cultivation. Allotments Nos. 17 and 18 Whaddon Lane (new portion) were reported to be in bad condition. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenants of these allotments and also that he be authorised to allow a rebate off the rent to applicants taking uncultivated vacant plots. There was a plum tree infected with Silver Blight on Allotment No. 30 East Ward. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenant requiring him to remove this.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th July, 1926 : Present—Councillors Dunn, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

s--Recreation Grounds—Football Pitches—The Town Clerk submitted four applications for football pitches at the several Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

2-Pittville Estate —(a) Pigeons—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Littledale had presented a pair of prize Red Jacobin Pigeons and asked that the pigeons might be exhibited at the next show. He also reported that Mr. Lodwick had presented a pair of White Pigmy Pouter Pigeons Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs Littledale and Mr. Lodwick for their gifts and also that the pigeons presented by Mrs. Littledale be exhibited at the next show.

(b) Moorhen's Eggs—Read, letter from the Rev. Father D. B. Ryan stating that he had interviewed tour of the boys who had taken the eggs from the Moorhen's nests and that he had cautioned and reprimanded them as requested.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th July, 1926: Present--Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh. Mainwaring ; The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. ; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and G. Dimmer (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During June 4,280 (against 4,964) ; daily average 165 (against 191), including 13 classes numbering 295 students from local and county schools.

Receipts— Collecting Box £1 5s. 10d. ; Sale of, and Advertisements in, Crafts Exhibition Catalogue £21 4s. 0d. ; Permanent Catalogues 7s ; Post Card Reproductions 4s 6d ; Refunded Money 7s 9d ; Commission £4 5s. 7d. Total £27 14s. 8d.

Exhibitions—The Crafts Exhibition, open 25 days, was visited by 4,505 persons. Expenses £21 14s. 6d. ; proceeds £28 11s. 6d. ; credit balance £6 17s. 0d.

An Exhibition of Work by Students of the School of Arts and Crafts was opened on the 2nd inst., and closes on the 24th inst.

On the 26th inst. the Permanent Collection will be re-hung, together with Oil Paintings by Seymour Walker.

On the 29th August, an Exhibition of 100 Water-Colours organised in conjunction with The Museums Association will open, and remain until the 9th October.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his report upon the Conference held at Bournemouth from the 5th to the 10th July, which, together with his Monthly Report, was approved.

2—Loan of China—The Curator reported interview with Mrs. Wigan at Bournemouth, and recommended acceptance of Wedgwood Ware, Crown Derby Porcelain, 1 Delft Sack Bottle, 1 Dresden Candle Stick and 1 Chinese Porcelain Basin. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the thanks of the Committee conveyed to the Lender.

3—Offer of two Pictures by Mr. Richard Heyworth, R.O.I.—The Curator read letter from Mr. Heyworth offering as a gift his Academy pictures of (1) " Dieppe Harbour " and (2) "Teignmouth," on condition that the Committee pay the cost of placing plate glass in front of each canvas. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Artist-Donor, and That the Curator be authorised to have the glazing executed at a cost not exceeding £12 10s. 0d.

4—Donations—Specimens of Petrified Wood, Isle of Antigua, from Mrs. Grant. Prehistoric Ox Tooth, from Mr. W. R. Storr. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

5---Exhibition of Water Colours— The Curator read letter from Sir Francis Colchester Wemyss, asking that his pictures be insured when on exhibition in the Gallery next January, and that certain minor conditions be observed. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Sculpture by the late Robert Lindsey Clark--Resolved, That a circular letter be drawn up by the Curator appealing for the promise of funds for the purchase of " The Limber—A Broken Pole," and sent out by the Committee after the Summer Vacation.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th July, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart and Councillor Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent —Read, Report of Superintendent from 26th June to 15th July, 1926 ; Interments 31 ; Grave Spaces sold 9 (Position 1, one ; Position 2, one ; and Position 4, seven. Memorials fixed 7. New Inscriptions 4.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7416 to 7424 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 grave of Charles E. Lansdown ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Frances H. Weaver ; Memorial Stone Ledger and Landing to grave of Frances J. South ; York Stone to grave of Mary Stott and Kerbing to graves of Ellen G. Carter, Alfred Hyde and Charles B. Wright.

4— Hand Bier—The Superintendent submitted four tenders for the provision of a combined hand and wheeled bier which he recommended was required at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Curtis and Mawer Ltd. of £27 10s. 0d. carriage paid, be accepted.

5—War Cross—Resolved, That 2 additional oak rails be obtained from Mr. Wilcox at a cost of £4 15s. 0d. to provide for additional War Crosses received.

6—Tree—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Rt. Hon. Lord Kingsale drawing attention to a tree at the side of the road leading to the Chapel, the roots of which were damaging a grave and moving the kerbing and stone. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree felled.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, and Pates ; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. J. Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts 17s. 4d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,479 (last year 3,653) ; Lending Library 10,408 (last year 9,459) ; Children's Library 1,476 (last year 1,350). Total for month 16,363 (last year 14,462).

Presentations—The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., (1 vol.).

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

Library Association Examinations—The Librarian reported that Miss Ivy E. Burnett (Reference Library Assistant) had passed Section 3, " Classification," in June.

Resolved, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to this Assistant.

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2--Purchase of Books—Resolved, (a) That 69 volumes (new books) published at £26 5s. 6d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £16 7s. 3d.

(b) That 150 volumes be replaced at an estimated cost of £20.

(c) That 160 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £20.

3—Winter Lectures—The Librarian read his list of proposed Nine Lectures for the session 1926-27. Resolved, That the list be approved and arrangements made accordingly.

4—August Bank Holiday—Resolved, That all Departments of the Library, including Newspaper Room, be closed on August 2nd.

5—Library Association Conference--Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of The Library Association, to be held at Leeds, from 6th—11th September.

6—Outside Painting—Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. W. East of £50 for this work be accepted, subject to the work being carried out in the Autumn, and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

7—Leslie Young Benefaction—Resolved, That consideration of the purchase of " The Complete Peerage " in 14 vols. be deferred.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th July, 1926: Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring and Moore (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £23,899 5s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £10,353 15s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £12,032 5s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £6,162 15s. 8d.

3—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,000 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £2,100 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £510 had been renewed at 4 ¾ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £655 had been received for new Bonds at the same rate of interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly. Resolved, That this be approved.

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5—National Savings Certificates--The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during the month of June was 3,160.

6--Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £1,000 at 65 per cent., plus expenses £2 12s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £1,000 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.

7—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a balance of £1,300 on the Repair Fund of the Housing Estate. £700 of this was invested in War Loan on July, 1923, and he recommended that the balance of £600 be also invested. Resolved, That this sum be invested in War Loan.

8—Report of Accounts Rota Committee — Reported Meeting on the 20th inst. Present : Alderman Steel and Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring (Alderman Steel in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd September, 1926.

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 September, 1926, 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. Adjourned consideration of the following Minute No. 3 of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee at their Meeting on the 20th July last :—

“ HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1924—Site for additional houses — Hank's Land—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. Villar agreeing to sell this piece of land for £1,160. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept this offer.”

4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE and to consider application from Mr. W. D. Wiggins for a subsidy in respect of a house proposed to be erected by him in Old Bath Road.

“ STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“ TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

“ FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To appoint a Member of the Education Committee in place of Mr. A. J. Miles whose term of office expires on the 3rd instant.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully, Town Clerk

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 26th July, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer and Welstead.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Council on 5th and 19th July inst. respectively 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 Council in Committee—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College stating that the College Authorities accepted the offer of £1,000 for the purchase of the land subject to the restriction that it should not be used for building purposes. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Council in Committee at their Meeting held on the 19th July,

1926 be approved and confirmed and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £1,000 for the purchase of the land.

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3—Arle Postal Service—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Postmaster, Cheltenham stating that in pursuance of the general policy throughout the country with the object of improving the duties of Postmen in Rural Areas it was proposed to alter the hours of collection at Arle from 6.5 p.m. to 5.5 p.m., and asking whether the Corporation had any objection to the proposed alteration being made. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

4—Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association— Town Hall—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Chamber of Commerce stating that they were giving a Concert to the Officers, W.O's., N.C.O's., and Cadets of the Secondary Schools' Cadet Association on the 6th August and asking for the free use of the Town Hall together with lighting and use of the piano. etc., as last year and also inviting the Corporation to attend. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Incorporation—The Deputy Mayor reported that Cheltenham would have completed the fiftieth year of its Incorporation on the 9th September next and that the General Purposes and Watch Committee had considered as to what should be done to celebrate the Jubilee and that it was suggested that the Corporation should combine the Celebration of the Jubilee with the Carnival to be organised next year on behalf of the General Hospital. He also read letter from the Chairman of the General Hospital stating that extensions to the Hospital were required immediately and asking for the support of the Corporation in any effort which might be made for raising funds for the proposed extension. Resolved, That the Council approve of the suggestion.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held July 12

Housing ... Meetings held July 13 & 20

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pates and seconded by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring : " That Mr. Drew's tender of 599 per house for erecting 10 pairs of houses on the Gloucester Road frontage be accepted and that Minute No. 8 be varied accordingly " was lost).

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meetings held July 2 & 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Farrar : " That Minute No. 3 with reference to the purchase of land for the purposes of providing houses under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council."

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Street and Highway ... Meeting held July 19

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 19 with reference to the erection of an Electricity Sub-Station on the Tank Site at 'Vestal Green be referred back for further consideration."

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held July 15

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held July 14

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 14

Water Meeting held July 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 16

Resolved, also, That licences to deal in Game be renewed for the year ending 1st July, 1927.

Allotments ... Meeting held July 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 16

Burial Board Meeting held July 15

Public Library Meeting held July

Finance Meeting held July 20

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

7—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Capt. Trye moved in accordance with notice : That the Resolution No. 3 of the Housing Committee at their Meeting on the 12th May, 1925 and approved by the Council at their Meeting on the 5th June, 1925, transferring to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee the question of providing additional houses for letting under the provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, be rescinded and that, after the houses now in course of erection on the Ree's Site by the Slum Areas Clearance Committee are completed, the provision of houses for letting under the aforesaid Act be carried out by the Housing Committee.

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, 6th September, 1926.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th August, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sale of House—Non-Parlour Type :—The following offer was reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
9 Shakespeare Road	Mr. A. E. Hudson	£475

Resolved, That the offer be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

NOTE - The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour-type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 118 have been sold, leaving 22 for sale, 5 of which have been completed and the remainder 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—Non-Parlour Houses Five tenders were received for the 7 pairs of houses, the lowest tender for the whole of the houses being that of Mr. W. Drew of £1,050 per pair. A tender was also received from Mr. W. Bellamy for two pairs only at £938 per pair. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Bellamy for two pairs of houses be accepted subject to his entering into a formal Contract with sureties for due performance and to the sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained for a loan, and for a grant of subsidy. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £1,903 for the cost of the houses plus Architects' fees.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry for approval of the houses for the purposes of a subsidy under the Housing etc. Act, 1923.

3—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—The Town Clerk reported that subsidies had been granted for 35 out of a total of 40 houses authorised by the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry to increase the number authorised from 40 to 50 and also to extend the period so as to apply to houses commenced before the 31st December next and completed by the 29th September, 1927.

4-31 and 33 Milton Road—Read, letters of the 29th and 30th ult., from the Purchasers of these houses complaining of defects to the roofs. The Architect reported that a few tiles had slipped and that he was arranging with the builder to have these put right.

5—Brooklyn Road—Land—Read, letters of the 19th ult., and 3rd inst., from Mr. J. A. P. Nidd applying for the purchase of 34 feet frontage of land in Brooklyn Road for the erection of a subsidy house. He also enquired as to a loan from the Corporation for the erection of the house. Resolved, That he be informed that the Committee cannot recommend the sale of a site in Brooklyn Road for a subsidy house as they consider that frontages to this road should be reserved for superior houses but that

he be offered a site in Spenser Road and that he be also informed that the Corporation are not prepared to advance a loan for the erection of the house.

6—Gloucester Road Frontage—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham & Wyatt stating that the Trustees of Mr. Unwin's Estate would not object to single houses being built on this frontage provided the value was not less than £800 each. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a deed varying the covenant contained in the Conveyance from the late Mr. Unwin, accordingly, as an alternative to the provisions of the existing covenant.

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7—**Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee**— The Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee reported that they had a Meeting on the 28th July, 1926: Present—Alderman Bendall and Councillor Moore.

(a) Gardens—They reported that they had awarded prizes as follows Prize, 40 Milton Road, 20s. Ten shillings had also been awarded to the occupiers of each of the following houses :—Nos. 4, 32 and 34 Milton Road ; 1, 6 and 58 Tennyson Road and 19 and 21 Byron Road. Total Prizes £5.

(b) 52 and 54 Byron Road—The Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the Conservatories at these houses and recommended that no objection be made thereto.

(c) 71 Byron Road and 95 Tennyson Road—The Sub-Committee reported that they had also inspected the outbuildings at these premises and recommended that the outbuilding at 95 Tennyson Road 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.

With regard to the outbuilding at 72 Byron Road they recommended that the owner be required to remove this to a position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

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

8—Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted application and plan of an outbuilding proposed to be erected at No. 30 Tennyson Road. Resolved, That the plan be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that a suitable screen or fence shall be erected in a position approved of by the Borough Surveyor and that the building shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th August, 1926. Present : Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Capt. Trye and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

2- Bath Street and Wellington Street —Read, letter from Mr. L. Paynter asking that the work of rounding off this corner should be carried out. Resolved, That this be inspected at the next View Meeting.

3—Gordon Lamp, etc.—Read, letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking the Council to consider if any alterations can be made with regard to the Gordon Lamp, the Lamp near Hotel Curtis and the Lamp at the bottom of Lansdown Terrace to ensure safety for motorists and also with regard to directing motorists as to passing the King Edward Memorial and as to reinstating white lines at dangerous corners. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the posts at the Gordon Lamp and outside the Hotel Curtis painted with white and black bands and that the lamp at Lansdown Terrace be viewed, that suitable notices be put up directing traffic to keep to the left of the King Edward Statue and that the white lines be renewed at Montpellier Terrace and near the Malvern Inn.

4—House at Central Depot—The **Stores Sub-Committee** reported that they inspected this house and had given instructions for the necessary redecoration and also for the transfer of the bath from the Scullery to the First Floor. Resolved, That this be approved.

5--Petrol Pumps—60 Fairview Road and Redford Villa, Prestbury Road--A renewed application was made by Mr. E. R. Crabtree for permission to erect a petrol pump at these premises with moveable arm over the footpath as he had now abandoned his application to erect a petrol pump at Old Bell Yard, Winchcomb Street. A similar application was also received from Mr. A. H. T. Yates in respect of his premises at Redford Villa, Prestbury Road. Resolved, That no objection be made subject to Agreements containing the usual conditions being entered into.

6 - Temporary Building—Read, application from Smith Bros. for permission to erect a wooden shed at Dumfries House, Bayshill for Dr. Smurthwaite. Resolved, That this be adjourned for a plan to be submitted.

7 —Whaddon Lane—Read, letters from Mr. R. M. Mills and Mr. B. Weaver with reference to the notices served for the repairing of this road. Resolved, That the Committee inspect this road at their next View Meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 16th August, 1926 : Present —Aldermen Bendall and Steel and Councillor Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
2197	The Christian Spiritualistic Society.	New Church, Bennington Street
2209	Haines & Strange	Alteration to Garage, Albion Street.
2210	Smith, T. W.	Temporary Garages, Naunton Lane.

2111	Davies, E. M.	Temporary Motor House, Pembury House, Lansdown Crescent.
2112	Smith, Miss	New Bedroom addition, 6 Moorend Parade, Moorend Road.
2213	Thompson, L. G.	Temporary Motor House, St. Chads, Old Bath Road.
2114	Towell, H.	Four Lock-up shops, St. George's Road and Promenade Terrace.
2115	Broad, A. E.	Semi-detached house, corner of St. Paul's Lane and Swindon Road.
2216	Exton, E. F.	Motor House, Suffolk Road.
2217	Proctor, H. G.	Temporary Motor House, Marden, Sydenham Road North.
2218	Haslam, F.	Additions to workshop, St. James' Square.
2219	Strange, S. W.	Reconstruction of Lock-ups, Liverpool Place.
2200	Rev. Canon Webb Peploe	Temporary Motor House, Overton Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2197, 2209, 2212, 2216 and 2218 be approved, but that Plan No. 2209 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No. 2216 be subject to the existing Stables being removed ; That Plans Nos. 2210, 2211, 2213, 2217 and 2219 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. 2214, 2215 and 2200 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th July, 1926: Present—Alderman Stewart and Councillors Pates and Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Winter Orchestra—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an orchestra of six performers in the mornings (including himself as Conductor and performer) to play from 11 to 12.45 and a Dance Band of six performers (including himself as Conductor and performer) to play at two Dance Teas a week from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Saturday nights from 8 to 11 p.m. and four long nights from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. during the season at a charge of £36 10s. 0d. per week as from the 18th October to 9th April inclusive, subject to Mr. Dawes entering into an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk. Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. Dawes to provide two extra men for the Long Night Dances if required at a charge of £4 0s. 0d. per Dance be accepted.

2-Badminton-Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Cheltenham Badminton Club applying for the use of the Alstone Baths during the Season 1926-27. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to let the Baths to the Club on the same terms as last year.

3—Child Welfare Travelling Exhibition--The Committee considered recommendation of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to grant the free use of a room at the Town Hall for three days for this Exhibition. Resolved, That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted on three days to be arranged.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Tuesday, 31st August, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rats, Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,568 19s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £1,684 1s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £16,265 16s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,929 5s. 2d.

3—Loans—Resolved, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £4,600 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4--National Savings Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during the month of July was 4,664.

5—Sanctions to Loans--The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanction to Loan:-

Date, 1926. Purpose Amount. Period.

11th August Public Lavatories, Leckhampton Road. £804 30 years.

6—Housing Bonds—Read, General Housing Memorandum No. 65 from the Ministry of Health with regard to the rate of interest on Local Bonds issued on or after the 31st July.

7—Royal Well Lane—The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £5 12s. 2d. with 5 per cent. interest from the 8th January, 1925 was due for the cost of this footpath in respect of the apportionment against zo Promenade. Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 106 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 Mr. Ernest William Deacon be appointed Receiver of the rent of the said premises and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

8--Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present : Alderman Steel and Councillor Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th September, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th day of October, 1926, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE THE 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 Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th September, 1926, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Brig. Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead, Thomas and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart and Councillor Farrar.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 26th July last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Councillor G. Owen Dunn, O.B.E.—Resolved, That the hearty congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

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3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Resolved, That Minute No. 3 of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee at their Meeting held on the 20th July last be approved and confirmed. Resolved, also, That, application be made to the 'Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan of £1,214

to cover the cost of the purchase money, including Surveyor's Fees and the costs of Conveyance and Stamp :Id that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

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

Housing ... Meeting held August 10

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Dunn : That Minute No. 2 with reference to Non-Parlour Houses be referred back for further consideration.

Resolved, also, That a Provisional Certificate for a Subsidy of [too be issued to Mr. W. D. Wiggins in respect of a house to be erected by him in Old Bath Road containing 947 super feet and to be built at a density of six to the acre.

Street and Highway ... Meeting held August 16

Subject to the following Amendment : That the words "and outside the Hotel Curtis " be deleted and referred back for further consideration.

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held July 27

Finance Meeting held August 31

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

5—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. A. J. Miles be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee, for a term of three years from the 6th inst.

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, 4th October, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th inst.: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Pruen 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.: —11 Chapel Street; Rose Cottage, Grove Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Beaufort Cottages, Columbia Street; 72 Upper Bath Road; 15 Grosvenor Terrace ; 5, 47, 49, 59 and 61, Brunswick Street ; 1 Oak Cottages, Natation Lane ; 2 Elmdale Cottages, Fairfield Parade ; 11 Grafton Street and 41 Burton 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 61 Marle Hill Road ; Burton Brewery Inn, St. James' Square ; Premises of Barnby Bendall & Co., Ltd., at St James' Square and 5 Mapledene Cottages, Naunton Lane—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.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 5 Stoneville Street ; 1 and 2 Browns Cottages, Arle ; 5, 7, 41, 43, 45 and 49 Brunswick Street ; 11 Chapel Street ; 6 and 7 Mapledene Cottages ; Rose Cottage, Grove Street ; 2 Bath Place, Bath Road and 41 Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Sec. 3 of the Housing Act, '925, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

(b) 38 Fairview Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had not complied with a Notice served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 and submitted two tenders for the work. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. H. Anderson to do the work for £5 2s. 6d., being the lowest, be accepted.

(c) 1 and 2 Butt's Cottages and 10 Worcester Street — The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 10th May last the sanitary work required under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 had been executed to his satisfaction by Mr. A. G. Welch at a cost of £6 0s. 0d., £8 0s. 0d. and £8 12s. 0d. respectively. Resolved, That Orders be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be repayable by monthly instalments within a period not exceeding two years with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum until the total amount is repaid.

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4--Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation-1, 2 and 3 Queen's Place. Tewkesbury Road--It appearing on the Report of the Sanitary Inspector that the above premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation. Resolved, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

5—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.

6—Overcrowding at 7 Millbrook Terrace ; 1 Queen's Place, Tewkesbury Road ; 17 Grosvenor Terrace ; Basement Flat, Wellesley House; 8 Leicester Terrace.--The Medical Officer of Health reported that

these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order, 1879- -Resolved, That the application of Mr. E. H. Ursell of Windermere, Shurdington Road, to be registered as a purveyor of Milk be granted.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 14 cwt 12 lbs. beef, 2 cwts. 20 lbs. mutton, 87 lbs. pork, 55 lbs. veal, 126 rabbits, 23 partridges, 22 chickens, 3 turkeys and 8 tins of fruit.

9--Houses unfit for habitation—2, 4 and 5 Providence Place—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for ejectment of the tenants of these houses in respect of which a Closing Order was made in June, 1923 and that Notice be given to the Owner of the premises that it is the intention of the Committee to consider making an Order for the demolition of the houses.

10—Houses let in Lodgings-3, 10, 12 and 21 Gloucester Place ; Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Place ; 3 Portland Street; 25 Albert Place ; and 7 St. George's Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported the above houses were let in lodgings. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve Notice on the respective landlords requiring them to furnish for the purpose of registration the particulars required by the Byelaws.

11—Lavatory accommodation, Leckhampton Road The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders for the erection of the two underground conveniences in Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. F. Middleton of Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings, of £811 1s. 6d (being the lowest), be accepted, subject to security being given to the value of £100 for due performance of the Contract.

12-Peurperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted circular 722 of the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of these Regulations which (inter alia) made these diseases notifiable to the Local Authority. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to inform local Medical Practitioners of the provisions of the Regulations and to order and provide the necessary forms-

13—Ophthalmia Neonatorum Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted circular 617a from the Ministry of Health enclosing these Regulations which now (inter alia) placed the obligation of notifying any case on the Medical Practitioner instead of the midwife as hitherto. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to inform local Medical Practitioners of the requirements of the Regulations and to order and provide the necessary forms.

14—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 —The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 71 from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926. Resolved, That the Order be referred to the Medical Officer of Health and that he be instructed to obtain the necessary Registers and forms required.

15—Royal Sanitary Institute —The Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the proceedings of the Congress held in London in July last.

16—Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890— Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health, stating that the Minister of Health had had under consideration the general question as to the desirability of repealing sections of local Acts which were to the same effect as sections contained in Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 and that he was of opinion that it was desirable to repeal overlapping sections in Local Acts if part III. of the Act of 1890 was adopted and the Town Clerk submitted statement as to overlapping sections of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and suggested that sections 5, 6, 7, 18, 30 and 40 might be repealed. Resolved, That application be made to the Minister of Health for the issue of a Provisional Order under Sections 295 and 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875 to partially repeal, alter or amend the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 so as to repeal Sections 5, 6, 7, 28, 30 and 40 thereof, and for the several purposes of this application or for purposes connected with, incidental to or consequent on those purposes to make any such alteration or amendment of the said Local Act or of any other Local Act or of any Act confirming a Provisional Order made in pursuance of any of the Sanitary Acts or of the Public Health Act, 1875, and in force in the Borough as may be necessary or desirable. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice required by the Act for the adoption or otherwise of Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.

17—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst, Present— Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Brig. Gen. Thomas (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Managers Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on the 13th inst. : 11 horses (1 at Depot) ; 109 head of cattle, 3 calves, 1 bull, 161 sheep, 52 lambs and 60 pigs. 88 bullocks, 10 heifers, 2 cows, 2 calves, 50 wethers, 40 ewes and 1 ram had been purchased for £788 11s. 6d. Purchases of feeding stuffs, etc., amounted to £60 3s. 10d.: total purchases 4848 15s. 4d. 5 bullocks, 6 heifers, 8 heifers in calf, 2 cows, 3 calves and 16 sheep had been sold for £672 18s. 5d. 51 pigs and 2 calves had been bred on the farms and 1 ewe, 1 lamb and 1 heifer had died from inflammation of the lungs and 1 Wether had died from water on the brain.

Fruit—The Farms Manager reported that the sale of fruit at the Barn Farm realised £27 0s. 0d. and at Hayden Farm £30 0s. 0d.

Annual Valuation— Resolved, That Mr. C. C. Castle be asked to make the Annual Valuation of the Farms next year.

Quarterly Valuation—Resolved, That the Farms Manager and the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit an approximate valuation and Balance Sheet of the stock and implements, etc. on the Farms each quarter.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th September, 1926 : Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, Moore and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
46 Byron Road	Stephens, J. A.	£475
7 Shakespeare Road	Lindop, D.	£475

Resolved, That the offers be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), That application be made to the Ministry for consents to the sales, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

NOTE : —The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour-type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 119 have been sold, 4 have been let, leaving 17 for sale, 7 of which have been completed and the remainder 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—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Subsidy Houses, Moorend Park Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. R. G. Berryman for a subsidy in respect of two houses proposed to be built by him for sale in Moorend Park Road. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

(b) Final Certificate—The Borough Surveyor submitted Certificate of Completion of a semi-detached house in Whaddon Lane erected by Mr. A. J. Trigg Resolved, That a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. A. J. Trigg subject to his undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

(c) Period—Read, letter of 12th ult., from the Ministry of Health agreeing to the extension of the Council's Scheme for assisting private enterprise for the erection of houses in the Borough in respect of an additional ten houses making a total of fifty houses, subject to the conditions and considerations governing previous approvals except that the latest dates for commencement and completion could be extended to the 31st December and 30th June next respectively.

3--Housing Estate--(a) New Houses—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to plant privet hedges along the fences of the new houses in course of erection at the same cost as previously, viz. one shilling per lineal yard.

(b) Recreation Ground—The Resolution of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee was considered and it was Resolved, That they be informed that this Committee are willing, subject to the Consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, that the land reserved for a Recreation Ground. which contains six and a third acres (exclusive of the frontage to Brooklyn Road) should be taken over as a Public Recreation Ground, charged with so much of the loan charges as represents the cost of the purchase of the land, viz. £557 0s. 0d., and to recommend that the use of the Ground should not be granted to Football and Cricket Clubs, so that it may be available as far as possible for children.

4—Outbuildings—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of outbuildings proposed to be erected at Nos. 52 Tennyson Road and to Shakespeare Road. Resolved, That the plans 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.

(b) 59 Byron Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of this house had erected a shed at the rear without permission and that he had asked for the removal of the shed but had received no reply. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner to show cause why the building erected should not be pulled down as being in contravention of the Bye- Laws.

5-30 Byron Road—Redecoration—The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to the redecoration of this house. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the damage to decorations caused by defective window ledges and sills made good.

6—Non-Parlour Houses—Read, letter of 18th ult., from Mr. W. Bellamy withdrawing his tender to build two pairs of non-parlour houses at £938 0s. 0d. per pair. Resolved, That the proposal to build further non-parlour type houses be not proceeded with at present.

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7-2 Orchard Terrace —Redecoration—Read, letter of 14th ult., from the tenant this house asking for an allowance towards the cost of decorations carried out by him. Resolved, That no allowance be made.

8—Brooklyn Road—Read, letters from Messrs. J. A. P. Nidd and P. Morris enquiring what value of house the Corporation would require to be erected in this road. Resolved, That the frontages on this road be limited to houses of not less than £700 in value exclusive of the cost of the land.

9—Nicholl's Final Accounts—Read, letter of 14th ult., from the Ministry of Health intimating that the Final Statement of Account amounting to £21,067 16s. 5d. and £20,191 12s. 6d. for Winget and Dorlonco Houses respectively erected by Messrs. W. T. Nicholls Ltd. had been examined and on the information available the Minister had no observations to make but that the accounts would be subject to examination by the District Auditor in due course. Resolved, That the retention monies held in respect of these contracts be now paid.

10—Orchard, rear of Tennyson Road—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise for applications for the tenancy of this Orchard.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th September, 1926. 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 adopted.

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from 16th July to the 16th September, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the nine weeks ended 9th inst., 1579 loads collected, 1531 consumed and 48 tipped away (Weight consumed 1616 tons, 7 cwts., 1 quarter).

2-View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th September :—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, and Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows : Hale's Road—That white lines be painted in Hale's Road, at the junction of High Street and Old Bath Road.

Sydenham Road South—That one tree outside entrance gate of "Harborne" be removed.

Sydenham Road North—That alternate trees on the North side of this road commencing with the second from Princes Street be removed.

High Street—That one tree opposite No. 3 Ashling Villas be removed.

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Bath Street and Wellington Street—That the corner at the junction of these streets be rounded off and that the [?] standard be erected on the opposite corner.

Bath Road and Sandford Road—That the corner at the junction of these roads be rounded off so as to leave a footpath 8 ft. wide.

Old Bath Road and Naunton Park Road—That the Owner of the land at the corner of these roads be asked to give up a piece of land to improve the sight at the corner or to allow the hedge to be cut down and replaced with fencing.

Leckhampton Road—That the tree outside "Ringshall" be not removed.

Moorend Road—That the offer of Captain Trye to give up land for the widening and improvement of this road as shown on the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor be accepted and that a new larch fence be provided along the new line of frontage to his property.

Tudor Lodge Road—That two trees by Tudor Lodge be removed.

The Park —That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for extension of the gravel on the footpath to the permanent boundary fence of houses in the park where this is requested by the Owner.

Queen's Road—That the temporary electricity sub-station erected on the footpath at the corner of this road be approved.

The Tank—The Committee inspected the sycamore tree near the tank.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted. Resolved, also, That the best thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Capt. Trye for his generous gift of land. Resolved, also, That consideration as to the removal of the tree at the Tank be adjourned.

4—Superannuation—District Foreman—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from G. Ruck, District Foreman, who would reach the age of 65 years on the 14th October next, to be retained in

the service of the Corporation and he recommended that his services be retained for another year. Resolved, That his services be retained for one year from the 14th October next

5---Lamp near Curtis Hotel—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer stating that it was proposed to paint this lamp aluminium colour as an experiment. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Knapp Road -Rolling Way—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 20th inst., from Messrs. E. W. and W. J. Moore for a new Rolling Way at the Burton Brewery next to Knapp Lane. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7--Advertisements (Regulations) Acts, 1907-25—(a) Byelaws--The Town Clerk submitted draft Bye-Laws. Resolved, That the Draft be circularised to the Committee before consideration.

(b) Gloucester Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. G. W. Powell complaining of two advertisement boards on this road at the corner of Badgeworth Road, Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8—Heavy Steel-Tyred Vehicles--Read, circular No. 245 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport regarding the damage caused to road-surfaces by the passage of steel-tyred traction-engines and suggesting that Local Authorities, in the interest of the highways maintained by them, should do their utmost to discourage the use of such vehicles and the superseding, or fitting with rubber tyres, of all such vehicles belonging to the Corporation.

9—Hewlett Road—Seats—Read, letter from Mrs. M. L. Beekwith drawing attention to the lack of seats in this road. Resolved, That an additional seat be placed in this road in a position to be determined by The Mayor and Councillor Pates.

10—Street Projections—(a) Wellington Street—Resolved, That the application of 15th inst., from Mr. C. H. Rainger for permission to erect a projecting sign at the Wicliffe Garage in this street be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) 50 Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That the application of 10th ult., from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted subject to the same being altered to comply with the usual conditions.

(c) 1 Cambray —Resolved, That the application of 20th ult., from the Economy Supply Co., for permission to fix two electric lamps on the projecting sign outside their premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions for illuminated signs

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11—Petrol Pumps—Resolved, That the applications of Messrs. Yates & Son of Retford Villa, Prestbury Road; Mr. E. R. Crabtree of 60 Fairview Road and Mr. Paynter of Bath Street to fix additional petrol pumps with swing arms, be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

12-Telegraph Lines- -(a) Royal Well Place—Read, application of 28th July from the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line with one pole and stay in Royal Well Place and lane Royal Well Place. Resolved, That consent be given subject to the exact position

of the pole and stay being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the poles if required.

(b) Sandford Mill Road—Read, application of 21st ult., from the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with two poles in Sandford Mill Road. Resolved, That consent be given subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the poles if required.

13—Painswick Road, East Side—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plans and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath on the east side of this road from Andover Road to near Ashford Road. Resolved, That the same be approved, and That notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon parts of the said road requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and, that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and That the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

14—Whaddon Lane Private Improvement Works—Messrs. C. Welford, J. B. Hiron and H. T. Tilley attended as a deputation on behalf of owners in Whaddon Lane. Mr. Welford stated that the owners would like the road repaired in such a manner as would enable the Corporation to take it over on completion. It was pointed out that the cost of carrying out the work required by the Statutory Notices served was estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £1,804 0s. 0d. and that on completion of this work the owners would still remain liable for the maintenance of the road but if land was given up by the owners for widening the road to 36 feet the Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of making up the widened road, including gravelled footpaths, at £3,014 0s. 0d. and in addition to which there would be the cost of fencing and gates to be provided to the new line of frontage estimated at £351. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to offer the following terms, viz. :—

(1). The necessary land for widening the road to 36 feet to be given up by the Owners.

(2). The Corporation to contribute one-third of the actual cost of making up the widened road with gravelled foot-paths, estimated at £3,014 0s. 0d. and in addition to pay the cost of the fencing and providing gates to the land on the new line of frontage estimated at £351 0s. 0d., the Corporation in addition to pay their fair pro-portion of the cost of the work in respect of the frontage of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground.

(3). On completion of the work the road to be taken over by the Corporation, and the Owners to be free from further liability except for paving the footpaths if and when this is required.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 7th September, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel and Councillor Brig.-Gen. Thomas (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.
2214	Towell, H.	Amended Plan for 4 shops, St. George's Road and Promenade Terrace.
2220	Smith Systems Ltd.	New Boiler House, Tennyson Road.
2221	Fitzwarren Lloyd, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, Glenroy, Sydenham Villas Road.
2222	Walsh, Mrs.	Conversion of Stables into Garages. Kashmir Court, Wellington Square.
2223	Gibson, Mrs. H.	Temporary Motor House, Tudor Lodge, Tudor Lodge Road.
2224	Berryman, G. & Sons	Detached House, Granley Road.
2225	United Chemists Association Ltd.	New steel store shed, Priory Court, High Street.
2226	Handy, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, Daylesford, Wellington Square.
2227	Berryman, R. G.	2 semi-detached Houses, Moorend Park Road.
2228	Tucker, Mrs. H.	Alterations and additions, Chalfont, The Park,
2229	Pates, W. J. & Sons	New House, Duke Street
2230	Yates, S.	Temporary Motor House, Cuerdale, Carlton Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2220, 2222, 2224, 2225, 2227 and 2228 be approved, but that Plan No. 2222 be subject to the approval of the Parks Committee ; That Plans Nos. 2221, 2223, 2226 and 2230 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. 2226 be also subject to the approval of the Parks Committee ; that Plan No. 2229 be disapproved and that Plan No. 2214 be adjourned for view,

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th September, 1926 Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Brig.-Gen. 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
2200	Rev. Canon Webb Peploe	Temporary Garage, Christ Church Vicarage, Malvern Road.
2214	Towell, H.	Four shops, St. George's Road and Promenade Terrace (Amended Plan).
2231	Davies, D.	Temporary Motor House, 2 Pittville Lawn,

2232	Beard, R. R.	Alterations and additions to Coachhouse, Dewerstone House, College Lawn.
2233	Carruthers, Miss	Temporary Motor House, Linnforth, Old Bath Road.
2234	Hanks, E.	Two Temporary Motor Houses, Portland House, Sherborne Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2200, 2231, 2233 and 2234 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. 2214 and 2232 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th September, 1926: : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Town Hall (a) Mechanic—The Borough Surveyor reported that J. Gardner the Mechanic at the Town Hall was due to retire under the Superannuation Scheme on the 4th November but that he recommended that his services should be retained for another year. Resolved, That his services be retained for one year from the 4th November next.

(b) Piano—Resolved, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to obtain quotations for a piano as the present one is worn out.

2 —Spa Medical Baths—Boiler Attendant— Resolved, That the application of the Boiler Attendant for an increase in his wages be not granted.

3—Cricket Week—Read, letter from Mr. P. G. H. Fender thanking the Corporation on behalf of the Members of the Surrey County Cricket Team for the invitation extended to them to attend the Cricket Dance.

3--Montpellier Gardens---Read, letter from the Rev. F. Senior thanking the Corporation for the use of these Gardens for the Open Air Services.

4—Winter Gardens—Key----Read, application from Miss M. Howie applying on behalf of Miss Robson of 22 Imperial Square, who was an invalid, for a key to the entrance gate to these Gardens in Imperial Square. Resolved, That in the circumstances a key be provided at an annual charge of 10s. 6d. plus the cost of the key.

5—Floral Fête—Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Stewart) and Councillor Pruen be appointed representatives of the Corporation to attend a Meeting of Representatives of the Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Claude Chandler to discuss (without prejudice) Mr. Chandler's claim with regard to the alleged breach of his Agreement on the occasion of the Flower Show.

6—Meteorological Observers—Read, circular of 3rd inst., from the Meteorological Office with regard to the Fourth General Course of Training for Meteorological Observers.

7—Municipal Concerts—Catering--Two tenders were received for the right to provide Refreshments at the Municipal Concerts and Dances, etc. Resolved, That these be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd September, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, and Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

8—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Mr. J. H. Evans attended the Committee and stated that the Pavilion required additional ventilation so that it could be used for Club Meetings during the Winter and also that the old wire fence round the railings required renewal or repairing to keep dogs out of the ground and asking the Committee to see to these. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

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9—Municipal Orchestra—Winter Season-- Read, letter from the Chamber of Commerce stating that they were arranging with Mr. Leo Dawes to provide a small Orchestra to play at the Town Hall on Week Days from 11.15 a.m. to 12 45 p.m. for she next three weeks and asking for the Council's approval. They proposed that the Orchestra should play on the Balcony over the Mineral Waters Fountain during the Industrial Trades Exhibition for the first two weeks and in the Drawing Room during the third week and also requesting the free use of the piano. Resolved, That the proposals of the Chamber of Commerce be approved subject to the consent to playing on the Balcony being obtained from the Industrial Trades Exhibition to whom the Hall is let. Resolved, also, That the free use of the piano be granted.

10—Pittville Spa--Dr. Howell submitted application from Mrs. Chester of Rosehill for two keys to the Side Gate of the Pittville Pump Room to enable visitors to her hotel to obtain the waters without going down to the Chalet. Resolved, That a bell communicating with the Custodian of the Pump Room be fixed to the gate.

11—Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on 20th July, 31st August and 21st inst. were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Town. Hall—(a) English. Folk Dance Society—That the application of this Society for the free use of the Large Hall on Saturday, October 16th for their Annual Dance Party and the Drawing Room for their Annual Meeting be granted.

(b) United Kingdom Band of Hope Union—That the free use of the following rooms at the Town Hall be granted to this Society on the occasion of the Annual Conference of the Union to be held in Cheltenham in September, 1927, subject to payment of out of pocket expenses :—Supper Room for

Reception Meeting on 17th September from 4.30 to 8 p.m. and for a Conference on the mornings of September 19th and 20th and the Large Hall on the evening of September 20th for a Demonstration.

(c) Piano—That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to purchase the Collard and Collard Piano and Piano Stool offered by Mr. W. Long (Senior) for the sum of £45 0s. 0d., and that the Spa Manager be instructed to include the present piano in a Sale.

(d) Catering Rights—That the tender of the Cadena Cafe Company for the right to provide teas and refreshments at the Municipal Concerts, Dance Teas and Long Night Dances during the Winter Season 1926-27 (being the lowest) be accepted.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that with regard to the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union the rooms required be offered to the Society at half charge.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd September, 1926: Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, . Dunn, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Boilers---(a) Extension -- The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in accordance with the Resolution passed on the 17th February last, he had accepted the tender of Messrs. Davidson & Co. Ltd. of Belfast for the provision of a motor driven induced Draft Fan. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Council Seal be affixed to the Contract prepared by the Town Clerk.

(b) Insurance--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had provisionally arranged with the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. to include the new Boiler and new Economiser in the present Policy at an increased premium of £11 15s. 0d. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

2-National Home Lighting Campaign—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electrical Development Association in conjunction with the Electric Lamp Manufacturers' Association were organising a Home Lighting Campaign to commence on the 1st October and continue for six months and a large sum of money had been devoted to the Campaign by the two Associations. Resolved, That the Corporation support and co-operate in the campaign in conjunction with the local Wiring Contractors.

3—Lamp Standards—Bayshill Road and Montpellier Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he proposed to paint the two lamp standards at the top of Bayshill Road and Montpellier Street in an aluminium finish as an experiment. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926—The Town Clerk reported that he had been notified by his Parliamentary Agents of the intention of the Electricity Commissioners to issue

the Order for the extended Area recently applied for by the Corporation, namely, The parishes of Badgeworth, Cowley, Cubberley, Shurdington, Staverton, Swindon, Uckington, Up Hatherley and Great Witcombe in the Rural District of Cheltenham, the parish of Boddington in the Rural District of Tewkesbury and the parishes of Bishop's Cleeve, Gotherington, Prescott, Southam and Woodmancote in the Rural District of Winchcomb. Resolved, That this Committee place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer in connection with the work involved in the application for the Order and conduct of the Inquiry.

5—Public Lighting—(a) Rees Site—Resolved, That a lamp be placed in this Street

(b) Halland Road—Read, Memorial from the residents in this road asking for an additional lamp in the road in view of recent erection of houses. Resolved, That Councillor Capt. Trye and the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to view the road and if they consider necessary the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect an additional lamp

6—Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommend that the salaries of Miss D. Newman and Miss M. Paish, Clerks in his Department be increased from £2 0s. 0d. to £2 10s. 0d. a week, in view of the responsible work carried out by them. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Damage to Lamp Standards — Lane off Evesham Road Read, Police Report as to damage caused by two youths throwing stones at lamp standards in this Lane, and the Town Clerk reported that he had instructed Supt. Lane to prosecute. Read, also, letter from Supt. Lane stating that he had prosecuted the two boys and that they were fined 5s each and ordered to pay 4s 9d each damage.

8—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the quarter ended 30th June last which showed the calorific value to be 467.2 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 19th July, 1st, 3rd, 18th, 24th and 31st ultimo and 7th instant which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 465.4, 476.9, 464.9, 453.6, 455.0, 460.7, and 468.2 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 3.6, 5.7, 3 6, 3.6, 3.2, 3 6 and 3.6 inches.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd September, 1926. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Moore (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 16th August, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	179,000 gallons	189,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	357,000 "	400,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	109,000	85,000
Total	645,000	674,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	16th August, 1926.		16th August, 1925.	
Hewletts		14,074,000 gallons		6,003,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	17ft. 10in.	36,621,000	17ft. 6in.	35,453,000 "
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000
Total Storage		52,045,000		42,536,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 13th September, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	133,000 gallons	158,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	269,000	352,000
Leckhampton Springs	56,000	57,000
Total	458,000	567,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th September, 1926.		13th September, 1925.	
Hewletts		15,334,000 gallons		7,980,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 0in.	21,250,000 "	13ft. 5in.	22,450,000 "
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	945,000	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000
Total Storage		37,529,000		31,510,000

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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, 1926.	During August, 1926.	During past 5 months.
No of house-to-house inspections	1,002	596	4,515
" taps found leaking	62	31	306
" defective flushing boxes	12	8	63
" defective stop taps	1	2	21
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house-to- house inspections)	62	31	
	<u>50</u>	<u>49</u>	

	112	80	557
“ notices served re fittings	85	69	312
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	67	67	376
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	48	35	248

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

Sluice Valves fixed	3
Sluice Valves repaired	8
Mains repaired	2
New Valve Hydrants fixed	5
New Mains laid	2
Hydrants repaired	2

4—Dowdeswell Waterworks--Fishing--The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th ult., from Mr. O. J. Williams, proposing that the Corporation and Mr. Coxwell Rogers should agree to the formation of a Fishing Association to fish at these Reservoirs comprising not more than 15 members who should pay £5 per annum for the right ; he also enclosed draft Regulations for the proposed Association which were similar to those of the Fishing Association at the Witcombe reservoirs ; with regard to the present rights of fishing it was proposed that Mr. Coxwell Rogers should retain his rights to fish for himself and family and persons staying in his house at Rossley Manor and the Members of the Town Council should retain their right of fishing but without the power of taking a friend. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

5—Extension of Main Odessa Inn, Gloucester Road—Read, application from the Tewkesbury Town Council for a supply of water by meter for these premises from the pumping main. Resolved, That they be informed that the Committee do not consider it is desirable to provide any further supplies from the pumping main.

6—River Severn—The Town Clerk submitted Hydrographical Survey of the River Severn Watershed Area and Report of the General Survey of the River Severn and its Estuary carried out last year which was amended and unanimously approved at a Meeting of Technical Officers of Local Authorities in the Watershed of the River, held at Worcester on the 1st June last. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report.

7—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of amounts outstanding, and that the supplies be discontinued in such cases as from 29th inst., until the arrears are paid.

8--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 September, 1926: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruett, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Lane reported that the premises at Folly Lane Allotments and at Granley Road, St. Mark's had been declared free from Swine Fever and the Borough was therefore now free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Disinfection Order, 1926—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing supplementary list of disinfectants required to be used under this Order, copies of which had been forwarded to Superintendent Lane for distribution.

(c) Sheep Scab—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of 14th July revising the present policy of dealing with Sheep Scab.

(d) Diagnosis of Diseases -- Read, circular letter of 3rd inst, with regard to Diagnosis of Diseases by Veterinary Inspectors and the Town Clerk reported he had forwarded a copy to the Veterinary Inspector.

2-Fire Brigade--(a) Report of Captain--The Captain reported that on the 13th inst. the Brigade attended an outbreak of Fire at a Motor Garage in St. James' Street (The Cheltenham Motor Co.) Cause : Not apparent. Damage : Slight. Expenses : £3 19s. 6d. The Brigade was also called to a serious Fire at the Manor Farm near Colesborne and also a Rickyard Fire at Rushbury Farm, Cleeve Hill, but as these places were outside the area the Brigade did not attend.

(b) Kemerton--Read, letter to the Clerk to the Kemerton Parish Council asking the Corporation to provide the services of the Fire Brigade in the case of fire in this Parish for which they were prepared to pay an Annual Retaining Fee of £6 0s. 0d. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for favourable consideration.

(c) 314 High Street—Read, Report of H. M. Inspector of Factories stating that these premises were in his opinion not provided with such means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed therein as can reasonably be required in the circumstances of the case. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

3—Hackney Carriage Licenses—(a) New Licenses—Resolved, That the following applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses be granted subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports of the vehicles from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector :—A. T. Bishop, Motor Cab No. AD7958 ; E. W. Bishop, Motor Cab No. AB3240 and F. W. Roberts Motor Cab No Y780.

(b) Transfers—Resolved, That the following transfers be approved:— Licence No. 55 in respect of Motor Cab No. AE2585 to Mr. J. Cairns and Licence No. 35 in respect of Motor Cab No. AD2021 to Mr. G. Edwards.

(c) Drivers—Resolved, That Drivers' Licenses be issued to A. T. Bishop of 36 Clarence Square, F. E. J. Browning of 3 Coltham Terrace, Hale's Road ; John Cairns of 11 Royal Well Terrace, St. George's Road ; and G. Edwards of Wenlock House, Wellington Passage.

4—Omnibus Licenses—(a) Resolved, That a Licence be granted to Mr. F. Martin in respect of his new Omnibus No. LX9063 which the Hackney Carriage Inspector reported was satisfactory. (b) Cheltenham to Evesham Service—The Town Clerk reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. had appealed to the Ministry of Transport against the decision of the Corporation not to grant to the Company certain licences to ply for hire on this Service with Motor Omnibuses and that the Minister after holding a Local Inquiry had disallowed the Appeal.

5—Market—(a) Fair—The Town Clerk reported that a portion of the Market had been let to Mr. W. Nichols from the 24th inst. to the 2nd October at a rent of £24 0s. 0d. plus Water Charges and also to Mr. Henry Studt from the 10th October to the 19th October at the rent of £25 0s. 0d. plus Water Charges. Resolved, That this be approved.

(b) Shed—The Town Clerk reported that the Market Sub-Committee met Mr. Castle at the Market to decide the position of Mr. Castle's proposed shed. Mr. Castle desired to erect the Shed opposite the Offices of the Marketing Society and partly on the ground leased to the Society, but that the Society had written that they were not prepared to agree to this. Resolved, That the Committee approve of the Shed being erected in the position marked " B " on the plan submitted.

(c) Pens—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Marketing Society requesting the removal of Mr. Castle's poultry pens erected against the wall of their Offices as the pens actually interfered with the lighting of the Offices and were also objectionable from a Sanitary point of view. Resolved, That Mr. Castle be requested to alter the position of the pens to meet the objection made by the Marketing Society.

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6—Petroleum Act, 1926—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Act imposing new conditions for Licences to store petroleum, and a revised scale of fees for such licences. Resolved, That he be instructed to obtain the necessary forms of licences, etc.

(b) Renewals—Resolved, That the applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum and Calcium of Carbide as set out in the Petroleum Inspector's Report Book be renewed for one year from the 5th prox.

(c) Resolved, That the following new applications be also granted :—Mr. S. H. Williams, 50 gallons (Brick Store), at No. 27 St. George's Place ; Mr. James Preston, 500 gallons (Pump Store), at the Midland Garage, Queen's Road ; Mr. L. Poynter, 1,000 gallons (2 Pump Stores), at 29 Bath Street Mr. A. H. J. Yeates, 500 gallons (Pump Store), at Retford Villa, Prestbury Road ; The Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd, 1,250 gallons (Pump Store), at their premises in Spa Road ; Mr. H. H. Horseman. 300 gallons (Pump Store), at rear of 3 Roman Road ; and Edwin Robert Crabtree, 500 gallons (Pump Store), at 60 Fairview Road.

7—Arle Postal Service —Read, letter of 6th July last from the Postmaster, stating that in pursuance of the general policy throughout the country with the object of improving the duties of postmen in

Rural Districts it was proposed to alter the hours of the evening collection at Arle S.O. from 6.5 p.m. to 5.5 p.m. Resolved, That this Committee make no objection to the proposed alteration being brought into force

8—Sale of Coal Bye-Laws--Read, letter of 21st July last from the Clerk to the County Council stating that he had communicated with the Chief Constable and he was informed that there were no practical difficulties in Coal Merchants providing bags and that he understood that some Coal Merchants in Cheltenham had used bags for years and asking the Committee to withdraw their objection to the proposed Bye-Laws so that these could be uniform throughout the County. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous recommendation that the proposed Bye-Laws are not required at the present time.

9—Shops' Act, 1912—Certificate of Exemption--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 4 (6) and Sched. of the Shops' Act, 1912. in respect of the Industrial Trades Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from September 28th to October 8th next inclusive as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition would be ancillary and subsidiary to the main purpose of the Exhibition.

10—National Safety First Association—Read, circular letter from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to a Public Safety First Congress to be held in London in October next. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

11—Parking Places—(a) Promenade—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee that the Parking Place for one car directly in front of the War Memorial should be excluded from the Order made under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, and also suggesting the provision of a guard, kerb or rail along the whole of the west side of the Promenade Long Garden so as to protect the ornamental railings. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for the cost of providing a kerb along the west side of the Long Garden for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Town Clerk reported the contravention of the Regulations by Mrs. N. Treasure and submitted letter from Mrs. Treasure explaining the circumstances and stating that she would comply with the Regulations in future. Resolved, That proceedings be not taken in this instance.

12-Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—That proposals of the Rats Executive Officer for a " Rat Week " commencing on the 1st November were submitted and approved.

13—Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920-24—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Ministry of Labour enclosing Provisional Certificate of Exception granted to the Corporation under Part II. (d) (as amended) of the First Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, in respect of full time persons on the permanent staff whose posts were designated as established for the purposes of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th September, 1926: Present—Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Numbering of Allotments--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next Meeting of the Committee as to the cost of numbering all the allotments.

2--Brooklyn Road Allotments--Mr. Waine reported that Allotment No. 8 was in a very dirty condition. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenant of the allotment calling attention to this.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th September, 1926: Present — Alderman Steel; Councillors Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Sawyer and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Daylesford, Wellington Square ; Kashmir Court; and 2 Pittville Lawn- - The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of proposed garages at these houses. Resolved, That the plans be approved as far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) Malvern Hill House—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed alterations at this house. Resolved, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(c) Water Fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. J. Gibbins had presented a pair of Carolina Ducks, one pair of Shell Ducks, one pair of Pochard Ducks and a pair of Widgeon, and that Mrs. Littledale had presented a pair of White faced Whistling Tree ducks in part exchange for the five cygnets. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Littledale and Mr. Gibbins.

2-1 Albert Road - The Borough Surveyor submitted renewed application from Mrs. Milne Smith for the removal of the tree outside this house. Resolved, That the tree be not removed.

3—Promenade Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that damage to the extent of about £3 0s. 0d. had been done to the stone work surrounding the War Memorial and also the iron railing along the west of the Promenade had been damaged on various occasions. Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to exclude the space directly in front of the War Memorial as a Parking Place and also to consider the question as to fixing some guard rail or other protection along the whole length of the Gardens.

4—Recreation Grounds--(a) Football— Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned clubs to play football during the season 1926-27.

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner.	Cheltenham St. Mary's A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays,
"	St. Paul's Old Boys' A.F.C.	do.

Whaddon Lane.	Wesley Sunday School Football Club.	do.
“	Central School Old Boys' A.F.C.	do.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Rugby Football Club.	Saturdays.
“	Naunton Park A.F.C.	do.
“	Emanuel Sunday School F.C.	do.

(b) Organised Games—Read, application from the Principal of the Technical Schools for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursdays between 2 and 4.15 p.m. during the Winter Term for organised games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

(c) St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of fencing, levelling and laying out the ground on the Housing Estate as a Public Recreation Ground containing six and a third acres at £600. Resolved, That the Housing Committee be asked to consider on what terms this land can be appropriated for use as a Public Recreation Ground.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th September, 1926 : Present: Alderman James Stewart Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring- and Capt. Trye ; The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P.; Col. J. C. Griffith; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and G. Dimmer (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report —Visits— During July and August 9,352 (against 10,160) ; daily average 176 (against 192) including. 7 classes numbering 129 students from local and county school.,

Receipts—Collecting Box £1 7s. 3d.; Sale of, and Advertisements in, Exhibition Catalogues £5 10s. 4d. Permanent Catalogues £1 17s. 10d.,; Post Card Reproductions £1 9s. 6d. ; Donation from Mr. Ed. J. Burrow for frames and purchase of 13 local coins £4; Commission £1 11s. 7d. ; 1. Copy " Rock Specimens " 6d. Total £15

Exhibitions—Work by Students of the School of Art on exhibition from the 2nd-24.th July, was visited by 3,170 persons. Oil Paintings by Seymour Walker, with the Permanent Collection, from the 28th July-28th August, was visited by 5,693 persons. The Museums Association Water Colour Exhibition opened on the 2nd inst., and remains on view until the 9th October. The Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists would be open from the 11th October to the 20th November, the Art Union Draw' organised in connection therewith taking place on the 17th November.

2—Bequest and Donations —From the Executors of the late H. Archer Bowler, H.M.I., per The Museums Association Conference, a Water Colour Drawing by Miss Rose Barton, entitled, " Boo ": 1890 ; Mrs. Abercrombie, Ethnographical Specimens ; Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, J.P., Lantern Slides and Drawings of Hailes Abbey and other Tiles; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S., 13 local Elizabethan and Caroline Coins, and 2 Frames ; Mr. E. C. Gardner, Potsherds from Prestbury Moat ; Mrs. R. Longland, Specimens of Cornish Tin ; Mr. Herbert E. Norris, F.Z.S., Squacco Heron; L. Richardson, F.G.S., local

Geological Specimens ; Major Corbet Smith, Coins of European Nations : Mr. W. R. Storr, Ox-Shoe, Samian Potsherd, etc.

Resolved, That the offers be accepted, and the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Executors and

3—Loan—From Mr. C. P. Bendall, Document granting Coat-of-Arms to Robert Harvey with Seal and 1783.

Resolved, That the loan be accepted, and the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the lender.

4—The late Edward Adrian Wilson--The Curator reported correspondence from the widow of the late Dr. as a gift the Fur Suit, used in the Antarctic " Discovery " Expedition, together with other South Polar relics, on that the specimens (if accepted) be placed on public exhibition.

Resolved, That owing to lack of funds it is impossible to provide a suitable glass case for these at present but that the Council be recommended to accept the gift, and make provision in next year's estimates for the sum of £35 included for a suitable glass case and stand.

5—Loan of Glass—The Curator reported offer from Mr. A. W. Newport to lend a valuable Collection of English and Irish glass for an indefinite period. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr. Newport, and regret expressed that funds at present of the provision of a suitable glass case.

6—Sunday Opening—Arising from suggestions received, it was Resolved to recommend the opening of the A:: GI: Museum as a temporary experiment from 2.30 to 4.30 from Sunday, the 17th October, at an approximate cos: :- Sunday.

7—Sculpture by the late Robert Lindsey Clark—Resolved, That the letter submitted by the Curator, be approved, and circulated at the beginning of October.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd September, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of Superintendent from 16th July to 23rd September, 1926 ; Interments for Grave Spaces sold 34 (Position 1, four : Position 2, seven ; Position 4, twenty-three). Memorials fixed 25. New Inscriptions 15.

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7425 to 7458 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 Dorothy V. II. Thomas ; Alfred H. Millard ; Lucy M. Coombs ; Edmond Birch ; Amelie Gerald ; Anna M. Leslie ; Fanny M. Christie ; Charles W. Phipps ; George Cypher ; Rev. R. H. Tanner ; and Margaret Campbell ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Annie M. Harrington ; Sophie L. Chatters ; John F. Brown ; Louisa M. I. Keitch ; George Malsom ; Frances Yeend and Thomas R. Green : Broken Column, Base and Kerbing to grave of Richard J. Newman : Angel and Base to grave of Sylvia Stoney-Smith : Memorial Scroll to grave of Elizabeth Warder : Memorial Tablet to grave of Albert Dickson and Kerbing to graves of Sarah E. Cannon ; William Paddock ; Thomas W. Halliwell ; Gideon (T) Simons; Catherine L. Disney ; Mary Hindmarsh ; Rev. Thomas H. Cook and George P. C. Pritchard.

4—Cemetery Chapel—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., stating that the repair work required to the Cemetery Chapel was not the class of work that could be accurately priced and they submitted schedule of rates for which they were prepared to carry out the work. Resolved, That Messrs. Billings & Sons Ltd. schedule of prices be accepted for carrying out the work.

5—Consecration of Addition to Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that the Bishop had fixed Friday, 24th inst. at 3 p.m. for the consecration of the addition to the Cemetery and as to the arrangements made for the attendance of the choir and local Clergy.

6—Water Supply to Cemetery—Read, complaint from Mr. H. B. Christie as to the low pressure of water at the Cemetery and of the scarcity of water cans. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix a tank for dipping in an approved position at the Cemetery and also to erect a stand for the water cans near stand-by pipe and tanks, etc.

7—Trees, etc.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to cut back the bushes and lower branches of trees at the Inner Gates of the Cemetery.

8—Grave Space No. 2118b—Read, complaint from the owner of this grave for four trees overhanging the grave to be removed. Resolved, That the trees be not removed.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th September, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates. Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye ; Messrs. A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report, July and August—Receipts £24 15s. 6d. Number of volumes issued in the Reference Library 8,845 (last year 7,471) ; Lending Library 21,486 (last year 20,548) ; Children's Library 2,835 (last year 2,961). Total for two months 33,166 (last year 30,980).

Presentations—Anonymously (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Abercrombie (86 vols.) ; The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (2 vols.); The Executors of the late Mr. C. W. Bell-Raisbeck, M.A. (121 vols.) ; Chaudhri Abdur Rahman (1 vol.) ; Registrar of the Institute of Chemistry (1 vol); Mr. W. H. Knowles, F.S.A. (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. H. Martyn (4 vols.) ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.) ; Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S. (3 vols.) ; Mr. S. D. Scott (10 vols.) ; Capt. Wild, F.G.S. (5 Pamphs.) Mrs. E. A. Wilson. C.B.E. (74 vols., 42 maps and 36 Pamphs.) and various pamphlets.

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

Library Association Conference The Librarian read his report of the Conference held at Leeds from the 6th to the 10th September, which, together with his report for July and August, was approved.

2--**Tablets Sub-Committee**—At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 15th July, it was decided to postpone the unveiling ceremony of the Tennyson Tablet until Autumn, and to ask Sir James Agg-Gardner to undertake this on Thursday, the 14th October, at 3 p.m.

3—Winter Lectures—Resolved, That a Collection Box be available at these Lectures and any proceeds to be applied towards the proposed purchase of " The Limber —A Broken Pole " by the late Robert Lindsey Clark ; and that an additional Lantern Lecture by the Rev. J. W. Bishop on " The Colleges of Oxford " be arranged for October 25th.

2-Purchase of Books—Resolved,

(a) That 55 volumes (new books) published at £20 9s. 9d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £15 9s. 6d.

(b) That 70 volumes be replaced at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) That 50 volumes be re-bound at an estimated cost of £10.

5—Leslie Young Benefaction Account—Resolved, That two books, published at £9 9s. 0d., be purchased for £4 6s. 0d.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th September, 1926 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor Councillors Major Cavenagh Mainwaring, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst. on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £33,155 5s, 8d. Leaving outstanding £1,097 15s. 6d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £16,816 9s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,884 8s. 4d.

3--Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,600 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 £11,875 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £495 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £50 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—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during the month of August was 2,666.

6—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock —The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £400 at 65 per cent. and £800 at 64 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. plus expenses £3 3s. 0d. Resolved, That the sum of £1,200 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.

7—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a loan of £1,214 for a term of 80 years for the purchase of land in Hanover Street.

8-National Association of Assessment and Rating Authorities -Read, from this Association inviting the Corporation to join this Association. The Annual Subscription would be £3 3s.0d. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to join the Association.

9—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor (Alderman Steel in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham will be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, on FRIDAY the 29th day of OCTOBER, 1926, at 3 o'clock** in the afternoon at which Meeting it is intended to propose the following Resolution for adoption by the Council :—

That this Council do adopt Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 and that such Part of the said Act shall come into operation in the Borough of Cheltenham on the 18th day of December, 1926.

DATED this 27th day of September, 1926.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 23rd October, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of October, 1926, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting,
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE
MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE • STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN
IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE
GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE • PARKS AND
RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE • BURIAL BOARD
COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

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, 4th October, 1926, 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, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dunn, O.B.E., Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Councillor H. W. Thomas.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 6th 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.

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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 September 13

Housing Meeting held September 14

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Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Dunn: That the words in Minute No. 3 (b) " and to recommend that the use of the ground should not be granted to Football Clubs and Cricket Clubs so that it may be available as far as possible for children " be deleted.

Street and Highway ... Meeting held September 20

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held September 17 & 23

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 22

Water Meeting held September 23

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Moore: That Minute No. 2 (b) be not approved was lost).

Allotments ... Meeting held September 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 17

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Pruen: That the Council accept Mrs. Wilson's Gift of the late Edward Adrian Wilson's relics and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Wilson and also That a suitable glass case be provided at once for the gifts.

Burial Board Meeting held September 23

Public Library Meeting held September 14

Finance Meeting held September 28

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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MINUTES of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted .for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, 29th October, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th October, 1926: Present—The Mayor : The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair),

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. : —2, 3 and 4 Magenta Place, St. Luke's ; 5 Portland Street ; 3 Park View, Albany Road and 2 Brighton Cottages, Alstone Avenue—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a 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) 5 St. Peter's Place, Swindon Road ; Knapp Cottage, Knapp Road ; Stonemason's Yard, Knapp Road ; Workshops off Naunton Lane ; Queen's Hotel Stable Cottage ; Marine Store Yard, Lower Park Street and 34 and 35 Winchcomb Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 61 Marle Hill Road ; Burton Brewery Inn and premises of Messrs. Barnby Bendall, St. James's Square—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be 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) 3 Brunswick Street— Read, letter from the Owner asking the Corporation to execute the work required to be done under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875 and let her pay by instalments. The Sanitary Inspector submitted the following tenders for the work :---Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., £39 2s. 6d. and Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons £29 14s. 0d. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons be accepted.

3—Insanitary Property-1 and 2 Grafton Street ; 1, 2, 19 and 20 Dunalley Parade ; 2 Malvern View, Old Bath Road ; 1 and 2 Kew Place, Tewkesbury Road; 10 and 12 Dagmar Villas : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Park View, Albany Road ; 2 Brighton Cottages, Alstone Lane—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Sec. 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.

4—Houses unfit for Human Habitation--1, 2, 3 and 4 Sun Street Retreat—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 the consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make closing orders.

5—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order, 1879-Resolved, That the application of Mrs. E. E. Middleton of 84 Fair-view Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk, be granted.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs. beef ; 3 cwt. of mutton ; 2 cwts. 1 qr. 8 lbs. of veal ; and 140 lbs. of herrings.

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7--Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924--The Sanitary Inspector reported as to the contravention of these Regulations by Mr. W. Selley and Mr. Leslie Hayward and he submitted letter from Mr. Leslie Hayward explaining the circumstances and stating that he would comply with the Regulations in future. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that proceedings would be taken if any further breach of the Regulations is reported.

8—Houses without proper Water Supply--8 and 9 Pittville Street and 2 Malvern View, Old Bath Read.—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 Owners, in each case, requiring them to provide a proper water supply.

9--Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Cumberland Buildings and 1, 7, 8. 9 and 10 Grove Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had not complied with the Notice requiring him to provide additional water closet accommodation in the

yard at the rear of these houses. Read, also, a letter from the Owner (Mr. R. W. Jackson) with regard thereto. The Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for carrying out the work, viz. : Messrs. Amos Wilsons & Sons £38 0s. 0d., Messrs Mark Williams & Co. £36 15s. 0d. and Mr. E. A. Eggleton £35 15s. 0d. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. A. Eggleton of £35 15s. 0d. be accepted.

10—Sewers ---(a) Montpellier Spa Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that recently when investigating subsidencies caused by rats it was found that the old brick sewer in this road was for the greater part of its length nearly full of silt ; to clean it out was impracticable and the question of its reconstruction should be considered. Resolved, That provision be made for this in the next year's estimates.

(b) Elmstone Passage- -The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed the length of the old brick sewer in this passage had now been replaced by a 6-inch stoneware pipe and had no doubt remedied the rat nuisance arising from the old sewer.

11—Cancer—Read, Circular 716 of 16th ult. from the Ministry of Health with regard to cancer.

12-Flooding, Park Place- Read, letters from Miss Kirkland and Mr. A. T. Wakefield complaining of the flooding of their premises, 18 and 19 Park Place, during the heavy fall of rain on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for investigation and report.

13—Delancey Hospital— The Committee considered the payment of Delancey Fees in respect of cases received by the General Hospital from outside the Cheltenham District and sent by them to the Delancey Hospital. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the General Hospital and the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital that the Corporation will not be responsible for the payment of the fees for any such cases.

14—National Milk Conference—Read, circular from the Secretary of this Conference inviting the attendance of Delegates. Resolved, That Delegates be not appointed.

15—**Farms Sub-Committee**--Reported Meeting on 11th inst. Present— The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart : Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Gen, Thomas (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report — Live Stock on the Farms on the 11th inst.: 11 horses (1 at Depot) ; 99 head of cattle, 2 calves, 1 bull, 131 sheep, 52 lambs and 59 pigs. 6 heifers in calf, 2 fat cows, 1 calf. 1 ram, 1 pig and 9 lambs had been sold for £253 12s. 9d Purchases of feeding stuffs amounted to £27 10s. 8d. 1 cow had died from fits (being tubercular) and 1 steer of murrain.

Quarterly Valuation—The Borough Treasurer submitted approximate valuation for the half-year ended 29th ult.

Hatherley Show—The Farms Manager reported that he had obtained a First Prize of 42 with one of the Farm Horses at the Show. Resolved, That he be allowed to retain the prize money. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore, Pates and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Sale of Land—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. F. A. Jones to purchase 60 feet of land at £2 0s. 0d. per foot frontage on the West side of Milton Road adjoining the coppice for the erection thereon of a subsidy house. He also submitted an offer from Mr. R. G. Morris to purchase 60 feet of land in Milton Road on the East side of the coppice at the same price. Resolved, That the offers be accepted subject to the Consent of the Ministry of Health and to similar restrictive covenants being entered into as contained in respect of the land sold to Mr. J. K. Bradbury. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry for their Consent to the sales and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

2—Outbuildings---(a) 59 Byron Road—Read, letter from the Owner of this house stating that the shed had now been removed as requested.

(b) 10 Shakespeare Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owner of this house had erected a shed in a different position to that approved when the permit was issued and that although he had been asked to remove the shed he had received no reply. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner to show cause why the building erected should not be pulled down as being in contravention of the Bye-Laws.

(c) 25 Tennyson Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Tenant of this house for approval of the position in which he had erected a shed which was in a different position to that suggested by the Inspector. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Tenant to show cause why the building erected should not be pulled down as being in contravention of the Bye-Laws.

3—Housing, etc. Act, 1923--Subsidy Houses, Moorend Park Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended application from Mr. R. G. Berryman for a subsidy in respect of two houses proposed to be built by him for sale in Moorend Park Road. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

4-46 Milton Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Tenant of this house desired to transfer to No. 65 Tennyson Road on its being vacated by her brother, so as to be near her father who was residing at the Almshouses. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5-13 Byron Road—Read, letter from the Tenant of this house asking to be transferred to a Non-Parlour house. Resolved, That he be let the next Non-Parlour house to become vacant.

6—Housing Contracts—Read, circular from the National Federation of Builders' Merchants Associations enclosing form of Supplemental Contract with a view to controlling advances to Builders.

7—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. C. T. Dowell for purchase of a piece of land adjoining the piece already purchased by him, and asking if the Corporation would make a reduction in the cost. Resolved, That the Corporation agree to sell to Mr. Dowell 66 feet of

land adjoining the land already purchased by him at £3 per foot subject to his entering into a Contract containing restrictive covenants similar to those already entered into by hm.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th October, 1926: Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

1 --Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Hanks' Land—Mr. T. Malvern submitted plan of the lay-out of this site which provided for the erection of 80 houses. Resolved, That the lay-out be approved and that Mr. Malvern be instructed to prepare plans for houses of similar type to those now being erected on Rees' Site, to be submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

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2 —Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) Outstanding Properties—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the completion of the remaining properties in Stanhope Street, belonging to Miss Biddle, Mr. Biddle, Mrs. Morgan, and Mr. Sabbatella, in accordance with the terms negotiated by the District Valuer.

(b) New Houses—East Side—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of 22 houses to be built on the East side of Stanhope Street in accordance with the plans originally approved by the Ministry of Health.

(c) Houses—West Side--Read, letter of 27th July last from the Ministry of Health forwarding certified and sealed duplicate of the plans of the seven pairs of houses now being erected in Stanhope Street and stating that the Council should take into consideration the question of the rents to be charged for these houses, and submit their proposals for approval. Resolved, That the Ministry be informed that it is proposed to let these houses at the same rents as already charged for similar houses on Rees' Site, and the Cottage Site, viz., 8s 6d for three bedroom type and 6s 9d for two bedroom type (both inclusive of rates and water charges), the net rents being 7s and 5s 6d respectively.

3—Nissen-Petren Houses—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Nissen-Petren Houses Ltd. enclosing particulars of their special construction of houses. Resolved, That the same be referred to Mr. 'F. Malvern for his consideration.

4—Rees' Site--Resolved, That it be left to the Mayor to consider and suggest a suitable name for this street.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st October, 1926. Present: Councillors Leigh James, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. E. C. Gurney and Mrs. W. L. Mellersh (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1-Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the quarter ended 30th September, 1926.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :

	Infants.	Toddlers
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ..	29.1	23.5
At Clare Street (10 Meetings) ..	16.3	23.1
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	27.6	27.5

The Voluntary Health Society had changed its name to " The Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association."

Child Welfare Travelling Exhibition—This Exhibition was held on the 23rd to 25th September and proved successful. The Exhibition was open to the general public from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day. The mornings were utilised for visits from Domestic Science Centres and Girl Guides to whom special demonstrations were given.

A lantern lecture on Sun Cures and Dental Treatment etc., was given on the 23rd September to which parents from all the centres (including Prestbury, Charlton kings and Shurdington) were admitted free.

The Secretary (Miss I. Seton), was sent to represent the Association at the Infant Welfare Conference held in London in July, when over a thousand delegates from all parts of the world attended.

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Health Visitor's Report—The following is a summary of the work dutiful the Quarter ended 30th September, 1926:—

No. of Children on Register ..	2,724
"Children Visited (firsts) ..	145
„ (1 year and under)	819
" (over 1 year) .. .	601
"Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,659
"Attendances by Health Visitors at Centres	. 53
"Un-notified Births discovered ..	18
" Children remitted to Hospital..	6
" Ante-natal cases visited ..	21
" Whooping-cough cases visited	24
" Chicken-pox cases visited	2
" Measles cases visited ..	2
"Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. ..	1

Grants. of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	23
New Orders ..	10

Orders discontinued during quarter	15
“ continuing to coming quarter	18

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 17 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 16 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Winter School for Health Visitors—Read, circular letter of 30th August last, from the Womens Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors Association inviting the attendance of Health Visitors to a two weeks Winter School to be held in London from 29th December to 11th January next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

4 Puerperal Fever, Puerperal Pyrexia and Ophthalmia Neonatorum Regulations—Read, circulars 617a and 722 from the Ministry of Health enclosing these Regulations. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to consider and report what arrangements (if any) can be made for the treatment of these cases and that in the meantime a sum of £50 be included in next year's estimates for the reception and treatment of any cases received.

5— Estimates 1926-27 and 1927-28—An estimate of expenditure for the second half of the year 1926-27 and the year 1927-28 was considered and approved. The total estimate 1926-27 £847 and the total estimate 1927-28 £932

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th October, 1926. Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors 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 4th and 18th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

2--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from 17th September to the 14th October, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th inst., 721 loads collected, 701 consumed and 20 tipped away (Weight consumed 745 tons, 161 cwts.).

3—View Committee - The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th October :— Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:

Promenade—(a) That two Wych Elms reported to be in a dangerous condition on the West side of the Promenade opposite Messrs. Bank's premises and No. 16 Promenade Villas be removed and two other trees planted.

(b) That the application of Miss E. A. Jenkins for the removal of the tree outside 2 Cambridge Villas be not granted.

St. George's Road—That the dangerous tree outside "Collingwood" be removed and another tree planted.

Malvern Road —That the offer of Mr. C. H. Reason to give up about 50 square yards of land at Malvern Villa, on payment of to be accepted, the Corporation also to undertake to set back the fence and widen entrance gate and kerb and pave the footpath at a cost of approximately £50 excluding purchase of land.

Lansdown Parade—That a length of 50 yards of public footpath in this road be relaid and new kerbing provided.

Eldorado Road—That the application of Mrs. L. M. Stokes for the removal of a tree outside "Montgomery" be not granted, but that the tree be pruned.

Queen's Road —L.M. & S. Station—That the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co. be asked to lower the boundary wall from 7 feet to 3 feet near tie exit from the station for a length of 9 feet and to substitute iron railings.

Glencairn Park Road—That no action be taken with regard to Mr. Alderman Stewart's suggestion for the removal of some of the trees in this road.

Lansdown Road—That Mr. F. Lloyd Oswell's application for lopping of trees outside "Hazel Lea," be not granted.

Gloucester Road—That the application of Mr. R. H. Armstrong for the removal of a tree outside "Northfleet" be not granted but that the tree be pruned.

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

4—Sydenham Road North—Read, memorial from ten of the twelve Owners in this road asking the Corporation not to remove any trees in the road as they considered it would be detrimental to the appearance of the road if the trees were removed, but two other Owners desired the trees outside their houses to be removed. Resolved, That only the trees opposite Hayes Lodge and Scarborough' Lawn be removed and that Minute No. 2 of the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

5—Footpath leading from Exmouth Street to Fairfield Estate—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from Mr. W. G. Paget drawing attention to the surface of this footway, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out.

6—Whaddon Lane Private Improvement Works—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. C. W. Welford, stating that at a Meeting of the abutting Owners held on the 24th ult., it was decided by a large majority to accept the Corporation's terms for the improvement of Whaddon Lane and that the Corporation be thanked for its generous offer and asking that the scheme should be carried out with as little delay as possible. The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the Owners which provided for the estimated cost to be apportioned against each property. Resolved, That the draft agreement be approved.

7--Telegraph Line—Montpellier Street—Read, application of 4th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line in Montpellier Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted as the Committee consider that the poles should be placed on private property.

8-Bye-Laws Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That a Meeting of the **Bye-Laws Sub-Committee** to consider the revised draft of the Building Bye-Laws.

9-Contour Maps -Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. E. Reynolds offering to make a Contour Model Map of Cheltenham and District at a cost of £30. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

10—Land at Refuse Destructor--The Town Clerk submitted draft Conveyance of the strip of land from the Great Western Railway Co. Resolved, That this be approved and that the Corporation agree to build retaining wall within 2 years.

11—Street Projection-49 and 50 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., stating that the building would not permit the proposed 3 ft. 6 ins. sign being erected at a height of more than 19 feet and asked if the Corporation would agree to the sign being erected at this height. Resolved, That no objection be made.

12—Cemetery Road—Trey near Priors Lodge—Read, letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co. stating that the roots of this tree were raising the wall and fence of Priors Lodge and asking that the tree might be removed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the tree.

13—Sydenham Road South—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. S. H. Love, asking for the removal of a tree in this road outside Oakville,- and suggesting that the Corporation should ask the Rev. Oswald of " Breckenbrough to lop the tree in his garden. Resolved, That the tree outside " Oakville be viewed and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ask the Rev. Oswald to lop the tree in his garden.

14—Hale's Road—Resolved, That the Footpath in this road be viewed at the next Meeting of the View Committee.

15—Night Watchmen—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Secretary of the Local Employment Committee, asking the Corporation to employ where practicable, disabled or disabled ex-service men. Resolved, That he be informed that the Borough Surveyor always employs men of the type above referred to for night watchmen.

16—Advertisements (Regulation) Acts, 1907 and 1925 —The Town Clerk submitted draft Bye-Laws. Resolved, That the draft be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State for provisional approval. (A copy of the draft Bye-Laws accompanies these Minutes).

17—Petrol Pumps—Read, Applications from The Cheltenham Car Mart of The Grafton Garage, Suffolk Road ; Mr. E. R. Crab-tree of 60 Fairview Road and Mr. Leslie Paynter, 25 Bath Street for permission to erect petrol pumps on their respective premises with swing arms over the pavement. Resolved, That no objection be made, subject to Agreements being entered into in each case, containing the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 5th October, 1926: Present—The Mayor and Alderman Steel (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.
2235	Powell, A. G.	Temporary Garage rear of 1, Cloverdale Lawn.
2236	Stevens, J. H.	Temporary Shed, No. 1 Rees Site off Tewkesbury Road.
2237	Bendall & Sons	New Road, off Old Bath Road.
2238	Bendall & Sons	Four semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
2239	Beard, R. R.	Additions to Coach-House, Dewerstone, College Lawn.
2240	The Mayor	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road. (Councillor W. J. M. Dicks)
2241	Draper, G.	New Bathroom addition at 11 Keynsham Terrace, Hale's Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2237 and 2238 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 2239 and 2241 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 2235, 2236 and 2240 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. 2240 be also further subject to the building being lined with asbestos.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th October, 1926 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillor Leigh James (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2242	Liddiatt, Mrs. E. K.	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road.
2243	Chadwick, Mrs. F.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
2244	Liddiatt, Mrs. E. K.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
2214	Mr. H. Towell	Four shops, St. George's Road and Promenade Terrace.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 2243, 2244 be approved but that Plan No. 2243 be subject to the coal house being built of bricks; that Plan No. 2214 be approved subject to the Sanitary and Drainage

work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, the Corporation agreeing to pave the ground given up for improvement of the footway, and that Plan No. 2242 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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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th October, 1926: Present--The Mayor Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, H. W. Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—St. George's Square Bowling Green The Borough Surveyor reported that the provision of an Electric fan would be the best means of providing ventilation, ion to the Pavilion at this Green. so that it could be used for Club Meetings during the Winter and he estimated the cost at £11. Resolved, That a fan be provided if the Bowling Club will undertake to renew the wire fence round the railings of the Green.

2—Medical Baths --The Committee further considered the engagement of an Architect to prepare plans and estimates for Medical Baths on the Winter Garden site. Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Stewart), The Mayor, Councillors Pates, Thomas and Welstead, together with the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Spa Manager be asked to visit and inspect the Medical Baths at Bath, Buxton and Leamington.

3—Alstone Baths—Resolved, —That in order to encourage children from Elementary Schools in swimming and lifesaving 12 season tickets and 12 half season tickets be granted to the 12 boys and 12 girls as recommended in the list submitted by the Cheltenham Schools Swimming Association.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Central Brotherhood thanking the Corporation for the use of the Proscenium at these Gardens during the Summer Months for Central Brotherhood Meetings.

5—Spa Federation—Resolved, That the Chairman (Alderman Stewart), and Spa Manager be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in London on the 28th and 29th inst.

6—Opening Dance Tea—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be authorised to engage Exhibition Dancers for the Opening Dance Tea on the 22nd inst., at a Fee of £5 5s. 0d. plus expenses.

JAMES STEWART.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st October, 1926 : Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

7—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing formal Sanction to a Loan of £9,250. The following reductions had been made front the £10.000 applied for :—

1. £590, estimated cost of pond and drainage thereto.
2. £160, for the value of one acre of land belonging to the Corporation Water Works' Department.

With regard to the proposed purchase of land front the Cheltenham College, the Minister was not prepared to sanction a Loan for a sum so greatly in excess of the figure quoted by the District Valuer, and the Town Clerk pointed out that they had therefore sanctioned the Loan, on the assumption that one acre of the land belonging to the Water Works' Department would be provided for the Scheme and that with regard to the item of £160 for this land the Ministry's letter stated that if it was decided that this land should be used for the Scheme it was a matter of adjustment between the accounts of the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Bursar of the College with a view to a reduction in the price asked for the land belonging to the College.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee to ascertain the amount of the Grant in aid to be made by them.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor and Mr. Edward White be instructed to put the work in hand and also to obtain tenders for fences and other work which will not be carried out by direct labour.

Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance of the strip of land to be purchased from Mr. C. H. Rainger.

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8—Town Hall—Large Hall Floor—The Spa Manager submitted quotation from the Simplex Floor Planing and Treatment Co. Ltd., to plane down, sandpaper and polish the Large Hall floor at a cost of 6d. a square foot—total cost £132 12s. 0d. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that this be held at the Town Hall.

9 —Report of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 12th October was read.

They recommended as follows :—

Spa Programme Boards—That Spa Programme Boards be sent to the following places for display. Plough Hotel (2) and one to each of the following : Lamb Hotel, Fleece Hotel ; Messrs. Foices Ltd., Promenade, and Cavendish House Hairdressing Saloon.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th October, 1926: Present—Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electric Cooker Demonstrations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with the Education Committee for the use of the large room on the Ground Floor at Marlborough House, Pittville Gates, for fortnightly demonstrations at a charge of 10s per letting. Resolved, That this be approved. Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the cooking utensils, cloths, etc., necessary for the demonstrations.

2—Extensions to Mains— Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extensions recommended by him in his Report at the total cost of £313 and £100 respectively.

3—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926- Read, letter from Clerk to the County Council enclosing draft Agreement as to the excavation and reinstatement of trenches, etc., on County Roads. He also enclosed copy of a letter he had written to the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport objecting to the confirmation of the Order until the County Council had had an opportunity to lay before the Ministry a statement with regard to the matter. Resolved, That the agreement be not entered into as the Committee consider that the County Council are amply protected by the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899.

4- Sub-Station—Westal Green--- The Town Clerk reported the negotiations for another site for this Sub-Station which the Owner was willing to sell but it appeared on referring to the Deeds that there was a restrictive covenant against the erection of any building on this land so that he could not advise the purchase thereof. Resolved, That the Council be informed that the Committee have made every endeavour to obtain a suitable site but find it impossible to acquire any land in a suitable position at a reasonable price and therefore again recommend that the Sub-Station be erected on the Tank site, and that in the circumstances the Street and Highway Committee be asked to agree to the removal of the sycamore tree thereon.

5—Night Watchmen—Read, letter from the Secretary to the Local Employment Committee asking the Committee to employ where practicable disabled men for Night Watchmen. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to employ disabled men as Watchmen when possible.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September last, which showed the calorific value to be 462.8 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 16th, 21st, 25th, 29th and 30th ult., and 10th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value to be 475.1, 463.3, 454.1, 456.1, 455.1, 445.3, 454.0 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 3.9, 3.6, 4.0, 3.2, 3.2, 3.2, 5.2 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th October, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (Councillor Dunn 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 October, 1926.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	117,000 gallons	583,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	248,000	662,000
Leckhampton Springs	48,000	52,000
Total	413,000	897,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 11th October, 1926.	Contents	Depth 11th October, 1925.	Contents
Hewletts		9,081,000 gallons		10,679,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	11 ft. 6in.	17,236,000	13ft. 8in.	23,070,000
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	945,000 "	7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		27,262,000		34,694,000

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

	During September, 1926.	During past 6 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,038	5,553
“ taps found leaking	92	398
“ defective flushing boxes	19	82
“ detective stop taps	1	22
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	92	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>64</u>	
	136	713
“ notices served re fittings	30	288
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	20	113
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	97	473
“ burst pipes discovered	9	55
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	74	557

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

Mains laid 1
Mains repaired .. 6
Hydrants repaired 6
Services pumped out 4
Mains flushed out in 7 districts.

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4—Dowdeswell Water Works--Fishing—Mr. O. J. Williams and Mr. J. H. McNab attended in support of the proposal that the Corporation and Mr. Coxwell Rogers should agree to the formation of a Fishing Association to fish in those Reservoirs, limited to 15 Members who would each pay £5 per annum for the right. Mr. O. J. Williams submitted draft of the proposed Regulations for the Association which were similar to those of the Fishing Association at Witcombe Reservoir belonging to the Gloucester Corporation, and limited Members to fish two days only in any one week ; not more than 2 ½ brace of fish to be taken per day ; trout under to inches to be returned to the water ; artificial flies only to be used up to the 30th June after which spinning with artificial minnow to be allowed up to the end of Season ; Members of the Association to be allowed to take a member of his Household or a friend by procuring a special day ticket at 7s 6d. each He pointed out that it was not proposed to interfere in any way with the existing rights of the Members of the Corporation and also that Mr. Coxwell Rogers should retain the right to fish for himself and family and persons staying at his house at Rossley Manor. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to join with Mr. Coxwell Rogers in letting right of fishing to the Association on the terms proposed for one year, provided that Membership of the Association is limited to residents in Cheltenham.

5—Charlton Kings—Hydrants—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Urban District Council offering £75 in settlement of the account of £136 19s. 10d. due for Hydrants. Resolved, That this offer be not accepted and that the Urban District Council be asked to pay the sum of £132 3s. 10d., payment of which had been already sanctioned by the Ministry of Health.

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

G. OWEN DUNN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th October, 1926: Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Moore, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Infected Areas Orders—The Town Clerk submitted copies of Orders made since the last Meeting of the Committee.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease (Amendment) Order, 1926—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, together with circular received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, which prohibited persons leaving infected premises unless authorised by a permit from the Inspector or Officer of the Ministry. He had forwarded copies of the circular and Order to Supt. Lane and the Veterinary Inspector.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain--The Captain reported that there had been no outbreak of fire since the last Meeting except the fire at the Co-operative Temporary Premises at Cambray, details of which would be reported at the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) Kemerton--The **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** reported that they met on the 19th October, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillor Sawyer ; Rev. R. H. M. Bouth (Representing Charlton Kings U.D.C.), and Mr. Robson (Representing Cheltenham R.D.C.), (Alderman Steel in the chair).

The Sub-Committee recommended that an Agreement be entered into with the Kemerton Parish Council to provide the services of the Fire Brigade and Fire Engine for their Parish in consideration of an annual payment of £6, the Agreement to be determinable by either party by six months' notice. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences--(a) Read, application from Mr. E. Mathews for a licence in respect of Omnibus Registered No DE. 776 to ply for hire between Cheltenham and Winchcomb twice daily. The Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector had examined the vehicle and reported it to be satisfactory. Resolved, That the Licence be granted.

(b) Transfer—Read, application from Mr. D. Whalley for Licence No. 48 in respect of Motor Cab Registered No. BK. 573 which he had purchased, to be transferred to him. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(c) Drivers—Resolved, That a Driver's Licence be issued to Mr. E. Mathews of 18 Cheltenham Road, Winchcomb,

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4— Sale of Coal Bye-Laws-Read, further letter of 18th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council forwarding a copy of letter from the Chief Constable^{1e} together with copy of the Inspector of Weights and Measures' Report, and suggesting a meeting with the Inspector to discuss the matter with him. Resolved, That the **Coal Bye-Laws Sub-Committee** be asked to discuss the matter with the Inspector of Weights and Measures. Resolved, also, That Councillors Sawyer and Yarnold be added to the Sub-Committee.

5—Game Licence Application from Mr. W. T. Morris of 92 Winchcomb Street for a licence to deal in game. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Town Clerk's Department Lady Clerk—Read, application from Miss E. Bradshaw, who is now 2nd Assistant, for an Increase of salary. Resolved, That her salary be increased from £2 to £2 10s. 0d, per week.

7—Pates' Grammar School Governors—Read, letter from Mr. Alderman J. D. Bendall, resigning his position as one of the Governors of this School. Resolved, That the Mayor (Councillor Walter J. M. Dicks), be appointed in his place.

8—Price of Coal Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Cheltenham Labour Party, Individual Women's Branch, complaining of the extortionate price charged for coal. Resolved, That they be asked for the particulars and figures on which their allegations are based.

9—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, letter from Mr. H. Brooks applying for the hire of this room for Gospel Services on Sundays, morning and evening, and in the afternoons for Sunday School and also on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons and offering 10s a week if for Sundays only and 12s 6d a week if for Wednesdays and Thursdays also. Resolved, That he be informed that as these premises are at present let to the Boy Scouts, the Council are not in a position to entertain their application.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th October, 1926: Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Inspection of Allotments—Read, Reports of the Inspection of all the Allotments from Messrs. Davis, Reid and Hamblin which showed that generally the allotments were in a satisfactory state, but Nos. 24, 29, 30, 35 and 36 Alma Road, 18 Whaddon Lane and No. 22 Crab Tree Piece were reported to be in a bad condition. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenants of these allotments calling their attention to this.

2— Numbering of Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of completing the numbering of all the allotments in the Borough with the numbers burnt in on creosoted hard wood pegs would be £9 0s. 0d. Resolved, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

3—Alma Road Allotments—Read, letter from Mr. V. Dymond the tenant of Nos. 16 and 17 of these allotments as to the deposit by him of fish offal on the allotments. Resolved, That he be informed that any fish offal deposited on the allotments must be buried without delay.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th October, 1926: Present—Alderman Steel and Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Water Fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting one of the Flamingos had died and also that Mrs. Littledale had presented a pair of Spoon Bills and Mr. E. J. Gibbins a pair of Golden Tufted or Golden Eyed Ducks. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Littledale and Mr. Gibbins.

(b) Tennis Court—Read, letter from Miss D. E. Griffith-Jones asking for the removal of a Sycamore tree near the public tennis court as it interfered with play. Resolved, That this tree be viewed and that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Committee be held at the Pittville Chalet,

2 —Recreation Grounds—(a) St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee to transfer this Ground (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) charged with so much of the loan charge as represents the cost of the purchase of the land, viz. £557 0s. 0d. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit detail plans and estimates for laying out the Ground as a permanent Recreation Ground.

(b) Naunton Park--Resolved, That the use of this Ground be granted to the Bethesda Chapel Girl Guides for Hockey on Saturdays if there is room for them.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th October, 1926: Present—Alderman James Stewart ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Capt. Trye ; Col. J. C. Griffith; and Mr. Geo. Dimmer (Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits— During September 4,117 (against 4,414) ; daily average 158 (against 170), including a class of students from the Ladies' College.

Receipts—Collecting Box £1 1s. 3d. ; Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £6 10s. 0d. ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues 9s 6d. Sale of Post Card Reproductions 10s 10d. Total £8 11s.. 7d.

Exhibitions—The Museums Association Water Colour Exhibition closed on the 9th October ; it was open 33 days and visited by 5,052 persons. Expenses amounted to £28 10s. 4d., and proceeds were: Catalogues (£8 1s. 3d.) ; Collection Box (£1 11s. 11d.); Commission (£2 6s. 0d.) ; and Donations to reduce expenses (Anonymous £1, Miss Gabell £1, and Miss Snowdon 10s). Total proceeds £14 9s. 2d.

The 7th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists opened on the 11th Oct., and remains on view until the 20th Nov.

An Exhibition by Women Artists will follow from the 22nd Nov. to the 30th Dec.

2 —Bequest—The Curator reported receipt of an Oil Painting, entitled, " Early Snow, Westmorland " by E. Harrison Compton (1912) as the bequest of Mrs. James B. Winterbotham in memory of Alderman James B. Winterbotham, J.P., first Chairman of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, 1899-1914.

Resolved, That the bequest be accepted, and the best thanks of the Committee conveyed to the Executors. Resolved, also, That the picture be insured in the sum of £200.

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3—Donations—The Curator reported that Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham had offered a large Oil Painting by F. Lee, R.A. for use in the Town Hall. Mr. Morris, of Clarence Street, offered the Engraved Copper Plate formerly used for printing the Weighing Machine Tickets in William's Library, Cheltenham. (The Weighing Machine referred to is already in the Museum). Resolved, That the gifts be accepted, and the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—The late Edward Adrian Wilson—The Curator reported receipt of letter from the Explorer's widow (Mrs. E. A. Wilson, C.B.E.) expressing satisfaction that the glass case was to be procured forthwith, and offering certain other specimens, as some a gifts and others on loan. Resolved, That the Curator's letter accepting these further specimens on the conditions indicated be approved, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Wilson.

5—"The Limber" by the late Robert Lindsey Clark—The Curator reported promises amounting to £97 for the proposed purchase of this equestrian group, leaving £203 yet to be raised. Resolved, That the sums contributed for this object through the Collection Box, at Lectures, etc., should be invested in the Building Society in the name of the Chairman and Curator.

6—Board of Education Grant-in-Aid—The Curator suggested that, provided a Grant-in-Aid could be obtained, a Nailsea Bottle submitted (c. 1760), be purchased for £9 from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account.

J. G. CAVENAGH-MAINWARING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st October, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; and Councillor Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1-Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of Superintendent from 24th September to 21st October 1926 ; Interments 37 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (Position 1, 1 ; Position 2, 2 ; Position 4, 9). Memorials fixed 7. New Inscriptions 3.

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7459 to 7470 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3-Designs-Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. i—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Charles H. K. Jopp and Ellen J. Durham ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Jemima Harris and Emily B. Craig ; Memorial Rustic Shield to grave of William Savery ; Marble Figure on base to grave of Elizabeth C. H. Harrand ; Kerbing and posts to grave of Charles W. Bell-Raisbeck and Kerbing to graves of Adeline B. Lamb, John H. Peebles, John E. Hall and Sarah M. McClintock.

4—War Crosses—Resolved, That two additional oak rails be obtained from Mr. Wilcox at a cost of £4 15s. 0d. to provide for additional war crosses received.

5—Maintenance of Grave Space P. 2412—The Superintendent submitted three tenders for the up-keep of this grave. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. James Holder of £1 is. 0d. be accepted, the grave to be planted with Spring and Summer flowers and to be regularly clipped and kept neat.

6—Additional Land—Lay-out—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the side paths being widened from 4 feet to 8 feet, after the Sanction to the Loan for the Lay-out of the land had been received, the sum of £32 had been spent in excess of the amount of the Sanction. Resolved, That this sum be provided for out of the current year's estimates for the roads at the Cemetery.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1926: Present.—Councillors Bastin, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Pates and Cent. Trye ; Messrs. A. Miles and C. Rogers (Councillor Bastin in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 1s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in the Reference Library 4,821 (last year 4,245) ; Lending Library 11,253 (last year 11,095) ; Children's Library 1,382 (last year 1,728). Total for month 17,456 (last year 17,068).

Lectures—The first of the Winter Series was given on Oct. 4th by Miss R. Weeden-Cooke, on " Some Recent Excavations in Rome." 165 people attended. A retiring collection for " The Limber " Fund realised £1 14s. 3d.

The Cheltenham Quarterly—The first issue of this bulletin had appeared and had met with a very favourable reception.

Presentations—Anonymous (1 vol.) ; The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. M. Appleby (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (5 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (15 Pamphs.) ; Cheltenham Branch, League of Nations Union (2 Pamphs.) ; Mr. A. Maude (1 vol.) ; His Honour Judge J. Mulligan (1 ; Mrs. Rivoira vol.) ; Miss M. L. Trail (2 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 7th inst. Present :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mann ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 87 volumes new books, published at £42 10s. 0d., be purchased at an estimated cost of £21 8s. 3d.

- (b) That the offer of McCall's Magazine, monthly, by the Librarian be accepted with thanks.
- (c) That the sum of £10 be spent on Book Replacements.
- (d) That the sum of £20 be spent on Book Binding.
- (e) Shorthand Typist—That the salary of Miss B. J. Parry be advanced from to 25s per week. (7s 6d of which is paid by the Art Gallery).
- (f) Assistants—That the salary of Miss E. Mason be increased from 30s to 32s 6d per week, and that of Miss I. E. Burnett from 25s to 30s per week. (Miss Burnett has since been appointed to a post in the West Riding County Libraries at £125 rising to £165.)
- (g) Deputy Librarian—That the salary of Mr. R. E. Lyde be increased from £200 to £210 per annum
- Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3--Tennyson Tablet—The Librarian reported the Sub-Committee's arrangements for the Unveiling Ceremony on the 14th inst. which were approved.

F. H. BASTIN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd October, 1926 : Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Moore, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £34,171 5s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £125 10s. 9d.

2 —Water Rate--Read, Final Report of Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 30th September. Amount collected £17,099 17s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £3,702 15s. 5d.

3—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £800 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £1,900 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £580 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £295 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—National Savings Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during the month of September was 3,667.

6 —Superannuation Fund—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a surplus of 4-2,750 from the half-year's working of this fund (1st April to 30th September, 1926). Resolved, That £2,500 of the surplus be appropriated to Capital Account at interest at 4 per cent. per annum.

7—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a loan of £9,250 for the term of 20 years for the Chelt Improvement Scheme.

8—Rating and Valuation Act, 1925. Railways and Tithes—The Town Clerk submitted a statement showing that the average percentage of relief from rating in respect of Railways and Tithes for the ten years ended 31st March, 1924 amounted to 27.77 per cent. He also submitted letters from the L.M. & S. and Great Western Railways suggesting that in the Scheme to be made under Section 22 of the Act determining the amount to be allowed from net annual value for the purpose of ascertaining the rateable value of railways and tithes should be fixed at an integral figure of 28 per cent. Resolved, That a Scheme be submitted for the approval of the Ministry of Health fixing the amount of the allowance at the actual figure of 27.77 per cent. and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Scheme.

9—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 22nd inst. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman,

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Borough of Cheltenham

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend the **Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on TUESDAY, the 9th, day of November, 1926, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON** at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 5th November, 1926.

1. Election of Councillors—Town Clerk to Report Election on 1st November.
2. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
3. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
4. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
5. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees.
6. To appoint Special Committee for purposes of the Local Authorities Coal Emergency Order, 1926.

7. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

N.B.—Robes and Orders will be worn.

Town Clerk.

NOTE—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting, the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of the Local Pension Committee, the Public Health and Town Improvement and Spa Committees will meet to appoint Chairmen and the Sub-Committees.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, 29th October, 1926, 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, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Stewart.

1 —Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th October 1926 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—Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Part 3—Special Notice of this Meeting and of the intention to propose this resolution having been given to every Member of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 (iii.) of the Act, it was Resolved unanimously, That this Council do adopt Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, and, That such Part of the said Act shall come into operation in the Borough of Cheltenham on the 18th day of December, 1926.

3—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 28th inst., from the Assistant Secretary of the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Unemployment Grants Committee had now

formally approved of this scheme as amended for the purpose of Grant of 75 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan raised to meet the expenditure on the Scheme for a period of ten years, namely half the full term authorised for the loan in respect of a loan of £9,250. The Grant was approved on the condition that the work under the Scheme was actively commenced by the 15th November, 1926 and completed within a period of six months from the date of commencement.

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 October 11

Housing... Meeting held October 12

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held October 14

It was moved by Councillor Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 2 (c) with reference to the rents of houses on the West side of Stanhope Street be referred back."

The following voted for the Amendment :—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Miller, Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye.

The following voted against the Amendment :—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Farrar, Leigh James, Mann, Pates, H. W. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold. The Mayor thereupon declared the Amendment lost by 13 votes to 8.

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held October 21

Street and Highway ... Meeting held October 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : That Minute No. 16 with regard to Advertisement Bye-Laws be referred back.

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Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held October 12 & 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Dunn : That Minute No. 2 be referred back was lost).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held October 20

Water Meeting held October 13

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Sawyer: That Minute No. 4 with regard to the proposed Fishing Association at Dowdeswell Reservoir be referred back.

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 19

Allotments Meeting held October 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held October 15

Burial Board Meeting held October 21

Public Library Meeting held October 12

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Mayor.

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