

Borough of Cheltenham

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 December, 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 Statutory Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE It ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd December, 1926.

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, 9th November, 1926, at 12 noon. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks) in the chair. Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

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

Mr. Arthur George Wheeler for the North Ward.

“ William Welstead for the Central Ward.

“ Harold Miller for the East Ward.

“ James Moore for the South Ward :

“ Hugh William Thomas for the Middle Ward

“ Edward Lawrence Ward 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 Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., be and he is hereby 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 Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E., to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded on the Minutes of the Council.

4—Vote of thanks to the Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Walter James Manser Dicks for the able impartial and hospitable manner in which he has carried out the duties of Mayor for the past three years.

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

Alderman Margrett for the North Ward.

“ Stewart for the Central Ward.

“ Taylor for the East Ward.

“ Clara Winterbotham for the South Ward.

“ Bendall for the Middle Ward.

“ Steel for the West Ward.

6—Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 29th October last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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7—Appointment and Duties of Committees—**Public Health Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel and Stewart Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to Public Health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders : Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshops Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, The Notification of Births Act, 1907, The Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing Acts, 1890 to 1925, so far as regards insanitary houses, and the Milk and Dairies Acts and the Orders made thereunder.

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.

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

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

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Housing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, Moore, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Wheeler 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, under the Housing Acts, excepting the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

Slum Areas Clearance Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Slum Areas Clearance Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, 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 and to regulate and manage all matters relating to the provision of new houses under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year :—to carry out all duties connected with Maternity and Child Welfare—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, Whitaker and Yarnold ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. K. McArthur, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby.

Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, 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

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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 (except as to fares and stages) 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, The Public Health Act, 1925, The Roads Improvement Act, 1925, 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 :—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, 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 carrying out 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.

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Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, 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 Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926, and the regulations of the Board of Trade and Electricity Commissioners made there-under.

Water Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—The 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 regulate and manage any properties of the Corporation and other matters not specifically referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal

Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and to Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate) and to carry into effect the Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in relation thereto. To consider and report to the Council upon the numbering and re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and re-naming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

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Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler 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 :—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, 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.

Rating Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Rating Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas and Ward, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.

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 Mann, Miller, H. W. Thomas, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

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Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, Pruen, Ward 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 Treasurer'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, Mann, Miller, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Captain Trye, Wheeler, Whitaker and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. E. C. Green, E. Gridley. W. Gerald 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 Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas, 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, C.A., J.P., E. C. Green and F. B. de Sausmarez as Consulting members, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum and all matters relating thereto.

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Pension Committee—Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, and That their term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1927, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Coal Emergency Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be re-appointed members of the Committee appointed for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Emergency) Order, 1926, namely :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Bendall, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Alderman Steel ; Councillor Welstead, Miss Geddes, Dr. R. Kirk-land and Messrs. W. G. Gurney and J. Waghorne be re-appointed Representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, 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 December, 1926.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th November, 1926. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

2—**Farms Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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.

3—**Plans Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Steel ; Councillors Leigh James and Gen. Thomas be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Mayor.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th November, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-7 Bloomsbury Street ; Nos. 5, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 33 and 34 Elm Street ; Nos. 1 to 6 Vauxhall Place, Elm Street ; 2 Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street and Plough Cottage, Folly Lane. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 21 and 23 Sherborne Street ; Nos. 1 to 6 Moorend Parade ; Eastholme Laundry, Moorend Crescent ; Nos. 1 and 2 Hereford Passage and Rose Villa, Dunalley Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., 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) Knapp Cottage, Knapp Road ; 5 St. Peter's Place ; Queen's Hotel Lodge and Marine Store Yard, Lower Park 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.

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6—Insanitary Property—(a) 210 High Street ; Chargrove Cottage, Gloucester Road ; Nos. 1 and 2 Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street ; 17 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road ; 23 Sherborne Street ; 49 St. James's Street and Nos. 42, 43, and 44 Montpellier Villas—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, etc. 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) 38 Fairview Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 13th September 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. H. Anderson at a cost of £2 5s. 6d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. beef 3 cwt. 4 lbs. pork 2 boxes of fish and 10 tins of fruit.

8—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice 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 and Rowton House, Grove Street for renewals of their registration as keepers of these Common Lodging Houses. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Evans' registration be renewed for one year from the 9th inst. ; That Mr. Fortucci's registration in respect of Rowton House, Grove Street be renewed from one year from the 9th inst., and in respect of Nos. 20 and 21 Stanhope Street for three months from the 9th inst.

9—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Nos. 1 to 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 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 (1) of Section 11 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 Owner and Occupiers.

(b) Cumberland House, Grove Street—Read, a letter from Mr. R. W. Jackson asking for a Closing Order to be made in respect of these premises and the Medical Officer of Health made a Representation that this house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

(c) 1 Limbrick Cottages—RESOLVED, That the question of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for a further six months.

10—Sanitary Inspectors—Clean Milk Course of Lectures—Read, circular from the Sanitary Inspectors' Association (S.W. Centre) inviting the attendance of Sanitary Inspectors to a course of Lectures on Clean Milk to be held at Gloucester. RESOLVED, That no action be taken (b) Training of Candidates—Read, circular No. 736 dated the 4th ult., from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the Council should consider how far they can assist in providing facilities for the necessary training of candidates for Sanitary Inspectors. RESOLVED, That this Committee will give consideration to the Ministry's suggestions when an application is received for such training.

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—Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the application of the Town Council for the repeal of certain sections of this Act should be extended so as to include Sections 89, 91 and 188 and the Town Clerk recommended that these Sections should be included in the application. RESOLVED, That the repeal of these sections be included in the application made for a provisional Order.

13—Unexercised borrowing Powers—Read, Memorandum from Ministry of Health with regard to the Sanction dated 19th March, 1903, to a loan of £500 for the extension of the Abattoir, and to the Sanction dated 22nd May, 1889, for a loan of £3,437 for works of sewage disposal outside the Borough, neither of which had been exercised and also with regard to the unexercised portion of the Sanction, dated the 3rd October, 1910, to a loan of £18,450 for Sewerage Works in respect of which

£11,450 had been borrowed and the Town Clerk reported that, if it was not intended to borrow any further moneys, it was desirable to return the Sanctions for cancellation. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the Sanctions of £500 for the Abattoir and £3,437 for Sewage Disposal Works outside the Borough being cancelled.

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14—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Ward and Yarnold.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager, Live Stock on the Farms on 10th inst. 11 horses (1 at Depot), 96 head of cattle, 2 calves, 1 bull, 184 sheep and 58 pigs. 1 bullock had been purchased for £13 15s. 0d., and purchases of feeding stuffs amounted to £15 17s, 9d. Total purchases £29 12s. 9d, 2 bullocks, 2 fat heifers, 1 sow, 5 lambs and 15 ewes had been sold for £155 5s. 7d.

Motor Cycle --The Farms Manager reported that the allowance of £10 for upkeep of motor cycle was not sufficient as this only covered the cost of the tax and insurance. RESOLVED, That the Committee be recommended to pay for the tax and insurance in respect of damage and theft of the motor cycle and also to insure the Farms Manager against third party risk while employed on Corporation work.

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 Thursday, 11th November, 1926. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Wheeler (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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 Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Moore and Wheeler be appointed the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Sales of Houses—Non-Parlour Type—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser	Price.
11 Shakespeare Road	Keeling, W. H.	£475
13 Shakespeare Road	Farmer, L.	£475
22 Shakespeare Road	Done, F. E.	£475
24 Shakespeare Road	Dallas, J. M.	£482

30 Shakespeare Road Archer, S.

£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. 13, 22 and 30 Shakespeare 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. The 4 Parlour type houses have been sold and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 124 have been sold, 6 have been let, leaving 10 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.

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5—Sale of Land—(a) Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted an offer from Mr. J. A. P. Nidd to purchase 35 feet of land at £3 per foot frontage on the west side of Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to the sale of the land to Mr. Nidd at £3 per foot subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health and also subject to Mr. Nidd entering into a Contract containing restrictive covenants similar to those already entered into by Mr. Dowell. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

6—Housing, etc. Act, 1923—(a) Subsidy Houses, Moorend Park Road—The Committee again considered the application from Mr. R. G. Berryman for a subsidy in respect of two houses proposed to be built by him in Moorend Park Road, and Mr. Berryman attended and interviewed the Committee thereon. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Subsidy Bungalow, Whaddon Lane—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Miss R. Eamonson applying for permission to sell the subsidy bungalow erected by her for £470 instead of £440 as endorsed on the provisional certificate. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the certificate amended accordingly.

7--Outbuildings—(a) 25 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 14th ult., from the tenant of this house stating that he had now removed the wooden shed to the position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) 10 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter from the owner of this house asking the Committee to agree to the position in which he had erected a shed at his house, which he had placed on concrete pillars. RESOLVED, That the shed be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, and also, to the owner erecting a suitable screen or trellis work fence in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

8-31 Byron Road—Read, application of 8th inst., from the tenant of this house for permission to transfer to another house. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to.

9-2 Orchard Terrace—Redecoration—Read, further letter from the tenant of this house asking for an allowance for the cost of repairs executed by him, which would otherwise have been done by the

Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make such allowance as he considers fair and reasonable, and that Minute No. 7 of the Meeting of the Committee on the 14th September be varied accordingly.

10-34 Milton Road—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this house had been transferred by his employers to Rotherham, and that his brother in law (Mr. H. V. Phythian) who, with his wife and child, had been residing with him since May last, wished to remain in the house RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

11—Housing Assisted Scheme—The Borough Treasurer reported that of the loan of £237,500 sanctioned on the 26th March, 1920 for the erection of houses under this Scheme the sum of £162,000 had been exercised and that the balance of the sanction, namely £75,000 might be cancelled. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and That the Sanction be forwarded to the Ministry of Health to be cancelled accordingly.

12—Housing Estate—Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee had provided in the provisional lay out of the proposed Recreation Ground for an entrance 24 feet wide instead of the narrow entrance at present used between No 1 Brooklyn Road and the Almshouses. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to this frontage being taken over for the entrance to the proposed Recreation Ground by the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee at a charge of £3 per foot frontage and That the land now used as an entrance be offered to the owner of No. 1 Brooklyn Road

13—Orchard—Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk reported that no applications had been received for the tenancy of this Orchard but suggested that this might be suitable for the Corporation horses. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

14—Nos. 4 and 8 Shakespeare Road—The Town Clerk reported that Nos 4 and 8 Shakespeare Road had now been completed more than three months and were still unsold. RESOLVED, That the same be let and that the application of Mr. Ford for the tenancy of one of these houses be acceded to.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926, Present—Councillors Dunn, Pates and Yarnold.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—Councillors Dunn, Mann, Capt. Trye, Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold,

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—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—**Plans Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks and Mann be appointed Representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

B. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th November, 1926. Present—Alderman Bendall : Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair),

3—Sub-Committees—RESOLVED, That the following Sub-Committees be appointed for the ensuing year :—

Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Tyre and Yarnold.

Bye-Laws Sub-Committee—Alderman Bendall Councillors Dicks, Mann and Yarnold.

4—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 15th inst. They reported that they had considered a letter of the 18th ult., from the Civic Society who desired to co-operate with the Corporation in assisting in maintaining the interesting features and in preserving the beauty of the town and they recommended that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to allow a Sub-Committee appointed by the Civic Society to inspect plans submitted for the approval of the Corporation so as to afford them an opportunity of making any representations thereon with a view to preserving and maintaining the amenities and beauty of the Town. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 15th October to 11th November, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 4th inst., 753 loads collected, 733 consumed and 20 tipped away. (Weight consumed 931 tons 8 cwts.).

6—Horse " Jolly "—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Veterinary Surgeon advising an operation on the horse " Jolly " for the removal of an elbow tumour. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Asphalt Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work executed by Messrs. Constable Hart & Co., Ltd., for the past two years amounted to £21,002 12s. 3d., leaving an expenditure of £3,997 7s. 9d., to be incurred before the plant became the property of the Corporation. He proposed that when the work was resumed next season that the plant should be operated by Corporation Employees who would be paid by Messrs. Constable Hart & Co., Ltd., in accordance with the Agreement ; this would enable the men to get thoroughly acquainted with the plant and to continue making asphalt after the Contractors have handed over the plant. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Highways' Superintendent—Motor Cycle—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the Highways' Superintendent should be provided with a motor cycle. RESOLVED, That if the Highways' Superintendent will provide himself with a motor cycle, an allowance of £30 a year be made for depreciation, etc., and upkeep of same in addition to a supply of petrol required when used for his work. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation insure the Superintendent against third party risk while employed on Corporation work.

9—Manchester Hotel—Canopy—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. C. H. Tipping for permission to fix a canopy at Manchester Hotel, Manchester Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to Mr. Tipping entering into an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk to maintain and keep same in good repair, order and condition.

10—Westal Green Sub-Station—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee that the Sub-Station required should be erected on the Tank Site and the tree removed. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the erection of the building on the site and to the removal of the tree subject to the plan of the proposed building being submitted to the Committee for approval.

11—Telegraph Line. (a) —Tivoli Road—Read, application of 30th ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line along the lane at the rear of Tivoli Road near Myrtle Lodge. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to the exact position of the pole (if any) being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole if required.

(b) Princes Street—Read, application of 23rd ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with one pole in Princes Street. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole if required.

(c) Montpellier Street—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, stating that he did not think any material obstruction would be caused by the erection of two poles in this street as the width of the foot path at the points where it was proposed to erect the poles was 9 feet 10 inches and 7 feet 10 inches respectively. RESOLVED, That the application be granted 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.

(d) Central Depot—Read, application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to erect two telegraph poles in the Corporation Yard at the Central Depot. RESOLVED, That the application be granted on the understanding that the Department will make good any damage which may be done to Corporation property in the placing or maintenance of the poles and also to the consent being terminable at any time by three months' notice in writing on either side.

12—Trees—(a) Cranham' Road—Read, letters of 19th and 20th ult., from Miss C. Willett and Mr. E. Merry asking for the removal of a tree outside " Seaton," Cranham Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Sydenham Road South—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mrs. F. B. Simmons asking for the removal of a tree outside " The Noake" in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

13—Street Projection—Winchcomb Street—Read, application of 21st ult., from Messrs. Williams, Bayliss & Co., Ltd., for consent to the placing of a direction plate on a tramway standard in this street directing to their works in Berkeley Avenue. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Tennyson Road—Orchard at rear—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee that this Committee should take the orchard at the rear of Tennyson Road at a charge of £8 per annum for turning out the Corporation horses. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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15—Petrol Pumps(a) Pilford Garage- -Read, application from Mr. T. H. Little for permission to erect a petrol pump on his premises with a swing arm over the footpath. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual Agreement being entered into.

(b) Albion Street—Read, application of 13th inst., from Messrs. Haines & Strange for permission to erect petrol pumps at their premises at 19 and 90 Albion Street with swing arms over the footpath. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual Agreement being entered into.

16—Montpellier Terrace—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. H. V. Haddon complaining of the state of the gutter in front of No. 40 Montpellier Terrace and the adjoining houses. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for inspection and report.

17—Rees Site, Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the houses on this site would shortly be completed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make up and lay the footpaths and road, the cost to be charged to the Scheme.

18—Painswick Road—Private Improvement Works—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mrs. Prew, the owner of the Park Saw Mills, asking that the work specified to be done outside her property should not be carried out as there was no house abutting on to the footpath. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to and that the work be carried out in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's specification.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th November, 1926. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel Councillors Dicks, Mann and Leigh James.

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

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2245	Crook, Mr. N. O. L.	New shop addition at 3 St. Luke's Road.
2246	Harmer, Mr. E.	Temporary Motor House at St. Michael's Lodge, Eldorado Road.
2247	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	Additions to Workshops at Sunningend Works, St. Mark's.
2248	Smiths Systems Ltd.	New covered way at Messrs. Smiths Systems Factory, St: Mark's.

2249	Fletcher, F.	New Store building at 2 Portland Place, Portland Street.
2250	Cheltenham Cycle Co.	New Show Room at 81a High Street.
2251	Tipping, Mr. E.	Temporary Garage at rear of No. 1 St. George's Square.
2252	Adcock, Mr. P. R.	Workshop and Cycle House at 304 High Street.
2253	Ellis, Mr. W. A	Temporary Motor House at "Thornbury," Church Road, St. Mark's.
2254	Dowell, C. T.	Detached Bungalow in Brooklyn Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2245, 2247, 2248, 2250 and 2252 be approved, but that Plan No. 2250 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 2249 be approved subject to provision being made for ash collection at No. 2 Portland Place ; That Plan No. 2254 be approved subject to the roof water being taken into the surface water drain ; That Plans Nos. 2246, 2251 and 2253 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 23 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 Tuesday, 9th November, 1926. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead.

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

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

3—Visitors—RESOLVED, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the ensuing year :—Montpellier Baths ... Councillors Thomas and Welstead. Montpellier Gardens Councillors Pruen and Thomas. Town Hall and Winter Garden Alderman Stewart and Councillor Pates. Alston Baths Alderman Stewart and Councillor Dicks.

4—Chelt Improvement Scheme—(a) Councillor Dicks read a letter of 6th inst., from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering to contribute £500 to defray the cost of purchasing land on College Road provided that it is laid out by the Corporation according to the plan prepared as a Children's Park and General Recreation Ground and also on condition that the Corporation shall keep it up for ever in good order for the above purposes. RESOLVED, That Mr. Horsley's offer be accepted and that the warmest thanks of the Council be conveyed to him for his generous gift to the Town.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Dicks and Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee to deal with any urgent matters arising in connection with the execution and carrying out of the Scheme.

(c) Exchange of Land—A proposal was submitted by Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard of The Nest, Bath Parade, that a piece of land containing 501 square yards belonging to Mr. C. W. Price, lying at the back of Orrisdale Terrace should be conveyed to the Corporation and in exchange for this a piece of land containing 112 square yards adjoining Sunnycroft should be conveyed to Mr. Price and another piece of land containing 355 square yards adjoining The Nest should be conveyed to Mr. Sheppard; and that he should pay to Mr. Price £100 for equality of exchange and undertake to erect a close Larch fence 5 feet high along the new boundary line up to Mr. Price's property and Mr. Price should provide a similar fence along the new boundary line of his property. The Borough Surveyor reported that the plan showing these proposals had been submitted to Mr. Edward White who approved of the proposals. RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to and that the Town Clerk be instructed to carry them into effect.

5—Town Hall—(a) Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. Ben. L. James, President of the Cheltenham Butchers' Association asking the terms for the Town Hall in the event of the National Federation of Meat Traders holding their Annual Conference in Cheltenham next year They would require the Large Hall and Supper Room for two days and one evening and approximately 500 delegates and friends would attend the Conference. RESOLVED, That the free use of the rooms required be granted subject to the payment of lighting, heating and out-of-pocket expenses.

(b) Messrs. Leslie Paynter, G. Simms and Shakspeare Shenton attended as a deputation from the Town Race Ball Committee and asked for the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall for a Christmas Tea to be given to 500 children. RESOLVED, That they be offered the free use of the Supper Room and Buffet on a date to be arranged.

6—Constitution of Committee—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to amend Standing Order No. 37 by inserting the words "Town Improvement and Spa" after the words "Public Health " so as to enable the constitution of this Committee to consist of more than eight members (exclusive of the Mayor, ex-officio). RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to appoint Councillors Dunn and Ward as Members of this Committee.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th November, 1926. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Pates, Pruen and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fête—Messrs. E. Baring and C. Cassidy and Mrs. Bisset attended as a Deputation from the Floral Fete Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and applied for the free use of these gardens for the Floral Fête, 1927, with which the National Rose Society had agreed to amalgamate their 1927 Show. RESOLVED, That the use of these gardens be granted to the Chamber of Commerce on the following terms, viz :—

The Chamber to have the free use of the Gardens and Bandstand on the 6th and 7th July next (All tennis players to be excluded) and also, the use of the Gardens on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th ; and 8th, 9th 10th and 11th July for the erection and removal of the tents including the tennis courts and Putting course required for the erection of tents provided that at least 8 of the tennis courts required shall be available for use on Saturday, 2nd July and a similar number cleared and made available for use on the 9th July.

The Chamber to pay all out of pocket expenses and to make good all damage and loss suffered by the Corporation.

RESOLVED, also, That the hirers of the Tennis courts at these gardens be allowed to commence next season one week earlier than usual if the ground is suitable for play.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—Councillors Dunn, Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th November, 1926. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2—Lighting Restrictions—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted circular letter received from the Ministry of Mines impressing on Local Authorities the need for enforcing Articles 30 and 31 of the Coal Emergency Directions and to secure that the lighting of shop windows is limited to such minimum amounts as required for the protection of property and for carrying on business inside the shops. Supt Lane had consulted him thereon as the executive officer for lighting and he had issued a circular to shopkeepers drawing their attention to the Section of the Order dealing with lights used for the purpose of advertisement or display. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Damage to Lamp Standard—Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 8th inst., the island lamp standard near the Lansdown Castle was knocked down by a motor car and that he proposed to replace this temporarily by fixing a bracket lamp on an anchor pole belonging to the Light Railway Company. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

4—Electrical Association for Women—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was arranging a Meeting in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall on the 25th inst., with a view to forming a Local Branch of this Association, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Sub-Stations—(a) Westal Green—The Town Clerk reported that the Street and Highway Committee had now agreed to allow this Sub-Station to be erected on the Tank Site and to remove the tree subject to the design of the proposed building being approved by them. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Healing & Overbury be instructed to prepare specification, plans, etc.

(b) Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had obtained an offer of a site in Gloucester Road with a frontage thereto of 67 feet and a depth of 230 feet along the lane leading to Church Road at the price of £350, and he recommended that this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and authority be given to affix the Common Seal to the Contract.

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(c) College Road—RESOLVED, That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be asked to provide a site of about 40 feet by 30 feet for a Sub-Station on the land in College Road.

(d) Pittville District—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that two sites were also required in the Pittville district and he was in negotiation for two sites. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman

Taylor, and Councillor Dunn be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the proposed sites and if they are satisfied as to the price they be authorised to purchase the same on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Mains Assistant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in view of the increasing work in the Mains Department and additional work involved by the new proposals, it would be necessary to engage a temporary Mains Assistant and Draughtsman. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to engage a temporary Assistant at a salary not exceeding a week.

7—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 £85, on the terms approved by the Committee.

8—Cables and Meters—RESOLVED, That the Contracts with the British Insulated and Helsby Cables Co., Ltd., for cables, and the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co for meters, be renewed for another year.

9—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council suggesting that representatives of the Corporation should meet representatives of the County Council to discuss the question of the restoration of roads. RESOLVED, That he be informed that as the Corporation are not prepared to enter into the proposed agreement they do not think any useful purpose would be served by arranging a meeting to consider the matter.

10—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 30th ult., and 13th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 460.2 and 459.9 B.Th.U., and the pressure 4.2 and 5.0 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th November, 1926. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Bastin and Pates.

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 15th November, 1926	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	140,000 gallons	265,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	876,000 “	1,048,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	48,000	69,000 “
Total	1,064,000	1,742,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th November, 1926.		15th November, 1925.	
Hewletts		9,411,000 gallons		12,620,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	20ft. 8in.	47,351,000 "	18ft. 10in.	40,261,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	<u>1,215,000 "</u>	10ft. 0in.	<u>1,350,000 "</u>
	Total Storage	57,977,000 "		54,239,000 "

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

	During	Total for past
	October, 1926.	7 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	701	6,254
" taps found leaking	150	548
" defective flushing boxes	30	112
" defective stop taps	6	28
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ...	72	
special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>55</u>		
	127	840
" notices served re fittings ...	74	362
" meters fixed, changed, etc.	13	126
" houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	77	550
" burst pipes discovered ...	5	60
" supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ...	67	224

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

Mains laid	2
Sluice Valves fixed	2
Sluice Valves repaired	2
Mains repaired	4
do. washed out	4
Hydrants repaired	2
Services pumped out	1

5—Extension to Mains—Tewkesbury Road—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Homecrofting Scheme for an extension of the main in this road to supply twenty-five houses proposed to be erected on land near the Cross Hands Inn. The Borough Engineer estimated the cost of laying a 4 inch main along the proposed road at approximately £220. RESOLVED, That if the scheme is proceeded with the extension be made subject to the whole of the cost being deposited before the commencement of the work to be refunded as the water charges on the houses connected thereto produce 10 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay, any such repayments to be payable at the end of each financial year.

(b) Wightfield Manor, Deerhurst—An application was received from Mr. A. Ludlow Hewitt for permission to use galvanised steam piping for the service to Wightfield Manor. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

6—Sandford Mead Pumping Station—The Borough Engineer reported that the Pumping Station at Sandford Mead now required thoroughly overhauling and that he proposed to obtain local Tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Loan of £6,900—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health suggesting that a survey of the whole distribution system should be made with a view to a comprehensive scheme being prepared which could be carried out in sections as required. RESOLVED, That the letter of the Town Clerk in reply be approved.

8—Charlton Kings—Account for Hydrants—Mr. W. S. F. Harris and Mr. W. J. Forbes attended as a deputation from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and asked that in the circumstances the Corporation should meet them in regard to the outstanding account for hydrants. RESOLVED, To accept the sum of £100 in settlement of the account to be paid by two instalments so that payment for the whole amount should not come in the same financial year.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th November, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart Councillors Dicks, Mann, Woore, Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That the Mayor be appointed chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year

2—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except for two cases of swine fever at Folly Lane Allotments and Sandfield Allotments.

(b) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1923—Read, circular dated the 10th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries forwarding an order revoking Article 4 of the Regulations made by the Council on the 16th October, 1923 under the Sheep Scab Orders, 1920 and 1923, such revocation to take effect as from the 1st December next, This revocation was made to secure uniformity in respect of the whole geographical area comprised in the Midland Group and that before making any amended regulations the Corporation should consult with the County Council so that any regulations made might be identical with those of the County Council. The Town Clerk reported that he was in communication with the Clerk to the County Council on the matter.

3—**Fire Brigade- -(a) Report of Captain**—The Captain reported that on the 19th ult., the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the Gloucester Co-operative Society's temporary premises in

Cambray. Cause : not apparent ; Damage estimated at £4,000 to £5,000 ; Brigade expenses £14 4s. Od.

(b) Kemerton—The Town Clerk reported that the Kemerton Parish Council had approved of the Agreement for the provision of the services of the Fire Brigade for their Parish in consideration of an annual payment of £6.

(c) Bredon—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk to the Bredon Parish Council asking whether the Corporation would agree to provide the services of the Brigade in case of fire at Bredon. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration.

(d) Winchcomb—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Clerk to the Winchcomb Parish Council asking what payment would be required for the provision of the services of the Brigade in respect of the Cheltenham side of the Winchcomb Area. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration.

(e) Additional Engine—The Committee considered a suggestion for providing a motor tractor for the old horse fire engine so that this might be available for use if required. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration.

4—Factories and Workshops Act, 1901—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Norman Sawyer & Co., had provided satisfactory means of escape in case of fire at St. George's Flail, High Street. RESOLVED, That a certificate be issued under section 14 (1) of the above Act.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) New Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of J. Brown, E. C. Norris, L. J. Clifford and E. R. D. Woodcock for licences in respect of Motor cabs Nos. BK2388, AD1621, LA6601 and AD2972 be granted subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(b) Transfer—Read, application from A. D. Munby for licence No. 56 to be transferred to Cab No. AC4213. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the vehicle from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(c) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers Licences be issued to L. J. Clifford of 14 Imperial Square, M. J. Burton of School House, Dunalley Street, J. Brown of The Bungalow, Southam and E. R. D. Woodcock of 11 Clarence Square.

6—Omnibus Licence—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. Martin for an additional omnibus licence to operate on the Cheltenham to Evesham Service be granted.

(b) Races—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for six special licences for the races on the 16th and 17th inst. be granted.

7—Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1926—(a) New Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications be granted. Messrs. Haines & Strange, 800 gallons in 2 pump storages at 19 and 90 Albion Street ; Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co. (1917) Ltd., 1,000 gallons in two pump storages at premises in Regent Street ; Mr. T. H. Little, 300 gallons in a pump storage at Pilford Garage, Old Bath Road, in place of licence for store of 20 gallons ; Mr. A. R. Chick, 500 gallons in a pump storage at Church Road, Leckhampton ; Mr. E. J. Bullock 500 gallons in a pump storage in Montpellier Street and Mr. J. Allen, Grafton Garage, Suffolk Road, 500 gallons in pump storage

(b) Carbide Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications be granted : Messrs. Currys Ltd., 224 lbs. store at 156 High Street and Mr. E. J. Kirkham, 224 lbs. store at 18 Royal Crescent. (c) Petroleum Conveyance Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted copy of these regulations with regard to the conveyance of petroleum spirit. Regulation No. 21 placed on the Council the duty of enforcing the Regulations within its district. RESOLVED, That Mr. H. J. Holbourn, the Petroleum Inspector, be instructed to see that the regulations are carried out.

8—Pawnbroker's Licence—Read, application from Messrs. H. Higgins & Co. Ltd., for the renewal of their Pawnbroker's Licence which expired on the 9th inst RESOLVED, That a certificate of renewal be issued for one year from the 9th inst.

9—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co.—The Town Clerk submitted notice of application to the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport for an Order continuing the Order obtained by the Company dated the 31st December, 1925 and which expires on the 31st December next.

Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Company stating that if the application was granted it was proposed to continue the actual fares now being charged, and submitting copy of Balance Sheet for year ended 31st December, 1925 and also Statement of receipts and expenditure from 1st January, 1926 to 30th September last and particulars of the numbers of passengers carried during same period. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended not to oppose the application of the Company subject to the Company entering into an Agreement as to limitation of fares charged and containing the same terms as the Agreement dated the 31st December, 1925, 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.

10—Sale of Coal Bye-Laws—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 22nd ult. Present—Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

Mr. Prosser, the Inspector of Weights and Measures also attended, and in view of the information furnished by him it was resolved to recommend the Council to agree to the proposed bye-laws being made by the County Council. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

11—Royal Commission on Local Government—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain copies of the minutes and proceedings of this Commission as and when published.

12—Association of Municipal Corporations—The Town Clerk submitted circular from this Association giving notice that at the Autumn General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 25th inst., it was proposed to amend rule No. 3 with regard to subscriptions, which if adopted would increase the subscription for Cheltenham from £10 10s. 0d. to £13 13s. 0d. per annum.

13—Municipal Offices—Custodian—Read, application of 10th inst., from the Custodian of these Offices for additional remuneration for the extra evening work caused by the frequent use of the building for various meetings of Institutions and Societies. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased by £10 per annum.

14—Shops Acts, 1920-21—Christmas Holidays—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Home Office stating that an Order had been made under Section 1 (1) of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920 suspending the operation of the General Early Closing Order from December 17th to December 24th both days inclusive. This suspension did not relieve occupiers and others from complying with the

weekly half day holiday or any other requirements of the Shops Act of 1912 and 1913 or of any Order in force thereunder, or any requirements of the Licensing Acts in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

15—Incorporation Jubilee—RESOLVED, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Representatives on the General Committee formed to organise the arrangements to be made for the Jubilee Celebrations and Hospital Extension Scheme, namely The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillor Dicks, Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,
Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th November, 1926. Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Ward and Welstead, and Mr. F. W. Clarkson.

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 Leigh James and Mr. F. W. Clarkson.
West Ward	Messrs. J. H. Waine and F. Vizard.

3—Albert Road Allotments—Read, letter of 11th ult., from Messrs. Taylor, Fletcher & Villar offering the Corporation the first refusal to purchase this land. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire as to the price asked.

4—Rainbow Field—An account was submitted by the Farms Sub-Committee for the cost of ploughing, harrowing, sowing, reaping and threshing the barley grown on these allotments amounting to £32 15s. 6d. The Sub-Committee were prepared to allow £17 5s. 6d. for the Barley, being the market price, which would leave a loss on the cultivation of £5 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Account be accepted and the loss charged to the Allotments Committee.

W. WELSTEAD,
Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Pittville Chalet on Wednesday, 10th November, 1926, Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Ward and Welstead,

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

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

Agg-Gardner ..	Councillors Farrar and Yarnold.
Naunton Park ..	Councillor Leigh James.
Whaddon Lane ..	Councillors Dunn and Sawyer.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) Tennis Court—The Committee viewed the Sycamore Tree near the Tennis Court near Chalet, application for the removal of which had been received. RESOLVED, That the tree be not removed but that the lower branches be lopped.

4—Recreation Ground, St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plan and estimate for the lay-out of this ground as a permanent Recreation Ground. The lay-out included three tennis courts, children's playground, public convenience, pavilion and shelter. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a cheaper lay-out, omitting tennis courts and pavilion, etc. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Committee be asked to agree to an entrance 24 feet wide from the Brooklyn Road, instead of the narrow entrance at present used between the Almshouses and No. 1 Brooklyn Road

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillor Capt. Trye ; Dr. R. Davies ; Colonel J. C. Griffith ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and G. Dimmer (Alderman Steel in the chair).

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

2—Committee—Consulting Member—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring a Consulting Member of this Committee.

3—Curator's Report—Visits—During October 3,508 (against 3,586) ; daily average 135 (against 133) ; open 26 days (against 27 days). The figures include a class of 15 girls from the Pupil Teachers' Centre.

Receipts--Collecting Box 10s 7d ; Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £1 11s, 3d. ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues 6s 6 ; Sale of Post Card Reproductions 6s 11d ; Donations towards expenses of The Museums' Association Exhibition (Mr. J. Robertson £1 ; Miss B. Gabell £1 ; Miss M. K. Snowdon 10s) £2 10s. 0d.; Commission on Museums' Association Exhibition Sales £2 6s. 0d. Total £7 11s. 3d.

4—Show Cases—The Curator reported that he had purchased two second-hand Table Show Cases at a cost (including new locks) of £5 6s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Sunday Opening—The Curator reported attendances between 2.30 and 4.30 on the past four Sundays, namely :-60 ; 65 ; 72 and 92. RESOLVED, That the experimental period be extended until the end of December.

6--Board of Education Grant-in-Aid—The Curator reported sanction of a grant from the Board of Education towards the purchase of a Nailsea Bottle.

7—Cheltenham Science Society—The Curator reported that at short notice he had given permission to the Cheltenham Science Society to hold two lectures on the premises, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Donations—From Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, J.P., Painted Box, early 17th century ; Mr. L. W. Barnard, Water Colour Drawings of the Chancel of Kempley Church in Gloucestershire made by Professor John Henry Middleton ;Mr. C. P. Bendall, 2 Cross Bows and one Mace ; Rev. J. W. Bishop, Lantern Slides of Oxford ; Messrs. Bradbury Bros., Lay Figure ; Mr. W. E. Kemp, Mammoth Tusk : Mr. H. E. Norris, F.Z.S., 2 Cases of Duck, Mr. W. A. Rixon, C.A., J.P., "The Pool, Blockley," Oil Painting by James Bateman ; Capt. O. A. Stokes, R.N., Relics of the Solomon and Fiji Islands ; Dr. O. H. Wilde, M.B., Bristol Glass Bottle ; Mrs. E. A. Wilson, C.B.E., Home-made Candle (' Discovery Expedition, 1901-4), Tin Pannikin and Plate (`Discovery ' Expedition, 1901-4), Prayer Book (Terra Nova Expedition, 1912).

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors. RESOLVED, also, That commission be not charged on Mr. Bateman's Oil painting, purchased by Mr. Rixon at a reduced price for presentation to the Gallery.

9—Loans—From Mr. J. S. Filkin, "Birchwood," Oil Painting by Hector Caffieri ; Mrs. E. A. Wilson, C.B.E., Antarctic Relics of the late Edward Adrian Wilson, B.A., M.B., used on the ' Discovery Expedition, 1901-4, and on the Terra Nova Expedition, 1912.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

10—" The Limber," by the late Robert Lindsey Clark—The Curator reported promises amounting to £174 14s. 2d., for the proposed purchase of this bronze group, leaving £125 5s. 10d. still to be raised.

11—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange an Exhibition of Paintings by Miss M. A. Cohen, Miss M. D. Dart and others, with the Permanent Collection during February—March.

12—Crickley Hill Skull—The Curator suggested the transfer of this skull to the Gloucester Museum, so that it might be associated with objects there from the same find. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Deerhurst Church—The Curator reported as to an Appeal issued by the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society for £270 for excavating, repairing and enclosing features of exceptional interest near this building, which is one of the few remaining examples of Saxon architecture in the country, and suggested that the town of Cheltenham might identify itself with the project. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for their favourable consideration.

14—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on December 24th and 25th.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Wheeler and Yarnold.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th November, 1926 Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Miller, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 22nd October to 19th November, 1926. Interments 63. Grave Spaces sold 22 (First Position 2 ; Second Position 1 ; Third Position 2 ; Fourth Position 17) Memorials erected 14. New Inscriptions 2.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7471 to 7492 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 George W. F. Browne and Agnes K. Young ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Margaret Havenhand and Fred Allen ; Memorial Block and Kerbing to grave of Lorna M. Drake ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Mary A. Holloway ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Annie L. Hill ; Kerbing to graves of Thomas S. Riley, Rev. Goddard, Harriette Charlwood, Francis Fletcher and Alfred H. Pruen.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th November, 1926. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann, Yarnold and Wheeler ; Dr. R. Davies Messrs. A. Miles and C. E. Walsh.

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

2—Committee—Co-opal Member—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring a Member of this Committee.

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

4—Librarian's Report—Receipts 8s. 10d, Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,039 (last year 4,450) ; Lending Library 11,876 (last year 12,560) ; Juvenile Library 1,817 (last year 2,221). Total for month 18,732 (last year 19,231). (Total issue for current year 121,808 volumes against 114,161. Increase 7,647),

Replacements—During the month 36 volumes had been replaced. Lectures—The second of the Winter Lectures on October 25th by the Rev. J. W. Bishop on " The Colleges of Oxford " was attended by 185 people, Retiring collection for " Limber" fund £1 18s. 4d. The third Lecture on November 8th by Capt. J. H. Trye on "America" was attended by 104 people, Retiring collection 15s 3d.

Presentations—The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner (3 vols.) ; Anon. (1 vol.), The Trustees of the British Museum (4 vols. and 3 pamph.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (2 vols) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (2 pamph.) ; Mr. David Carnegie (1 vol.) ; Miss O. Davis (1 vol), The Historical Association, Cheltenham and Gloucester Branch (5 vols.—in recognition of the value of the Public Library in historical study) ; Mr. F. A. Jones (10 vols and 6 maps) ; Capt. O. A Stokes (1 vol.) ; Messrs. The Surburban and Provincial Association (5 pamph),

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

Cost of Fuel—The Librarian reported that at the present high prices the estimated cost of £56 for heating the Library would be practically doubled, as coke is costing 63s per ton as against 34s 5d last year.

5—Leslie Young Benefaction—RESOLVED, That in order to complete "Schools of Illumination" of which the British Museum had presented Parts 3-5 (value £4 5s 0d. net), the Librarian be authorised to purchase Parts 1 and 2 at a cost not exceeding 4 guineas.

6—Purchase of Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 56 new volumes, published at £23 2s. 0d. be purchased at an estimated cost of £20 8s. 0d. (b) That 120 volumes be rebound at an estimated cost of £15.

7—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Review of English Studies" be subscribed to for one year at 21s

8—Staff—Read, letter of resignation and thanks from Miss Ivy E. Burnett on her departure to take up an appointment in West Riding of Yorkshire County Libraries, and the Librarian outlined proposals for strengthening the depleted staff. RESOLVED, unanimously, That he be authorised to secure the services of a qualified Cataloguing Assistant at a commencing wage of 50s per week, and to appoint an additional Junior at 12s 6d per week.

9---Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newspaper Room be closed on Dec, 24th, 25th and 27th.

A. MANN,
Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th November, 1926. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Moore and Ward.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd November, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £6,447 19s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £27,775 6s. 7d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £4,164 12s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £13,534 12s. 1d.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,350 on loan RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £13,550 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of £9,250 at 5 per cent., in respect of the Sanction for the Chelt Improvement Scheme and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

5—(a) 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 6 per cent. Bonds amounting to £120 had been renewed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, at periods varying from 5 to 10 years ; that £95 had been received for new Bonds at the same interest and that Certificates had been issued accordingly.

(b) 5 per. cent. Issue—RESOLVED, That a series of 5 per cent. Housing Bonds be issued as from the 1st January next, repayable at the end of 5, 7 or 10 years from the 31st March, 1927. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Board of Inland Revenue with a view to determining the compounding Agreement as to stamp duties on transfers. RESOLVED, also, That

commission at the rate of 5 per cent. be offered to Banks, Stock Brokers and Agents in connection with this issue.

6—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that W. H. Rowland, Waterworks Employee, would retire on the 22nd December with a pension of 4s per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during October was 3,603. The total for the year ended 30th September last, was 47,454, a cash equivalent of £37,963 4s. 0d., half of which could be taken up by the Corporation on loan at 5 per cent.

8—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. . £1,300 at 64 ½ per cent., plus expenses £3 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £1,300 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, Limited, the Registrars of the said stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

9— Gloucestershire Society in London—RESOLVED, That the sum of £10 10s. 0d. be subscribed towards the expenses of the Gloucestershire Society in London's visit to Cheltenham in July last.

10—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 23rd inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair) ; and Alderman Taylor. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, except one for Cement which was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices,

Cheltenham,

18th December, 1926.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, 3rd day of January, 1927, at 3 p.m.** at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted.

To pass the following Resolution :—

That in pursuance of the provisions of section 7 of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, it is hereby ordered that the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Acts, 1889 and 1899, shall apply in the said Borough to the infectious disease known as Chicken-Pox, and that this Order shall come into operation on the 31st day of January, 1927 and shall continue in force for a period of twelve calendar months from that date.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Sir,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th December, 1926.

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, 3rd day of January, 1927, 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Borough of Cheltenham

Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th December, 1926, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C. M. G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M. B.E., and Yarnold.

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

2—Housing (Rural Workers) Bill—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Association of Municipal Corporations calling attention to this Bill the report stage of which was to be taken on the 6th inst., and suggesting that the Borough Member should be asked to support the Amendment to be moved on behalf of non-County Boroughs. Resolved, That a telegram be sent to the Borough Member requesting him to act accordingly.

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3—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Dale's Field—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College stating that the College Authorities had considered the request to make a reduction in the price agreed upon, namely, £1,000 for this land, and after taking into consideration the reasons given for this request, and the circumstances connected with the Corporation's desire to obtain this land, it had been agreed to reduce the price to £900, but they wished it to be clearly understood that this reduction was granted as a very special concession which they hoped would be fully appreciated by the Corporation. The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer now recommended the purchase of the land at this price and the Ministry of Health would sanction a loan of £900 for the purchase of the land on receiving a copy of a resolution authorising the application for this amount.

Resolved, That a Contract be entered into for the purchase of the land called Dale's Field containing 4a. 3r. 13p. at the price of £900 and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £900 for the purchase money, and that 1a. 3 ½ p. be appropriated for the Chelt Improvement Scheme and the remainder of the land be taken for allotments

Resolved, also, That the Council appreciate the way in which the Cheltenham College have met them in this matter and desire to convey their thanks to the College for making the reduction in the price agreed upon.

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 9 & 10

Housing ... Meeting held November 11

Street and Highway ... Meetings held November 13 & 15

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen that Minute No. 11 (c) be not approved was not seconded).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held November 9, 12 & 19

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 12 & 17

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen "That the lamp at the junction of Gloucester and Lansdown Roads recently knocked down be not replaced" was withdrawn).

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Water Meeting held November 18

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 16

Allotments Meeting held November 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 12

Burial Board ... Meetings held November 12 & 19

Public Library ... Meeting held November 10

Finance ... Meetings held November 12 & 23

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.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, 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, 3rd January, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th December, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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. :-15 Henrietta Street ; 37cr Duke Street ; 10 Kew Place ; 17 and 23 Bath Terrace ; 14 St. Paul's Parade ; 3 and 5 Malvern Street ; 15, 20 and 21 Queen Street ; 33 Albert Street ; and 1, 2 and 3 Lacey's Cottages, Exmouth Street. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 27, 32, 35, 37 and 46 Courtenay Street ; and 10 and 12 Grosvenor Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Moorend Parade ; Eastholme, Moorend Crescent ; 1 and 2 Hereford Passage ; and Rose Cottage, Dunalley 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.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 38 Fairview Road ; 37 and 37a Duke Street ; 8a and 15 Henrietta Street ; 4 Brunswick Terrace ; 1 Wellington Parade, Wellesley Road ; 1672 High Street ; 32 Cleveland Street ; 54 Queen Street: 2 and 3 Lacey's Cottages, Exmouth 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, etc. 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) 9 and 9a Russell Place—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 Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons to do the work for £13, being the lowest, be accepted.

4—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt, beef ; 4 cwt. 2 lbs. pork ; 3 tins of prawns (21 lbs.), and 5 tins corned beef (30 lbs.).

6—Filter Beds—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Pyx Granite Co. began filling the new filter beds at Hayden with the media on the 30th ult.

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7—Chicken Pox—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that if it was considered desirable to continue the Notification of Chicken Pox it would be necessary to apply for a further Order. The Medical Officer of Health recommended that, having regard to the number of cases of Small Pox notified in England during the last ten weeks (over 2,000) a further Order should be obtained for a period of 12 months. RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of the Council be held on the 3rd January next to pass a formal resolution in pursuance of the provisions of section 7 subsection 6 of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, requiring the Notification of cases of Chicken Pox for a period of twelve months from the 31st January, 1927.

8—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular letter of 25th ult., from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference to be held at Hastings from the 11th to 16th July next. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend.

9—Royal Institute of Public Health—Read, circular letter from the President inviting the attendance of delegates at a Congress of this Institute to be held in the City of Ghent from June 1st to June 6th next. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Cumberland House, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that this house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. Mr. R. W. Jackson attended and consented to an Order being made: RESOLVED, That it appearing to the Council that the said house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, Orders be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-section (1) of Section 11 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 Owner and Occupiers.

(b) 2, 4 and 5 Providence Place, Portland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done to these premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made on the 14th May, 1923. RESOLVED, That notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Demolition Order and that a Meeting of the Committee be held to consider this on the 25th January next at 2.45 p.m.

11—Medical Officer of Health—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the Finance Committee be recommended to extend the services of the Medical Officer of Health up to the 31st March, 1928.

12—Health Department—Clerk—Read, application of 13th inst., from Miss B. Richards of this department for an increase in her salary. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased by 5s per week.

13—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on 13th inst. 12 horses 92 head of cattle, 1 calf, 1 bull, 158 sheep and 58 pigs. 14 lambs had been purchased for £21 9s. 0d, and the purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £49 1s. 9d. Total purchases £70 10s. 9d, 25 sheep, 2 bullocks, 2 calves, 10 ewes, 5 lambs and 2 heifers had been sold for £214 10s. 5d. Since the last Meeting one calf had been bred on the farms,

Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the new cottages at Hayden Knoll Farms would be completed during the week. RESOLVED, That the cottages be let to F. Illiffe and F. Mason at inclusive rents of 3s per week. RESOLVED, also, That F. Mason be let the garden of his existing house at an inclusive rent at rate of 1s per week.

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, 14th December, 1926. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Moore, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Wheeler (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Council of Social Welfare—Miss Geddes, Col. Longridge and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Council of Social Welfare. Miss Geddes submitted

plans of the concrete block houses proposed to be erected for the Home Crofting Scheme and urged that similar houses should be erected for persons whose wages do not exceed £2 per week, She also suggested that the Council should consider the erection of houses containing 4 flats with separate entrances, Col. Longridge urged the desirability of improving existing houses in the poorer parts of the town, and that the Committee should consider what could be done to prevent profiteering with regard to furnished lodgings, He also suggested the Corporation should build and furnish lodgings to be let by the Corporation. Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring stated that in his opinion that so long as the present high price of building was maintained the Committee could not erect houses to be let at a rent within the means of a man earning £2 per week, and suggested that the only way to bring down the cost was for the Corporation to stop building for the time being. This, together with the proposed reduction in the Subsidy by the Government, he thought would gradually tend to reduce the cost of building.

2---Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted applications from the Owners of 21 Shakespeare Road and 49 Byron Road for permission to erect a shed and garage respectively. 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, and in the case of No. 49 Byron Road that he should provide a screen fence.

3—Re-decoration—Applications were received from the tenants of 107 Tennyson Road, 9 Orchard Terrace, 22 Milton Road and 4 Byron Road for re-decoration of their houses, RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out such repairs to cracks, etc, in walls and ceilings as may be required to put same in tenantable repair.

New Tenancies—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert a clause in any new agreements for tenancy requiring tenants to carry out any colouring and painting which may be required to keep the inside of the premises in good and sufficient tenantable repair,

4—Housing etc. Act, 1923—(a) Period—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than fifty houses to be built by private enterprise, so as to apply to houses commenced by the 31st March next.

(b) (i.) Moorend Park Road—RESOLVED, That a provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. W. Turner in respect of a house to be built in Moorend Park Road for his own occupation containing 945 super feet and to be erected at a density of 9.65 to the acre, subject to period of subsidy being extended by the Ministry of Health

(ii.) Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended application from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd., for a subsidy in respect of two houses to be erected in Whaddon Lane for their employees. Each house contained 945 super feet and to be built at a density of 14.25 to the acre. RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £75 be granted in respect of each house subject to the site of each house being extended so as to reduce the density to not exceeding 12 per acre.

(iii.) Milton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. F. A. Jones for a subsidy in respect of the house proposed to be built by him for his own occupation and reported that the measurements exceeded the subsidy limit. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Final Certificate—The Borough Surveyor submitted certificate of completion of a semi-detached house in Old Bath Road erected by Mr. W. G. Wiggins. RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. W. G. Wiggins, subject to his undertaking to comply with the conditions made

5—Milton Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. F. A. Jones wished that the house to be erected on the land in Milton Road proposed to be purchased by him should face south instead of fronting Milton Road. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

6—Shrubberies and Inner Road—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee asking for the Council's observations in regard to the delay incurred in the construction of the shrubberies and Inner Road on the Estate, and pointing out that it was a condition of the Grant that the scheme should be completed within six months from the date of commencement, and whereas the work was actually in progress from the 15th August, 1925, to the 13th May, 1926 RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

7—Housing Estate Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk submitted an offer of £12 from Mr. W. G. Rogers, the Owner of No. 1 Brooklyn Road for the twelve feet strip of land between his house and the Almhouses. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted and that the land be retained.

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8--Parlour Type Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the Executors of the late Mr. H. Unwin had now consented to the covenants as to the frontage to Gloucester Road 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, subject to payment of their Solicitors costs amounting to £6 10s. 1d. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the deed.

9-47 Byron Road—Read, letter from Mr. H. F. Midwinter stating that Mr. F. Done had now agreed to purchase this house which Commander Gould had originally agreed to buy but had not completed, and asking that the Corporation should join as a guarantor for Mr. Done in a Mortgage to the Building Society in the same manner as they had originally agreed to do in respect of Commander Gould. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10-2 Tennyson Road--Read, application from the tenant of this house for permission to transfer to a Parlour type house. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to and that her name be placed at the end of the selected list.

11-72 Milton Road—Read, application of 22nd inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department for consent to the placing of one telegraph pole in the garden and a bracket on the chimney of 72 Milton Road, RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to an annual payment of 1s per fixture, on the understanding that the Postmaster will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintainance of the bracket and to the consent being terminable by three calendar months' notice in writing on either side.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd December, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks and Dunn (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Rees' Site—RESOLVED, That this road be called " Cobham Road."

2—Hanks' Land—(a) Read, letter from National Citizens Union of 25th October, asking the Council to defer building on this land until they had investigated the possibility of (1) reconditioning such portions of the Slum areas as might be practicable, (2) adopting in case of any new buildings which

might be found necessary, some less expensive method of construction. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Council are constantly exercising the powers given by the Housing Act, 1925 to require Owners of houses to recondition houses so as to make them reasonably fit for human habitation, and that the Council have already built houses of concrete in situ, concrete blocks, steel framed houses, and also a wooden house and their experience has shown that both in regard to cost of construction and cost of maintainance and the value of the houses, the brick built houses are the most satisfactory, and that it is the intention of this Council to build houses on this site of the most economical type which would satisfy the requirements of the Ministry of Health so that the houses could be let at the lowest possible rents.

(b) New Houses—Mr. Malvern submitted plans for 61 three-bedroomed houses and 20 two-bedroomed houses on this site of similar type and construction as the houses erected on the Cottage site and Rees' site RESOLVED That these be approved and that the same be submitted for approval of the Ministry of Health and that subject to, such approval alternative tenders be invited (1) for the erection of all the houses and (2) for the houses on each frontage to the two roads.

3—Common Lodging Houses-19 and 20 Stanhope Street—RESOLVED, That Mr. Fortucci be given notice to give up possession of these premises on the 7th February, 1927.

4—Arrears—Read, letter from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles stating that Mr. A Barnicle of No. 3 Maud's Elm Terrace owed 33s and Mr. C. S. W. Gould of No. 9 Maud's Elm Terrace owed 25s and that he had therefore given them notice to quit RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to obtain possession of the houses and for recovery of the arrears.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th December, 1926. Present—Alderman Bendall Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 7th and 20th inst: RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted except that Plan No. 2255 for alteration to front of two shops in Montpellier Walk be not approved and that the Owner be asked to re-consider the plans with a view to making the proposed alteration harmonize with the architectural design of the building.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 12th November to 17th December, 1926, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 9th inst., 1,004 loads collected, 954 consumed and 50 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,363 tons 15 cwts.).

3—Sydenham Road North—(a) Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works for this road amounting to £218 0s. 11. (including supervision), and a Memorial was also received from the Owners asking the Council to make some reduction in the charges. RESOLVED, That the apportionment be approved and that demand for payment be served upon the Owners named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance

of 5 per cent. be made to each Owner on the amount apportioned provided payment is made within one month of the service of demand.

(b) Trees—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to plant two small trees in the place of the two recently felled in this road.

4—Montpellier Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. H. Packer & Co., for permission to use a traction engine for hauling trees from the Ladies' College, RESOLVED, That no objection be made subject to any damage to the roads or mains, cables, etc, therein being made good by Messrs. Packer & Co.

5—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted 14 tenders for the supply of 50 tons of Steam Coal for the Baths delivered to Corporation siding (G.W.R.). RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son of 31s 4d, per ton for Princess Royal Coal be accepted.

6--Suffolk Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Blissett & Co., complaining of the condition of the footpath in Suffolk Street outside their premises, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

7—Central Depot—RESOLVED, That the use of the Mess Room at the Central Depot be granted to the Social Club of the Corporation Workmen which had been revived after a lapse of several years.

8—Cemetery Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the grass verge along this road had been destroyed again by cattle belonging to the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Manager of the Company with regard thereto.

9—Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported he did not think that the present destructor would last the period for which the loan was sanctioned, and that having regard to the extensive repairs which would soon be required he considered it was desirable to prepare a scheme for a new destructor. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to prepare a scheme for the consideration of the Committee

10—Railway Wagons—Read, letter from the Railway Clearing House, stating that the Companies had decided to extend for a further experimental period to 31st December, 1927, the scheme under which they accepted a commuted Annual Payment of 1s per wagon in lieu of 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.

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11—Whaddon Lane—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the agreement as to the widening and making up of this road had now been executed by all the abutting Owners and that they strongly urged that the work should be put in hand as soon as possible, having regard to the present unsatisfactory condition of the road. The amount agreed to be contributed by the Corporation is as follows :—

Contribution of one third of the total cost of the work	1,005 0 0
Fencing and Gates ...	350 0 0
Apportionment in respect of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground	377 7 5
Apportionment in respect of the Walker Memorial Church	33 10 6
Apportionment in respect of All Saints' Mission Room	<u>45 7 6</u>
Total	£1,811 5 5

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for £1,800, and that as soon as the sanction is received the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work. (b) Read, letter from Mr. C. W. Welford on behalf of the Owners in this road asking that the lane should be re-named Whaddon Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

12—Telegraph Line—Read, application of 4th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line along Hatherley Road. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

13—Queens Road—L.M.S. Station—Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Chief Engineer of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co. with regard to the lowering of the boundary wall from 7 feet to 3 feet, and stating that as the proposal seemed to be one for the benefit of the public generally he anticipated that no objection would be raised to the Corporation carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

14--Trees—Read, letters from Mrs. G. A Owen and Miss Johnson asking for removal of trees opposite No. 6 Queens Villas and Ellesmere, The Park. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

15—Chair of Highway Engineering—Read, circular from the Institute of Municipal and County Engineers stating that the enormous development of modern traffic during the last twenty years had entirely revolutionised the methods of highway construction, causing many bridges to become obsolete and rendering it imperative that all the resources of science should be applied to the construction and maintenance of the road system of the country. Forty million pounds were being expended annually on this task, but no system of University education as existed in other countries, had yet been set up It was now proposed to establish a University Chair of Highway Engineering at the City and Guilds (Engineering) College of the University of London, and it was estimated that the interest on the sum of £30,000 would suffice for establishing the chair in perpetuity and they suggested that Local Authorities should each send £1 for each £10,000 of its rateable value before the 31st March, next. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending consideration of the matter by the Association of Municipal Corporations and other Associations of Local Authorities.

16—Petrol Pumps—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. C. J. Bullock and Mr. S. H. Williams for permission to erect petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath at their respective premises in Montpellier Street and St. George's Place be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into and in the case of Mr. Bullock to his removing the pump at present on the kerb on to his own property.

17—Mechanical Trailers—The Committee considered the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 30th ult. (a copy of which accompanies these Minutes) and the recommendation of the Sub-Committee to provide trailers and tractors for the collection of house refuse. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,700 for the purchase of 10 trailers and three tractors including provision for the alterations to the tipping platform at the Refuse Destructor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 7th December, 1926. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Dicks and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan. Name. Description.

2255	Madame Spence	New Shop Front at 10 and 11 Montpellier Walk.
2256	Gairdner, Mrs. M. E.	Temporary Motor House at " San Souci," Christ Church Road.
2257	Messrs. Ford & Greville	Detached House in Charlton Lane
2258	Musgrave, Mr. W. C.	Roofing over Yard at 21 Suffolk Parade.
2259	St. Clair Hall, Mr. H.	Three temporary Garages in Leckhampton Road.
2260	Turner, Mr. W.	Detached House, Moorend Park Road.
2261	Whitehouse, Mr. A.	New Lavatories at 18 Regent Street.
2262	Ladies' College Council	New Gymnasium in Montpellier Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2255, 2257, 2258, 2260, 2261 and 2262 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2258 and 2261 be subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector That Plans Nos. 2256 and 2259 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, 20th December, 1926. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Leigh James and 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.

2264	Vaughan, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House at Springfield Lawn, Old Bath Road.
2265	Wilkins, Mr. A. W.	Temporary Motor Cycle House at St. Aubins, Old Bath Road.
2266	Cole, Mr. A. N.	New Shop Front at 330 and 351 High Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2264 and 2265 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. 2266 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th December, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Town Hall—(a) National Savings Assembly—Read, letter of 15th inst, from the National Savings Committee stating that they had decided to hold their Annual Assembly 1927 in Cheltenham from 23rd to 25th June. RESOLVED, That they be granted the free use of the Town Hall for the Annual Assembly.

(b) " Gustav Hoist" Concert Bead, letter from Mr. Lewis Hann, Chairman of the Committee formed for raising a fund for the public recognition of Mr. Gustav Hoist, asking for the use of the Town Hall on March 22nd next, for afternoon and evening concerts of the composer's works to be performed by the Birmingham Augmented Orchestra and conducted by the Composer, RESOLVED, That the use of the Town Hall be granted free of charge except out of pocket expenses for lighting, heating and cleaning, and that the invitation to the Mayor and Corporation to attend the Concert to give the Composer a Civic welcome be accepted.

(c) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Treasurer, St. Dunstan's' with regard to a lecture proposed to be given by a war blinded man on the work of St. Dunstan's. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted on a date to be arranged.

2---Cheltenham Spiritualistic Church—The Spa Manager submitted application from this Church for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on the 3rd June next for a Meeting to be addressed by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. RESOLVED, That they be offered the use of the Pittville Pump Room at a charge of £3 3s. 0d.

3--Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if necessary for recovery of £76 5s. 0d, balance due from Mr. C. Chandler for rent and electricity and gas.

4—Chelt Improvement Scheme—(a) Field Lodge—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if necessary to obtain possession of these premises and for the recovery of the arrears of rent due.

(b) Dale's Field—The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract for the purchase of this land. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to sign the same on behalf of the Corporation and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

(c) United Chemists Association Limited—Land—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan of the land on the North side of the Chelt which the Company were prepared to convey to the Corporation as a gift for the purpose of this scheme. RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of the Corporation be tendered to the Company for their gift of this land and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain a Conveyance thereof.

(d) Progress of Scheme—The Borough Surveyor made a report as to the progress made.

(e) Electricity Sub-Station—RESOLVED, That a site 40 feet by 30 feet be provided for an Electricity Sub-Station in the grounds of Field Lodge subject to agreement with the Electricity Committee as to the amount to be charged for the value of the land appropriated for the purpose.

(f) Fencing, Shelters, Children's Pond, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the fencing, shelters and children's pond, etc., and that this Committee be authorised to accept satisfactory tender or tenders.

5—Winter Gardens—Railings—The Chairman brought up the question of the removal of the present railings round the Winter Garden, and replacing them with a low iron fence and suggested that the present railings might possibly be utilised for the fencing required for the Chelt Improvement Scheme. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred for consideration and report to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman, Councillors Dicks and Thomas.

6—Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 23rd November and 7th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Children's Fancy Dress Dance Tea—That the Town improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to invite the Members of the Corporation to the Children's Fancy Dress Dance Tea to be held on the 13th January.

Unemployed Christmas Fund—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on Sunday, 19th December, for concerts in aid of the Unemployed Christmas Fund.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th December, 1926, Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Extensions to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extensions recommended by him in his report at a total cost of £57 and £24 10s. 0d. respectively on the terms approved by the Committee.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to lay the necessary cables to give a supply to Southam and Cleeve Hill as soon as the Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926, is confirmed by the Ministry of Transport, and also to make suitable arrangements for a sub-station or transformer kiosk on Cleeve Hill.

2—Public Lighting— (a) Painswick Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaint from Miss Dutton of " The Crossways" of the lighting at the junction of Grafton and Painswick Roads. He had now provided a 100 watt lamp at this corner instead of the 60 watt lamp as formerly, and he thought this would remedy the complaint. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Swindon Passage—Read, letter from Mr. C. Vizard suggesting an improvement in the lighting of this passage. RESOLVED, That an additional lamp be placed on a wall near the High Street end of the passage.

(c) Harp Hill—Read, memorial from residents in Hewlett Road (Harp Hill) asking for the public lighting in this road to be extended from the corner of Stanley Road to the Corporation Reservoir,

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that all the houses in this portion of the road were in Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

3----Oil Cooler—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the nature of the cooling water obtained from the Chelt considerable trouble arose from the deposits of lime and other salts in the Oil Cooler of No 10 turbine, and he recommended the purchase of an Oil Cooler from Messrs. W. H. Allen & Sons which they offered at the reduced price of instead of the usual price of £91 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be purchased.

4—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Ministry of Transport stating that the Minister had appointed Sir William Marwood to hold an Inquiry into the objections made in regard to the re-instatement of roads by the County Council and Cheltenham Rural District Council, The Inquiry would be held on the 7th January next at the Municipal Offices at 10.30 a m.

5—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, letter of 25th inst., from the Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd., asking for the halving Agreement made between the Corporation and themselves to apply to the London Guarantee Office which was now associated with their Company. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th December, 1926. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen. Bendall and Stewart; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore, Pates and Sawyer (The Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 13th December, 1926	Average for corresponding period during Past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	455,000 gallons	359,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,490,000 “	1,620,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	120,000 “	104,000 “
Total	3,065,000	2,083,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th December, 1926.		13th December, 1925.	
Hewletts		14,093,000 gallons		14,509,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 11in.	99,584,000	16ft. 0in.	30,352,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 “
Total Storage		115,297,000		46,346,000

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

	During November, 1926.	Total for past 8 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,475	7,729
“ taps found leaking	151	699
“ defective flushing boxes	44	156
“ defective stop taps	26	54
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ...	124	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>37</u>	161	1,001
“ notices served re fittings	142	504
“ meters fixed, changed, etc. ...	16	139
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	82	632
“ burst pipes discovered ...	18	78
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ..	69	293

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

Sluice Valves repaired ...	1
Mains repaired ...	4
do. washed out	7
Hydrants renewed	1
Hydrants repaired . . .	4

4—Loan of £6,900—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Ministry of Health that they were still of opinion that before any further trunk mains were laid a careful survey of the whole distribution system should be made and a comprehensive scheme prepared to meet the present and estimated future requirements. The Borough Engineer reported that he was preparing a plan bringing up to date his previous survey. RESOLVED, That this plan when completed be sent to the Ministry and that the Town Clerk be instructed to press for the sanction for this loan.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Mechanical Filters—(a) Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee asking for the Council's observations as to why this work was not completed within nine months from the date of commencement as required by the conditions on which the Grant was made. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Engineer for his observations thereon.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted analyses of the water at Dowdeswell since the installation of the Mechanical Filters, and reported that the results showed that the filter plant was fulfilling the conditions of the contract.

6—Sandford Mead Well Supply—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the quality of the water supplied from the well in Sandford Mead together with a series of analyses, both chemical and bacteriological. RESOLVED, That copies of the analyses be sent to the Ministry of Health as requested.

7—River Severn—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report upon some experimental estimates made by Dr. Gee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the amount of free oxygen dissolved in the water of the River Severn.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th December, 1926. Present — The Mayor . Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor: Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst animals—Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except for a case of Swine Fever at Folly Lane and a case at Sandfield Allotments.

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—(a) Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Stewart and Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold be appointed the Market Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) Repairs to Buildings—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society pointing out that the iron roof of the Dutch Barn was rusting badly and required a protective coat and that repairs were also required to the roofs of the Old Market Shed and Office and Egg Department Hut and also asking that glass lights might be provided in the roof of Gloucester Road Shed to give better lighting. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roof and other iron work of the Dutch Barn painted with a coat of bitumastic paint and also to carry out the repairs to the roofs at a total estimated cost of £45, and that he be also instructed to fix eight glass lights in the roof of the Gloucester Road Shed at an estimated cost of £18 subject to the Society agreeing to pay half this amount.

(c) Arrears—The Borough Treasurer reported that a balance of £44 15s. 10d. was due from Mr. Castle for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and that he had not been able to obtain any accounts or payments in respect of the current year. Mr. Castle attended and stated that he was prepared to pay the arrears due from him if the Corporation would agree to the revision of the terms of his agreement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Castle that the Committee cannot consider any proposals for the revision of his Agreement as a condition for payment of the arrears, and that, if necessary, he be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the arrears and for accounts in respect of the current year.

4—Hackney Carriage Licence—RESOLVED, That a licence be granted to Mr. C. A. Birt for Motor Cab AB. 6305.

5—Omnibus Licence—Read, application from Messrs. A. Whittingham & Co. for licence to ply for hire an omnibus between Cheltenham and Stroud. They propose to run three journeys namely : leaving Stroud 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and leaving Cheltenham at 11.30 a.m., 3.30 p.m. and 8.30

p.m., and on Sundays commencing at 2 p.m., at the same fares as charged by the other two companies operating on the route. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

6—Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Dicks be appointed representative of the Corporation on the Finance Committee of the Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee in place of The Mayor who was now an ex-officio member.

7—Incorporation Jubilee—RESOLVED, That Councillors Moore, Pruen and Yarnold be appointed representatives of the Council on the Executive Committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Borough and for raising funds for the Hospital Extension Scheme.

8—Deerhurst Church—The Committee considered recommendation of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee to subscribe to the appeal issued by the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society for £270 for clearing the farm buildings on the site of the old Saxon Chancel or Sanctuary adjoining Deerhurst Church and for repairs to the exterior masonry of the building and also for making excavations to ascertain plan of the Apse and contiguous buildings. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be not approved.

9—National Scheme for disabled Ex-service Men— Read, letter of 16th ult., from the Manager of the Local Employment Committee asking the Corporation to renew their undertaking to employ ex-service men up to 5 per cent. of the total staff. RESOLVED, That the undertaking be renewed for a further period of two years.

10—Compulsory Insurance—Read, letters of 29th ult. and 10th inst., from the Cheltenham Drapers', Hosiers' and Furnishers' Association and Cheltenham Trade Protection Society enclosing resolutions passed at their respective meetings urging upon the Government the necessity for compulsory insurance of all motor vehicles (third party risks) and asking the Corporation to support the resolutions. RESOLVED, That this Council strongly urges upon the Government the necessity for compulsory insurance of all motor vehicles (third party risks) in order that persons injured can secure just compensation also as to Drivers' fitness and qualifications to operate vehicles and further that rear lights should be fixed to all bicycles and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transport and the Borough Member.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th December, 1926. Present—Councillors Dicks, Leigh James Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend: (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1 —Creamery Piece Allotments—Transfer—RESOLVED, That Allotment No. 14 be transferred to W. Peacey.

2—Albert Road Allotments- Read, letter of 9th inst., from Messrs. Taylor, Fletcher & Villar with regard to the sale of this land RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the District Valuer to report thereon.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th December, 1926. Present—Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Albert Road—Carriageway—The Borough Surveyor reported that the carriageway of this road from Prestbury Road to the bridge near Pittville Gardens, was in a bad state of repair, and required complete reconstruction, but the provision in this year's estimate only enabled him to carry out small repairs. RESOLVED, That the cost of reconstructing the road be included in next year's estimates.

2—Recreation Ground, St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan and estimate for laying out this land as a Recreation Ground including provision of Public Conveniences, Pavilion and fencing and for three cricket pitches, and also a giant stride and two sets of swings for children at a total cost of £2,200. RESOLVED, That the plan and estimate be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for £2,200. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry for their sanction to the land being appropriated for a Recreation Ground and to the sum of £665 being credited to the Housing Accounts (being £108 for 36 feet frontage to Brooklyn Road and £557 representing the original cost of the remainder of the land).

3—Gardens' Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor submitted statement of the annual expenditure on flowers, etc., in twelve other seaside and inland watering places which showed that the expenditure at Cheltenham was considerably lower than in any of these towns.

4—Trees—Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor reported that an elm tree by the entrance to these Gardens near " Saxham " was in a dangerous condition. RESOLVED, That the tree be felled.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, memorial from eight residents in Marle Hill Road stating that the trees in this Ground were a cause of considerable expense and annoyance to them. RESOLVED, That the trees be viewed.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th December, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillor Brig.-Gen. Thomas ; Colonel J. C. Griffith ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits--During November 2,633 (against 2,432) ; daily average 101 (against 96) ; open 26 days (against 25 days). Included in these figures was a class of boys from the Parish Church School.

Receipts—Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £2 12s. 9d. ; Commission on Sales in 7th Annual Cheltenham Group Exhibition £6 13s. 9d ; Sundries 15s 9d. Total £10 2s. 3d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists was visited by 4,504 people being open from October 11th to November 20th. It was followed by an Exhibition of Work by Nine Women Artists, which remains on view from 23rd November to the 2nd January.

2—Sunday Opening --The Curator reported attendances between 2.30 and 4.30 on the past five Sundays, namely 52, 92, 51, 17, 26 ; the average to date being 58 per Sunday. RESOLVED, That the experimental period be extended till the end of January.

3—Donations—From Mr. P. Badham, Photograph of Cheltenham Print, dated 1824 ; Mr. H. E. Branch, Small Portrait in oils of the Ex-Mayor, Mr Councillor W. J. M. Dicks, painted by Mr. Branch ; Mr. S. D. Scott, M.A., A Water colour drawing of " An Iceberg off Cape Evans, Sept. 1911 " by Edward Adrian Wilson of Cheltenham, given in memory of the Artist and of the men who died with him on the return journey from the South Pole, March, 1912 Alderman Clara Winterbotham, Box of Specimens illustrative of Chinese domestic life, and Herring Gull in case.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors. RESOLVED, also, That the Water-colour by the late Dr. Wilson be insured in the sum of £100.

4—Electrical Association for Women—Cheltenham Branch—RESOLVED, That the application of this branch to arrange for a Lecture, in the Art Gallery on the 25th January, entitled, " The Housewife her own Electrician " be granted.

5—Corporation Workmen's Social Club—RESOLVED, That the application made on behalf of the Club for the possession of the Quoits Cup now in custody of the Museum, be deferred for further consideration.

6—Portrait of Prince of Wales--RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. Rann of Dudley to supply a portrait of HRH. The Prince of Wales be not entertained

7—" The London Magazine "—RESOLVED, That the action of the Curator in granting permission for the reproduction of the photograph in the Museum of the Long Barrow at Pole's Wood South be approved.

8—Loan of Pictures—RESOLVED, That the action of the Curator in declining with thanks the loan of two large Italian Paintings be confirmed.

9—Photographic Exhibition—Read, Offer of Brighton Corporation to lend 100 Prize Photographs of Brighton and neighbourhood for exhibition in the Art Gallery. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

10—Insurance of Sir F. Colchester Wemyss' Water-colour Collection—RESOLVED, That this particular Exhibition be insured with Messrs. Henry Head & Co., of London, for the sum of £2 9s. 3d.

11—" Military Honours " by Eyre Crow—RESOLVED, That this Oil Painting presented by Lady Dixon Hartland in 1921 be again placed at the disposal of the Donor.

12—Prospective Exhibitions—RESOLVED, (a) That an Exhibition of Paintings by James Clark, R.I. be arranged from 10th March to 20th April, 1927.

(b) That the suggestion of the Curator that a collection of paintings representative of the last 50 years, with special reference to Cheltenham and the Cotswolds, be organised in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations, be approved.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th December, 1926. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart' Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 20th November to 17th December, 1926. Interments 54 Grave Spaces sold 11 (First Position 1 ; Second Position 1 ; Third Position 1 ; Fourth Position 8). Memorials erected 14. New Inscriptions 5.

2---Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7493 to 7503 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :---Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Louie O. Billings, Catherine N. Howe and Emily A. Johnstone ; and Kerbing to grave of Frederick J. Ford.

4—Drainage—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery to consider surface water drainage.

HENRY- T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th December, 1926. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates and Wheeler ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 10s. 3d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 6,026 (last year 4,444) ; Lending Library 12,254 (last year 11,860) ; Juvenile Library 2,141 (last year 2,408). Total for month 20,421 (last year 18,712).

Lectures—The fourth of the Winter Series was given on December 6th by Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S., on " Round the Mediterranean Shore." 297 people attended. A retiring collection for the " Limber " Fund realised £2 12s. 4d.

Presentations—Anonymous (1 vol.), The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. Blathwayt (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (2 vols) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (40 pamphs.) ; Cheltenham School of Arts and Crafts (2 vols.) ; Mrs. Dickinson (7 vols.) Mr. Homer (1 vol.) ; Mr. North (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 9th inst. Present—Councillor Bastin ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Dr. R. Davies (Dr. R. Davies in the chair). They recommended (a) That 34 volumes (new books) be purchased at an estimated cost of £14 8s. 0d

(b) That 6 volumes (new books), published at £8 11s. 6d., be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £6 16s. 0d. for the Reference Library.

(c) That the sum of £15 be spent on book binding.

(d) That " The Manchester Guardian Commercial " (3d. per week) be added to the Newsroom, and, That the back number of the same, together with "The Manchester Guardian " (daily) be disposed of at 5d. per week.

(e) That " The (Adelaide) Observer " (weekly), offered by Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, and "Scripture Truth" (monthly), offered as a gift by the Publishers, be accepted with thanks.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At the first Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th December, 1926. Present—Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas and Ward

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

2—Appointment of Officers—RESOLVED, That Mr. R. Owen Seacome be appointed Clerk of this Committee. RESOLVED, also, That Messrs. E. W. Deacon, F. H. Harris and E. D. Ricketts be appointed joint Rating and Valuation Officers, and that Mr. A. Ricketts be appointed Rate Collector and Mr. E. J. Cornock be appointed General Clerk.

3—Valuation Lists—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Clerk be appointed to attend the Conference called by the Assessment Committee for the 10th inst., to consult as to date on which a new valuation list should be brought into force. RESOLVED, also, That this Committee are of the opinion that the new valuation should not be brought into force until the 1st April, 1929, as they are advised by their Rating and Valuation Officers that it would be difficult to prepare a new valuation list in time for the 1st April, 1928. RESOLVED, also, That the Clerk be instructed to prepare forms and returns for assessment of Rateable Property under Section 40 of the Act, and to have the same printed.

4—Railways and Tithes—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Minister of Health stating that after careful consideration of all the circumstances he had decided to fix the deduction to be made from net annual value to arrive at rateable value of railways, etc., in the Borough at 28 per cent., instead of 27.77 as desired by the Corporation as the Minister was of opinion that it was expedient to make the percentage an integral figure in all cases.

5—Valuation—Read, circular letter of 7th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Valuation Committee had with the approval of the County Council decided to engage the services of Messrs. Eve & Sons, London, to advise Rating Authorities and Assessment Committees in the County, as well as the County Valuation Committee whenever required for the purpose of bringing the new Act into operation. The Committee thought that in the interests of uniformity the whole of certain classes of property should be valued by Messrs. Eve & Sons at the expense of the County, but in any other cases where Rating Authorities might desire a valuation by Messrs. Eve & Sons the County would pay one-third of Messrs Eve & Sons' charges.

The County Valuation Committee strongly recommended all Rating Authorities in the County to instruct Messrs. Eve & Sons to value the following classes of property in their district, upon the understanding that the County will pay, out of the County Rates, the whole of the expense of such valuations (after consultation with the County Valuation Committee) the costs of any appeal which may arise therefrom, viz.

Manufacturing premises where the present rateable value is £100 or over. Canal, Dock, Gas, Water, Electricity, Tramway, and other public utility undertakings. Hereditaments containing machinery or plant which is deemed to be part thereof. Collieries. Quarries. Brickworks Licensed Premises. Poor Law Institutions. Hospitals and Infirmarys. Colleges and Schools (except rate aided schools) and premises occupied in connection therewith. Places of amusements, Dwelling houses where the present value is £150 or over.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Eve & Sons be instructed upon the terms recommended by the County Valuation Committee to value " Special Properties " and such other properties as the Committee think desirable to submit for valuation.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st December, 1926. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Moore and Pruen (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £12,533 7s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £21,689 18s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £7,308 13s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £10,390 11s. 8d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £400 on loan. RESOLVED, That the same be accepted in respect of a duly authorised loan.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £11,050 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4--National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during November was 3,398, as compared with 2,843 during the corresponding month last year.

5—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. : £1,250 at 64 ½ per cent., plus expenses £3 8s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £1,250 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.

6—Superannuation—(a) Medical Officer of Health—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, 1928.

(b) H. Boulton—Read, letter from Mr. H. Boulton stating that he had served 28 years in the Water Undertaking but had resigned 11 months before the adoption of the Superannuation Act. He asked that in the circumstances a pension might be granted to him. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Council have no power to grant him a pension.

7—Housing Bonds—Stamp Duty—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Controller of Stamps, Inland Revenue, stating that the Board had now agreed to determine the Agreement entered into by the Corporation for the Composition of stamp duties on Local Housing Bonds as from 1st February next.

8—Main Roads' Expenditure—RESOLVED, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be again called to their expenditure on main roads during the current year which was largely in excess of the Annual Contribution from the County Council.

9—Borough Treasurer—RESOLVED, That the salary of the Borough Treasurer be increased to £600 as from the 1st January, 1927, such salary to include the £75 allowed by the Ministry of Health in respect of his work as Registrar of Housing Bonds.

10—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 21st inst Present : Alderman Steel and Councillor Moore (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, 3rd February, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, 7th day of February, 1927, 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 held on the 3rd January.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE if 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To fill vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the expiration of the term of office of Miss M. E. H. Knollys.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough at Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd January, 1927, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E.).

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mann and H. W. Thomas.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 6th 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—Resolution of Sympathy—Resolved,—That the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor H. W. Thomas on the death of his wife.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held December 13

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and Seconded by Councillor Dunn "that Minute No. 12 (re Salary of Miss Richards) be not approved" was lost).

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Housing ... Meeting held December 14

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held December 22

Street and Highway Meeting held December 20

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Dunn " That Minute No. 17 with reference to Mechanical Trailers" be not approved.

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held December 17

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 15

Water Meeting held December 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 16

Subject to the following Amendments, viz. :-

Moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Yarnold " That Minute No. 5 with reference to Omnibus Licence be referred back for further consideration."

Moved by Councillor Capt. Tyre and seconded by Councillor Leigh James " That the recommendation to Minute No. 8—Deerhurst Church—be not approved and that a subscription of Five Guineas be made to the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society to the fund for clearing the farm buildings on the site of the old Saxon chancel or sanctuary."

GAME LICENCE—Resolved, also, That the application of Messrs. Eastman's Ltd., for a licence to deal in Game in respect of their premises at 3 High Street, be granted.

Allotments Meeting held December 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 13

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held December 17

Burial Board Meeting held December 17

Public Library Meeting held December 14

Rating Meeting held December 8

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Alderman Stewart "That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 be amended so as to read as follows :— Resolved, That Messrs. Eve & Sons be instructed upon the terms recommended by the County Valuation Committee to value such properties as the Committee think desirable to submit for valuation."

Finance ... Meeting held December 21

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.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd January, 1927, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E.).

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

NOTIFICATION OF CHICKEN Pox :—

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of section 7 of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, it is hereby ordered that the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Acts, 1889 and 1899, shall apply in the Borough of Cheltenham to the infectious disease known as Chicken-Pox, and that this Order shall come into operation on the 31st day of January, 1927 and shall continue in force for a period of twelve calendar months from that date.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th February, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th January, 1927. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 28, 31, 36, 38 and 45 Courtenay Street ; Anean House, Upper Bath Street ; Norwood Cottage, Upper Bath Street ; Eclipse Wood and Coal Yard, Upper Bath Street ; Whitfield Cottage, Naunton Lane—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., 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) 27, 32, 35, 37 and 46 Courtenay Street ; and 10 and 12 Grosvenor 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.

2—Insanitary Property-17 Burton Street ; 4 Gloucester Cottages, 2 Cleeve View, St. Paul's Road ; 9 Upper Park Street ; Mostell, Leckhampton Road ; 11 and 28 Sandford Street ; 10 St. Luke's Place; 2 Sherborne Place ; 1 and 2 Elmdale Cottages, 17 Grosvenor Terrace ; 2 Brecon Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. 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.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. .-8, 9, 39, 40, 43 and 51 Tivoli Street ; 16 Burton Street ; 4 and 5 Gloucester Cottages, 1 Painswick Parade, Painswick Road ; 6 Carlton Place, W. ; 2 Cleeve View, St Paul's Road ; 14 and 15 Worcester Street ; 2 Suffolk Parade ; 2 Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; and 2 Elmdale Cottages, Fairfield Parade, RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 187 lbs. pork, 90 lbs. veal ; 48 lbs, beef ; 26 lbs. mutton ; and 32 lbs. of fish.

6-Gas Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the injurious liquid from the Gas Works had again been discharged into the sewer notwithstanding the definite assurance given by the Company in a letter dated 22nd April last that it was not the intention of the Company to start manufacturing sulphate of ammonia again until the arrangements they were making to dispose of the liquid (otherwise than by allowing it to percolate through the soil), were complete. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for an injunction against the Company if the liquid is again allowed to get into the sewers and that the Company be so informed.

7—Brooklyn Road Sewer—Read, letter from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating it was observed that the work of constructing this sewer was in course of execution for a period of eight months as compared with the period of six months prescribed in the Grant but having given further consideration they were now prepared to regard the condition in question as having been sufficiently satisfied.

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8—Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 743 received from the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangement of the Annual Reports of the Medical Officers of Health for 1926, a copy of which had been sent by the Ministry to the Medical Officer of Health.

9—Lavatory Accommodation—Clarence Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that this lavatory was nearing completion. RESOLVED, (a) That the men's Conveniences be kept open day and night including Sundays.

(b) That the Lavatory and Cloak Room accommodation for both sexes including Ladies' Convenience, be opened from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. on weekdays and from 1.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

(c) That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment of a man and wife as caretakers at a salary of £2 a week with living accommodation and also for a part time female assistant at 10s per week.

RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Moore and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to select not more than six applicants for interview by this Committee and also to consider as to tariff of charges for Cloak Rooms, etc.

10—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—(a) Pasteuriser's Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd for renewal of their licence to use the designation " Pasteurised " milk in connection with the sale of milk treated by them at their Dairy, Imperial Lane, Cheltenham, be granted, the licence to expire on 31st December, 1927 unless previously revoked.

(b) Dealer's Licence—(i) RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., for the renewal of licence issued to Davis & Co. to sell " Pasteurised " milk from 3 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street be granted, the licence to expire on 31st December, 1927 unless previously revoked.

(ii) Read, application from the Cheltenham Creamery Ltd., for renewal of their licences 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, 1927 unless previously revoked.

11—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on 10th inst. 12 horses. 90 head of cattle, 136 sheep and 28 pigs. Purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £33 15s. 0d. 30 pigs, 1 bullock, 1 heifer, 5 lambs, 4 yearlings, 3 ewes had been sold for £219 4s, 5d. 1 ewe had died from Inflammation of the Lungs.

Orchard and Garden—RESOLVED, That F. Mason be let the Orchard and Garden of his existing house (approximately 3.8 chains) at an inclusive rent of 50s per year and that Minute No. 3 of the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

Feeding Pens—RESOLVED, That the Farms' Manager be authorised to obtain and fix the necessary spouting required for the feeding pens.

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, 26th January, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor: Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair)

12-2, 4 and 5 Providence Place, Portland Street—The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given to the Owners of these Premises of the intention to make a Demolition Order. The Sanitary Inspector reported that no objection was made by the Owners to the Orders being made.

RESOLVED, That Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Sub-section (2) of Section 14 of the Housing Act, 1925, requiring the demolition of the premises, the Council being of opinion that these houses have not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with diligence do make them so fit. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the ejection of the tenants.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th January, 1927, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Wheeler (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Outbuildings - - (a) 87 Byron Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owner of this house had erected a shed without permission being previously obtained although he had been notified that no shed could be erected without such permission. RESOLVED, That the Owner be informed that unless the shed is set back in line with the gable end of the house the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against him for the breach of the covenant in the Conveyance.

(b) 8 Byron Road and 24 Shakespeare Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted applications from the Owners of these houses for permission to erect garages. RESOLVED, That the Buildings 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 No. 24 Shakespeare Road to a suitable screen fence being provided.

2—Ash Bins—The Borough Surveyor reported that some of the ashbins on the Estate had now been in use for over seven years and required renewal. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to obtain a supply of ashbins and to issue these when he considers necessary.

3—Revision of Subsidy—The Town Clerk submitted Circular of 1st inst., No. 755 from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of the Housing Acts (Revision of Contributions) Order, 1926, The Order provided (1) for houses completed before the 1st October, 1927, the subsidies will be at the existing rates ; (2) for houses completed after the 1st October, 1927, the subsidy contribution will be as follows :—(a) for houses not subject to the special conditions of the Act of 1924, £4 a year for 20 years instead of as at present and (b) for houses which are subject to the special conditions of the Act of 1924, £7 10s. Od. a year for 40 years instead of £9 as at present.

As regards private enterprise the Minister of Health was of opinion that the grant of assistance to a private builder should be directed so far as possible to securing the provision of a rather less expensive type of house than hitherto and requesting Local Authorities to make it a definite condition of certificates issued after the receipt of this circular that the net selling price of houses included in such certificate should not exceed £550 (exclusive of subsidy) or when the houses are not to be sold that the gross cost should not exceed £625 where a subsidy of is paid. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that Minute No. 6 of the Meeting of this Committee on the 19th October, 1924, be varied accordingly.

4-122 Tennyson Road—Read, Report as to the damage caused to this house by fire on the 19th ult., which the Borough Surveyor estimated at £3 10s. Od., and the Town Clerk submitted letter of the 10th inst., from the Ministry of Health stating that the cost of making good the damage could be charged to the Revenue Account of the Housing Scheme, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the damage made good.

5—Nos. 3, 5, 16, 18, 20 and 22 Shakespeare Road—The Town Clerk reported that these houses had now been completed for more than three months and were still unsold. RESOLVED, That the same be let to applicants on the Selected List.

.6--Housing Estate Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk submitted a further offer of £12 from Mr. W. G. Rogers, the Owner of No. 1 Brooklyn Road for a 4ft. strip of land between his house and the Almshouses. RESOLVED, That the consideration be adjourned until the Recreation Ground is completed,

7—Redecoration—The Town Clerk submitted an amended covenant for the Tenancy Agreements providing that the tenant should colour paper and whitewash the interior of the dwelling house as and when this might be required for the purpose of keeping the same clean and in good order. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th January, 1927. Present—Aldermen Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore and Pates (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

8—Housing etc., Act, 1923--(a) Period—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Ministry of Health extending the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than fifty houses to be built by private enterprise so as to apply to houses commenced before the 31st March next and completed by the 30th September next, subject to compliance with the conditions as to limiting figures of selling price or gross cost (as the case may be) set out in Circular No. 755 referred to in Minute No. 3 above.

(b) Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted final certificate of completion of a detached house in Naunton Lane erected by Mr. W. A. Shill. RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. Shill, subject to his undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

(c) Milton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans from Mr. R. G. Morris for a house on the site recently purchased by him and application for a subsidy, RESOLVED, That the plans be not approved as these do not comply with the covenants.

9--Shrubberies and Inner Road—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that in the special circumstances they were prepared to extend to the 13th May, the grant earning period authorised in respect of this scheme.

10—Sales of Houses---Non-Parlour Type—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
5 Shakespeare Road	Armstrong, R. M.	£475.
15 "	Mills, A. 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 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 125 have been sold, 11 have been let, leaving 4 for sale, all of which have been completed. 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

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st January, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks and Pates (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) Tenders for Houses—Seven tenders were received for the erection of 22 houses on the east side of Stanhope Street and for work to adjoining premises. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., of 18,544 including £100 for work required for support of adjoining premises being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and to sanction to a loan being obtained. (NOTE : This price is equivalent to £383 16s. 4d. per house). RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of the houses and to a loan of £9,100 for the cost of the houses including Architects' fees and 5 per cent. for contingences.

(b) Nos. 5 to 9 and 30 and 36 Stanhope Street—RESOLVED, That the owners of these houses be allowed per house for the value of the materials in lieu of right to remove same.

(c) Rents—Read, letter of 1st instant from the Ministry of Health approving of the rents of 5s 6d (inclusive of rates) per week for the 14 houses now in course of erection on the West side of Stanhope Street.

2—Four-flat houses—General Thomas submitted letter from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor of Walsall giving particulars and plan of the 4-flat houses being erected by the Walsall Council at a cost of £360 per flat. Each flat had an entirely separate entrance, namely two on the front and one on each gable end of the houses together with separate garden. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Ministry of Health to know whether the Ministry would allow similar flats to be erected in Cheltenham and he submitted letter of the 19th instant in reply thereto, in which the Ministry pointed out that the areas of these flats were 567 superficial feet on the ground floor and 582 superficial feet on the upper floor as against the area of the two bedroom houses being erected by the Corporation of 668 superficial feet, and stated that it was the Department's experience that flats were more costly to build than cottages of equal area. The Ministry would, however, be prepared to consider a proposal for the erection of flats instead of houses and stated there would be no objection to the Council obtaining tenders in order to test the prices, but they thought that unless the Council had good reason to suppose that a favourable result would be obtained the expenditure on preparing plans and going to tender would not be justified. The Ministry also stated that they thought that building prices in the Walsall area were likely to be cheaper than in the Cheltenham District. RESOLVED, That Mr. Malvern be asked to consider and report whether the erection of 4-flat houses would be more economical.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 31st January, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Capt. Trye, Gen. Thomas and Ward ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1926.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	27.10	21.5
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	13	22.75
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	23.3	33

The Secretary of the Association had had a breakdown in health and pending her recovery the Association had appointed Miss Kathleen Oswell as temporary Secretary for a period of three months.

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2—Health Visitors—Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended 31st December, 1926 :--

No. of Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	1,200	
“ (b) over 1 year ...	1,892	
“ remaining on Visiting Register	2,704	
Un- notified Births discovered ...	62	
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	7,350	
Attendances by Health Visitors at Centres .	252	
Talks to Mothers at Centres	25	
Children remitted to Hospital ...	16	
Ante-natal cases visited ...	121	
Chicken-pox ,,	.. 15	
Measles,,	72	
Whooping-cough cases visited	74	
Mumps cases visited	6	
Ophthalmia-Neonatorum cases visited	2	
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. (No prosecutions followed)		2

Grants of Milk

To nursing and expectant mothers	49
To infants and children (under 3 years)	243

Cost of milk during the year 1926

Total 292 ... £138 14s. 11d.

Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1926 :—

No. of Children on Register ..	2,704
Children Visited (1 year and under)	884
“ (over 1 year)	601
Un-notified Births discovered ..	12
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,747
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	. 66
Children remitted to Hospital	. 5
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	133
Ante-natal cases visited 34

Chicken-pox cases visited ...	6
Whooping-cough cases visited	10
Measles cases visited	1
Ophthalmia-Neonatorum cases visited	2

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	18
New Orders ...	32
Orders discontinued during quarter	10
“ continuing to coming quarter - .	30

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 23 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 17 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report on these Regulations. The notification of either Puerperal Fever or Puerperal Pyrexia to be made on the prescribed form invited the notifying practitioner to say whether he desired a second opinion on the case, a bacteriological examination, the patient to be admitted to hospital or a trained nurse to be provided. He recommended that Dr. Hugh Powell be appointed Consultant at a fee of £3 3s. 0d. per case and reported that the Delancey Hospital Trustees were willing to receive any case requiring treatment into the Delancey Hospital at a charge to be ascertained when any such case arises. Since the new Regulations came into operation three months ago no case of either Puerperal Fever or Puerperal Pyrexia had been notified. RESOLVED, That Dr. Hugh Powell be appointed Consultant at a fee of £3 3s. 0d. per case and that any case occurring in the Borough be sent to the Delancey Hospital for treatment.

4—Estimate 1927-28—The Borough Treasurer submitted Estimate for the financial year 1927-28 showing a total estimated expenditure of £932 which was the same as the estimate submitted to the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th January, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mr. Alderman Kendall stating that on account of his indifferent health he had decided to resign the chairmanship of this Committee. RESOLVED, That he be asked to reconsider his decision and that it be suggested that a Vice-Chairman might be appointed which would relieve him of some of his responsibilities.

2—Mechanical Trailers—The Committee inspected the Eagle Engineering Co.'s improved trailer, The Borough Surveyor also reported that Messrs. Tuke & Bell had manufactured an improved trailer, RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee inspect this at Messrs. Tuke & Bell's Works at Sutton Coldfield.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 18th December, 1926, to the 20th January, 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 13th January, 1927, 1,030 loads collected, 922 consumed and 108 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,254 tons 3 qrs.).

4—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 4th and 24th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and confirmed.

5—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on 'Wednesday, 12th January :—Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows :—

St. George's Road—That the elm tree outside "Portmore Lodge" in this road be removed and another tree planted.

Orchard at Housing Estate—That the orchard on the Housing Estate be not used for turning out the horses as it is unsuitable and that it be suggested to the Housing Committee that it might be converted into allotments.

Queen's Road--That the tree outside No. 6 Queen's Villas be not removed.

Suffolk Street—That provision be made in next year's estimates for repaving both footpaths near the Pioneer Works.

Upper Bath Road—That plan of alterations to shop front at No. 99 Upper Bath Road be approved.

Oriel Road—That the tree outside No. 4 Oriel Terrace be not removed but lopped.

Imperial Lane—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.

Winchcomb Street—That the application of Messrs. Williams, Bayliss & Co. for approval of a sign being affixed on a tramway standard (if permitted by the Company) directing to their works in Berkeley Avenue be not agreed to.

Sydenham Roads, North and South—That the three applications for the removal of various trees in these roads be adjourned until next summer. Cranham Road—That the tree near "Seaton" in this road be removed and a new tree planted opposite the centre of the block of houses.

Hale's Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel the footpath in this road from Kings Road to Sydenham Road South.

Cemetery Road—That the Gloucestershire Dairy Co., Ltd., be called upon to make good the grass verge in this road damaged by their cattle.

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

6—Accident to F. Denley—The Borough Surveyor reported that F. Denley (a former employee) was permanently crippled in December, 1902, through an accident in unloading a truck at the Midland Goods Station and he had since been paid an allowance of 10s per week, but the District Auditor suggested that as he was now receiving the Old Age Pension this payment should cease and he could not pass any further payment to him. RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Committee having

regard to the circumstances that the man was permanently injured in the service of the Corporation the payment should be continued.

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7 -Footbridge at Uckington—RESOLVED, That the Corporation pay half the estimated cost of for the repairs required to the footbridge over the River Chelt (which forms the Borough boundary) between Boddington and the Old Gloucester Road.

8—Motor Car—The Borough Surveyor submitted an offer from Messrs. A. Hughes & Sons to supply a second-hand 1926 Buick car for £200. The Committee inspected the car. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, subject to the Water Committee agreeing to pay half the cost. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite offers for the old car.

9—Royal Well Place -The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing entrances and crossings proposed to be made by Mr E. J. Kirkham to his new garage in this road. RESOLVED, That the same be disapproved.

10—Park Place—Read, letter from Miss E. Cowie calling attention to the bad state of the pavement opposite 16 Park Place. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this repaired.

11—Travelling Expenses of Surveyors—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 752 (Roads) of the 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Transport stating that it had now been decided to allow travelling expenses of the Borough Surveyor incurred after the 1st April, 1926, to rank for grant in accordance with the conditions set out in the circular. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for a grant.

12—Town Planning Scheme—The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the Town Planning Act, 1925, required a Town Planning Scheme to be prepared and submitted before the 1st January, 1929. The Borough Surveyor stated that it would be necessary to engage a temporary Assistant for this work. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report to the next Meeting of the Committee as to the engagement of a temporary Town Planning Assistant.

13—Chelt Fence—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence adjoining the Works of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall had not yet been repaired and was still in a very dangerous condition. RESOLVED, That notice be served on Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall under section 30 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, requiring them to repair the fence and that in default the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out and charge the cost to Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall.

14—St. George's Road—Tree—Read, letter from Dr. Stanley Wilde and Lt.-Col. Foord asking for the tree outside "Ingleside" in this road to be lopped. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

15—Crescent Place and Crescent Terrace--Read, letter from Mr. E. R. Pfaff calling attention to the present state of the paving and kerb at the corner of these roads RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the kerb raised to its proper level and repaired where necessary.

16—Projecting Sign-9 Promenade—Read, application of 30th ult, from Messrs. Nash & Bull for permission to erect a projecting sign on the premises of Messrs. Archille Serre, Ltd., in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

17—Telegraph Lines—(a) St. George's Road—Read, application of 7th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line in this

road with three poles. RESOLVED, That the application be not consented to as the Committee consider that it is undesirable to erect telegraph poles in this road.

(b) Sandford Road—Read, also, application of 20th inst., for consent to the placing of an underground line across this road opposite Cheltenham College. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

18—Whaddon Lane—Read. letter from Mr. C. W. Welford asking, that pending the receipt of the Sanction to the loan, the dangerous parts of the road should be temporarily filled in. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain tenders for the fencing, etc., required for carrying out the improvement.

19—Aerial across Highway—Lane between Albert Street, St Paul's and Victoria Street—RESOLVED, That (pursuant to section 25, Public Health Act, 1925) no objection be made to the placing of an aerial across this lane by Mr. A. E. Dutton, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within one month after notice requiring removal.

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20 --Cheltenham & District Light Railway—The Committee considered letter from Major Brook Murray suggesting a scheme for reducing blocks in traffic in High Street by the laying of two loops of new track from High Street to Clarence Street and from High Street into Bath Road. These two new loops would allow Lansdown trams and Charlton Kings and Leckhampton trams to circulate without entering into the traffic between the Colonnade North Street and High Street with only one through car each hour. RESOLVED, That these proposals be not entertained.

21 - Petrol Pumps—RESOLVED, That the applications of The Cheltenham Car Mart, Mr. T. H. Little, Mr. V. T. Nichols (2 Swing Arms) and Mr. G. W. Midwinter to erect petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath at their respective premises in Winchcomb Street, Old Bath Road, Leckhampton Road and London Road be granted, subject to the usual agreements being entered into and in the case of Mr. Midwinter to his removing the pump at present on the kerb on to his own property.

22—Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath in this road by the abutting Owners.

23—Westal Green Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer. and Mr. S. H. Healing attended and submitted plan of the proposed Sub-Station to be erected on the Tank Site, Lansdown Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view and that a Special Meeting be held on Thursday, 27th inst., for this purpose

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 27th January, 1927. Present—Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Capt. Trye (Councillor Pates in the chair). Mr. S. H. Healing and the Borough Electrical Engineer also attended.

24—Westal Green Electricity Sub-Station—The Committee considered the plan of the proposed Sub-Station on the site. RESOLVED, That the plan as settled by the Committee be approved and that the water trough be removed into the adjacent road connecting Lansdown Road with Tivoli Road in the position indicated by the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the elevation plans submitted by Mr. S.

H. Healing be approved but that the Electricity Committee be asked to have the balustrading shown on the North side of the proposed building continued on all sides.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 4th January, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Dicks 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.
2266	Cole, A. N.	New Shop Front, 350-351 High Street (Amended Plan).
2267	Warren, Miss	Temporary Garages, Langton Garage, Montpellier Terrace
2268	Gantillion, Miss L. M. B.	Temporary Shed, 3 Painswick Lawn, Painswick Road.
2269	Brooks, C. S.	Detached House, Swindon Road, N.
2270	Smith Bros.	New Joinery Works, Albion Street.
2271	Original Brewery Co.	New Pavilion, Whaddon Lane.
2272	Wickham, T. B.	New Shop Front, 99 Upper Bath Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2266 and 2270 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 2267, 2268 and 2271 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. 2269 and 2272 be disapproved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 24th January, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and Gen. 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.
2269	Brookes, C. S.	Detached House, Swindon Road N. (Amended Plan)
2272	Wickham, T. B.	New Shop Front, Upper Bath Road..
2273	Cheltenham Bowling Club, Suffolk Square.	Addition to the Pavilion, Suffolk Square.
2274	Hamblin, W. H. Motor	Cycle Shed, Beauchamp Lodge, Whaddon Lane.
2275	Rev. Canon Jennings	New Conservatory, 5 Wellington Square
2276	Gough & Edwards	Extension of Shop, 99 High Street
2277	Bick, G. F.	Two semi-detached Houses, Leckhampton Road
2279	Paterson, G. W.	New Bath Room, 1 Paragon Terrace.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2269, 2272, 2275, 2276, 2277 and 2279 be approved, but that Plan No. 2276 be subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plan No. 2273 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and also to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 2274 be disapproved.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th January, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart: Councillors-Dicks, Dunn, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair);

1—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Fencing, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted 23 tenders for the fencing required for the Scheme. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the 7 lowest tenderers be requested to retender for a stronger railing.

2—Montpellier Gardens--(a) Read, letter from Miss Gwen Lewis asking on what terms she could rent the Proscenium in these Gardens for the week commencing 2nd May next. RESOLVED, That the Proscenium be let to her at a rent of £15 for the week subject to similar conditions so far as applicable as were included in Mr. Claude Chandler's Agreement.

(b) The Spa Manager submitted offer from Mr. Rex Burchell to rent the Proscenium for 14 weeks at a rent of £10 a week on the same terms as Mr. Claude Chandler. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted as the Committee do not think it advisable to let the Proscenium for so long an engagement.

Come to Britain Movement--The Spa Manager submitted letter from the Secretary of The Spa Federation suggesting that in connection with this Movement the Corporation should invite a party of say six persons to visit Cheltenham for two days as the guests of the Corporation, RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st January, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart: Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

4—Montpellier Gardens—Archery Ground—Read, application of 13th inst., from Miss B. M. Legh, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Archers for use of the Archery Ground for the 1927 season. RESOLVED, That this 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 the 1st April to the 30th October next, except 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. The Club also asked the Corporation to erect an extra room adjoining the Proscenium large enough to accommodate their members and lockers for which they were prepared to pay a rent of £5 per annum. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are unable to provide this accommodation.

5—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Read, applications from Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington and Mr. and Mrs. Stretton for an increase in their salaries. RESOLVED, That their salaries be increased to £200 per annum.

6-1 Oriel Road—Read, letter from Mr. H. E. Watts giving notice to quit the tenancy of this house as from the 25th. March next. Read, also letter from Mr. H. O. Reece of the Corner Shop, Oriel Road applying for the tenancy of the premises. RESOLVED, That the House be let to Mr. H. O. Reece on the same rent and conditions as the present tenancy.

7—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted revised draft as approved by the Lessees of the new Lease containing provisions enabling the Corporation to take one or two or any of the transepts if required for Spa purposes on the terms and conditions contained in the Lease. RESOLVED, That the matter be adjourned until it is known what portion of the building will be required for Spa purposes so that more definite terms can be arranged than is at present possible.

8---Music and Dancing Licences—RESOLVED, That application be made for renewal of the Music and Dancing Licences for the Town Hall, Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Winter Garden Bandstand, but that in the case of the Town Hall and Montpellier Baths application be made for extension of the hours up to 12 midnight.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th January, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart Councillors Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

9—Late Musical Director ---(a) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mrs. Dawes and her family the deepest sympathy of the Committee with them on the death of the late Mr. Leo Dawes.

(b) The Spa Manager reported the arrangements made by Mrs. Dawes for carrying on the Contract for the remainder of the Season. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(c) RESOLVED, also, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on a date to be arranged for a memorial concert for the late Mr. Leo Dawes.

10—Chelt Improvement Scheme—Land, Bath Road—Read, letter from Mr. C. H. Rainger offering to reduce the price for the remainder of the land in Bath Road having a frontage of 56ft. 10 ins. from £450 to £425. The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity and Lighting Committee had agreed to a charge of £200 for the site in the garden of Field Lodge required for an Electricity Sub-Station. Mr. Councillor Dicks stated that an anonymous donor had promised £25 towards the purchase of this land and taking into consideration the £70 allowed for the purchase of the strip of land from the United Chemists Association Ltd., who had since decided to give this land to the Corporation, it only left a balance of £130 to be provided for the purchase of this land. RESOLVED, That the land be purchased at the price offered.

11—Pittville Gardens—Co-operative Congress—The Spa Manager submitted application from the Congress Secretary for the use of the Pittville Pump Room and for permission to erect Marquees in

the Gardens for an Exhibition to be arranged in connection with the Congress. RESOLVED, That as this will interfere with the usual Whit-Monday Fete the Committee are unable to grant the use of the Gardens

12—Town Hall—Rotary District Conference—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room and the Large Hall be granted to the Rotary Club on the occasion of the 10th District Conference to be held in Cheltenham on March 11th, 12th and 13th next subject to payment of lighting, heating and out of pocket expenses..

13—Montpellier and Pittville Gardens.—RESOLVED, That the Delegates attending the Prudential Assurance Co. Staff's Annual Conference to be held in Cheltenham in May next be admitted free to these Gardens during the period of the Conference.

14—Montpellier Gardens—Proscenium—RESOLVED, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £25 for the provision of drop curtains and side curtains for the Proscenium.

15—Spa Manager—Read, application from the Spa Manager for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, unanimously, That his salary be increased to £350 per annum.

16—Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 21st December 1926 and 4th and 18th inst. were read

They recommended as follows :—

Summer Band—That the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain particulars as to the engagement of Military Bands for the Summer Season,

Town Hall—(a) Attendances—The Spa Manager reported that from the 18th December to 13th January inclusive the total number of people paying for admission to the Municipal Dance Teas, Evening Dances and Long Night Dances amounted to 8,234.

(b) Ladies Cloak Room—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the counter so as to allow room for the provision of extra clothes stands etc. at an estimated cost of £20.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th January, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair),

1—Extensions to Mains—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the three extensions to mains recommended by him in his report at the total cost of £650, £299 and £57 respectively on the terms approved by the Committee.

(b) Cleeve Hill—RESOLVED, That pending the confirmation of the Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to invite a definite tender from the British Insulated Cables Co. Ltd.' for supplying the necessary cables to Cleeve Hill to include

supervision of the laying of the cable and to carry out the tests on completion, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for Sanction to a loan to cover the cost of this extension.

2—Mains and Services—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the existing loan for Mains and Services was nearly exhausted and recommended that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their Sanction to a new loan for laying mains and services as and when required. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their Sanction to a loan of £10,000 for this purpose.

3—Public Lighting—(a) Chelt Walk—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted design of lamp standard for erection along the Chelt Walk. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have one standard erected and that the same be viewed by the Committee.

(b) Moorend Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaint from Lady Winterbotham of the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

4—Sub-Stations—College Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with the Borough Surveyor for a suitable site in the garden of Field Lodge for the proposed sub-station. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to a charge of £200 being made to the undertaking for the value of the site.

5—Agreement with Workmen—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted model standard form of agreement adopted by the Representatives of the National Joint Industrial Council and he suggested that all the men who were in the regular employment of the Department before the 1st May, 1926 should be given the option of signing the Agreement, but that all employees engaged since the 1st May and all future employees should be required to sign the Agreement. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Workmens' Outing—RESOLVED, That 4 ½ hours' leave with full pay be granted to the men taking part in an Outing on the 23rd April next.

7—Electricity Development Association— RESOLVED, That a membership subscription of £40 be made to this Association for another year subject to the consent of the Electricity Commissioners being obtained.

8—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk reported a sum of £18 had been paid in settlement of this claim. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) New Street and Devonshire Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 12th instant the lamp standard at the corner of these streets was knocked down by a cart. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

9— Wessex Electricity Bill—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Bill which included parts of Gloucestershire, but did not affect the Cheltenham Area.

10—I.M.E.A.—Convention., 1927—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Moore), Councillor Capt. Trye and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. to be held at Buxton from the 30th May to 4th June next.

11—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December. 1926 which showed the calorific value to be 465.2 B.Th. U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 21st., 23rd., 30th and 31st December 1926 and 14th January 1927 which showed the Calorific value to be 462.5, 465.7, 466.5, 462.6 and 472.8 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 4.2, 4 0, 4.2, 5.2, 4.1 inches.

JAM ES MOORE, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd February, 1927. Present—Alderman- Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

12----Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926--The Town Clerk submitted revised clause from the Clerk to the County Council with regard to the reinstatement of roads. RESOLVED, That the same be agreed to as amended by the Town Clerk.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th January, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Sawyer (The Mayor in the chair).

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

Hewletts Springs Dowdeswell Springs Leckhampton Springs

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended period 17th January, 1927.	Average for corresponding during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	317,000 gallons	400,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	583,000	1,759,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	111,000
Total	1,015,000	2,270,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	Depth 17th January, 1927.	Contents	Depth 17th January, 1926.	Contents
Hewletts		12,846,000 gallons		20,129,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	30ft. 3in.	90,897,000	29ft. 8in.	87,936,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in,	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		105,363,000		109,685,000

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	1,248	8,977
„ taps found leaking	151	850
„ defective flushing boxes .	66	222
„ defective stop taps	66	120
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ...	76	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>25</u>	101	1,102
“ notices served re fittings ...	219	723
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	16	155
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	51	683
“ burst pipes discovered	28	116
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ...	92	385

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

Sluice Valves fixed	2 .
Sluice Valves repaired ...	4
Mains repaired ...	4
Mains washed out	4
Hydrants repaired	8
Home Services pumped out ..	1
Stop cock boxes renewed	4

4—Extensions to Main; (a) Cleeve Hill—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Winchcomb Rural District Council stating that the Council had instructed Messrs. Willcox & Raikes to prepare a report and estimate as to a supply to Cleeve Hill and that they might wish to consider the possibility of obtaining a supply from the Cheltenham Undertaking and hoped that the information required might be furnished. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to give any information required.

(b) Odessa Inn, Gloucester Road—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, stating that his Committee had decided to ask that these premises might be supplied direct from the pumping main by the Cheltenham Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and a supply provided,

(c) Tewkesbury Road--The Town Clerk reported that a sum of £220 had been paid as a deposit for the cost of laying a 4 inch main to supply the houses intended to be erected by the Cheltenham Home Croft Association upon an Agreement to refund this as and when the water charges produced a return of 10 per cent, on the cost of the extension. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to lay the main.

Shurdington Road—The Town Clerk reported that an Agreement had been entered into with Major Rickerby and Major Escourt Harrison with regard to the cost incurred by them in laying a main along Shurdington Road to be refunded as and when the water charges produced a return of 10 per cent. on the outlay,

5—Water Charges—(a) Renewals—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, asking the Corporation to re-consider the charge now made in connection with the extension to mains. RESOLVED, That the consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) Ashchurch, Walton Cardiff, Treddington and Isolation Hospital—Read, also, letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council asking the Corporation to re-consider the charge now being made for water supplied in bulk to these Parishes and the Isolation Hospital. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

6—Fish—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 500 six to eight inch Rainbow Trout for the Dowdeswell Reservoir at a cost of £29 2s. 0d.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th January, 1927. Present — The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor: Councillors Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst animals—Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except for a case of Swine Fever at Sandford Allotments, Alstone Lane.

(b) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1923—Regulations—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing the new Regulations as to the Movement of Sheep made in place of the Regulations recently revoked by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Town Clerk submitted draft Regulations in accordance with the County Regulations RESOLVED, That these be made and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for approval

(c) Dogs Act, 1906—Read, circular letter of 3rd instant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries recommending that regulations be made under Section II of the Dogs Act, 1906 for the control of dogs at night time with a view to preventing the worrying of sheep, and the Town Clerk submitted for approval the following Regulations which were similar to those in force in the County.

Every Dog in the District of the Local Authority shall, during the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, be kept by the owner thereof under control by being

(a) Confined in a kennel or other enclosure from which it cannot escape ; or

(b) Secured to some premises by a collar and chain ; or

(c) Led by a person with a collar and chain or other attachment ; or

(d) Accompanied by the owner or other responsible person able effectually to restrain it from straying.

RESOLVED, That these be approved and that application be made to the Ministry¹ of Agriculture and Fisheries for an order authorising the same.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 22nd ult. the Brigade attended an outbreak of fire at No. 44 Bath Road occupied by the Burton Stores Co. Ltd. Cause : Defective Grate ; Damage . £50 ; Expenses : £4 9s. 6d. The Brigade was also called to a serious fire at Ashchurch but as this was outside the area the brigade did not attend.

(b) Fire Engine--RESOLVED,—That a set of patent non-skids be purchased for the fire engine at a cost of £7 10s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the following transfers be approved subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the vehicles from the Hackney Carriage Inspector Licence No. 8 (R. F. Yiend) from Motor Cab No. 1206 to Motor Cab No DD2462 ; Licence No 55 (John Cairns) from Motor Cab No AE2585 to . Motor Cab No. FX2231 ; Licence No. 11 from Motor Cab No. AM1366 to Motor Cab No. AD6640 ; Licence No. 26 from Mr. C. A. Birt to Mr. A. Martin in respect of Motor Cab No. AB6305, and Licence No 58 from Mr. W. J. Martin to Mr. G. W. Young in respect of Motor Cab No. LA8192.

(b) New Licence—Read, application from Mr. W. Edwards for a licence in respect of Motor Cab No. AD1107. The Hackney Carriage Inspector reported that he had examined this Cab, but that he did not regard it as suitable. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers Licences be issued to G. W. Algar of 16 Pittville Villas, Prestbury Road ; E. Hale, of 4 Queens Terrace, High Street ; W. Edwards of Wenlock House, Wellington Passage ; R. G. Harmer of 4 Albion Square, Albion Street and G. W. Young of 13 Greville Terrace-

4—Omnibus Licence—The Committee reconsidered an application from Messrs. A. Whittingham & Co. for a licence to ply for hire an omnibus between Cheltenham and Stroud. After hearing a Representative of the applicants in support and Representatives of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., and the National Omnibus and Transport Co, Ltd., who opposed the licence, it was RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the Committee consider that the present Omnibus service provided by the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd., and the National Omnibus and Transport Co. Ltd. is sufficient for the present needs of the traffic.

5---Cinematograph Act, 1909—RESOLVED, That the Licenses of Messrs. H. G. Beard, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd., Daffodil Picture House Co. 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 the 6th February, 1927 on the same conditions as previous years

6—Light Railway—Fares—The Town Clerk submitted Order from the Ministry of Transport of the fares to be charged by the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co. from the 31st December 1926 to the 31st December next unless previously revoked.

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7—Petrol Licences—(a) New Licences--RESOLVED, That the following applications for Petrol Licences be granted Messrs. A. Miles & Co, Ltd., 1,500 gallons in 3 pump storages at 117 High Street ; Mr. G. W. Midwinter 250 gallons in a pump store at The Beaufort Garage, London Road ; Messrs. Niblett & Co., 500 gallons in a pump Midwinter, at No 3 Sherborne Place ; Mr. C. H. Reason, 300 gallons in a pump store at his premises at the rear of Lansdown Crescent and Mr. S. H. Williams, 500 gallons in a pump store at No. 27 St. George's Place.

(b) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the licenses granted to Mr. E. J. Kirkham in respect of The Leckhampton Motor Works, Norwood Road be transferred to Mr. G. E. Waghorne,

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the following applications for licences had not been taken up :----

W. Palmer, Belle Vue Hotel ; W. Blissett, Norwood Road, (2 Licences) ; F. A. Tovey, Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road E. H. Sperry, Shurdington Road ; J. Allen, Grafton Garage ; and Westborough and Wiggett, Berkeley Garage (Carbide Licence).

RESOLVED, That the applications be regarded as withdrawn and that the Petroleum Inspector be instructed to inspect the premises and that proceedings be taken in any cases in which it is reported that the stores are being used for keeping petroleum or carbide without a licence,

8—Market—Arrears—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle had now paid the arrears due in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1925 and had produced his books to the Borough Treasurer in respect of last year. He submitted letter of 29th ult. from Mr. Castle asking for the revision of the terms of his Agreement. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Market Sub-Committee.

9—Housing Rural Workers Act, 1926—RESOLVED, That application be made under Section 5 (1) to the Ministry of Health for a declaration that the Corporation shall be the Local Authority for the Borough for the purposes of this Act to the exclusion of the County Council.

10—Parking Place, Promenade—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate of for the cost of providing a guard rail to protect the ornamental railings of the Promenade Long Garden against damage by motor cars. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare alternative estimates for the provision of kerbing or wooden blocks for consideration by the Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th January, 1927. Present—Councillors Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, E. M. Yeend and F. Vizard (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments—RESOLVED, That allotment No. 87 be let to Mr. Webley.

2—No. 15 Albert Road Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report of the Head Gardener stating that he had received numerous complaints with regard to the tenant of this allotment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give him notice terminating his tenancy.

3—Prizes—The Committee considered a suggestion that prizes should be awarded to the tenants of the best kept allotments. RESOLVED, That the sum of £6 6s. 0d. be provided for prizes for the best kept allotments.

4—Vacant Allotments—The Town Clerk reported as to the number of allotments vacant. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to insert a notice in the "Echo" advertising the allotments to let. RESOLVED, also, That six months' rebate be allowed to tenants of the vacant allotments reported to be in a bad state.

5—Albert Road Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer with regard to this land which contained 8a. 3r. 33p., and was subject to a land tax of 5s per acre and Tithe of 6s per acre. He recommended the purchase at the price of £876 offered by the Owners. RESOLVED,

That the land be purchased at this price, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for £884 for the purchase money and stamp duty on Conveyance.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th January, 1927. Present—Councillors Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Clarence Square and Wellington Square—Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst., from the Rev. Grist complaining of the use of these Gardens by boys and other non-residents in the Squares. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix a notice in the gardens that the use of the gardens is restricted to the owners and occupiers in the Squares.

2—Pittville Gardens—Read, Report of the Park Constable as to the damage done by four boys to the turf in these gardens, and the Town Clerk reported that the boys had paid for the damage done.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th January, 1927, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillor Capt. Trye; Colonel J. C. Griffith ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and G. Dimmer (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report —Visits—During December 2,331 (against 2,397) ; daily average 93 (against 96) Included in these figures were classes from Parish Church Girls' School and Overton House School.

Receipts—Exhibition Catalogues £2 1s. 6d. Permanent Catalogues 116 Post Card Reproductions 3s 2d. Total £2 6s. 2d,

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Water Colours and Oil Paintings by Nine Women Artists was visited by 3,668 people, being open from 23rd November, 1926 to the 2nd January, 1927, The cost was £6 19s. 11d., the proceeds £6 15s. 5d. The Exhibition of Early English Water Colours, lent by Sir Francis and Lady Colchester-Wemyss, was opened on the 4th January, and remains on view until the 5th February. Approximate cost £10.

Showcase—The showcase for the display of the Dr. E. A. Wilson relics had been delivered and the arrangement of the specimens was in progress.

Victoria and Albert Museum Loan—The change of loans due in February will include a Case of Embroideries, a Case of Leatherwork and one of Ironwork.

2—The Late Mrs. Agnes Mauro Bequest—The Curator reported receipt of :—(a) Small oval watch set with pearls ; (b) Gold Geneva watch with silver face ; (c) Silver watch in tortoiseshell and silver case with miniature thereon ; and (d) Indian enamel seal in case. Items (c) and (d) were formerly the property of the Earl of Ellenborough.

RESOLVED, That the bequest be accepted, and the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Executors.

3—The Limber by the late Robert Lindsey Clark—The Curator reported promises amounting to £191 6s. 9d. for the proposed purchase of this bronze group, leaving £108 13s. 3d. still to be raised

4—Art Gallery Attendant—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to retain W. Addis (due to retire on pension) as Art Gallery Attendant for a further period of twelve months from the 1st April, 1927.

5—Typist—RESOLVED, That one half of the estimated wage of 30s per week be charged to this Committee as from the 1st April next.

6—Insurance—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. Henry Head & Co., Ltd. of 2s 6d per cent. for the insurance of the Berkeley Smith loan collection of Chinese Porcelain and showcases be accepted, and the collection be insured against all risks in the sum of £6,000. (Payment of this will be made from the Berkeley Smith private fund). RESOLVED, also, That supplementary insurances be made with this firm on the terms quoted, and That the Curator be instructed to report in due course as to the placing of other art insurances with the same company.

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7--Offer of Pictures—The Curator reported correspondence with a local gentleman who offers five Oil Paintings and probably other help as a gift on certain conditions to be considered later. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed by the Curator with a promise that sympathetic consideration will be given to the matter,

8--Offer of Pictures by Mrs. Hildebrand--RESOLVED, That the Chairman's authority to the Curator to visit Bath on the 8th inst, be confirmed, and That further consideration of this matter be deferred.

9—Sunday Opening----The Curator reported attendance between 2.30 and 4.30 on the past four Sundays, namely, 33, 32, 50, 43 the total visitors for 13 Sundays having been 685. RESOLVED, That the temporary experiment be concluded on the 31st inst.

10--Mrs. F. A. Ringer—The Curator reported receipt of application from Mrs. Ringer for exhibition space during February, RESOLVED, That arrangements previously completed for the hanging of the Permanent Collection, together with other exhibits, during that period did not permit of space being offered.

11—Corporation Workmen's Social Club—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to hand over the Quoits Cup to this Club on the receipt of a letter of authority from the Borough Engineer.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 28th January, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; and Councillor Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of Superintendent from 18th December, 1926, to 28th January, 1927, Interments 101. Grave Spaces sold 36 (First Position 7 ; Second Position 6 ; Third Position 3 ; Fourth Position 20). Memorials erected 7. New Inscriptions 6.

2--Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7504 to 7539 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Jane A. Barker, Maria Welsh, Susan M. Higgs and Melinda Row ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Francis C. Eakets and Harry C. Bennett ; Memorial Stone Scroll to grave of Frederick J. T. Gwillim ; Memorial Kerbing and Posts to graves of Albert Richards and Edward H. Whiting ; and Kerbing to graves Frances H. A. Huband ; Rosa E. Williams, James Holder, Harriette A. Hall, Thomas Browning, Alice M. White, Richard J. Legge, Beatrice M. V. Desages, William C. Steel and C. F. B. Stone.

4—Estimates—(a) The Committee inspected the old fence at the entrance to the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That provision be made in the estimates for the erection of a new iron fence.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimates for the following : New Paths and Roads in new portion of Cemetery ; Drainage of road at east end of Cemetery ; provision of an incinerator to burn rubbish ; Lavatory accommodation for men and laying out and planting the new portion of the Cemetery.

5—Grave Space No. 2825 Q.—Read, letter of 28th inst., from Mrs. F. G. V. Harvey asking the Committee to re-purchase this space from her which she purchased in 1902 but no longer required. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to take over the space again but that the Superintendent be instructed to offer it for sale.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,
Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th January, 1927, Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Brig.-Gen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Wheeler, Whitaker and Yarnold ; and Mr. Alfred Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 8s. 10d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,669 (last year 3,678) ; Lending Library 10,141 (last year 10,790) ; Juvenile Library 1,912 (last year 2,001). Total for month 16,722 (last year 16,469),

Lectures----The fifth of the Winter Series was given on January 10th by Mr. Aylmer Strong, on " Some Aspects of the Downfall of Rome," 166 people attended, A retiring collection for the " Limber" fund realised £1 6s. 9d.

Presentations—The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (4 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (26 pamphs.) ; The Mayor of Bath (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Robertson (4 vols.) ; Mr. L. Richardson (11 vols.) ; The Deputy Mayor, (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.) (359 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 13th inst. Present—Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring Dr. R. Davies; and Mr. C. E. Walsh. (Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair).

They recommended :---

(a) That 157 volumes (new books), published at £50 8s. 6d., be purchased at a cost of £14 1s. 0d.

(b) That 3 volumes (new reference books), published at £8 16s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £3 14s. 3d out of the Leslie Young Benefaction

(c) That the offer of certain literature by the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints be declined with thanks.

(d) That the quarterly periodical, " Antiquity," edited by O. G. S. Crawford and published locally, be subscribed to as from March next at £1per annum.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th January, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Gen. Thomas and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—Register of Electors and Jurors Book—The Clerk submitted circular letter of 4th inst., from the Home Office enclosing copy of an Order under Section 62 of the Rating and Valuation Act, transferring to the Rating Authority the powers and duties of Overseers relating to the preparation of Jurors Book and Register of Electors and in pursuance of this Order as Registration Officer he requested that Officers should be designated to perform the duties hitherto performed by the Overseers in relation to the preparation of the Jurors' Book and Register of Electors. RESOLVED, That Messrs. F. H. Harris and E. D. and A. Ricketts (by whom this work has hitherto been done) be appointed as Officers to carry out these duties.

2—Salaries of Officers—(a) Read, application of 5th inst., from Messrs. F. H. Harris and E. B. and A. Ricketts for the revision of their salaries. The present salaries of Messrs. F. H. Harris and E. D. Ricketts were £390 per annum, and the present salary of Mr. A. Ricketts was £243 per annum, but they had each received £100 per annum for their work in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors. Under the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1926, there would now be only one Register a year and their fees in respect of this work would now be reduced by approximately £35 each. RESOLVED, That the Salaries of Messrs. F. H. Harris and E. D. Ricketts be increased to a total of £500 each per annum, and the salary of Mr. A. Ricketts to £350 per annum, the Corporation to be credited with all fees payable in respect of the preparation of the Register of Electors.

(b) General Clerk—RESOLVED, That the salary of Mr. E. J. Cornock be increased by £10 per annum.

(c) Temporary Assistants—The Chairman reported that in order to deal with the new returns under the Act it had been necessary to appoint two temporary clerks at salaries of £2 per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Valuation—The Rating and Valuation Officers submitted list of the Special Properties to be referred to Messrs. Eve & Sons for valuation. RESOLVED, That the list be approved and sent to Messrs. Eve & Sons.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st February, 1927, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £28,046 8s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £6,176 17s. 3d,

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 1st inst, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March next. Amount collected £14,077 2s, 10d. Leaving outstanding £4,646 4s. 6d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £450 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £450 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during December was 2,882, as compared with 3,243 during the corresponding month the previous year.

5—Fire Insurance—The Borough Treasurer submitted three quotations for the several fire insurances, RESOLVED, That the Corporation continue their insurances with the County Fire Office Ltd. for a further period of five years as from the 1st April, 1927 subject to the right of the Corporation to make any alteration or adjustment in the amount insured which may, from time to time, be required owing to change of circumstances.

6—District Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the District Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1926. The only matters to which the attention of the Council was particularly called were (a) Several Trading Undertakings were not being charged with their proper proportion of Service and Administration Charges.

(b) He suggested the keeping of various registers in connection with the Electricity Accounts, Wages Sheets in respect of the Museum, Art Gallery and Library Wages and that more detail and Labour charges should be shown in the Rechargeable Accounts Register. With regard to expenses recoverable in respect of private improvement works, he suggested that the interest on the apportioned expenses should be charged in every case and not excused without the express authority of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the report be referred to the various Committees for consideration and report and that the interest on Private Improvement expenses be charged except where remitted by this Committee.

7—Rees' Site—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a small Land Tax of 6d. per annum payable in respect of this site. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take steps to have this redeemed

8--5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the issue of the 5 per cent. Housing Bonds he had received £15,940 from 150 lenders and that he had notified the Banks that no further money was now required.

9—Birdlip Reservoir—Read, letter of 11th instant from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Corporation to lend his Council the sum of 033 sanctioned by the Ministry of Health for repairs to the Birdlip Reservoir. the term to be 15 years with 5 per cent. interest repayable by instalments of principal and interest combined. RESOLVED, That money be lent, subject to the Ministry of Health raising no objection.

10—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present : Alderman Steel (in the chair); Councillors Pruen and Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, except one for Cement which was referred to the Committee. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be adopted and that the account for Cement be paid.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd March, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, 7th day of March, 1927, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Sleeting 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 of the Council.
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 HIGH WAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to approve regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847 as to traffic etc., for the Races on the 8th, 9th and 10th March. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To fill vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the expiration of the term of office of Miss M. E. H. Knollys.
5. To appoint Three Cleeve Common Conservators to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of The Mayor ; Councillor Moore and Mr. J. Waghorne.
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, 7th February, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, J.P.) in the chair.

Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead and Yarnold. Apologies—

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dicks, Sawyer and Wheeler.

1 —Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Council on the 3rd 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—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 January 10 & 26

Subject to the following Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Alderman Steel :
" That Minute No. 9 with regard to Public Lavatories be amended so as to include the name of Councillor Brig.-Gen. Thomas in the Sub-Committee appointed in that Minute."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pates and seconded by Councillor Mann : " That the wages offered in Minute No. 9 for Caretaker of Public Lavatories be increased to £2 10s. per week," was lost.)

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Housing	... Meetings held January 11 & 26
Slum Areas Clearance	... Meeting held January 21
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held January 31
Street and Highway	... Meetings held January 24 & 27
Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held January 18, 21 & 23
Electricity and Lighting	Meetings held January 26 and February 2
Water	... Meeting held January 20
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held January 25
Allotments	Meeting held January 10
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held January 10
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held January 14
Burial Board	Meeting held January 28
Public Library	Meeting held January 18
Rating	Meeting held January 12
Finance	Meeting held February 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—Inspection of Plans—Resolved, (after a resolution had been duly passed suspending the Standing Orders), That Minute No. 4 of the Street and Highway Committee at their Meeting on the 15th November last authorising the Borough Surveyor to allow a Sub-Committee appointed by the Civic Society to inspect plans submitted for the approval of the Corporation be not acted upon for the present.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, 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 March, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th February, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward, 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, :-31, 54, 55 Worcester Street ; 1 and 2 St. John's Cottages, Sun Street; Oxford Villa, Sun Street, 32 Queen Street ; 20 and 21 Albert Street, St. Peters. 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—Insanitary Property—(a) 12 Malvern Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Butts Cottages, Malvern Street ; 1 Princes Terrace, Tivoli; 30 and 31 Worcester Street ; 39 Sun Street ; and 2 Carnal Cottages. 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, etc. 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) 10 Worcester Street—The Town Clerk submitted notice dated 4th inst. under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 of the intention of the Owner to close this house for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the closing of this house be not agreed to and that the difference between the Owner and the Council be referred to the Ministry of Health for their decision, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain competitive tenders for the work required to put the premises in proper repair.

3—Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—49 St. James' Street ; and 3 Princes Terrace, Princes 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,

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 28, 31, 36, 38 and 45 Courtenay Street ; Anean House ; Norwood Cottage, and Eclipse Wood and Coal Yard, Upper Bath Street ; and Whitfield Cottage, Naunton Lane—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.

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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 7 cwt. 2 lbs. Beef ; cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb. Pork ; 52 lbs. Mutton ; 42 lbs. Veal ; 21 lbs. of Prawns and 1 tin of Corned Beef (6 lbs.).

7—Leckhampton Library—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Joint Hon. Librarians of the Leckhampton Parish Library asking the Corporation to replace one of the three books confiscated by the Corporation owing to infection. RESOLVED, That one of the books be replaced at a cost of 6s.

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8—Influenza—Read, circular 761 from the Ministry of Health enclosing revised Memorandum re Influenza which was issued by the Department in December, 1919. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

9—Filter Beds--The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from the Surveyor to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council complaining of the traffic along Withybridge Road in connection with the delivery of sewage filter media to Hayden, RESOLVED, That the matter be left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor.

10—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager, Live Stock on the Farms on 14th inst. 12 horses, 76 head of cattle, 1 bull, 1 calf, 125 sheep and 43 pigs. 2 Heifers and 3 Bullocks had been purchased for £93 2s, 6d. and the purchase of Feeding Stuffs amounted to £26 11s. 0d. Total purchases £119 13s. 6d. 7 heifers (2 in calf), 1 cow in calf, 1 calf, 7 bullocks, 11 pigs and 13 sheep had been sold for £494 9s. 9d., Since the last Meeting 27 pigs and 1 calf had been bred on the farms and 3 bullocks had died from poison attributed to eating mistletoe, a bullock had died from a tumour on the liver and 1 ewe had died from inflammation and 1 pig had been crushed, The Farms Manager submitted Reports from the Veterinary Inspector as to the cause of death of the four bullocks referred to. RESOLVED, That the Farms Manager be instructed to cut down all the mistletoe from the trees at the Farms.

Old Cottage—RESOLVED, That Mr. T. Malvern be asked to furnish a Report on the old half-timbered cottage which was erected in 1699.

Old Barn—RESOLVED, That the Farms Manager be instructed to sell the wood not required from the old barn.

Barbed Wire—RESOLVED, That the Rota Committee be asked to inspect and report as to the barbed wire on the farms.

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 Monday, 28th February, 1927, Present—The Mayor: The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

11—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had made a further inspection of the Cowsheds reported at the last Meeting to be in an unsatisfactory condition, and found that since his previous inspection considerable efforts had been made for improvement, and he did not at present recommend that proceedings should be taken for infringement of the new Order. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to collect evidence of the infringement of the new regulations of the Ministry of Health under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 with a view to prosecutions if necessary, and that he be authorised in his discretion to send samples of Milk to the Public Analyst for examination for the presence of filth and deleterious bacteria in the milk.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th February, 1927. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore, Pates and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Brooklyn Road—Playing Field—Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Mr. R. R. Dobson and Mr. Phillips (Architect) attended as a deputation from the County Education Committee, to arrange for purchase of a 20 foot strip of land in Brooklyn Road to provide a roadway to the land proposed to be purchased for a playing field for the Pates Grammar School. Part of the land required was included in the site purchased by Mr. J. A. P. Nidd, but the Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. Nidd agreeing to the position of his site being altered so as to allow for the proposed road subject to a fence being provided along his boundary. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to sell the 20 foot strip of land to the County Council at the price valued by the District Valuer, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained and subject to the County Council agreeing to provide a suitable fence along the N.E. side of the land and to pay the present tenant of the land any compensation for disturbance, and to the reservation by the Corporation of the right to enter or cross the proposed road with any road or roads which may be laid out on their land and to take over the approach road as a public highway if and when they think desirable. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their Consent to the Sale to the County Council of the strip of land required for an approach road and also to the sale of the substituted site to Mr. Nidd.

2—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Milton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plans and application for subsidy from Mr. R. G. Morris for the erection of a house for his own occupation on

the site recently purchased by him in this road. The house contained 936 super. feet to be built at a density of 12.3 to the acre. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved and that a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. Morris.

(b) Kingsditch Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted Final Certificate of completion of a detached house in this lane erected by Mr. C. S. Brooks. RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £65 be paid to Mr. Brooks subject to his under-taking to comply with the conditions made.

3—Orchard, Housing Estate—RESOLVED, That steps be taken to let the land to a suitable tenant.

4—Outbuildings-87 Byron Road—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the owner of this house stating that the shed erected by him was erected through a misunderstanding, but that he was willing to erect a gate six feet high so as to screen the shed from the road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee to inspect and report.

5—Benhall Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Sanitary Inspector stating that the drains of these premises were in a defective condition and that a new drain was required. He also recommended that town water should be laid on and that a new W.C. should be provided. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the town water laid on and the necessary new drainage laid and to provide an earth closet.

6—New Houses—The Architects reported that Mr. Drew had now finished building on the Estate. There was still room for five pairs of houses on vacant plots in Milton and Tennyson Roads and also for 20 houses on the Gloucester Road frontage. RESOLVED, That the Architects be instructed to prepare plans for 5 pairs of Parlour houses to be erected on the Gloucester Road frontage, and 5 pairs of Non-Parlour houses to fill up the vacant plots in Milton and Tennyson Roads.

7—Renovation of Houses—The Committee further considered the redecoration of the houses on the Estate, some of which had been occupied for nearly seven years. RESOLVED, That on a change of tenancy the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out such renovation and cleaning as he may in his discretion consider necessary for putting the house into tenantable condition and that the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee be asked to make periodical inspections of houses on the Estate and that any applications from tenants of renovation be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st March, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor; Councillor Gen. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

8---Housing etc. Act, 1923--Bungalow, Swindon Road N.—RESOLVED, That a provisional certificate for a subsidy of £65 be issued to Mr. C. S. Brooks in respect of a bungalow proposed to be built by him for his own occupation containing 707 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 10.5 to the acre, subject to the Applicant undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

9-48 Milton Road--Read, application from the tenant of this house, for permission to transfer into a Parlour Type House. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Arrears—A List of Arrears of rents was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the arrears and for orders for possession failing payment.

2—Hank's Site—(a) Read, letter of 18th instant from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister would specifically approve for the purposes of subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 the proposal of the Corporation to proceed with the erection of 81 houses on the Hanover Street Site on receipt of a formal application accompanied by an undertaking that the special conditions specified in Section 3 (1) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 will be duly observed, and stating that the plans forwarded to the Ministry were regarded as satisfactory except that the width of the bathroom was rather narrow and that it would be an advantage if the width was increased to 4 feet 6 ins. ; It was reported that Mr. Malvern had now amended the plans to comply with this suggestion, The Ministry also approved the lay out and was prepared to agree to a density of 18 houses to the acre. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry for the 81 houses to be recognised as eligible for financial assistance under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 and that the Town Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Sub-Section 1 of Section 3 of the Act will be complied with in relation to the 81 houses to be erected by them on this site

(b) Contractors Roads—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the making of Contractors Roads on the site and that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for obtaining possession of the allotments required for this purpose.

3—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) 25 and 26 Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of all the properties in Stanhope Street had been completed with the exception of Nos. 25 and 26 Stanhope Street which belonged to the Executors of the late J. Sabatella. One of the sons (Mr. J. Sabatella) had been allowed by the Executors to occupy these premises rent free. The Sanitary Inspector reported that No. 75 Stanhope Street need not be pulled down until the removal of Nos. 66 to 71 was decided upon, and he submitted estimate for the necessary cleansing and repairs to put the house into habitable condition for the sum of £27. RESOLVED, That in the exceptional circumstances of this case, Mr. J. Sabatella be offered the tenancy of No. 75 Stanhope Street at 1s 6d. per week and that if the offer is accepted the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to have the necessary work carried out at an estimated cost of £27, but failing this the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the completion of the purchase and for possession of the property

(b) Hall's Contract—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Association of Plasterers etc., with regard to the number of Cheltenham men employed on this contract ; and also, letter of 3rd instant from Messrs. W. J. B. Halls, Ltd. with their observations thereon. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert a clause in future contracts for houses to provide for employment of Cheltenham men as far as practicable.

4—Four-flat Houses—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 21st instant from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Council of Social Welfare enclosing resolution urging the Town Council to consider the advisability of erecting houses containing 4 self-contained flats with separate entrances. Mr. Malvern reported that he had considered the Walsall plans, and he estimated that the cost of building four-flat houses containing the same superficial area as the houses erected in Stanhope

Street at £422 as compared with the contract price of £383 per separate house. RESOLVED, That the proposal of erecting four-flat houses be not further entertained.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st February, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Vice-Chairman—Councillor Capt. Trye was elected Vice-Chairman of this Committee by ballot.

2—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 22nd inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted, except that Plan No. 2284 submitted by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. for a new glass roof at Nos. 2 and 3 Promenade be approved.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 21st January to 17th February 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 10th February, 1927, 782 loads collected, 738 consumed and 44 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,037 tons 19 cwts, 2 qrs.),

4—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on Monday, 21st inst. Present : Alderman Bendall and Councillor Pates. 152 tenders were received. It was recommended that the Tenders of the following firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedule

Castings—T. Needham & Sons Ltd.

Cement—Oxford Portland Cement Co. Ltd.

Disinfectants—Adcocks Ltd. ; Dussek Bros. & Co. Ltd. ; Jeyes Sanitary Compounds Co. Ltd. ; United Alkali Co. Ltd.

Electric Fittings, etc.--Edison Swan Electric Co. Ltd.

Forage—E. Cullimore ; W. T. Oldacre.

Household Goods and Sundries—Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind ; Drake & Co. ; T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd. ; Jackson & Painter ; Johns & Son ; W. H. Mack ; E. Joyner & Son ; Sharpe & Fisher ; J. Fisher & Sons Ltd ; W. C. Woodrow & Co.

India Rubber Goods—Sessions & Sons Ltd.

Ironmongery—T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd. ; J. Fisher & Sons Ltd ; Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. ; A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Lead Piping Fittings, etc.—G. Bence & Sons Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. ; Sessions & Sons Ltd.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—G. Bence & Sons Ltd. ; Sessions & Sons Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. ; Webb Bros, Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—Allott Jones & Co. ; J. J. Gillham & Son ; J. Halden & Co. Ltd. ; Harvey & Healing ; Norman Sawyer & Co. Ltd. ; J. A. Reynolds & Co. Ltd, ; A. G. Thornton Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes—G Bence & Son Ltd.

Timber—Smith Bros.

Tools—T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd. ; J. Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. ; J. Yates & Co. Ltd.

Uniforms, Overalls, etc.—The Famous ; C. S. Watts.

White Lead, Oils, Colours, etc.—Dussek Bros. & Co, Ltd ; J. Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; Middleton Bros. Ltd. ; Rowe Bros & Co. Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. ; Shell Alex Ltd.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. J. Fisher & Sons Ltd.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be adopted.

5—Painswick Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works for this road amounting to E64 14s, 0d. (including supervision). RESOLVED, That the apportionment be approved and that demands for payment be served upon the owners named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. be made to each Owner on the amount apportioned provided that payment is made within one month of the service of the demand.

6—Light Railway—(a) Prestbury Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. L. W. Bayley complaining of the vibration due to traffic over the granite setts adjoining Pittville Villas. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) St. George's Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 17th inst., from the Cheltenham District Light Railway Co. asking that the work of relaying St. George's Place might be adjourned for the time being. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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7—Promenade Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. intended to remove the railing in front of their property and recommended that the corner of the footpath adjoining the property should be rounded off. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

8—Keynsham Road Tip-- --RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the proposal to take two or three allotments in Sandford Mead for use as a stone-yard.

9—Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of providing a surface water drain for the portion of Montpellier Terrace opposite Montpellier Gardens including alteration of the channel would be £250. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view. RESOLVED, also, That the footpath paving be viewed at the same time.

10—Mechanical Trailers—The Committee considered a further recommendation and report of the Sub-Committee with regard to the provision of freighters or trailers and tractors for the collection of house refuse. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the annual cost for the collection of house refuse by freighters would be £5,031 and by tractor and trailer £4,704. He also reported that some of the objections to trailers made in his previous report had been overcome by the makers. RESOLVED, That the tractor and trailer system be adopted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,700 for the purchase of ten trailers and three tractors including provision for the alteration to the tipping platform at the Refuse Destructor.

11—Building Bye-Laws—The Town Clerk submitted draft bye-laws as revised by the Ministry. RESOLVED, That the draft be printed and that the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole of 8s per page (being the lowest tender received) be accepted,

12—" What to See " Road Signs—Read, letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., offering to supply these road signs at a charge of £10 for a set of 4, and offering to submit preliminary sketch of the suggested sign with wording describing local objects of interest for Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

13—Building Lines on Classified Roads—Read, circular of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Transport enclosing copy of the Building Lines Order, 1927 requiring that no building line shall be prescribed under the provisions of Section 3 of the Roads Improvement Act, 1925 in relation to any road classified as a Class 1 or Class 2 Road unless approved by the Minister of Transport.

14—Chelt Fence—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence adjoining the works of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall had not yet been repaired. RESOLVED, That notice be served on Messrs, R. E. & C. Marshall under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 requiring them to protect and enclose the Chelt so as to prevent danger to persons using the footpath and that in default the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out and charge the cost to Messrs R. E. & C. Marshall and that if necessary the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the cost.

15—King Edward Statue—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mrs. Montague Lloyd pointing out that the wording on the traffic sign at the King Edward Statue could not be seen from all approaches and the Borough Surveyor suggested that if a triangular sign was substituted for the present sign this would be seen from all roads. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make the suggested improvement to the sign.

16—Telegraph Line—Sandford Street—Read. application of 19th inst. from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an over-head telegraphic line in this Street with one pole. 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.

17—The Park—Seat—Read, letter from Councillor Welstead forwarding request on behalf of the Ursuline Ladies College that the seat in front of " Belmont " should be removed Councillor Welstead also suggested that traffic signs requesting motorists to drive slowly should be placed each side of the school entrance. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be asked to report as to the desirability of complying with these requests.

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18—Street Projections—(a) Highbury Congregational Church—RESOLVED, That the application of the Highbury Congregational Church for permission to fix a sign to a lamp standard directing to this church be granted subject to the usual conditions and to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee being obtained.

(b) 411a High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Ryder & Mason to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions and to the present sign being removed.

(c) 5 Tivoli Place—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Messenger on behalf of Mr. Dunn for permission to fix an electric lantern to the existing balcony be granted subject to the usual conditions.

19— Inspection of Plans—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. L. W. Barnard objecting to Representatives of the Civic Society being allowed to inspect plans and also complaining of their action in regard to his plan for the alterations to 10 and 11 Montpellier Walk. RESOLVED, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Civic Society for their observations thereon.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st February, 1927. 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
2255	Madame Spence	New Shop Front, 10-11 Montpellier Walk (Amended Plan).
2274	Hambling, W. H.	Motor Cycle House, Beauchamp Lodge, Whaddon Lane.
2280	Carr, Lt.-Col. H. G.	New kitchen addition at Elm Lodge, Lansdown Road.
2281	Pruen, A.	Temporary Motor Garage, Fallowfield, St. Stephens Road.
2282	McFie, Dr. R. B.	New attic addition at Oriel Lodge, Oriel Road.
2283	Wallis, H. R.	Temporary Motor House, 1 Lypiatt Lawn.
2285	Ladies College Council	Additions to Sidney Lodge, Overton Road.
2286	Mrs. Lloyd Davies	Additions to Montgomery, Trowscoed Avenue,
2287	Committee of the Victoria Nursing Home	Additions to the Victoria Nursing Home.
2288	Directors of the Daffodil Picture House	Additions and alterations to the Daffodil Picture House, Suffolk Parade (Amended Plan).
2289	Selly, C.	Detached House, Moorend Park Road.
2290	Miss Bandy	Additions to Merrimac, Gloucester Road.
2291	Messrs. Bendall & Sons	New road off Old Bath Road.
2292	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Temporary shed, Malthouse Lane and Brunswick Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2255, 2280, 2282, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2289 and 2290 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2280, 2285, 2287 and 2290 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : That Plans Nos. 2274, 2281 and 2292 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. 2283, 2288 and 2291 be disapproved.

2—Plan No. 2284—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for approval of a glass roof over the shop front of Nos. 2 and 3 Promenade, for the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. The Town Clerk pointed out that by the terms of the Agreement dated 1st July, 1903 made with the owners of Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade, the owners of these houses were only at liberty to bring forward the basement and

ground floors of their houses 12 feet from the main wall of the houses. RESOLVED, That the plan be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Spa Medical Baths on Friday, 18th February, 1927.

Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Pates, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1--St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Borough Surveyor submitted application and plan of a tea room proposed to be erected by the Spa Bowling Club. RESOLVED, That the Plan be disapproved as the Committee consider it will be unsightly.

2—Chelt Improvement Scheme—(a) Fencing and Gates—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended tenders for the fencing and gates required for the scheme. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall to provide the gates at a cost of £274 4s. 3d, be accepted and that the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss for the fencing of 10s 5dd. per yard be accepted.

(b) Shrubs, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders obtained by Mr. White for the supply of shrubs, plants, etc. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. White, the tender of Messrs. J. Slocock & Co. of Bisley be accepted, except that Mr. White be authorised to obtain such trees and shrubs from the lists sent in by local firms as appear suitable.

(c) Fountain—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended design for the proposed fountain, RESOLVED, That this be approved and be submitted to the Executors of the late Mr. Unwin for their approval.

(d) Hard Tennis Courts—RESOLVED, That a sum of £400 be provided in next year's estimates for laying down two hard tennis courts in Turner's Field immediately adjoining College Road.

3—Winter Garden—Palais de Danse—The Spa Manager reported that the Winter Garden Company had sublet the south transept for a Palais de Danse and that the prices charged were lower than those charged for similar entertainments at the Town Hall, which was a breach of the covenant in the lease. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company with regard thereto.

4—Town Hall—Church Congress—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. G. F. Emery that an invitation to hold the Church Congress in Cheltenham during the first week in October, 1928, would be accepted if approved by the Bishop of Gloucester. RESOLVED, That an invitation be sent and that if accepted the use of the Town Hall be granted free of charge except for out of pocket payments for lighting, etc.

5—Spa Medical Advisory Committee—The Spa Manager reported that Dr. Curtis Webb had resigned his membership of this Committee. RESOLVED, That his resignation be accepted with regret and that he be thanked for his past services on the Committee.

6—Summer Band and Concert Parties—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had provisionally booked the undermentioned Bands for the Summer Season :—

Week commencing	Band	Price.
May 15	1st Battalion of the Yorks and Lancs Regiment	£125
May 29	1st Battalion of Royal Scots Fusiliers ...	£180
June 5	1st Battalion of Duke of Wellington's Regiment	£150
June 12	Ditto ditto ditto	£150
June 26	1st Battalion of King's Own Royal Regiment ...	£175
July 10	1st Battalion of Gloucester Regiment	£150
July 24	The Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry	£120
August 7 -	The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment	£150
August 21	The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	<u>£180</u>
	Total	£1380

They had also arranged with Mr. T. Newton to provide first class concert parties on the alternate weeks required, namely weeks commencing May 23rd, June 20th, July 13th, August 1st, August 15th and August 24th, on the following terms : Concert Parties to receive 55 per cent. of the gross takings with a guarantee of a minimum of £40, the Corporation to receive the balance of the takings and provide attendants and advertising. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved and that the Spa Manager be instructed to book the Bands and Concert Parties at the prices and on the terms mentioned above.

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7—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 15th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Municipal Evening Dances—That the Saturday Municipal Evening Dances be extended from 11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Deck Chairs--That the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain tenders for deck chairs and that a provisional sum of £100 be included for this in the estimates.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th February, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

8—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, the sum of £900 be provided for 1927-28 advertising, made up as follows (a) General advertising as a Health Resort £380 6s. 0d (b) Special advertising for Baths and Spa £156 0s. 6d. (c) For Holiday Visitors £36 10s. 0d. (d) Cheltenham as a Motoring Centre £7 17s, 6d. (e) Advertising to attract American Visitors £29 16s. 0d. (f) Reserve to be applied for special requirements arising during the year £139 10s. 0d. and (g) 3,000 Posters including posting £150 0s. 0d.

9—Alstone Baths—Girls' Life Saving Class--RESOLVED, That an extra half hour be allocated for the Girls' Life Saving Class next season at these Baths.

10—Easter Week—Band—The Spa Manager submitted quotation of £45 from Mr. Frank Dawes for the provision of a Band for Easter Week comprising 6 morning Concerts, 5 Dance Teas, a Saturday Evening Dance and 1 Long Night Dance, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to engage a Band at a cost not exceeding £35.

11—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Brotherhood Meetings—Read, application from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Central Brotherhood, for the use of the Proscenium for religious services on Sunday afternoons the 5th and 9th June, 3rd, 17th and 31st July, 14th and 28th August and 11th September, 1927. 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.

(b) Jubilee Celebration—RESOLVED, That the use of the Tennis Courts for the 29th June at Montpellier Gardens be reserved for a tennis tournament to be arranged in connection with the Jubilee Celebration.

(c) Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of these Gardens including the Pump Room, be granted to the Boys' Grammar School on the 16th July next for a Fete to be held in aid of the School Loan Fund.

12—Spa Federation Conference—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Spa Manager be authorised to attend this Conference to be held in London on the 3rd and 4th March next.

13—Town Hall—Chess Congress—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. Coley, the Secretary West of England Chess Congress, for the free use of the Supper Room during Easter Week, 1928 for a Chess Congress to be held in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd February, 1927, Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—British Industries Fair—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the British Industries Fair at Birmingham,

2—Sub-station—Pittville—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider this matter had now obtained an offer of a site from Col. Harrison for a sub-station at the end of the garden of Evesham House, The site had a frontage to Evesham Road of 45 feet and a depth of 130 feet, the purchase price to be £288, (which included £59 17s. Od. for redemption of Pittville rent-charge on the land purchased) and the Corporation to erect a fence and replace the present tool shed. The Sub-Committee recommended the purchase of the property on these terms. RESOLVED, That a contract be entered into for the purchase of the land on these terms,

3—Extensions to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extensions to mains recommended by him in his report at a total cost of £55 and £68 respectively on the terms approved by the Committee,

4—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Halving Agreement—The Town Clerk reported that the Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd. had now entered into an agreement for the settlement of claims for damage on a halving basis. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

(b) Evesham Road----The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 21st instant a large lamp standard and switch pillar at the corner of Wellington and Evesham Roads was knocked down by a motor lorry, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th February, 1927, Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Sawyer (The Mayor in the chair).

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

Hewletts Springs Dowdeswell Springs Leckhampton Springs

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DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 14th February, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	352,000 gallons	440,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,913,000	2,024,000
Leckhampton Springs	102,000	125,000
Total	2,367,000	2,589,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th February, 1927.		14th February, 1926.	
Hewletts		14,520,000 gallons		27,382,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 „	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		116,028,000		129,025,000

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

	During January, 1927.	Total for past 10 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections ..	1,274	10,251
“ taps found leaking	107	957
“defective flushing boxes	32	254

" defective stop taps	58	178
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	56	
" (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>43</u>	
	99	1,201
" notices served re fittings	144	867
" meters fixed, changed, etc.	21	176
" houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	52	735
" burst pipes discovered ...	23	139
" supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	96	481

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

Sluice Valves fixed ...	1
Sluice Valves repaired ...	2
Mains repaired ...	2
do. washed out	7
Hydrants repaired	4
Main diverted ...	1
do. renewed ...	1

4—Loan of £6,900—The Town Clerk reported that the Sanction for this loan repayable within a period of 30 years had now been received. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the pipes required for new trunk main.

5—Pipes—Eleven tenders were received for the supply of cast iron pipes required for the year ending 31st March, 1928. RESOLVED, That the tender of The Staveley Iron and Coal Co. (being the lowest tender) be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

6—Hewlett's Reservoir—Fish—Read, letter from Councillor Yarnold as to the provision of fish for this Reservoir. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next meeting.

7—Sandford Mead Allotments—The Borough Engineer recommended that 2 or 3 allotments be taken as a stone-yard in place of the ground now included in the Chelt Improvement Scheme and he had made arrangements with the tenants of allotments Nos. 7 and 8 to transfer to allotments Nos. 31 and 32. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to arrange with the tenants to transfer as proposed.

8—Water Charges—(a) Renewals—The Committee further considered letter from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury asking the Corporation to reconsider the charge now made in connection with the extension of mains. RESOLVED, That no reduction be made, having regard to the recent reduction in the charge for water.

(b) Ashchurch, Walton Cardiff, Tredington and isolation Hospital—The Committee also further considered letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council asking the Committee to reconsider the charge now made for the water supply to these places. RESOLVED, That a reduction of 5 per cent. be made in the present charge except in the case of the supply to Tredington.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1927, Present — The Mayor ; Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor : Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruett, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals. (b) Dogs Act, 1906--Read, letter of 12th instant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing copy of the regulations as provisionally approved by the Ministry. RESOLVED, That they be approved and that the Regulations be made under the Common Seal and that application be made to the Ministry for confirmation.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 20th inst., the Brigade attended an outbreak of fire at Nazareth House, Bath Road. Cause : Not known ; Damage : £100 ; Expenses £4 4s. 6d.

3—Municipal Journal—Read, letter from the Municipal Journal Ltd. suggesting that copies of the Journal should be supplied to the Chairmen of the Committees and that if 12 copies were ordered direct they would be prepared to deliver these post free. RESOLVED, That 14 copies be ordered for supply of a copy to the Chairman of each Committee

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Races—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd. for 12 special licences for the Races to be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th March and for 6 licences for Drivers and 6 for Conductors be granted and That the Chairman be authorised to issue such additional special licences as he may consider necessary to meet the requirements of the traffic.

(b) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers Licences be issued to Charles Cupper of " Fairholme," Hewlett Street and John Burchell Peacey of 17 Great Norwood Street.

(c) Conductors—RESOLVED, That Conductors Licences be issued to A. W. G. Barnes of " Marby," The Reddings and F. H. Gillett of 31 Hatherley Street.

5—Charity Trusts Act, 1860—Read, letter of 20th uh,, from the Secretary of the Charity Commission enclosing drafts of Schemes for the administration of the charity of Mrs. Dunscombe in connection with the Bethel Chapel and also of E. Ransford for the support of the Baptist Interest in Cheltenham to be published in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and asking for any observations or objections the Corporation may have to make thereon, RESOLVED, That the Council have no observations or objection to make thereon.

6—Sale of Coal Bye-Laws—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing a draft of the proposed Bye-Laws as now amended by the Board of Trade. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to the proposed Bye-Laws being resubmitted to the Board of Trade in the form of the Draft now submitted.

7—Omnibus Licence—The Committee considered application from Messrs, A. Whittingham & Co. for a licence for an omnibus to run between Cheltenham and Stroud via Birdlip, Cranham and Painswick. After hearing representatives of the Applicants, The Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., and the National Omnibus & Transport Co. Ltd., it was RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the Committee consider that the service provided by the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., and The National Omnibus & Transport Co Ltd. is sufficient for the present needs of the traffic.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th February, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold : Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Alma Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. A. Chadwick for the free use of the steam roller to complete the work being carried out by the abutting owners in this road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

2—Gardeners Lane—The Borough Surveyor called attention to possibility of damage to this lane by Mr. J. Warren while removing trees. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Warren calling his attention to this.

3—Prizes—RESOLVED, That the sum of £6 6s. 0d., allocated by the Committee at their last Meeting for prizes, be divided so as to provide First, Second and Third Prizes of £3 3s. 0d., £2 2s. 0d. and £1 1s. 0d. respectively, to be awarded to the tenants of the best kept allotments. RESOLVED, also, That the allotments be judged during the last week in June and That Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend be appointed judges. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices with regard to the prizes posted at the various allotments and other places.

4—Crab Tree Piece—RESOLVED, That allotments Nos. 41 and 42 be let to Mr. F. H. Safe.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th February, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Wellington Road—Tree—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. C. Stainforth for the removal of a tree in this road near No. 3 Rothsay Mansions. RESOLVED, That the tree be lopped.

2—Pittville Estate—(a) Water Fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. J. Gibbins had presented a pair of tufted ducks and a pair of Shoveller Ducks and that Mrs. Littledale had presented a pair of Mandarin Ducks and a framed list and photograph of the water fowl on the lake. Mrs. Littledale suggested that the list and photograph might be hung up in the Museum. RESOLVED, That

the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs Littledale and Mr. Gibbins for their gifts and also that the list and photograph be handed to the Curator to be shown in the Museum.

(b) Clarence Square—The Borough Surveyor reported that Alderman Taylor had suggested that the gate at the entrance to this Square from St. Paul's Road should be permanently opened, and the posts removed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the occupiers of the Square asking whether they were agreeable to this and to report at the next Meeting of the Committee.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th February, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye. Colonel J. C. Griffith and Mainwaring; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. G. Dimmer (The Deputy Mayor in the chair). Major Cavenagh-

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During January 2,644 (against 2,530) ; daily average 102 (against 97) ; Included in these figures were three classes from the Parish Church Girls' School.

Receipts—Contributions towards expenses of Early English Water-Colour Exhibition 15s 6d : Exhibition Catalogues £3 2s. 3d. ; Permanent Catalogues 5s 6d ; 1 ' Rock Specimens ' pamphlet 6d. ; Post Card Reproductions 3s 4d ; Commission—Nine Women Artists' Exhibition-1 18s. 9d.. Total £6 5s. 9d.

Exhibitions—The Collection of Early English Water-Colours, lent by Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, was visited by 3,038 persons. The Permanent Collection was re-hung on the 9th inst., together with Water-Colours and Pastels by Four Women Artists, Lady Proctor Beauchamp, Miss M. Agnes Cohen, Miss Maud D. Dart and Miss Ethel Hall. An Exhibition of the work of James Clark, R.I. will follow from the 10th March to the 9th April.

Sunday Opening—This experiment was concluded on the 30th January. During 16 Sundays there had been 781 visitors, an average of 49.

" The Broken Limber"—The Curator reported promises amounting to £194 4s. 0d. towards the purchase of this bronze group.

Victoria and Albert Museum Loan—The three cases of exhibits were changed on the 15th inst., and have been insured for £625.

Armoury—The work of cleaning, distempering and re-arranging this room was in progress at a cost of £17 as provided in current Estimates.

2—Corridor to Chinese Room—The Committee inspected proposed position for an additional entrance into this corridor, and it was RESOLVED, to approve the suggestion, and recommend the inclusion of the estimated cost (£20) in the estimates for next year. RESOLVED, also, That the disconnected ventilators in the Armoury, formerly used as a chemical laboratory, be removed at a cost of £7.

3—Donations—The Curator reported receipt as a gift to the Museum of two Chinese Vases, Ch'ien Lung period, 1736-1795. These formed part of the E. A. Brooks Bequest from the U.S.A. to the State Museums, and had been passed on to Cheltenham per the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The Curator also reported offer from Mrs. Crofts of a small Oil Painting by the late Domenico Barnett. RESOLVED, In view of the fact that the Institution possesses so many examples of this artist's work, the offer be declined with best thanks,

4—Loan of Picture—RESOLVED, That the application of the City of Lincoln for the loan of the painting, entitled " In Church " by Claude Calthrop, be granted on the usual conditions, for Exhibition at the Opening Ceremony of the Lincoln City Art Gallery by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales on the 25th May

5—Electrical Association for Women—Cheltenham Branch—RESOLVED, That the application of this branch to arrange for a Lecture in the Art Gallery on April 6th, entitled, " Lighting in the Home and School " be granted

6—Prospective Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to take steps to ascertain if there is a general desire for a Sixth Annual Exhibition of Cotswold Arts and Crafts, and if so to arrange accordingly from the 13th April to the 11th May.

7—Jubilee Exhibition—The Committee further discussed the proposed Exhibition of Paintings representative of the last 50 years, and authorised the Curator to proceed with the preliminary arrangements. Such Exhibition to cost approximately £40.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th February, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart; Councillors Mann, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 29th January to 25th February, 1927. Interments 109. Grave Spaces sold 22 (Second Position 5 ; Third Position 1 ; Fourth Position 16). Memorials fixed 11. New Inscriptions 4.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces--RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7539 to 7561 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth J. Jenkins ; Algina J. Price and Sarah Daniels : Recumbent Cross and kerbing to grave of Mary A. Claridge ; Memorial Headpiece and kerbing to graves of Caroline Mulhearn ; John A. Mathews and Fanny Dimmer; and Memorial Tablet to grave of John Fletcher,

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th February, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Major Cavenagh Mainwaring; Messrs. A Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 19s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,107 (last year 4,524) ; Lending Library 13,229 (last year 12,662) ; Juvenile Library 2,252 (last year 2,392). Total for month 20,588 (last year 19,578).

Lectures—The sixth of the Winter Series was given on February 5th by Mr. E. Holden on " The Story of Clay."

Commemorative Tablets—The Wm. Chas. Macready Tablet would be unveiled by the Rt. Hon. General Sir Nevil Macready, Bt. on the 15th March at 2.45 p.m., at 6 Wellington Square.

Presentations—Anon. (1 vol.) ; Miss Burton (1 vol.) ; Co-operative Wholesale Society (1 vol.) ; Great Western Railway Co. (1 vol.) ; Mrs. I. Littledale (50 vols.) ; National Museum of Wales (1 pamph.) ; Miss Rootes (37 vols.) ; Incorporated Secretaries' Association (1 vol.) ; Trinity College of Music (1 vol.) ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham (4 vols.)

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

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Bastin and Mann ; and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) After inspecting the position for proposed new doorway to the Chinese Corridor in the Museum, it was decided to offer no objection to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee carrying out this work.

(b) That 51 volumes (new books), published at £19 17s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £8 15s. 3d.

(c) That 2 volumes (new reference books) published at £6 6s. 0d. be purchased at a cost of £3 2s. 9d., out of the Leslie Young Benefaction.

(d) That the sum of £10 be spent on Replacements,

(e) That the sum of £5 be spent on Binding.

(f) The Librarian read report from the Vulcan Boiler & General Insurance Co., that the boiler and its mountings were in good working order.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, subject to the omission from (b) of 1 volume of Official Documents and Minutes relating to the Cheltenham Election Petition of 1848 at a proposed cost of 30s, the Librarian to consider further and report.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th February, 1927. Present----Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Gen. Thomas and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Valuation --Read, circular letter of 31st ult., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Valuation Committee had decided to recommend the County Council that business premises with a present rateable value of £250 or over and Fruit Plantations, Nurseries and Glass-houses worked for profit should be added to the list of properties to be submitted to Messrs. Eve & Sons for valuation, the cost of which would be paid by the County Council, and the Rating and Valuation Officers submitted list of these properties. RESOLVED, That the list be approved and that Messrs, Eve & Sons be instructed to value these additional properties.

2—Valuation Lists—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Clerk and Rating and Valuation Officers be appointed to attend a Conference called by the Assessment Committee for the 4th instant to discuss (1) The most convenient method for expediting the approval of the new valuation Lists ; (2) the Rating of flats and (3) the scale to be adopted in arriving at the gross value of small dwelling houses let at weekly or monthly tenancies at rent which includes rates. RESOLVED, That this Committee are of opinion that flats should not be rated separately unless they are self contained.

(b) The Rating and Valuation Officers reported that the Returns and Draft Lists of Two Wards were now completed and ready for valuation by the Committee. RESOLVED, That meetings of the Committee be held on the 8th and 10th March.

3—Clerk—RESOLVED, That Mr. R. Owen Seacome be paid a salary of £75 per annum as from the first January last as Clerk to this Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st March, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Pruen and Ward (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 1st inst, on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate Amount collected £32,418 8s. 11d Leaving outstanding £1.804 17s. 4d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March 1927. Amount collected £15,873 15s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £2,849 11s. 5d

3—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £100 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be issued for the same in respect of a duly authorised loan.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during January was 3,869, as compared with 8,670 during the corresponding month last year.

5—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £400 at 64 $\frac{5}{8}$ per cent. (cum. div. :) equal to 63 $\frac{3}{8}$ per cent. plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. and £820 at 64 per cent. (cum. div. :) equal to 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. plus expenses £2 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £1,220 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.

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6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent, Bonds amounting to £2,465 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. Repayments of 6 per cent. Bonds amounted to £850. RESOLVED, That this be approved..

7—Borough Treasurer's Department- Stores Clerk—RESOLVED, That the services of Mr. T. J. Day Le retained for another year as from the 31st instant.

8—London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co.—Carriage of Goods—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Corporation for the monthly credit account for the carriage of merchandise, and for tolls and other charges in connection therewith.

9—Education Estimate—Read, letter of 1st instant from the Secretary of the Education Committee stating that a further sum of £1,610 would be required to meet the expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1927 and explaining that the Education Committee had budgetted for a debit balance of £856 which they had hoped to discharge, but owing to the Coal Strike and increased County Rate and reduction in grants, etc., it had not been possible to do this and the Committee applied for payment into the Educational Account of an additional sum of £1,610 for the current year. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay out of the current year's Borough Fund the sum of £1610 less saving on loan charges of £65 making a total of £1,545 and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed accordingly.

10—Estimate for Rates—RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on Wednesday, 16th March, at 7 p.m.. to settle estimates for rates.

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst Present - Alderman Steel (in the chair); and Councillors Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. STEEL.

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 19th March, 1927.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1927, 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 Joint Meeting of the Finance and Rating Committees and to make Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND RATING COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, 16th March, 1927. Present— Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, H. W. Thomas, Gen. Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended :—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Sawyer, Capt. 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 instant. RESOLVED, also, That the Resolution No. 2 (d) (to provide the sum of £400 for two hard tennis courts in College Road) passed at a Meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee on the 18th ultimo, and confirmed at the last Meeting of the Council, be rescinded, and also that the Resolution No. 8 (re Advertising) passed at a Meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee on the 25th ultimo and confirmed at the last Meeting of the Council be varied in accordance with the estimates now submitted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

31st March, 1927.

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 April, 1927, 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 held on the 23rd March.
2. To make an Order for the Borough Rate of £67,000.
3. To make a Poor Rate of 9s 4d in the £.
4. To make a General District Rate of 3s 11d in the £.
5. Communications by the Mayor.
6. 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 consider application from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., to vary the route of the Omnibus Service from the Housing Estate to the Cemetery. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS

COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC
LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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 March, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present : The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E.). Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 7th 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—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under mentioned appearing Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meetings held February 14 & 28

Housing Slum Meetings held February 17 & & March 1

Areas Clearance Meeting held February 22

Street and Highway Meeting held February 21

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Dunn That Minute No. 10 with regard to Mechanical Trailers be not approved" was lost).

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Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held February 18 & 25

(An amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Sawyer " That Minute No. 2 (d), with regard to the provision of two hard tennis courts in Turner's Field, College Road, be not approved" was lost).

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye " That the sum allowed for advertising be limited to the same amount as last year" was lost).

(An amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor Mann " That Minute No. 6, with regard to the Summer Band and Concert Parties, be referred back" was lost).

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held February 23

Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co., Ltd, as to an Electric Pillar to be placed on ground belonging to the Company at the Midland Station, Cheltenham.

Water ... Meeting held February 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 22

Resolved, also, That the traffic Regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, recommended by Supt. Lane be adopted.

Allotments .. Meeting held February 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held February 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 18

Burial Board Meeting held February 25

Public Library Meeting held February 15

Rating Meeting held February 28

Finance Meeting held March 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—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss M. E. H. Knollys be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee for a term of three Years from the 7th February, 1927.

4-Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That the Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett, C.B.E.), Councillor J. Moore and Mr. J. Waghorne be re-appointed Cleeve Common Conservators, their term of office to expire in March, 1930.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present : The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E.). Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E., Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead and Yarnold.

1-Proceedings of Joint Meeting of Finance and Rating Committees-Estimate for Rate—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Joint Meeting of the Finance and Rating Committees at their Meeting on the 16th 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. 0d. ; and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied at a reduced estimate of one

half. Resolved, also, That Notice be given of the intention of the Council at their next Meeting on the 4th April to make a of the General District Rate of 3s 11d in the pound.

(An amendment moved by Councillor Mann and seconded by Councillor Yarnold, that £100 be added to the estimate of the Public Library Committee in respect of books was lost).

(An amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the estimate of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for a deficiency of £1,000 on the Band, concerts, etc., be reduced to £600 was lost).

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, 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 April, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1927. Present-The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward, 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. :-9 Queen Street ; 10 12, 34 and 36 Malvern Street; 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Butts Cottages, Malvern Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Crowthers Passage; 1a Gloucester Place, 33 and 59 Marle Hill Parade, and 11, 31 and 48 Courtenay 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-Insanitary Property-(a) 3, 4 5 and 6 St. John's Cottages ; 34 Victoria Street, St. Paul's ; 27, 34, 35 and 36 Malvern Street ; 1, 2 and 5 Crowthers Cottages, Malvern Street ; Studley, Church Road, Leckhampton 1a Gloucester Place ; Regent Cottage, Regent Place, Swindon Road ; 7 St. George's Street 59 Marle Hill Parade and 35 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, etc. 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) 10 Worcester Street-The Town Clerk reported that the Owner of this house had now withdrawn her notice of her intention to close this house for human habitation and had promised to have the necessary work required to put the premises into proper repair carried out.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 9 Henrietta Street ; Workshop, Norwood Road, and Western House, Great Western Road.-The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., 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) Queen's Hotel Lodge, Trafalgar Street, and Whitfield Cottage, Naunton Lane.-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) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Moorend Parade, Moorend Road-The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had not complied with notices served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and submitted three tenders for the work, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Moore Bros to do the work for £95 being the lowest, be accepted. subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4-Houses without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation-10, 12, 34 and 36 Malvern Street ; 1, 2, .3, 4 and 5 Crowthers' Cottages and 1, 2, 3, -1 and 5 Butts Cottages, Malvern 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,

5-Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 93 lbs. Beef ; 90 lbs. Veal ; 61 lbs. Pork ; 20 lbs. Lamb, and 9 tins of fruit.

6-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

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7--Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health submitted draft of a letter he proposed sending to all the cow keepers in the Borough together with a copy of the Order. RESOLVED, That this be approved, RESOLVED also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give formal notice to all cow keepers in the Borough that Article 12 (1) and 13 (1) of the Order shall apply to all cowsheds and dairies after a period of 18 months has lapsed after the service of the notice

8—Lavatory Accommodation, Clarence Parade—(a) Caretakers—The **Lavatory Sub-Committee** reported that they met on the 24th ult., and 4th inst.. 51 applications were received, the Sub-Committee interviewed 6 of the applicants and selected Mr. and Mrs. Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Fowles for interview by this Committee. The Committee 2 interviewed these candidates RESOLVED, That Mr. and Mrs. Fowles be appointed caretakers at a joint salary of 2 per week and living accommodation.

(b) Tariffs, etc —The Sub-Committee also recommended:-

Cloak Room—That a charge of 2d. be made for each hand portable article and that no perambulators, bicycles or heavy articles be allowed.

Wash and Brush Up—That a charge of 3d. be made for a wash and brush up.

(c) Hours, etc.—That the male attendant be allowed 2 hours off on 5 days during the week and a weekly half-holiday and also a week's holiday per annum, and also that the female attendant be allowed 3 hours off on 5 days and a weekly half-holiday and also a week's holiday per annum.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the relief of the caretakers as recommended.

9—Chelt Bank—"Rainow"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the retaining wall at the rear of the garden of this house was giving way and that if it fell into the Chelt obstruction would be caused and consequent flooding. He had called the Owner's attention to this.

10—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager, Live Stock on the Farms on 14th inst. 12 horses, 80 head of cattle, 1 calf, 104 sheep, 35 lambs and 35 pigs. 7 Bullocks had been purchased for £117, and the purchase of Feeding Stuffs amounted to £32 14s. 1d. Total purchases £159 14s. 1d. 1 fat cow, 2 bullocks, 1 bull, 10 wethers, 2 lambs, 8 sheep and 8 pigs had been sold for £188 8s. 0d. Since the last Meeting 35 lambs had been bred on the farms and 1 ewe had died from inflammation.

Farm House—RESOLVED, That the Farms Manager be authorised to turf the circular drive in front of the farm house.

Barbed Wire—The Chairman reported that the Rota Committee had inspected the barbed wire on the farms. In some cases it was impossible to do away with the barbed wire owing to the bad condition of the hedges, but where possible instructions had now been given for the wire to be removed ; where the barbed wire was left it was proposed to have flags put up for the convenience of the Hunt.

Valuation of Farms—Read Report of 4th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle on his valuation of the stock, implements, etc., on the farms of which the following is a summary :—

	£ s. d.
12 Horses	179 0 0
81 Cattle ...	1339 7 6
Sheep, 105 Ewes and 38 Lambs	315 10 0
43 Pigs	92 0 0
Harness, Implements, etc. ...	547 6 3
Hay, Straw, Roots, Corn, etc. ...	582 15 4
Acts of Husbandry, Growing Crops.	182 10 6
Meal, etc	59 19 4
Timber ..	20 0 0
Wool ...	<u>10 16 7</u>
	£3329 5 6

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Hunt with regard to the barbed wire.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1927, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Milton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan of a house in Milton Road proposed to be built for Mr. F. A. Jones which he had now decided to build without the subsidy. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Sales of Houses—Non-Parlour Type—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
40 Byron Road	Burgess, Mrs. M. J.	£482.
17 Shakespeare Road	Johnson, E. E,	£475.
19 Do. Hayter,	Miss W. E.	£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 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 128 have been sold, 11 have been let, leaving 1 for sale, which has been completed. Total houses erected on Housing Estate, by the Corporation 304 ; by private enterprise 2 houses and 1 dwelling house and shop.

3—New Houses—Mr. Rainger submitted plans of 5 pairs of Parlour Houses to be erected on the Gloucester Road frontage and 5 pairs of Non-Parlour Houses to fill up the vacant plots in Milton and Tennyson Roads. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the erection of the houses.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th March, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Banks' Site—Tenders for houses-14 Tenders were received for the erection of 81 houses on this site. RESOLVED, that the tender of Messrs. Reynolds, Haines & Co, of 5 Princes Street, Roath, Cardiff of £31,900 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to sanction to a loan being obtained. (The tender averages £403 for the 3-bedroom houses and £365 for the two bedroom houses). RESOLVED, also, That

application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £33,973 for the cost of the houses including Architect's fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies.

2—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) 25 and 26 Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Sabbatella had refused the offer of the tenancy of No. 75 Stanhope Street, and as there was no prospect of being able to arrange for the acquisition of these properties for the Scheme, he had applied for the appointment of an Official Arbitrator and the Arbitration had been fixed for the 26th April. Mr. and Mrs. Sabbatella and Mr. G. Bradfield as their Agent attended the Committee and were offered as an alternative the tenancy of No 68 Stanhope Street at a reduced rent which offer was declined. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the arbitration and to take the necessary steps for the compulsory acquisition of the properties.

(b) Stanhope Street Widening—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of widening Stanhope Street and report the cost of constructing Cobham Road.

(c) 68 Stanhope Street—RESOLVED, That the estimate of Mr. J. Welch of £9 10s. 0d. for putting this house into tenantable repair be accepted.

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(d) Fencing—Mr. Malvern submitted an estimate from Messrs. W. J. B. Halls Ltd., of £8 5s. 0d. for the provision and erection of a new galvanised corrugated iron fence, to fence off the first house on the West side of Stanhope Street. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

(e) 66 to 74 Stanhope Street—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. J. Welch of £4 2s. 0d., for the provision of three new division fences and repairs to other fences between these houses, be accepted.

3—Houses, Cobham Road—Mr. Malvern submitted account from Mr. W. Drew for the extra cost of bricks owing to the advance in price caused by the Coal Strike amounting to £55 3s. 1d., but no provision had been made in the Contract for advances in the prices for materials. RESOLVED, That having regard to the circumstances the Council be recommended to pay this account.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 8th and 21st 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 the 18th February to 17th March, 1927, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 10th March, 1927, 777 loads collected, 733 consumed and 44 tipped away. (Weight consumed 1,027 tons 15 ½ cwts.).

3—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th March :—Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :—

Promenade Terrace—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a plan showing how the inner road in front of this terrace could be laid out, with a view to being taken over by the Corporation with the owners' consent.

Well Walk—That new paving be laid in this Walk and other portions repaired where necessary.

York Terrace—That the dangerous elm tree opposite No. 5 York Terrace be removed and a new tree planted.

St. George's Road—That the application of Lt.-Col. Foord and the late Dr. Wilde for the tree outside " Ingleside " to be pruned and lopped be not granted.

Gloucester Road—That the dangerous lime tree opposite No. 2 Tonedale Villas in this road be removed and another tree planted.

Queen's Road—That the dangerous horn beam tree opposite Kensington Avenue, the tree opposite " Applegarth " and one opposite " Craigmore " be removed and new trees planted.

Christ Church Road—That the dangerous lime tree opposite " The Winnatts " be removed and another tree planted.

The Park—That the application of Miss Johnson for the removal of a sycamore tree outside " Ellesmere Lodge " be not granted.

Montpellier Terrace—That a surface water drain be laid on the south side of this road opposite the Montpellier Gardens, that a strip of the carriageway be raised and tar-macadamised to allow water to run off, at an estimated cost of £200 and that the footpath be not repaired at present.

Pittville Circus—That the footpath on the south side of this Circus be repaired at a cost not exceeding £50. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

4-Road, rear of Bayshill Parade—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath of this Road on the west side of Queen's Retreat by the abutting owners.

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5--Tewkesbury Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plans and estimate for the works required to be done to the footpath on the south side of this road between Lower Mill Street and Moors Gardens. 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 required 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.

6—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 21st ult., from Messrs. Meadow Mills Ltd, terminating their contract for taking waste paper collected by the Corporation and reported that he had been unable to arrange for another firm to take the paper. RESOLVED, That

the tradesmen from whom waste paper is being collected be in-formed that the Corporation cannot continue to remove the material without making a charge, and that on and after the 1st April next a charge of 1s per bag will be made for all waste paper removed by the Corporation, the Corporation to supply the sacks, but that no charge will be made to tradesmen who deliver the paper direct to the Destructor.

7—Whaddon Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted seven tenders for the iron railings and gates. RESOLVED, That the tender of The Oxy-Acetylene, Welding and Smithing Works, Milsom Street, Cheltenham of £211 17s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

8—Mechanical Trailers—RESOLVED, That Messrs. Tuke & Bell Ltd. and the Eagle Engineering Co. Ltd. be invited to send a trailer for inspection by the Committee.

9—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. H. Hughes for permission to erect a petrol pump with a swing arm over the footpath at Tewkesbury Road Garage be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

10—The Park—Read, letter of 8th inst, from Supt. Lane with regard to the seat outside " Belmont," The Park and also the two suggested traffic signs. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the seat removed nearer to the lamp and that traffic signs be not erected.

11—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers--RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of this Institution to be held at Torquay on the 15th to 18th June next.

12—Telegraph Lines—(a) Moorend Road—Read, application of 3rd inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with one pole in Moorend Road opposite Firs Lodge. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the Committee consider this pole could be conveniently placed on private property.

(b) Hatherley Road—Read, application of 19th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with two poles along Hatherley Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted 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.

(c) Sandford Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the suggested altered positions of the telegraph poles in this Park. RESOLVED, That this be disapproved as the Committee do not think these are the best positions for the poles as they will be unsightly and that the Department be requested to erect them in the positions suggested by the Borough Surveyor.

13—Westal Green Sub-Station—Mr. S. H. Healing and the Borough Electrical Engineer attended and submitted amended plan of the proposed Sub-Station on this site RESOLVED, That this be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 8th March, 1927. 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.
2288	Directors of the Daffodil Picture House	Alterations and additions to the Daffodil Picture House, Suffolk Parade (Amended Plan).
2293	Berryman & Sons, Messrs. G. H.	Temporary Motor House, Granley Road.
2294	Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints' Church	New Heating Chamber, All Saints' Church.
2295	Bendall & Sons, Messrs J. D.	Two Semi-detached Houses, Old Bath Road.
2296	Dodwell, C. T.	Garage, Brooklyn Road.
2297	Frost, Mrs.	New Bay Windows at Lynton, Bath Road.
2298	Bendall & Sons, Messrs. J. D.	Two Semi-detached Houses, Old Bath Road.
2299	Handcock, Mr. W. E. F.	Temporary Garage at Loudoun, Painswick Road.
2300	Smith, Mr. T. W.	Temporary Garages off Naunton Lane
2301	Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club	Tearoom, St. George's Square Bowling Green (Amended Plan).
2302	Squire, Mr. A.	New Dairy at Ashcroft Cottage, Swindon Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2288, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, and 2302 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2288 and 2302 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : That Plans Nos. 2293, 2299 and 2300 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. 2301 be disapproved,

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1927. Present-Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Leigh James, Mann and 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.
2291	Bendall & Sons, Messrs. J. D.	New Road off Old Bath Road (Amended Plan).
2303	Thomson, Mrs. F. E.	Motor House, Northlands, Pittville Circus.
2304	Henderson, Mrs. L.	Motor House, 22a Bennington Street.
2305	Smith, Mr. T. W.	Detached House, Churchill Road.
2306	Paget, Mr. W. G.	New Glass Porch, 30 Fairfield Parade.
2307	Emlon, Dr. A.	Additions to Dunalley House, St. Paul's Road.
2308	Griffiths Bros. Messrs.	Shop Front, Belle Vue Place.
2309	Slum Areas' Clearance Committee	New Street, Hank's site, St. Paul's.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2291, 2303, 2304, 2305 and 2307 be approved, but that Plan No. 2305 be subject to the front roof water being taken to the surface water drain, and that Plan No. 2307 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 2306, 2308 and 2309 be disapproved.

3—Contravention of the Bye-Laws—St. John's Lodge, Tivoli Circus—It was reported that the Owner of St. John's Lodge, Tivoli Circus, had erected a temporary garage at 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 Bye-Laws.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th March, 1927. Present—Tire Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair),

1—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fete—Messrs. E. Baring, C. Cassidy, C. C. Footit, and Mrs. Bissett attended as a deputation from the Floral Fête Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and submitted plan showing the proposed positions of the tents, sideshows, etc., at the Montpellier Gardens on the occasion of the Floral Fête. RESOLVED, That the plan as submitted be approved.

2—Advertising---The Committee considered resolution of the Finance Committee recommending the Council to reduce the amount allocated for advertising from £1,000 to £800. Mr. E. J. Burrow attended. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be agreed to and that the sum of £100 provided for advertising in Sunday Newspapers-be taken out and also f100 from the reserve set apart for special advertising.

3----Chelt Improvement Scheme—(a) Hard Tennis Courts—The Committee considered resolution of Finance Committee recommending the Council to rescind the resolution passed by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting on the 18th ult. and confirmed by the Council at their last Meeting authorising the provision of £400 in the estimates for two hard tennis courts in College Road. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be agreed to.

RESOLVED,—(b) Shrubs, etc.—That the offer of Messrs. J. J. Cypher & Sons to give a number of shrubs and plants for the new grounds be accepted with thanks. (c) Shelter—That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £236 (being the lowest) for oak framed shelter be accepted.

(d) Children's Park Equipment—That the tender of Messrs. C. Wicksteed & Co., Ltd, to provide Ocean Wave, Plank Swing, 6 Swings and 3 Horizontal Bars for £83 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(e) Name—That the ground be called "Sandford Park."

(f) Completion—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Unemployment Grants Committee had stipulated that the Scheme was to be completed within six months from the 15th November,

1926 The work was commenced on the 11th November and had been proceeding as expeditiously as possible but as pointed out at the time it was impossible to complete the work in six months. The work had been started at the very worst time of the year, but notwithstanding this, great progress had been made and there were still 50 men engaged on the Scheme. A great deal of the planting would have to be deferred until next autumn and he recommended that application be made for an extension of time. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Unemployment Grants Committee for an extension of the period.

4—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan of the tea room proposed to be erected by the Spa Bowling Club. RESOLVED, That the same be approved.

5—Town Hall—Rotary District Council—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary, Rotary District Council No. 10 thanking the Corporation for the use of the Town Hall on the occasion of their Conference on the 11th and 12th inst.

6—Co-operative Congress—(a) Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Read, letter from Mr. J. T. Jackson, Joint Manager of the Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd., asking on what terms the Corporation would supply 1,700 admission tickets to these Gardens during Whitsuntide week. RESOLVED, That the tickets be issued at a charge of 6d each to include admission to the band but not to include seats.

(b) Guides—The Spa Manager submitted application from the Congress for 2,000 Guides. RESOLVED, That if these can be obtained, they be supplied at cost price.

(c) Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Assistant Secretary, Co-operative Union, thanking the Corporation for the use of the Town Hall for the Meetings of the Congress.

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7—Alstone Baths—Swimming and Mixed Bathing, etc.—Read, application of the 2nd inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath on Tuesdays from 6.30 p.m. until closing time for water polo and on Thursdays from 5.30 p.m. to closing time for mixed bathing, and 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.

8—Winter Garden—Palais de Danse—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., stating that his Directors had now considered the alleged breach of the covenants in the lease with regard to entertainments in the Winter Garden, and that they were of opinion that no breach had been committed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to issue a Writ for an injunction against the Company for the breach of covenant unless it is discontinued within one month.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th March, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

9—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Electricity Committee now wished to move the tank to these Gardens as arranged and asked where the Committee desired the tank to be placed. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not now see their way to allow the tank to be placed in these Gardens and that Minute No. 7 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on the 21st May last and confirmed by the Council on the 7th June last be rescinded.

10—Borough Meteorologist—(a) The Committee considered application from the Borough Meteorologist for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £50 per annum.

(b) Weather Reports—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. G. Hooper of £14 for printing 50 copies of the Meteorologist's Reports from 1878 to 1902 be accepted.

11—Sandford Park—Read, memorial of 21st inst., from 12 Owners and Occupiers of houses in College Road requesting the Corporation to alter the position of the proposed Children's Playground as they considered it would be a nuisance and detrimental to their property, and the Committee interviewed a deputation of six of the Owners. The Borough Surveyor reported that a considerable amount of work had already been carried out and that if the site was now altered it would mean an expenditure of over £100 being thrown away. RESOLVED, That in view of the expenditure incurred the Committee cannot recommend the Council to alter the position of the playground but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place the swings as far away as possible from the backs of the houses, and that a strip of land immediately adjoining the backs of houses be fenced off and planted with trees if this is found necessary to prevent trespass in their gardens.

12—Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 1st and 15th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows :—

Easter Week—Band—That the revised tender of Mr. Frank Dawes of £35 for the provision of a band for Easter Week comprising 6 Morning Concerts, 3 Dance Teas, 1 Saturday Evening Dance and 1 Long Night Ball be accepted.

Pittville Gardens—That the free use of not more than four Tennis Courts in the Chalet Gardens be granted to the Grammar School for a Tennis Tournament in connection with their Fête to be held in the Gardens on the 16th July.

Summer Bands—The Sub-Committee considered the arrangements for the Military Bands, of which 19 performances would be given by each Band and recommended as follows:-

(a) Mornings—That Concerts be given at the Winter Garden every morning (except Sundays) from 11.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

b) Afternoons—That the Bands play at Montpellier Gardens every afternoon (except Sundays) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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(c) Evenings--That the Bands play at the Montpellier Gardens on the evenings of Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, and at the Winter Garden on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and on Wednesdays at Pittville for a flannel Dance.

(d) Charges—That the charge for Band Concerts be as follows :—

Morning and evening performances at Winter Garden Free.

Montpellier Gardens ... Afternoons 6d.

Montpellier Gardens Evenings 3d.

And also that the charge for deck chairs be 3d. and wooden and garden chairs 2d.

(NOTE.—The same number of free concerts will be given as last year).

(e) Dance at Pittville—That the Dance at Pittville on Wednesday evenings be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at a charge of 1s and that admission to the gardens on that evening be 3d., and chairs at the above prices.

Concert Parties--That the following charges be made for admission to the Concert Pavilion (to include admission to Gardens) namely 2s, 1s 6d., 1s and 6d., including tax and for admission to Gardens only at the usual price of 2d.

Concerts and Gardens--Season Tickets—That the following Scale of Charges for Season Tickets (commencing on 1st April, 1927, and expiring on 31st March, 1928) be recommended :—

(a) Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—To admit Nurse or Child (not exceeding 12 years of age) at all times except when the Gardens are let privately or on special occasions ... 2s 6d,

(b) Municipal Gardens and Parks—To admit persons at all times, except when the Gardens are let privately or on special occasions 6s,

And, also, That the Season Tickets be issued at reduced charge of 4s per head to girls of The Hall, Montpellier, and St. Mary's Training College. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART. Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Moore and Capt. Tye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Extensions to Mains—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension referred to in his report at an estimated cost of £49 on the terms approved by the Committee.

(b) Cleeve Hill—With reference to Minute No. 1 (b) of the Meeting of the Committee on the 26th January last. The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the tender of the British Insulated Cables Ltd., of £2086 18s 0d. for supplying the cables for the Cleeve Hill extension be accepted. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the confirmation of the Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1926, and to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—District Joint Board—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor J. Moore) be nominated representative of the Undertaking on the District Joint Board No. 6 (West of England) Area for the year ending 31st March, 1928.

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, 1928.

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4—Electricity Charges—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of the Committee he had prepared 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 all consumers with the exception of the charge for power. 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 current quarter :—

LIGHTING—Maximum Demand—

For the first 125 hours use per quarter of the Maximum Demand as shewn by the Demand Indicator	6d. per unit.
For all additional units ...	2d. per unit.
Flat Rate—Ordinary Consumers (other than special supplies	5d. per unit.
Larger Consumers (subject to guarantee and discounts as before)	4d. per unit.
Churches and Chapels ...	4d. per unit.
Cinematograph Halls—Combined Rate	2 ¾ d. 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 for slot meters be 7d. per unit to take effect from the same date.

5—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Swindon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a furniture van belonging to the Crown Bedding Co., to a standard in Swindon Road near the Railway Bridge amounting to £5 4s. 6d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage,

(b) St. James' Place—Read, Police Report as to damage caused to a lamp standard by a boy playing football. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be instructed to take proceedings for wilful damage.

(c) New Street and Devonshire Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., were willing to enter into an agreement for the settlement of this claim and for any future claims for damage on a halving basis. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

5—District Auditor's Report—Read, Report of the District Auditor of his completion of the audit of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1926. Several suggestions were made to the Borough Electrical Engineer regarding the use of certain account books which the Borough Electrical Engineer reported had now been carried out.

6—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 28th ult., 2nd, 8th and 14th inst, which showed the calorific value on these dates respectively to be 475.4, 459 0 ; 470.9 ; and 488.0 B.Th.U. and the pressure 5.2 ; 4.4 ; 4.5 ; and 4.5 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th March, 1927, Present-The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

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

Hewletts Springs Dowdeswell Springs Leckhampton Springs

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 14th March, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	510,000 gallons	494,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,528,000 „	2,101,000
Leckhampton Springs	129,000	134,000 “
Total	3,167,000	2,729,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th March, 1927.		14th March, 1926.	
Hewletts		14,327,000 gallons		29,843,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in,	100,023,000 “	31ft. 4in.	96,511,000 „
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 „
Total Storage		115,970,000		127,974,000

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

	During February, 1927.	Total for Past 11 months
No. of house-to-house inspections	847	11,098
“ “ taps found leaking	59	1,016
“ “ defective flushing boxes ...	15	269
“ “ defective stop taps	7	185
“ “ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	59	
“ “ (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>27</u>	
	86	1,287
“ “ notices served re fittings ..,	52	919
“ “ meters fixed, changed, etc. .	20	196
“ “ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	43	778
“ “ burst pipes discovered	9	148
“ “ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	39	520

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

Sluice Valves fixed ...	1
Sluice Valves repaired ...	4
Sluice Valve and Hydrant Boxes refixed	5
New Mains laid	1
Mains flushed out	8
Washout Valves fixed ...	1
House Services pumped out	1

4—Extensions to Mains—(a) Cirencester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. C. Dickins for an extension of about 90 yards along new road off Cirencester Road at an estimated cost of £60 for a 3 inch main. RESOLVED, That the extension be made subject to the whole of the cost being deposited before the commencement of the work to be refunded as the water charges on the houses connected thereto produce 10 per cent per annum on the capital outlay, any such repayment to be repayable at the end of each financial year

(b) Ashchurch—The Borough Engineer submitted application of 22nd ult., from the Cotswold Canning Co., for a supply estimated at 30,000 gallons per week to the Midland Railway Warehouse at Ashchurch. The Borough Engineer reported that the present main was not large enough to afford a supply. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—Engine—The Borough Engineer reported that the old beam engine at these works had not been used for many years and was not required. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to obtain offers for the same.

6--Hewletts Reservoir—Fish—The Committee further considered letter from Councillor Yarnold with regard to the fish in this Reservoir. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain 200 trout to be placed in No. 4 Reservoir when the Valve Tower is completed. RESOLVED, also, That fishing be permitted in No 3 Reservoir only during the coming season, only flies and spinners to be used and all trout under 10 inches to be returned to the water.

7—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the amounts outstanding and that supplies be discontinued in such cases as from the 25th 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.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart: Councillors Mann, Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

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

(b) Canadian Cattle Trade—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Free Importation of Canadian Cattle Association of Great Britain with regard to the importation of Canadian Heifers and Cows into this Country. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
7th March	Holly Lodge, Gloucester Road	£75—£100	£5 3 6
16th March	2 Wolseley Terrace	£50	£4 9 6
16th March	Abbeyholme, Overton Road	—	£4 9 6
18th March	72 Fairview Road	£50-75	£5 2 6

3—Omnibus Licences—(a) Cheltenham to Stroud—Read, application from Messrs. A. Whittingham & Co., for a licence to ply for hire an omnibus between Cheltenham and Stroud via Birdlip and Slad. They proposed to run 3 journeys, namely :—leaving Stroud 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and leaving Cheltenham 11.30 a.m., 3.30 p. m. and 8.30 p.m., and on Sundays commencing at 2 p.m. The fares from Cheltenham to Birdlip and from Cheltenham to Stroud were the same fares as charged by the other two Companies operating on the route. After hearing Representatives from the Applicants in support and Representatives from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co, Ltd. and the National Omnibus and Transport Co Ltd. who opposed the licence it was RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector. RESOLVED, also, That the necessary drivers' and conductors' licences be issued.

(b) Gloucester to London—Read, application from Messrs. Holland & Finlay of 5 Montpellier Road, Ealing, for a licence for an omnibus to ply for hire between Gloucester and London through Cheltenham. After hearing Representatives of the Applicants and the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., it was RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to an arrangement as to fares being made with the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., as to the portion of the route already served by the Bristol Tramway & Carriage Co. Ltd.

(c) Races—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for 6 special licences for the Races to be held on the 6th and 7th April next be granted.

4—Petrol Licences—New Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications for Petrol Licences be granted :—Messrs. H. E. Steel Ltd, 500 gallons in a pump storage at the Plough Yard, High Street ; Mr. V. T. Nicholls, 500 gallons in a pump storage at Hannington, Leckhampton Road Mr. T. H. Little, 500 gallons in a pump storage at Pilford Garage, Old Bath Road and Mr. J. Allen, 500 gallons in a pump storage at the Cheltenham Car Mart, Winchcomb Street.

5—Root, Fruit and Grain Show—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, Hon Secretary to the Root, Fruit and Grain Show stating that the Cup given by the Corporation in 1924 had now be won outright. RESOLVED, That another Silver Cup value £5 5s. 0d. be given for the best six Chrysanthemums to be shown in Pots not exceeding 10 inches in diameter and to be won 3 times before becoming the absolute property of the winner.

6—National Association of Local Government Officers—Read, circular of 4th instant from this Association inviting the Corporation to appoint a Representative to attend a Special Conference to be held on the 6th June at the Town Hall, Bournemouth to discuss the proposals of the Association with a view to establishing a recognized Standard of Education for all future Junior Entrants into Local Government service. RESOLVED, That Councillor Pruen be appointed to attend.

7—Parking Place Attendant—It was reported that the Parking Place Attendant had been withdrawn from the Parking Place outside the Municipal Offices. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Royal Auto-mobile Club to enquire if another attendant would be appointed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, E. M. Yeend and J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Baglin's Piece Allotments—RESOLVED, That allotment No. 11 be let to Mr. A. W. Elliott of the British Crown Inn, St. Pauls.

2--Rainbow Field Allotments—RESOLVED, That Mr. M. B. Davis be asked to quote a price for planting with potatoes, the portion of this field (about 3 acres) which had not been taken up by allotment holders.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Water Fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. J. Gibbins had presented a pair of White Call Ducks. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to him for his gift.

2—Clarence Square--The Town Clerk submitted memorial and letters from the majority of the Owners in this Square objecting to the proposed removal of the gate and posts at the entrance to the Square from St. Paul's Road. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

3—Wellington Square—Cranley Lodge—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from the Owners and tenants of houses in Wellington Square objecting to the proposal to use Cranley Lodge as a hostel for the students of St. Paul's College, on the grounds that it would be an infringement of the covenants of the Pittville Estate. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Council are not prepared to take any action in the matter, as this is a matter for the Owners concerned.

4—Naunton Park—Read, applications from the Naunton Park United A.F.C., for an extension of one month to complete their home fixtures, and from the Naunton Park R.F.C. for permission to

play two games on the 9th April and Easter Monday. The Custodian reported that the ground was in a bad condition and that the Naunton Park United A.F.C. had been allowed to start three weeks before the usual time RESOLVED, That the former club be allowed to use the Ground on Saturday, 19th February, but that no further permission be granted.

5—Organised Games—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Rev. W. S. H. Wylie submitting the following resolution passed by the Cheltenham Council of Social Welfare :—

"That the Committee, whilst realising fully the difficulties involved, suggests to the Town Council that :-

1. It would be helpful if caretakers of the Public Grounds were qualified to act as coaches of National games, and also to prepare and maintain fields and pitches.

2. The whole of the Recreation Grounds should be available at all times for organised games "

RESOLVED, That he be informed that it would be impossible for the caretakers to act as coaches for Games having regard to their other duties, and that the grounds are at present being extensively used for organised games, but that it would not be desirable to appropriate the Recreation Grounds entirely for such games.

6—Recreation Grounds—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.	" "
"	Parish Church Boys' C.C.	Wednesdays
Naunton Park	Y.M.C.A. Junior C.C.	"
Whaddon Lane	Central School Old Boys' C.C.	Saturdays
"	Wesley Sunday School C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.

RESOLVED, also, That each Club be allowed one night per week for practice, such practice to be restricted to net practice and not for play in the open field.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th, March, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillor, Brig.-Gen, Thomas and Capt. Trye; Colonel J. C. Griffith and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; Messrs. Sausmarez and G. Dimmer (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits- During February 1,988 (against 2,730) ; daily average 83 (against 114).

Receipts—Catalogues £1 13s. 0d., Miscellaneous 7s 1d. Total £2 0s. 10d.

The Pool, Blockley—This Oil Painting had been lent to the Artist, James Bateman, for exhibition in London, where it had been hung in the New English Art Club.

Deputation—An official visit from the Borough Surveyor and the Curator of Leamington Spa took place on the 16th inst. Thanks have been received for the facilities afforded and information given.

Armoury—The work of re-arranging the Armour and Metal Work is in progress. Exhibition—The Exhibition by Four Women Artists (with Permanent Collection) from the 9th February to the 8th March was visited by 1,954 people ; daily average 81..

2—Donations—From Mr. Hewlett, case of West African Arts and Crafts ; Mr. W. A. Salsbury, Photographs of the late Domenico D. J. Barnett, and his father, John Barnett ; Lord Howard de Walden, per the Victoria and Albert Museum, Three Specimens of Roman Glass. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors,

3—The Broken Limber—The Curator reported that the fund for the purchase of this group amounted to £199 4s. 1d., of which £63 16s. 9d. had been received. RESOLVED, That an appeal be advertised in the "Echo" for the balance namely £100 15s. 11d.

4—New Entrance to Chinese Corridor—RESOLVED, That a second quotation be obtained for this work, and the Chairman and Curator authorised to accept a tender not exceeding £15.

5—Cheltenham Science Society—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held on the premises on the 25th inst.

6—Prospective Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator's suggestions be approved as follows :—

(a) Arts and Crafts-13th April to the 11th May.

(b) Cheltenham Group of Artists-3rd October to the 12th November.

(c) Work by Students of the School of Arts and Crafts-14th November to the 10th December.

(d) R.I.B.A. Prize Drawings-12th to the 17th December.

(e) Staffordshire New Group of Artists-19th December to the 31st January, 1928.

(f) National Loan Collection Trust—February to March, 1928.

7—Easter Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday only, open all day Saturday, the 16th April, and on Easter Monday until 6 p.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th March, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1---Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 26th February to 25th March, 1927. Interments 61 ; Grave Spaces sold 25 (First Position 3 ; Second Position 5 ; Third Position 1, Fourth Position 16). Memorials fixed 15. New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7562 to 7566 of the exclusive of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Richard Banford ; Constance C. Smythies ; John Smith, Francis E. Wallis ; John D. E. Loveland ; Marian I. Corsellis and Mary Pope ; Recumbent Cross and Kerbing to graves of Sarah J. Halford and Mary K. Powney Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Gertrude A. Millikins and William C. Stevens : Memorial Scroll to grave of William H. Bee ; Memorial Tablet and Kerbing to grave of George W. Stock, and Kerbing to graves of James H. Bird : Jesse J. Gillham ; Maria Poole ; Henry Cooke and Alfred Lengden.

4—T. Elliott, deceased—RESOLVED, That the burial fees payable for the funeral of the late Mr. T. Elliott who for nearly fifty years was a gravedigger at the Cemetery, be remitted.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1927 Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Major J. G. Cavenagh Mainwaring ; Messrs. A Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts 5s. 7d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,343 (last year 4,216) ; Lending Library 11,961 (last year 12,001) ; Juvenile Library 2,226 (last year 2,257). Total for month 19,530 (last year 18,474),

Replacements—During the month 41 volumes had been replaced, and 148 volumes returned from the binders.

Lectures—The 7th of the Winter Series of Lectures on February 25th by Mr. Percy A. Wells on "Craftsmanship and Furniture : Ancient and Modern" was attended by 173 people Retiring collection for Limber Fund 1718. The 8th Lecture on March 14th by Dr. Norman H. Joy on "The Advantages of Natural History as a Hobby" was attended by 81 people. Retiring collection 8s 7d.

Presentations—Anon. (1 vol.) ; Mr. C. F. Bruch (62 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (17 pamphlets.) ; The London Association of Accountants Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. H. Martyn (2 vols.) ; Messrs. Shell-Mex, Ltd. (1 vol. and 4 pamphlets.) ; Messrs. The University Tutorial Press (1 cover) ; Mr. A. E. Whitehouse (1 vol.) ; Miss A. M. Wilkins (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 10th inst. Present—Councillor Mann ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:-

(a) That 26 volumes (new books), published at £12 6s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £5 11s. 9d

(b) That the purchase of "Official Documents re The Cheltenham Election Petition, 1847-8," deferred from last Meeting, be again recommended.

(c) That the sum of £10 be spent on Replacements,

(d) That the offer of "New Health" (monthly 6d), gratis, be accepted with thanks.

(e) Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Employment Exchange re Newspapers containing racing news.

RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee recommend that racing news be obliterated.

(f) The Librarian reported interview with Miss Hilda C. Wise at Croydon Public Libraries. Subject to a satisfactory medical examination he had appointed her Cataloguing Assistant at a commencing salary of £130 per annum, as previously authorised. RESOLVED, That the appointment be confirmed, and railway expenses (14s 2d) be refunded to the Librarian

(g) That, in order to secure special discounts, a repeat order for 1 ton of "Dusmo" Sweeping Powder be given, delivery and payment to be made for 5 cwt, consignments.

(h) That the Lending, Reference and Juvenile Departments be closed on Easter Saturday and Monday ; the Newsroom to remain open on Saturday as usual.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, except that (e) be deferred for further consideration.

3—The Librarian reported a case in which a book had been surreptitiously taken from the Library. RESOLVED, That proceedings be not taken in this case but the Town Clerk be instructed to write a letter of censure to the offender.

A. MANN, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th March, 1927. Present—Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors H. W. Thomas, Gen. Thomas and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Authority to Officers—(a) RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Rating Authority is hereby authorised to sign any notice, demand note, order or other document of any description required or authorised for the purposes of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 (3) of the Act. (b) RESOLVED, also, That the Clerk of the Rating Authority and the Rating Officers (Messrs. F. H. Harris and E. D. Ricketts) be hereby respectively authorised generally to undertake and carry on proceedings in relation to the collection or recovery of rates which the Rating Authority are themselves authorised to undertake and carry on.

2—Appearance before Assessment Committee—RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Rating Authority and the Rating and Valuation Officers be hereby respectively authorised to attend and appear before the Assessment Committee on the hearing of all notices of appeal, objections or proposals for amendment of Valuation Lists under the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925.

3—Valuation Lists—RESOLVED, That it be reported to the Council that four Meetings have been held this month by this Committee to settle draft Valuation Lists.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th March, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £33,215 17s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £1.007 8s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March last. Amount collected 1.7.003 19s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £2,094 19s. 2d.

3—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £3,900 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during February was 4,380, as compared with 4,096 for the corresponding month last year

5—5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £1,740 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. Repayments of 6 per cent, Bonds amounted to £2,180. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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

Date, 1927.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
10th March	Purchase of Albert Road Allotments	£884	80 years
22nd March	For erection of 22 houses in Stanhope Street	£9100	60 years
25th March	St. Mark's Recreation Ground	£1500	30 years
25th March S	t. Mark's Recreation Ground	£700	10 years

7—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present : Aldermen Steel and Taylor and Councillor Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th April, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1927, at THREE O'CLOCK**

in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th April, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.). Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, O.B.E.,

Aldermen Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E, and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor H. W. Thomas.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 7th March and the Special Meeting on the 23rd March last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—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

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the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or other-wise by law, and it having been by the Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of £67,000 will, in addition to the Borough Fund, be sufficient for these purposes (including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Acts) for the year ending the 31st March 1928 it is ordered by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all 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 £67,000.

3—Poor Rate—Resolved, That the Council do now in pursuance of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925 and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf hereby order that a Poor Rate of 9s 4d. in the for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1928 be now made under the Common Seal upon all property rateable to the poor within the Parish and Borough of Cheltenham (made up as follows :- 4s 0 ¾d. for the Borough Rate, 3s 9d. for County purposes and 1s 6 ¼ d. for Poor Law purposes), and that the same be levied on all properties liable thereto, not being agricultural land and at a quarter on agricultural lands and it is hereby ordered that in the case of hereditaments in which a dwelling house is included the rateable value of which does not exceed £8 the Owners thereof shall be rated to the Poor Rate in respect of such hereditaments instead of the occupiers and it is hereby further ordered that the said rate shall as to one moiety thereof commence and be payable forthwith and as to the other moiety thereof shall commence and be payable on the first day of October, 1927 and that the same be collected accordingly and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law, and also that notice of the making of the said rate be given within seven days after the making thereof by affixing notices in public and conspicuous places within the Parish and Borough of Cheltenham.

4—District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham improvement Act, 1889, of three shillings and eleven 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 forthwith and the

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other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the first day of October 1927, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held March 14

Subject to the following amendment : " That the last sentence in the paragraph relating to barbed wire be altered to read Where the barbed wire was left it was proposed to allow flags to be put up for the convenience of the Hunt."

Housing Meeting held March 15

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held March 30

Street and Highway Meeting held March 21

Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Welstead and seconded by Councillor Ward : " That Minute No. 6 with regard to waste paper be referred back for further consideration."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 18 and 25

Subject to the following amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Gen. Thomas : " That Minute No. 9 be referred back and that the question as to the position of

the tank be referred for consideration of the Town Improvement and Spa and Parks and Recreation Grounds Committees."

SANDFORD PARK-A letter of the 31st ult., from Mr. H. F. Midwinter was read intimating that he had been definitely instructed by Major Brooke-Murray and other owners of property in College Road to apply for an Injunction if the Corporation proceeded to lay out the Children's Play-Ground at the back of their premises.

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held March 23

Water Meeting held March 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 21

Resolved, also, That the application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. to vary the route of the Omnibus Service from the Housing Estate to the Cemetery, so that each alternate omnibus should run direct from Tennyson Road into Gloucester Road and along the tram route into Queens Road and then to continue the present route, be granted.

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Allotments Meeting held March 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held March 18

18 Burial Board Meeting held March 25

Public Library Meeting held March 15

Rating Meeting held March 24

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.

-Winter Garden-Read, application of 26th ult. from the Cheltenham Labour Party for permission to hold a demonstration Meeting in these Gardens. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the application as the use of the Gardens for Public Meetings is prohibited by the bye-laws.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd May, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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 and 12 Worcester Street ; 8, 9, 12, and 16 Waterloo Street ; 24 and 34 Sun Street ; 28, Bath Terrace ; 1 Woodbine Cottages and Myrtle Cottage, Gosditch Lane ; 10 Grosvenor Street ; 38, 40, 42 and 44 Union Street ; 2 and 4 Columbia 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—Insanitary Property—(a) 4 and 12 Worcester Street, 8, 9, 10 and 16 Waterloo Street ; 22, 24, 59, 60 and 61 Sun Street ; 38, 40, 42 and 44 Union Street ; 2 and 4 Columbia Street ; 28 Bath Terrace ; 47 Fairview Street ; and 29 Albion 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, etc. 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) 42, 43 and 44 Montpellier Villas—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had not complied with a notice served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, and submitted three tenders for the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. J. Knight & Son to do the work for £46, being the lowest, be accepted,

(c) 9 and 9a Russell Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 13th December last, the Sanitary Work required to be done under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons at a cost of £17. RESOLVED, That an Order be now made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be repayable by annual instalments within a period of 5 years with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum until the total amount is repaid.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Lansdown Castle Stores and 1 York Place, Swindon Road—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., 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 in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 11th October last the Sanitary Work required to be done under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons at a cost of £24 14s. 0d RESOLVED, That an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the expenses to be Private Improvement expenses chargeable on the premises to be repayable by annual instalments within a period not exceeding five years with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum until the total amount is repaid.

4—Notices not complied with--The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 119 lbs. Pork 70 lbs. Beef and 40 lbs. of Plaice.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order, 1879—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. Squire of Ashcroft, Swindon Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk be granted.

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7—Nuisance from Smoke—The Sanitary Inspector reported that complaints had been received from residents in Hale's Road of the nuisance of smoke emitted from the chimney of Messrs. Webb Bros. of Battledown Brick Works and that having made special observations he was of opinion that the smoke from this chimney was of such a quantity as to be a nuisance. RESOLVED, That notice under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the Owners requiring them to abate the same.

8--Lavatory Accommodation—(a) Clarence Parade (i.) Caretakers—RESOLVED, That the appointment of the Care-takers be subject to one months' notice on either side.

(ii.) Notices in Omnibuses—RESOLVED, That the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd. and the National Omnibus and Transport Co., be asked to fix notices in their omnibuses of the Public Lavatory.

(iii.) Furniture, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to purchase the necessary furniture and equipment required for the lavatories and also to consider the provision of a notice board for the display of Public Notices, etc.

(b) Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that these lavatories were nearing completion and the Committee considered the suggestion made at the last Meeting of the Council that a guard rail should be placed at the entrances. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

9—Gas Works—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement to be entered into with the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co., as to the analyses of samples of sewage and of the filtered effluent. RESOLVED, That the draft be approved.

10---Sanitary Inspector's Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the appointment of delegates to their 40th Annual Conference to be held at Plymouth in September. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

11—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 11th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, 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 11th inst. 12 horses, 109 head of cattle, 1 calf, 84 sheep, 68 lambs and 29 pigs. 18 heifers, 6 bullocks and 1 calf had been purchased for £473 8s. 6d., and the purchase of Feeding Stuffs amounted to £30 8s. 8d. Total purchases £503 17s. 2d. 23 pigs, 19 sheep, 1 calf, 3 heifers and 1 bullock had been sold for £234 7s. 10d. Since the last Meeting 33 lambs and 22 pigs had been bred on the farms and 1 ewe had died from inflammation, and 5 pigs were killed by being crushed by the sow.

Cottage, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this cottage be allowed to erect a garage and to use the drive to the Farm House for access thereto subject to payment of 10s per annum, the Corporation to reserve the right to withdraw such permission upon giving three months' notice.

Rents of Cottages—RESOLVED, That the rents of the Corporation Cottages on the Farms not occupied by Corporation Employees, be increased to the maximum in accordance with the provisions of the Rent Restrictions Acts, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to serve the necessary Notices in connection therewith.

Fence, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gloucestershire County Council calling their attention to the condition of the fence erected by them during the Gloucester Road reconstruction scheme and ask them to put the same in good order.

Bungalow, Barn Farm—The Rota Committee reported that they had inspected the Bungalow at the Barn Farm and found the roof to be defective. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept a tender for the repair of the roof.

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 April, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dunn and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Redecoration—Six applications for the redecoration of houses were received. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee for inspection and report.

2—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk reported that the land purchased by Mr. Dowell had been marked out four feet from the centre line of the hedge between his land and the land proposed to be purchased by the County Council for a roadway and that Mr. Dowell was willing to purchase the extra four foot strip for £12. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3-41 Milton Road—Read, letter of 8th instant from Mr. J. W. Robson stating that the purchaser of this house had sold it to Mr. William Henry Westcott subject to the Mortgage to the Cheltenham Building Society in which the Corporation had joined as Guarantors RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the transfer.

4—Town Planning—Read, circular of 5th ult., from the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association inviting the appointment of delegates to join the Spring Tour of the Association to the South of England. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

5—New Houses—Three tenders were received for the erection of 5 pairs of Non-Parlour Type Houses and 5 pairs of Parlour Type Houses, RESOLVED, That (subject to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to the sanction of the Ministry of Health to a loan being obtained) the tenders of Mr. W. Drew of £5,793 for 5 pairs of Parlour Type Houses and Messrs. Morgan Bros., of 44 Corporation Street, Birmingham of £4,850 for 5 pairs of Non-Parlour Houses being the lowest tenders received be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the 5 pairs of Non-Parlour Type Houses for the purposes 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 £11,332 for the cost of the houses (including Architects' fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies).

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th April, 1927. Present—Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Capt. Trye, Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs Gurney and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1927.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	23.11	30.9
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	13.7	23.6
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	27.3	30.5

An Outing to Worcester was being arranged for early in July for the Mothers attending the Centres. The Association had lost the Misses Lefroy, two of their most valued workers who had left the Town. The Association's Secretary, Miss Seaton, was still unable to return to her duties and Miss Oswald was continuing to act as Secretary during her absence.

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3—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary March, 1927

No. of Children on Register	2,648
Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	806
„ (over 1 year)	717
Un-notified Births discovered	3
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,769
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	69
Children remitted to Hospital	7
First Visits paid by Health Visitors	125
Ante-natal cases visited ...	26
Chicken-pox cases visited ...	8
Whooping-cough cases visited	9
Grants of Milk :	
Carried over from previous quarter	27
New Orders ...	25
Orders discontinued during quarter	26
, continuing to coming quarter	26

3—Grant—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health a proving of the estimate of expenditure of £837. The Ministry had reduced the estimate submitted by £95 being £45 from the amount provided for milk and £50 being the estimated cost for treatment of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia pending submission of details for approval. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit these details for the approval of the Ministry.

4—Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—RESOLVED, That Dr. Park be appointed consultant con-jointly with Dr. Hugh Powell at a fee of three guineas per case.

5—Conference—Read, circular from the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare inviting the attendance of delegates to a Conference to be held in London in July. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

T. H. TRYE,
Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th April, 1927

. Present—Alderman Bendall Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 5th 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 the 18th March to 14th April, 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th April, 1927, 769 loads collected, 763 consumed and 6 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,006 tons 4 cwts.

3—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th April, 1927 :—Alderman Bendall (in the chair) and Councillors Mann, Capt. Trye and Yarnold. They recommended as follows :—

Overton Road--That the defective kerb be not repaired at present but that the carriageway be repaired where necessary and tar sprayed.

King Edward Statue—That a triangular traffic sign as designed by the Borough Surveyor to replace the present sign be approved.

30 Fairfield Parade—That no objection be raised to the proposed glass porch at this house.

441 High Street—That the plan for bringing forward the front of these premises be not approved.

4 Portland Street—That the plan for bringing forward the front of these premises be not approved. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

4—Colas Drums—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. W. J. Cluer of £1, per 100 for 100 or 200 colas drums be accepted.

5 Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. were unwilling to take up their granite margins and to pay the cost of asphaltting up to the rails and in order to make a satisfactory finish between the margins and the asphalt it was proposed to lay a longitudinal granite sett along the rails. The Company had agreed to raise the level of their margins where necessary RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Workmen's Outing—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Workmen's Social Club for 2 hours leave of absence from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, 25th June, for their proposed Annual Outing. RESOLVED, That the application be granted to the men taking part in the Outing.

7—Ormond Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Madame Wright applying for repayment of the cost incurred by her in rounding off the corner of her property in Ormond Place and Regent Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

8—Wires across Highways—(a) Malthouse Lane, St. Paul's—Read, application on behalf of Tarrs (Cheltenham) Ltd., for permission to fix an overhead wire Across Malthouse Lane, so as to enable a moving cage to be swung across from their premises on each side of the Lane. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 25 of the Public Health Act, 1925 consent be given to the placing of the wire across the Lane subject to the following conditions (a) that the apparatus and structure carrying the same be approved by the Borough Surveyor (b) that the same be kept in good order (c) that the applicants shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused thereby (d) that the wire shall be placed at a sufficient height so as to allow a clearance of at least 16 feet between the carriageway and the bottom of the cage and (e) that the wire shall be removed within one month after notice from the Corporation requiring this.

(b) Grosvenor Street—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 25 of the Public Health Act, 1925 consent be given to the placing of an aerial across this road by Mr. J. Shadwell subject to the aerial wire being placed at a height at least 30 feet above the highway and being maintained and kept in a satisfactory condition and that the owner shall be responsible for any damage or injury arising by or in consequence of the aerial crossing the highway and that the wire shall be removed by the owner within one month after notice from the Corporation requiring this.

9—Road Fund—Read, circular No 285 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport setting out the revised scale of allowances as from 1st April inst. for heavy plant of Local Authorities used in connection with road works.

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10—Streamer across Colonnade—Read, application of 2nd ult., from the 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 the streamer to be hung one day prior to each Gala subject to the usual conditions.

11—Telegraph Lines—(a) Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that eight poles had been erected in this road without permission having been first obtained. He submitted letters of 6th and 14th inst. from the Superintending Engineer explaining that the poles should have been shown on the plan for overhead line submitted and approved on the 3rd January last. RESOLVED, That these be now approved subject to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the bases of the poles if required.

(b) Hatherley Road—Read, application of 19th inst. from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with two poles in this road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted 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.

(c) Tivoli Road and Park Place—Read, application of 31st ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead Telegraphic line with one pole in Tivoli Road and one pole in Park Place. RESOLVED, That the application in respect of the pole in Tivoli Road be granted subject to the usual conditions but that the application to erect a pole in Park Place be not granted

(d) Central Depot—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department for consent to the placing of two poles and one stay in the Corporation Yard, St. James's Square be granted subject to an annual payment of 1s per pole and subject to the Postmaster General making good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing and maintenance of the works and to the consent being terminable by three calendar months' notice in writing on either side.

12—Projecting Sign, Promenade—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss G. Pitcher for permission to erect a projecting sign outside the Imperial Rooms, Promenade, be not granted.

13—Oriel Road—Oriel Lodge—Read, letter of 25th ult., from Mr. L. W. Barnard offering on behalf of the Owner of Oriel Lodge and Dr. MacFie a strip of land along the frontage of Oriel Lodge for the widening and improvement of this road RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

14—Waste Paper--The Committee reconsidered the charge for collecting waste paper from tradesmen. RESOLVED, That a charge of 6d. per bag or bundle be made for all waste paper and cardboard, etc. removed by the Corporation, the Corporation to supply the sacks RESOLVED, also, That only one dust bin of rubbish be collected from any premises free of charge and that Minute No. 6 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 21st March last be varied accordingly. The matter will be reconsidered after a period of six months.

15—Inspection of Plans—Read, letter of 16th ult., from the Cheltenham Civic Society forwarding their observations on the letter received from Mr. L. W. Barnard. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee appointed by the Civic Society be allowed to inspect only such plans as the Plans Sub-Committee think desirable and on the understanding that any observations that they have to make on the plans are only communicated to the Plans Sub-Committee.

16—Mechanical Trailers—The Committee inspected the trailers supplied by Messrs. Tuke & Bell and The Eagle Engineering Co Ltd. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned again for a further inspection of the trailers in use at Gloucester.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 5th April, 1927. 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.
2310 Emlyn, Dr. A.	Temporary Garages, Dunalley House, St. Paul's Road.
2311 Waters, Mr. S. J.	Temporary Motor House, The Cottage, Gloucester Road.
2312 Parker, Mr. W.	Temporary Motor House, Atherstone, Church Road, St Marks.
2313 James, Mrs.	New lavatory, Malcolm Ghur, Upper Bath Road,
2314 Caudle, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, St John's Lodge, Tivoli Circus.

2315 Stephens, Mr. G. H. Temporary Motor House, Trevor Dene, Evesham Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 2313 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : and that Plans Nos. 2310, 2311, 2312, 2314 and 2315 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. 2315 be also subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 20th April, 1927, Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; and Councillor 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.
2306	Paget, Mr. W. G.	New Glass Porch, 30 Fairfield Parade.
2308	Griffiths Bros., Messrs	Shop Front, Belle Vue Place, High Street (Preliminary Plan).
2310	Emlyn, Dr. A.	Temporary Garages, Dunalley House, St. Paul's Road.
2316	Sarsfield, Walsh & Co., Messrs.	Additions to rear of 28 Promenade.
2317	Smith, Mr. T. W.	Four detached Houses, Naunton Lane.
2318	Steel, Mr. R.	Additions to rear of 1 Regent Street.
2319	Working Lads Club	Office and cycle Shed at Helenburgh, Grosvenor Street.
2320	Hawkins, Mrs. M. F. G.	Motor House, Fernihurst, Parabola Road.
2321	Carpenter, Miss	Detached House, Moorend Park Road,
2322	Williams, Mr. A. S.	Shop Front, 10 Portland Street (Preliminary Plan).

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2306, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320 and 2321 be approved, subject in regard to Plans Nos 2316 and 2318 to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in regard to No. 2317 to the sewer at the rear of the houses being laid on at least 6 ins. of concrete or to iron pipes being used, that Plan No. 2310 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal, and that Plans Nos. 2308 and 2322 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th April, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruet, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1.-Sandford Park (a) Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the erection of the bridge. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of 1189 be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Shelter The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the Shelter to be erected in Turners Field. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £93 19s. 8d. be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, RESOLVED, also, That this Shelter be erected near the Children's Playground.

(c) Children's Playground—The Town Clerk read letter of 7th inst., from Mr. H. F. Midwinter stating that he anticipated being instructed to apply for an injunction and enquiring whether the Town Clerk would accept service of proceedings, The Town Clerk stated he did not think any Court would grant an injunction to restrain children from coming within a prescribed distance of a dwelling house. It involved deciding that children were a nuisance at common law and the same principle would apply to school playgrounds in Cheltenham and elsewhere, and would be putting children on the same footing as keeping pigs. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to accept service.

2—The Tank—The Committee considered the question of a site for the Tank, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if Dean Close School would accept the Tank and suggesting that it might be placed in the field at the end of Shelburne Road near the railway bridge.

3—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 25th ult., from Messrs. Young & Gilling offering on behalf of a client to rent the portion of the Winter Garden now used as a Picture House for a period of 10 years to commence on the termination of the present tenancy. RESOLVED, That they be informed that in view of the present negotiations with the present lessees the Corporation cannot entertain this offer.

JAMES STEWART.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd April, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

4—Sandford Park—(a) Shelter—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Bellamy had withdrawn his tender for the Shelter. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £119, being the next lowest tender received, be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Rockery Stone—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for the haulage of the rockery stone from the United Stone Firms, Ltd., Speech House, Forest of Dean. The price of the stone was 6s per ton delivered on to the Hauliers' Lorries. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams and Co., Ltd., of 22s 6d per ton be accepted.

(c) Fencing—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been unable to obtain a man experienced in the erection of iron fencing from the Labour Exchange and he recommended that the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss to erect the fencing at 1s per yard be accepted, the Corporation to provide the concrete and any unskilled labour required. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Walter Unwin had informed him that the family of the late Mr. Herbert Unwin were now willing to increase their previous offer of £250 to a sum not exceeding £500 to provide a fountain, but asked that several designs should be submitted to them. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain designs of

fountains and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to the family of the late Mr. Unwin for their generous gift .

(e) Bath Road Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed exchange of land with Mr. C. Dickins. The exchange of land was necessary to secure a straight entrance instead of the tapering piece of land as at present. By the proposed exchange Mr. Dickins would give up 46 square yards in exchange for 9 square yards. RESOLVED, That the exchange be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the offer of Mr. Dickins of £20 for the right to have an emergency exit on to the land be not accepted.

(f) Children's Playground—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Mr. H. F. Midwinter that his clients were willing to spend £120 in litigation and he would advise them to spend the money in contributing to the cost of altering the site of the Children's Playground if this could be arranged. The Borough Surveyor reported that the following expenditure had so far been incurred on the Children's Playground :—Labour £180 : Cartage of materials £30 Drainage £30, but he estimated that about £80 worth of this work would not be thrown away if tennis courts were placed in this position so that if the Children's Playground was moved to Keynsham Road Allotments about £160 would be wasted. It is estimated that the value of the same area of land on the Keynsham Road Allotments to provide an alternative site would be £95. RESOLVED, That this Committee are unable to vary their previous decision not to move the Children's Playground.

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5 —Cheltenham Guide—Read, letter of 8th inst., from Mr. E. A. Sallis Benney, Principal of the School of Arts and Crafts pointing out that in previous issues of the Guide 15 or 20 lines had been included about the School of Arts and Crafts, but in the new Guide mention of the School in the Guide was only made in one line. RESOLVED, That if the School of Arts and Crafts will arrange to have an inset printed the Corporation will arrange to have this inserted in the present issue of Guides,

6 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. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have the Report printed and circulated as in previous years.

7—Refreshments- The Spa Manager submitted two tenders for the right to provide refreshments at the Montpellier Gardens during the Summer season. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Popular Cafe Co. Ltd. of £20 for the season be accepted subject to their keeping to the pitch allocated for the purpose.

8--Deck Chairs—The Spa Manager submitted five tenders for deck chairs for which £100 had been included in the Estimates. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Lance & Co. Ltd., to supply 400 chairs at 4s 11 ½ d. each be accepted.

9—Montpellier Gardens--Open Air Services—Read, application of 21st ult. from the Rev. H. J. Andrews (President of the Free Church Council) on behalf of the Rector and his Council for permission to hold United Open Air Services in Montpellier Gardens on the 22nd May, 19th June, 31st July and 28th August from 8 to 9 p.m. RESOLVED, That the application be granted as last year,

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

They recommended as follows:—

Concert Parties—That Mrs. Harman be engaged as attendant and that she be paid 2s a night.

Cashier—That a Cashier be engaged for the Band Concerts and Concert Parties at a wage of £1 2s. 6d. per week.

Concert Staff—That the following rearrangements in the Concerts Staff be made :—

Mr. G. Harding, Full time at £2 per week. Mr. A. G. Harding, Full time at £1 5s. 0d, per week. Mr. H. Tovey, Evenings only at 10s per week.

Montpellier Gardens—Custodian—That a new pair of trousers be supplied to the Custodian of these Gardens at a cost not exceeding £1.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

11—Site for Tank—Read, letter from Mr. P. Bolton, Principal Dean Close School, stating that he did not think his Committee would be prepared to provide a site for the Tank. RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held at Montpellier Gardens tomorrow, 23rd inst., to view suggested site for the Tank.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Montpellier Gardens on Saturday, 23rd April, 1927.

Present—Councillors Dicks, Ward and Welstead (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

12—Site for Tank—RESOLVED, That in view of the desirability of finding a site for the Tank as near as possible to the present position, the Committee agree to the Tank being placed on a site on the south side of the Lodge in a position facing towards the Gordon Lamp and that Minute No. 9 of the Meeting of the Committee on the 25th ult., be rescinded.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 27th April, 1927 Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Direction Sign- -RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the fixing of a Direction Sign to Highbury Church, to a lamp standard in High Street opposite Winchcomb Street, subject to the sign being fixed in the position suggested by the Borough Electrical Engineer and complying with the usual conditions.

2—Public Lighting—Warden Hill Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application from Mr. W. Theobald asking for two lamps to be placed in this road. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a public lighting cable was already laid in the road. RESOLVED, That two lamps be provided.

3—No. 14 Boiler—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was necessary to renew the cast iron links of the chain grate stoker and he submitted two tenders for the supply of these. RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the tender of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox Ltd., of £151 11s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted,

4—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Wellesley Road—Read, Police Report as to damage caused to a lamp standard by a boy throwing stones. RESOLVED, That if the damage amounting to 9s 6dd. is paid, proceedings be not taken.

(b) Halving Agreements—Read, letters from the Edinburgh Assurance Co. Ltd., and the National Assurance Co. of Great Britain Ltd., Associate Companies of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., with whom a Halving Agreement had already been entered into, offering to enter into similar agreements. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreements on behalf of the Corporation.

(c) St. James' Place—Read, letter from Supt. Lane stating that 5s had been paid for the damage to lamp and no proceedings had been necessary.

5—Institute of Public Lighting Engineers—Read, circular from this Institute inviting the appointment of delegates to a Conference to be held at Brighton. RESOLVED, That Delegates be not appointed.

6—Addressing Machine—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of an Addressing Machine for addressing the quarterly accounts envelopes, meter cards, etc. RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase a machine.

7—Electricity Supply Act, 1926—Read, letter of 25th inst, from the Electricity Commission stating that they had retained the services of Mr. J. Kennedy (of Messrs. Kennedy & Donkin, Consulting Engineers, Westminster) to assist them with the preparation of a Scheme under Section 4 of this Act, and asking the Corporation to furnish Mr. Kennedy with Engineering and Financial data, etc., in connection with the Cheltenham Undertaking. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer and Borough Treasurer be authorised to give Mr. Kennedy and his staff the information required with regard to the Undertaking.

8—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1927, which showed the calorific value to be 473.1 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th and 30th ult, 12th and 20th inst., which showed the calorific value to be 464.6, 462.5, 472.1 and 473.3 B.Th.U., respectively and the pressure 5.2, 5.4, 5.0 and 4.6 inch

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th April, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart and Councillor Dunn (The Mayor in the chair).

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

	For 30 days ended 11th April, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	516,000 gallons	408,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,193,000	1,423,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	123,000
Total	2,853,000	1,954,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	Depth 11th April, 1927.	Contents	Depth 17th April, 1926.	Contents
Hewletts		21,295,000 gallons		29,065,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		105,363,000		110,234,000

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

	During March, 1927	Total for past 12 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1147	12,245
" " taps found leaking	82	1,098
" defective flushing boxes	16	285
" defective stop taps	5	192
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	73	
" (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	43	
	116	960
" notices served re fittings ...	41	221
" meters fixed, changed, etc.	25	221
" houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	68	846
" burst pipes discovered	3	151
" supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	62	582

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

Sluice Valves fixed	3
Sluice Valves repaired	5
Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	2
New Mains laid	3

Mains flushed out	6
Ball Hydrants repaired	5

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4—Extensions to Mains—(a) Stonehouse Farm—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Surveyor to the Tewkesbury Corporation stating that his Council had now decided to ask that these premises might be supplied direct from the pumping main by the Cheltenham Corporation together with an additional supply in respect of a new house in the course of erection on the same land. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Deerhurst—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the Meeting of the Committee on the 17th September, 1925. The Town Clerk read letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council asking for a bulk supply for the Parish of Deerhurst and the Town Clerk submitted draft agreement similar to the Agreement in respect of the supply to Tredington. RESOLVED, That the Agreement be approved and the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed thereto.

(c) Southwick—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury asking for an estimate for extending the main to supply some houses to be erected at Southwick in a field known as " Ten Acres " and the Borough Engineer reported he had furnished the estimate as required.

5—British Water Works Association—Annual Conference—Read, circular of 26th ult. from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Glasgow from the 6th to 9th July next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st April, 1927. Present; The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Stewart: Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, except for a case of Swine Fever at Folly Lane Allotments.

(b) Transit of Animals Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, Article 27, of which had been published as requested by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 5th inst., the Brigade attended an outbreak of fire at the Lodge and Garage adjoining the Woodlands, The Park Cause : Not apparent, Damage About £250. Expenses £6 8s. 0d.

(b) The Chairman of the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** reported that Mr. J. James, senior, who had been a Member of the Fire Brigade for over 50 years, was retiring owing to his advanced age. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mr. James the appreciation of the Council of his long and faithful services as a member of the Brigade, and their good wishes to him on his retirement.

3—Omnibus Licence—Cheltenham to Evesham—Superintendent Lane and the Hackney Carriage Inspector reported as to the Cheltenham to Evesham Omnibus Service run by Mr. Martin, and the Town Clerk submitted application from Messrs. A. Whittingham & Co., for a licence for this route and also a renewed application from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., Ltd. After hearing representatives of the 3 parties it was RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. A. Whittingham & Co., be not granted and that the application of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co., be adjourned for consideration at the Annual Licensing Meeting.

4—Parking Place, Promenade—Read, letter of 24th oh., from the Royal Automobile Club, Bristol, stating that the Parking Attendant had resigned and that after considering the matter in every way the Club had decided not to engage another Attendant. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to find a suitable man to be authorised to act as Parking Attendant.

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Hackney Carriage Licences--(a) Transfer—RESOLVED, That Licence No 34 be transferred to Mr. W. Edwards in respect of Motor Cab AD 2708. The Vehicle had been inspected by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and reported to be satisfactory.

(b) Conductors—RESOLVED, That Conductors' Licences be issued to Mr. A L. Brooker of 13 Hermitage Street, Cheltenham ; Mr. F. Davies of 14 Milton Road, Cheltenham, and Mr. C. Green of 41a St. Paul's Street North, Cheltenham.

(c) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers' Licences for the Bristol Tramways Co. be issued to Mr. W. Buckingham of The Pheasant Inn, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham ; Mr. C. F. Greenhall of 11 Clarence Square, Cheltenham, and Mr. J. Pearce of Woodmancote, Cirencester

(d) Annual Inspection—RESOLVED, That the Annual Inspection be held at the Central Depot at 10 a.m. on the 17th May next.

Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of the Paragon Laundries (Gloucestershire) Ltd., to store 500 gallons in a pump store at their premises in Hatherley Road be granted.

7--Charitable Trusts Acts —Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Secretary, Charity Commission, enclosing Notice that an Order was proposed to be made by the Charity Commissioners extending these Acts to the Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind and asking for any observations or objections the Corporation may have to make thereon. RESOLVED, That no objections be made thereto.

8—Cheltenham Floral Fête—Read, letter from the Hon Secretary Floral Fete Committee, stating that the Committee were particularly anxious to procure some good cash prizes to attract trade growers. This year the National Rose Society's Show would combine with the Cheltenham Floral Fete and would be a great attraction to the Town and they asked the Corporation again to allot a sum of money to be awarded as cash prizes. RESOLVED, That the sum of £40 be provided for Cash Prizes for the show to be awarded at the discretion of the Floral Fete Committee in four prizes of £10 each.

9—Industrial Daily News—Minutes—RESOLVED, That the application of the 31st ult., from the Editor of the Industrial Daily News to be supplied with the Minutes be granted, subject to payment of postages.

10—Moorend Sub-Post Office—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Postmaster, Cheltenham, stating that an application had been received from a resident in the Leckhampton District for the

change of the weekly half-holiday of the Post Office from Wednesdays to Thursdays. RESOLVED, That the proposed alteration be not approved.

11—Domestic Servants Registries—RESOLVED, That the two women police be appointed Inspectors of the Female Domestic Servants Registries under the bye-laws made by the Council under Section 85 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907.

12—Police Accounts—Read. letter from the Clerk to the County Council suggesting that the Corporation should appoint three Representatives to attend and meet three Representatives of the County Council to discuss the points raised by the Finance Committee on the Police Accounts. RESOLVED, That Alderman Steel and Councillors Moore and Pruen be appointed to attend.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Ward Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend.

1—Rainbow Field----RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. M. P. Davis of Old Dole Farm, to plant the portion of the land not yet taken up for allotments, about two and half acres, with seed potatoes for £17 0s. 0d. including cultivating, bouting, dropping seed and covering in, be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain Lincolnshire seed potatoes consisting of Arran Chief, Great Scott and Majestic seeds, and to obtain a supply of manure from the Farms.

2—Asquith Road Allotments---Read, letter from Mr. J. Parker, tenant of allotment No. 41 asking to be released from his tenancy as he was leaving Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That half a year's rent be returned to him if he gives up the ground at once.

3—Folly Lane—A Notice was received from Mr. J. H. Baglin to terminate his tenancy of a stable, barn and pig styes and two chains of land in his occupation at Michaelmas next, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice " to let " put up.

4—Annual Inspection of Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect the allotments under their supervision and to submit a report thereon at the next Meeting of the Committee.

5--Creamery Piece Allotments—RESOLVED, That allotment No. 14 be transferred to Mr. J. Baylis and No. 53 to Mr. N. Wellfair.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—(a) Water Fowl—Read, letter from Mrs. Littledale offering to present a pair of Pelicans and also another Flamingo, the latter was given on the understanding that the cygnets bred this year were to be given in exchange as part payment to the dealer from whom she was purchasing the birds. RESOLVED, That the offers be accepted and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Littledale for her generous gift.

(b) Garage—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a new garage at Trevor Dene, RESOLVED, That this be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

2—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That the application of the Naunton Park Old Boys' Cricket Club for a pitch on Naunton Park Recreation Ground be granted and also the application of the Emmanuel Sunday School Boys' Cricket Club providing the Custodian can find accommodation for them.

3—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 “ “ £7

Whaddon Lane Waghorne Bros., 346 High Street £8.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at the Recreation Ground on the Housing Estate, St. Marks, on Monday, 25th April, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, and Wheeler (Councillor Sawyer in the chair),

4—St. Marks Recreation Ground—The Committee inspected the Recreation Ground and settled the positions of the Children's Playground, Shelter and Public Conveniences.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1.1th April, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Brig.-Gen, H. M. Thomas and Capt. Trye: and Colonel J. C. Griffith, (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During March 2,392 (against 2,181) ; daily average 89 (against 81). Included in these figures were classes of boys and girls from Staverton, Kemerton and Cleeve.

Receipts—Exhibition Catalogues £2 4s. 9d. ; Permanent Catalogues 8s 6d; Contributions towards expenses of Four Women Artists Exhibition £2 10s. 0d. ; Post Card Reproductions 2s 9d. Total £5 0s. 0d.

Annual Report—The Curator reported briefly on the work of the year ending 31st March, 1927. The total number of visitors had been 40,873 against 43,986 for the preceding year.

Exhibition---The Exhibition of the Work of James Clark, R.I., open from 10th March to 9th April, was visited by 2,729 persons. Expenses £10 2s. 2d ; Receipts £4 0s. 1d, The 6th Annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts was opened on 13th April and remains on view until 11th May.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—The Curator and Chairman reported as to the official visit on 6th April of Professor Sir Henry Miers, D.Sc., F.R.S.. who (on behalf of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust) is writing a Report to that body on the Museums of the country.

2—Donation—From Mr. G. Owen Wheeler, Waterloo Commemoration Silver Coin,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor.

3—Museum Attendant—RESOLVED, That the salary of the Museum Attendant (Miss Gear) be increased from 20s to 25s per week, as per Estimate.

4—Prospective Exhibition—RESOLVED, That a display by the Professional Photographers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland together with Blake Prints and Wood-cuts, be arranged from 13th May to 20th June.

5—Pictures offered as Gifts—RESOLVED, That the Oil Painting " A Normandy Village " by David Davies, R.O.I., offered by Mr. R. Heyworth, be accepted with thanks, and That the Donor's condition that the frame be repaired and glazed be accepted, at a cost of £5 6s. 6d.

RESOLVED, also, That the offer by Miss Humphris of an Oil Painting, entitled " The Dawn of Christianity in Ancient Britain " by G. F. Wetherbee, and the offer of two small portraits by Richard Buckner by bequest of the late Mrs. E. L. Daubeny be declined with thanks.

6—Bust of Edward Lloyd—RESOLVED, That the Plaster Bust of the late Edward Lloyd, offered as a gift by Mr. Lewis Hann, A.R.A.M., be accepted with thanks.

7—Loan of Picture—RESOLVED, That the Oil Portrait of Mr. Gustav Hoist by Bernard Munns, offered on loan by the Composer to the Art Gallery, be accepted with thanks.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd April, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1...Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 26th March to 22nd April, 1927. Interments 41. Grave Spaces sold 10 (First Position 2 ; Second Position 4 ; Fourth Position 4). Memorials fixed 20. New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7587 to 7596 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein,

3—Designs---RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of Mary A. Robinson ; Recumbent Cross to grave of C. D. Graham ; Memorial Headpiece and kerbing to grave of Mary A. Worsfold ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to grave of Ellen M. Moore : and Kerbing to graves of Thomas Crosby, Emma Lizzie Pugh and John Dawes.

4—Maintenance of Graves Nos. 1232 A.1., 1182 A.1., and 517 J. - Read, letter of 2nd inst., from an applicant who desired to provide in his Will a Trust Fund, for the maintenance in perpetuity of these graves, and enquiring on what terms the Burial Board would undertake this. One of the

terms of the Trust would be that if a balance of income remained in any year it was to be given to the General Hospital. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Burial Board would undertake this on a bequest of £150 free of duty being made to them, but could not agree to balance of revenue in any year being paid over to the Hospital.

5—Grave Spaces K.710 and D1 1315 and 1316. Read, letter of 4th inst. from Dr. H. B. Todd that he proposed to purchase grave spaces Nos. D1 1315 and 1316 and asking the Burial Board to take over space No. 710K purchased by him in 1910 and which had not yet been used. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and an allowance made to Dr. Todd in respect of the fee paid for space No. 710K to be taken over by the Corporation.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th April, 1927. Present—Councillors Mann, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye ; Major Cavenagh Mainwaring; Messrs. A Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £14 15s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 6,554 (last year 5,597) ; Lending Library 12,951 (last year 12,846) Juvenile Library 2,401 (last year 2,117). Total for month 21,906 (last year 20,560). Total issue for the year ending 31st March, 220,955 volumes, the highest recorded (last year 207,954 volumes).

Replacements—During the month 59 volumes had been replaced, and 236 volumes despatched to the binders.

Lectures—The last of the Winter Series of Lectures on April 4th by Mr. J. A. Cooper, B.Sc., on " Broadcasting : its Social and Artistic Aspects," was attended by 72 people. Retiring collection for " Limber " fund 8s.

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Presentations—The Trustees of The British Museum (3 vols.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (13 vols.) ; The Executors of the late Archdeacon Gardner (1 vol.) ; Miss Heming (7 vols.) ; Messrs. Kemps Publishing Co. (1 vol.) ; Secretary of State for India (1 vol.) ; Miss Sturkey (10 vols) ; Messrs. Truman & Knightley (1 vol) ; Rev. W. A. Williams (1 vol.).

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

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin and Mann ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Dr, R. Davies and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair)..

They recommended :—

- (a) That 42 volumes (new books), published at £16 5s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £14 19s. 6d.
- (b) That the sum of £15 be spent on replacements,
- (c) That the sum of £20 be spent on re-binding.

(d) Read, letter of resignation from Mr. R. E. Lyde, Deputy-Librarian, on his having secured promotion to a Chief Assistantship in the Sunderland Public Libraries. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to make enquiries of two young men, who had been candidates for the Sunderland appointment, as to whether they would consider becoming candidates for the vacancy at £60 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200 per annum.

(e) That the Librarian be authorised to attend the 50th Anniversary Conference of The Library Association, to be held in Edinburgh, September 26th--October 1st, 1927.

(f) That "The Poor Law Officers' Journal " (1 ½ d. weekly) be added to the list of papers purchased.

(g) Read, letter from Lt.-Colonel F. J. Ashburner offering an unbound set of "The Journal of the Royal United Service Institution " from 1872 to date. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the two candidates referred to in (d), having submitted applications, be interviewed by the Committee at the Public Library on Friday, the 22nd inst at 12 noon

3—Book Marks—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Harden, Graham & Co. of 5,000 Book Marks and a payment of £5 be accepted with thanks.

4—Racing News in Library Newspapers—RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred, and That a copy of a summary of particulars received from other Libraries in response to a questionnaire be sent to each member of the Council.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd inst. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Mann and Wheeler ; Dr, R. Davies ; and Messrs. C. F. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

5—Deputy Librarian—Messrs. FL G. Fletcher (Chief Assistant, Public Library, Taunton) and E. A. Ward (Senior Assistant, Public Libraries, Coventry) attended for interview, and it was RESOLVED, That Mr. H. G. Fletcher be appointed to the vacancy at a commencing salary of £160 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by four annual increments of £10 to £200 per annum and subject to Mr. Fletcher passing a Medical Examination and contributing to the Superannuation Fund and to be determinable by one months' notice on either side

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported that 6 Meetings of the Committee have been held this month to settle draft Valuation List.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th April, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dicks, Miner, Moore, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair),

1--General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £34,237 6s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £138 12s. 5d.

2--Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half ended 25th ult. Amount collected £17,420 19s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £3,764 16s. 10d.

3—Poor Rate—Read, First Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of rate. Amount collected £34 1s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £80,449 7s. 9d.

4—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,314 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £4,340 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5-National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during was 2,765, as compared with 5,660 for the corresponding month last year.

6-Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a loan of £33,973 for the term of 60 years for the cost of the houses in Hanover Street

7-Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. £700 at 63 ½ per cent. plus expenses £1 16s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £700 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.

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8—Superannuation Fund--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a surplus of £3,427 from the half-year's working of this Fund (1st October, 1926 to 1st March, 1927). RESOLVED, That £3,000 of the surplus be appropriated for the Sandford Park Loan at interest at 4 per cent. per annum. Since the commencement of the Scheme on the 1st April, 1925 £10,500 had been invested.

(b) Cleaners, Town Hall—Read, application of 4th inst., from Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Tims asking the Corporation to designate their posts as established posts for the purposes of the Scheme, RESOLVED, That the application be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

9—Institute of Municipal Treasurers—Conference—RESOLVED, That Councillor Miller and the Borough Treasurer be authorised to attend this Conference at Eastbourne on the 15th, 16th and 17th June.

10—Addressing Machine—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Borough Electrical Engineer and himself recommended the purchase of an Automatic Addressing Machine. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to the purchase of an Addressing Machine and that a demonstration of several machines be arranged for the Members of the Council on Monday next, 2nd inst., at 2.30 p.m.

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present : Alderman Steel ; Councillors Dicks and Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd June, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of JUNE, 1927, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and to report gift of £500 by Mr. W. H. Horsley. 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. 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, 2nd May, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.).

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Dicks, J.P., Leigh James, Maim, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bastin and Dunn, O.B.E.

1—Councillor Pates—Resolved, That the Council desire to express their deep sympathy with Councillor and Mrs. Pates on the loss of their only son.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th April last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

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Public Health Meeting held April 4

Housing Meeting held April 12

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 24

Street and Highway Meeting held April 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor H. W. Thomas that Minute No. 14 with regard to Waste Paper be referred back for consideration. (An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Sawyer That Minute No. 13, with regard to the offer of land in Oriel Road, be referred back for further consideration" was lost). (An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Moore "That Minute No. 8 (b) with regard to aerial wire across Grosvenor Street be not approved, was withdrawn).

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held April 8, 22 and 23

SANDFORD PARK----Children's Playground—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens' Union enclosing a copy of a memorial to them received from certain rate-payer members of the Branch residing in College Road with regard to the position of the Children's Playground, and also enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Branch at their Meeting on the 27th ult., asking the Corporation to have a round table Conference with delegates of the Branch and Representatives of the Memorialists with regard thereto.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor H. W. Thomas and seconded by Councillor Gen. Thomas That Minute No. 12, with reference to the site for the tank, be referred hack for further consideration" was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye "That Minute No. 4. (f), with regard to the Children's Playground at Sandford Park, be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

Electricity and Lighting. Meeting held April 27

Water Meeting held April 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 21

Allotments Meeting held April 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held April 11 and 25

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 14

Burial Board Meeting held April 22

Public Library Meetings held April 12 and 22

Finance Meeting held April 26

Resolved, also, That the Council agree to purchase a No. 2 "Elliott" Treadle Addressing Machine at a cost of £52 10s. 0d., and 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.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

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 Wednesday, 8th June, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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. :-48 and 54 Waterloo Street ; 34, 36, 37, 48, 57 and 59 Sun Street ; 34, 36, 40a, 42, 46 and 50 St. Paul's Street North. 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) 70 St. George's Place—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 1 York Place-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done,

RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 55 Waterloo Street: 17, 36, 37 and 38 Sun Street; 11 Andover Street ; 10 St. Paul's Street South : 34, 35, 36, 40, 41a, 50 and 55 St. Paul's Street North. 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, etc. 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 Elm Gardens ; 38 Fairview Road ; 10 Kew Place; 2 and 3 Lacey's Cottages —The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had not complied with the notices served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, and submitted competitive tenders for the work. RESOLVED, That the following tenders (being the lowest in each case), be accepted :-1 and 2 Elm Gardens, Messrs. Amos Wilsons £9 8s. 4d. ; 38 Fairview Road, Mr H. Anderson £7 5s. 0d. ; 10 Kew Place, Messrs. D. L. Turner & Sons £11 3s. 9d. ; and 2 and 3 Lacey's Cottages, Mr.. F. J. Griffin £15 12s. 6d.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1 to 4 Sun Street Retreat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done to these premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made on the 6th December last. RESOLVED, That Notice of be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Demolition Order.

b) 2 Bath Street—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Clerk to the Guardians drawing attention to the overcrowding which appeared to exist at 2 Bath Street. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 18 lbs. Beef and 10 lbs. Pork.

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

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7--Medical Officer's of Health Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following general Statistics from his Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1926, which would in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health be an "Ordinary" Report. Birth Rate for 1926 was 13.28 per thousand inhabitants and the gross Death Rate was 13.97 per thousand inhabitants which when corrected for unequal age distribution so as to render it comparable with death rates in other districts in the country was reduced to 10.54 per thousand as compared with 11.6 for the whole of England and Wales. The Registrar General's estimate of the Population in the middle of 1926 was 49,520. RESOLVED, That a copy of the Report be supplied to each Member of the Committee.

8—Sanitary Inspector—Read, the following letter from Mr. A. E. Hudson, the Chief Sanitary Inspector ;—

9th May, 1927.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MISS WINTERBOTHAM AND GENTLEMEN,

With a view to enable the Committee to make their arrangements, I beg to intimate that I propose to give 3 months' notice on the 30th June to terminate my appointment as Sanitary Inspector for the Borough of Cheltenham on the 30th September next.

I may say, I have felt for some time the strain of the war period, when I acted as Food Controller, and similar duties undertaken by me during two strikes, have impoverished my health. The Duties of my office have been exacting and I think it advisable to relinquish my post.

I should like to express my sincere appreciation of the kindness and consideration received from the members of the Council and particularly the Public Health Committee during my thirty-two and a half years' service under the Corporation.

It has always been my earnest desire to give to the Council efficient service and I can assure you I have made every endeavour to do this.

I am, Your obedient Servant, (Signed) A. E. HUDSON.

The Committee received Mr. Hudson's resignation with deep regret and expressed the hope that he would long be spared to enjoy the rest which he has so well earned. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Pruen), The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Dicks and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the terms for the appointment of a successor and to report to this Committee at an early date.

9—Disinfection Vans—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the horse used for drawing these vans was now worn out, it being 28 years of age. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to replace this horse with another suitable horse on the same terms as arranged for the present horse.

10—Lavatory Accommodation—(a) Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have guard rails erected at the entrances to each of these underground lavatories.

(b) Clarence Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that this lavatory would be open to the public on the 17th inst,

11—Model Slaughterhouse Byelaws—Read, letter from Mr. P. Rennard on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., asking the Corporation to adopt Model Byelaw No 9 with regard to Humane Slaughtering. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference of this Association, to be held in London. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

13—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 9th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James. Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager. Live Stock on the Farms on 9th inst. 12 horses, 110 head of cattle, 1 calf, 116 sheep, and 29 pigs. 8 heifers and 3 bullocks had been purchased for £163, and the purchase of Feeding Stuffs amounted to £23 2s. 6d. Total purchases

£186 2s 6d. 8 bullocks, 2 heifers, 3 lambs, 8 pigs, 19 sheep and 9 wethers had been sold for £354 16s. 11d. 1 lamb had died from wool on stomach and 1 heifer had also died. 8 pigs and 1 lamb had been bred on the farms.

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Lucerne—RESOLVED, That the Farms' Manager be authorised to purchase 90 lbs. of Lucerne at 1s 9d. per lb.

Implements--RESOLVED, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have the necessary repairs done to the mowing machine, cart wheels and waggon shafts and also to make arrangements to hire a binder on the same terms as last year

Old Cottage—Read, Report of Mr. T. Malvern on his inspection of the old cottage at Barn Farm which was erected in 1699.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee and that the Medical Officer of Health be asked to inspect the Cottage and report.

Horses—RESOLVED, That the Veterinary Inspector be asked to inspect the horses suffering with greasy heels. 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, 10th May, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Wheeler (Alderman. Bendall in the chair).

1-61 Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the tenant of this house for temporary removal of plate rack and cupboard. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to on condition that these are replaced when the house is vacated.

2—Shop, Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan from the Owner of this house of a shed erected by him at the rear of the house. RESOLVED, That this 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.

3—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Subsidy House—(a) Charlton Lane—RESOLVED, That a provisional certificate for a subsidy of £75 be issued to Mr. F. H. Marshall in respect of a house to be erected by him in this road for his own occupation containing 944 super feet and to be erected at a density of 10 ½ to the acre subject to his undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

(b) Suffolk Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted certificate of completion of a detached house in this road erected by Mr. T. Smith. RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £100 be issued to Mr. Smith subject to his undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

4—Garden Prize Schema—RESOLVED, That the sum of £7 be offered in prizes in two classes, namely :—£3 10s. 0d. for the houses occupied by tenants of the Corporation and £3 10s. 0d. for

the other houses ; that the first prize be £1 in each class and the balance awarded at the discretion of the Sub-Committee and that the gardens be inspected in the last week in July.

5-59 Byron Road—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society stating that the Purchaser of this house was three months in arrear with the instalments and they were now in a position to exercise their power of sale and to call upon the Corporation under their guarantee to discharge the mortgage. The amount of principal and interest owing up to the 30th April was £421 19s. 9d RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for the sale of this house.

6—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Read, circular from the Secretary inviting the attendance of delegates at the Regional Conference for the Counties of Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts to be held at Bristol on the 31st May. RESOLVED, That Councillor Dicks and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE—(Continued).

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th May, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillors Pruen and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

14—Sanitary Inspector—Read, Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider terms for the appointment of a Chief Sanitary Inspector. They recommended that applications be invited for the appointment of Sanitary Inspector from persons holding the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board or other equivalent qualification and the Meat, etc., Inspectors' Certificate between the ages of 35 and 45 years at a salary of £350 rising by annual increments of £20 to £450 per annum ; the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 and the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926 and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health being obtained to these proposals. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health being received, the Town Clerk be authorised to issue the advertisements.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th May, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Pates and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—(a) 25 and 26 Stanhope Street—The Town Clerk submitted the Award of the Official Arbitrator with regard to these houses.

(b) Re-Housing—The Sanitary Inspector reported that another house was required for rehousing the persons on the east side of Stanhope Street, RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to allot Mrs Jones of 49 Elm Street the first house becoming vacant on the Housing Estate.

(c) 28 Stanhope Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the tenant of this house required the gate widened to enable him to take in his ice cream van, and submitted tender of Messrs. Halls Ltd. of £1 10s. 6d, to carry out the work, RESOLVED, That the tender be accepted.

2—Hanover House—Read, letter from Mr. E. Greenway, offering to sell these premises. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

3—Outbuildings---(a) 1 and 2 Mauds Elm Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a shed to be erected for the joint use of the occupiers of these houses. RESOLVED, That the shed be approved in the position agreed to by Alderman Taylor.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to transfer to this Committee the duties of the Plans Sub-Committee in regard to all out-buildings to be erected on the gardens of houses built under the direction of this Committee.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd May, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 3rd and 23rd inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 15th April to the 19th May, 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 12th May, 1927, 975 loads collected, 960 consumed and 15 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,118 tons 1 cwt.

3—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for installation of a B.P. petrol pump at the Central Depot.

4—Telegraph Lines—(a) Sandford Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan for telegraph poles in Sandford Park. It was proposed to remove the existing poles leaving only the pole in College Road and to erect 5 poles as follows:-1 in Vernon Place, 1 in Priory Place, 1 in Berkeley Street, 1 in Sydenham Villas Road and 1 in St. Luke's Place. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved, subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to 6 feet of painted lagging being affixed to the bases of the poles if required.

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5- -Jubilee Celebrations—(a) Procession—RESOLVED, That the use of two Foden Wagons and the Ford Lorry be granted to the Art and Dramatic Section of the Procession Committee. RESOLVED, also, That a grant be made to the men at the Depot towards the expenses of decorating etc. the horses and vehicles taking part in the Procession, and that it be left to the Chairman and Borough Surveyor to settle the amount.

6—Chaff Cutter—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chaff Cutter which had now been in use for 30 years was worn out, and recommended the purchase of a new one at a cost of £52. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

7—Oriell Road—Oriell Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. L. W. Barnard desired to know what the Committee proposed to do with the land given up at Oriell Lodge for the improvement of Oriell Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8--Borough Surveyor's Department—Chief Clerk—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. F. A. Jenkins (Chief Clerk) for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £250 per annum as from the 1st September next.

9—Asphalt Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Contract with Messrs. Constable, Hart & Co., Ltd., for asphaltting the roads would be completed in about 3 weeks time, when the plant would be taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Such & Sons Ltd. be instructed to examine the plant before it is taken over by the Corporation.

10--Road at side of Lypiatt Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Gen. K. G. Hickson calling attention to the state of the private road at the South West side of Lypiatt Terrace. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Mechanical Trailers—Read, letter of 27th ultimo, from the Ministry of Health enclosing Sanction to loan of £4,210, for the purchase of tractors and trailers, for a term of seven years. The Minister had taken out of the application the sum of £290 for the alterations to the platform at the Works. RESOLVED, That seven trailers made by the Eagle Engineering Co. Ltd. (Warwick) be purchased from the Victory Motor Co., Ltd. (Cheltenham) at the price of £160 each and three Fordson Tractors equipped with cabs, lamps etc., complete for £265 each

12—Whaddon Road—Read, letter of 6th instant, from the Ministry of Health enclosing Sanction to Loan of £1800 for the widening and improvement of Whaddon Road and the Borough Surveyor reported that the work was now in hand.

13—Wires across Highways—(a) County Court Road—Read, application of 28th instant, from the Alert Electric Co. Ltd., for permission to fix two electric wires across County Court Road connecting the premises of Madame Laleah in the Promenade to her work room in County Court Road. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 25 of the Public Health Act, 1925 consent be given to the placing of the wires, subject to these being placed at a height of at least sixteen feet above the Highway and in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor and being maintained and kept in satisfactory condition and that the applicants shall be responsible for any damage arising or being caused by or in consequence of the wires crossing the Highway and also to the wires being removed within one month after notice from the Corporation requiring this.

(b) Malthouse Lane, St. Paul's—The Town Clerk reported that the wire across this Highway had been erected, but that it had been impossible to erect it at a height of sixteen feet as required. RESOLVED, That this be viewed at the next View Meeting.

14—Parking Place—Imperial Square—Read, letters from Dr. J. Curtis Webb and other residents on the north side of Imperial Square complaining of the frequent use of the drive in front of their houses for parking cars, and asking for permission to erect two notice boards at each end of the drive. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

15—Belle Vue Hotel—Canopy—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. H. G. Newton the Proprietor of the Belle Vue Hotel for permission to fix a canopy at the Belle Vue Hotel, High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to Mr Newton entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk to keep the same in good repair, order and condition.

16—Petrol Pumps—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. G. H. Graham and Mr. J. L. Henderson to erect petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath at their respective premises at The Shurdington Garage, Shurdington Road (2 arms) and 22a Bennington Street be granted subject to the usual agreements being entered into.

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17--Accident to G. Roebuck—Read, letter from Mr. N. Shelmerdine, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary of the Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind in respect of an accident to George Roebuck, a blind man, who fell over a heap of road metal in Bath Road on the 17th February, and fractured his ankle. RESOLVED, That the Corporation do not admit any liability but that an ex gratin payment of £3 be made.

18—Old Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Conveyance of a piece of land near the entrance to Charlton Park had now been completed. The Conveyance provided for the Corporation to set back the existing fence to the new line of frontage and to widen and improve Old Bath Road within a period of three years.

19—Wolseley Terrace--Read, letter of 21st instant from Mr. E. C. Rice drawing attention to the condition of this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

20—Classification of roads—Read, circular No. 260 of 2nd instant from the Ministry of Transport (Roads) Department to grants from the Road Fund for the year 1927-28 and the terms upon which the same would be made.

21—Private Improvement Works--(a) Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had searched the records and found that this footpath had been made up by the Corporation in 1889 at the owners' expense. RESOLVED, That the carrying out of the work be deferred.

(b) Imperial Lane—The Town Clerk reported that the footpath on the south side of this lane was repaired at the expense of the owners in 1902. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work required to this footpath carried out.

22—All Saints Road—Read, letter from Mr. H. Burton Clarke with regard to a tree in this road in front of " Rossmoyne". RESOLVED, That this be viewed.

23—Projecting Sign-42 Bloomsbury Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. J. Nunney to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

24 —Empire Marketing Boards—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee (20th May, 1927) the Committee considered letter from Mr. L. S. Amery, Chairman of the Empire Marketing Board enclosing list of suggested sites for the erection of boards advertising Empire Products RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the placing of a double sided frame board to be erected on uprights in the centre of the island site in Montpellier Walk and a light frame at the Corporation Dep6t, subject to the Empire Marketing Board undertaking to remove these at any time if and when required by the Corporation.

25 —Waste Paper—The Committee again considered the charge for collecting waste paper from tradesmen RESOLVED, That for the present a charge of 4d per bag be made for all waste paper or cardboard, etc., removed, the Corporation providing the sacks. RESOLVED, also, That one dustbin of rubbish per day be collected free of charge from those premises from which trade refuse is collected daily and that Minute No. 14 passed at the meeting of this Committee on the 20th ult., be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the charge be reconsidered at the end of three months.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel and Councillor Dicks (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.
2323	Price, Mr. C. W.	Temporary Motor House, Sunnycroft, Bath Parade
2324	Court, Miss A.	Temporary Motor House, rear of 5 Glenfall Terrace.
2325	Royal Insurance Co.	Alterations to 13 Promenade.
2326	Mallory, Mr. P. G.	Additions to 2 Argyle Place.
2327	Horsman, Mr. J. H.	Temporary Garage, Roman Road.
2328	Cole, The Misses	Additions to 1 Battledown Villas, Hale's Road.
2329	Cheltenham Corporation	81 Houses, Hanover Street.
2330	Fletcher, Mrs.	Additions to Ambrose Lodge, Hale's Road,
2331	Marshall, Mr. F. H.	Detached House, Charlton Lane.
2332	Pike, Mr. G. R.	Temporary Motor House, Mayville, Fairfield Road.
2333	Newton, Mr. H. G.	Glass Canopy, Belle Vue Hotel.
2334	Conservative Club	Additions to Assembly Room (Preliminary Block Plan).

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2326, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2333 and 2334 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2326, 2328 and 2330 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : that Plans Nos. 2323 and 2324 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 ; and that Plans Nos. 2325, 2327 and 2332 be not approved,

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd May, 1927, Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Mann and 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.
2325	Royal Insurance Co,	Alterations to 13 Promenade.
2327	Horsman, Mr. J. H.	Temporary Garages, Roman Road.
2335	White, Mr. H. W.	New Bay Window, 8 Mapledene Cottages
2336	Original Brewery Co.	New Garages, Dunalley Street.
2337	St. Clair Hall, Mr. H.	Temporary Garages, Leckhampton Road.
2338	Crook, Mr. S.	Four semi-detached houses, Moorend Park Road.
2339	St. Dunstan's	Temporary Workshop, 39 Tivoli Street.
2840	Jackson, Mr. E. A.	Two semi-detached Houses, All Saints' Villas Road.
2341	Smith, Miss	New Bath Room and W.O, Exmouth House, Hewlett Street.
2342	Bendall, Mr. C. P.	Temporary Motor house, Sunnymede, Leckhampton Rd.
2343	Exton, Mr. G. F.	One Detached House, Montpellier Grove.
2344	Chandler, Mr. A. J.	Temporary Shed, 1 Maud's Elm Terrace, Swindon Rd.
2345	Bissett, Mr.	Temporary Motor House, 34 Promenade.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2325, 2327, 2335, 2338 and 2340 be approved, but that Plan No. 2335 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan Nos. 2336 2337, 2339, 2342 and 2345 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. 2341, 2343 and 2344 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th May, 1927, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—(a) Children's Pond- -Councillor Dicks reported that Mr. Horsley had now given the sum of £500 promised, RESOLVED, That the three Contractors who submitted lowest tenders for the construction of the Pond be asked to retender. RESOLVED, also, That the pond be constructed on the Children's playground and that a space of 20 feet in depth behind the gardens of the houses in College Road be enclosed and planted with shrubs.

(b) Bath Road Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing Mr. White's proposals with regard to laying out this entrance to Sandford Park, RESOLVED, That this be approved and carried out if this can be done within the limits of the loan sanctioned. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Bellamy, the contractor for the bridge, be instructed to continue the balustrade of the bridge as part of the scheme at a price to be arranged.

(c) Architect's Fees—RESOLVED, That Mr White be paid £100 on account of his fees and £20 for travelling expenses.

(d) Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for tenders for the erection of the conveniences.

(e) Grant--Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that in the special circumstances they were prepared to extend to the 31st October, 1927 the period during which the grant in respect of this Scheme may be earned.

2--Winter Garden—(a) Lease—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Winter Garden Company desired the lease settled as soon as possible. RESOLVED, That Councillors H. W. Thomas and Ward be appointed a Sub-Committee, to consider points arising on the draft lease, with the Town Clerk, and to report to this Committee at their next Meeting.

(b) Palais de Danse—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Cheltenham Winter Garden Company stating that the Palais de Danse was now closed.

3—Esperanto Congress--Read, letter of 12th instant, from the Local Congress Committee expressing their appreciation and thanks to the Corporation for their help and support in connection with the British Esperanto Congress held in Cheltenham during Easter week.

4—Pittville Gardens—Grammar School Fete—Read, letter from Mr. R. R. Dobson asking for the free use of all the tennis courts in Pittville Gardens for the Tennis Tournament arranged in connection with the Grammar School Fête on the 16th July. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

5—Cheltenham Guide—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr E. A. Sallis Benney enclosing copy of suggested matter relating to the School of Arts and Crafts for inserting in the Guide. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Medical Baths—(a) Telephone—The Town Clerk reported that the Spa Medical Advisory Committee recommended that the telephone at the Baths should be connected direct to the exchange RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Probationer—The Spa Manager reported that Miss Trees the probationer at the Spa Medical Baths, had given notice to terminate her appointment. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to advertise for another probationer at a wage of 10s per week. (c) Ventilation—The Town Clerk reported that the Spa Medical Advisory Committee urged again the need of improving the ventilation of the dressing rooms. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the present.

7—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Mr. E. J. Winter (Instructor of Swimming and Life Saving, Central School) asking the Committee to grant again some free half season swimming tickets to the Central School Scholars who were successful in last season's examination held by the Royal Life Saving Society. RESOLVED, That 12 half season tickets be granted as last year.

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8—Empire Marketing Boards—Read, letter to the Mayor, of 11th ult., from Mr. J. S. Amery, the Secretary for State and Dominion Affairs and Colonies and Chairman of the Empire Marketing Board, which was appointed last summer for the furtherance of the Marketing of Empire Products in this Country including home agricultural products of all kinds, stating that the board were arranging to erect in London and certain other important towns a number of frames in which would be displayed a changing series of posters illustrating the productive potentialities of the Empire at home and abroad, and enclosing a list of sites tentatively selected as suitable for the erection of these boards in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the

erection of these frames at the following places, subject to the Empire Marketing Board undertaking to remove the frames if and when required by the Corporation :—

Winter Gardens—Two light boards to be fitted on either side of the railings immediately on the right of the entrance on the south side, the frames to be fixed back to back to face the Promenade and 'Winter Gardens respectively.

Montpellier Gardens—(a) A double sided board frame to be erected on uprights behind railings to face Montpellier Walk.

(b) A double sided board to be erected on uprights between two trees and behind seat on grass plot west of bandstand, parallel with Montpellier Walk.

St. George's Square—A heavy frame to be erected on uprights in shrubbery immediately left of entrance to Bowling Green.

Sandford Park—A light board to be fixed on red brick wall of Corporation Lodge opposite entrance to Sandford Park in College Road.

Town Hall—A light frame to be fixed on railings of Town Hall left of main entrance to face Imperial Place.

9--Concerts and Gardens—Complimentary Tickets—RESOLVED, That complimentary tickets be issued to persons exhibiting weekly programmes, boards, etc., in accordance with the list as now submitted.

10—Morning Concerts—The Spa Manager submitted tender from Mr. E. J. Martin to supply an orchestra of 10 players to play mornings from 11.15 to 12.45 during the weeks when no band is playing for £24 per week. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

11—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 26th ult., and 10th inst. were read:-

They recommended as follows :—(a) Military Bands—That the Bands of the 2nd Battalion of the Worcester Regiment and of the Leicester Regiment be engaged in place of the bands of the 1st Battalion of the Oxford & Bucks Regiment and Royal Scots Fusiliers who were unable to fulfil their engagements.

(b) Whit Monday Fête—That the Annual Fete be held on Whit Monday at Pittville on the same lines as last year and that the same Committees be appointed.

(c) Concerts Attendant—That a uniform be provided for this man at a cost not exceeding 55s

(d) Winter Gardens—Band Stand—That the offer of Mr. Scott Langley to provide a Marconi Loud Speaker to broadcast the Daventry Concerts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from this Bandstand during the weeks the Military Bands are not playing for a sum of £10 per week be referred to the Committee.

(e) Pittville Gardens—That a Badminton Court in the Long Garden be let to the St. John's Institute at a charge of £2 2s. 0d. per season, the Club to provide the nets and posts.

(f) Archery Club—That the Members of the Archery Club be admitted to the Montpellier Gardens when the Band is playing for the usual charge of 2d.

(g) Band Attendant—That Mr. G. Harding, the Band Attendant, be supplied with a pair of blue trousers at a cost not exceeding £1 1s. 0d.

(h) Flannel Dances—That Mr. H. Jones' Orchestra be engaged for the Flannel Dances on the weeks when there is no Military Band to play on Wednesday Evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. for £2 10s. 0d. per night.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that Mr. Scott Langley's offer referred to in paragraph (d) be not accepted.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Thomas and Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

12—Sandford Park—(a) Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the erection of the Conveniences. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £618 7s 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Pond—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £394 16s. 4d. for the construction of the pond (being the lowest) be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) Theft of Tools—Read, Police Report as to a theft of tools. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be instructed to prosecute.

13—Musical Library—The Town Clerk reported an offer from Mrs. Dawes to sell the late Leo Dawes Musical Library. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

14—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Custodian of these Gardens with regard to the damage done to the Gardens, and tennis fixtures, etc. on Sunday Evenings, and suggested that an extra man should be engaged during the summer. RESOLVED, That W. Wakefield be engaged from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 5s per night

15—Winter Garden—Lease—RESOLVED, That the draft lease as settled by the Sub-Committee be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Lease.

NOTE —The Lease is for a term of 10 years from the 25th December, 1925 at a rent of £601 10s. 0d. with an additional rent of £20 for the Parking Ground.

The Lease contains similar covenants and conditions as in the present lease, and also contains the following provisions :—

(a) Option for the Corporation to take over the central part or the South transept or both by giving 6 months notice, except that if notice is not given until after agreements for the winter tennis have been entered into, the period of the notice is to be adjusted so as to allow 4 months occupation under tennis agreements.

(b) The rent to be reduced by £151 7s. 6d. if the central part is taken, by £100 if the South Transept is taken and by £251 7s. 6d. if both parts are taken.

- (c) If the South Transept is taken the Corporation to pay the value of the existing partition erected by the Lessees and to provide lavatory accommodation for the part retained by the Lessees.
- (d) If the central part is taken the Corporation to pay the value of the existing partition and also to erect a similar partition between the cinematograph hall and the central part and provide lavatory accommodation.
- (e) If both parts are taken the Corporation to take over the existing partition and to erect a similar partition between the cinematograph hall and the central part.
- (f) Unless and until arrangements are made for joint use of an Entrance Vestibule, the Corporation to provide a new Entrance Vestibule for the cinematograph hall.
- (g) Separate assessments of the property to be made and until such assessments the rates and taxes to be apportioned on the basis of the apportioned rent.
- (h) The Corporation to waive any claims for dilapidations in respect of the portion of the building taken over and to repay to the Lessees the cost of all improvements to same carried out by the Lessees with the approval of the Corporation within three months of the Corporation giving notice.
- (i) Unless a separate heating installation and separate water supply is provided arrangements to be made between the parties for joint use of heating apparatus and for sharing water charges.

16—Medical Baths—RESOLVED, That Mr. L. W. Barnard be instructed to consider and report as to whether the South Transept of the Winter Garden can be utilized for a satisfactory installation of Medical Baths.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th May, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor: Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

Coal Supply—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the supply of coal and that the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to accept a satisfactory tender.

2—Tenders for Plant, etc.—Read, circular letter of the 4th inst., from the I.M.E.A., with regard to the action of certain firms or persons in approaching individual members of Committees of Local Authorities respecting tenders sent in by manufacturers. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree with the view of the Association that this practice is undesirable and to be deprecated.

3—Sandford Park—Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had now fixed a sample pillar for lighting the walks in this Park. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect eleven standards of this pattern.

4—Sub-Station, Westal Green—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the erection of this Sub-Station. RESOLVED, also, That the tender of Messrs. Saunders & Sons of £ 66 17s. 0d. for constructing concrete foundation for the tank at Montpellier Gardens be accepted.

5—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Wellesley Road—Read, letter from Supt. Lane enclosing 9s 6d., being the amount of the damage caused to a lamp standard by a boy throwing stones.

(b) Marle Hill Road and Hanover Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a lamp standard at the corner of this road by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Charles, Hauliers, Winchcomb. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage amounting to £7 13s. 8d.

(c) Swindon Road—The Town Clerk reported that the British Standard Assurance Association were willing to enter into a Halving Agreement, which would cover the settlement of this claim. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation

6—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th ult., 6th, 8th and 18th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.9, 467.4, 465.3 and 464.8 B.Th.U., respectively and the pressure 4.6, 4.8, 6.4 and 5.2 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th May, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Sawyer (The 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 16th May, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	383,000 gallons	304,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	954,000 "	1,042,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	129,000 "	100,000 "
Total	1,466,000 "	1,446,000 "

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	Depth 16th May, 1927.	Contents	Depth 16th May, 1926.	Contents
Hewletts		27,415,000 gallons		26,174,000 gall
Dowdeswell	30ft. 4in.	91,285,000 "	30ft. 10in.	93,727,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "
Total Storage		120,320,000		121,386,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during March had been as follows :—1433 147 19 11

No of house-to-house inspections	1433
" taps found leaking —	147
" defective flushing boxes ...	19
" defective stop taps ...	11
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	144
(special repairs apart from house-	

to-house inspections)	<u>31</u>
	175
“ notices served re fittings ...	57
“ meters fixed, changed, etc, ... —	20
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc) —	78
“ burst pipes discovered ...	11
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	62

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

Sluice Valves fixed ...	2
Valves repaired ..•	3
Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	7
New Mains laid	2
Mains flushed out .•	7
Ball Hydrants repaired ...	2
House Services pumped out	2

4—Extensions to Mains—(a) Southwicke—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. R. Orchard requesting the Corporation to proceed with the laying of the water main to his building site at Ten Acres, for which he would pay the cost direct to the Cheltenham Corporation. RESOLVED, That if the Tewkesbury Corporation require the main to be extended under the provisions of Section 85 of the Corporation Water Act, 1878, the extension be made and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices.

(b) Swindon Hall Farm, etc.—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. T. E. Whitaker for an extension to the main at Swindon to supply Swindon Hall Farm and a house to be erected. The estimated cost of the main was £50, RESOLVED, That the main be extended, subject to Mr. Whitaker guaranteeing a return of 10 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay.

5—River Severn—Read, letter from the District Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries inviting the Town Clerk to attend a Meeting of Medical Officers and others at the Shire Hall, Worcester on Wednesday, June 1st next to discuss the report of the Survey carried out on 1st September last. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to attend,

6—Water Works Joint Industrial Council—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 10th inst., inviting the attendance of representatives at the Annual Conference of this Council on the 21st June. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed,

7—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that he proposed to advertise for tenders for cleaning out the sedimentation basin at this Reservoir. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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, 24th May, 1927. Present—The Mayor : The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Steel and Stewart : Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead awl Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1 Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, except for two cases of Swine Fever at Folly Lane Allotments.

(b) Transit of Animals Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted an Order of 9th instant, appointing Local Authorities as the Authority to enforce this Order.

(c) Animals landing from Ireland, etc., Amendment Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order relating to the landing of animals from Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(d) Sale of diseased Plants Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order dated the 22nd ultimo, which revoked the Diseases of Plants Order, 1922 and the American Gooseberry Order of 1919, but included in the Schedules all the insect pests scheduled under these two Orders. The Order had been published as requested by the Ministry.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that there had been no outbreak of fire since the last Meeting of the Committee.

3—Parking Place, Promenade—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of fixing concrete kerbing to protect the railings of the Long Garden at about £50 for the whole length. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the kerb fixed.

(b) Attendant—RESOLVED, That the Attendant of this Parking Place be paid a nominal wage of 5s per week to enable him to obtain benefits under the Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts.

4—Light Railway—Fares—Read, letter of 23rd instant from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce with regard to the Tram fares and suggesting that the time had now arrived when penny stages should be introduced.

RESOLVED, That Consideration be adjourned until the present Order authorising the increased fares expires on the 31st December next.

5—Omnibus Licences—Cheltenham, to Evesham Service—The Committee further considered the application from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for licences for this service. The Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector reported that he had examined Mr. Martin's Omnibuses and found the same to be satisfactory and that he was now running a good service to Evesham. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the Committee consider the present service is sufficient for the present needs of traffic.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers—RESOLVED, That Licences Nos. 15 and 42 be transferred to Motor Cabs Nos. AD. 1541 and LH. 5767.

(b) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers' Licences be issued to Bertram Whiley of No. 1 Winchcomb Terrace, Slad Stroud ; F. Edgworth of 129 Slad Road, Stroud ; Walter Ernest Clark of 145 Locking Hill, Stroud, and Frederick Lea of 6 Forester's Road, Tewkesbury.

(c) Conductors—RESOLVED, That Conductors' Licences be issued to Walter Cyril Townsend of 50 Winstonian Road, Cheltenham ; and William J. Wallace of 2 Ashling Villas, London Road, Cheltenham.

(d) Fares—Read, letter of 2nd instant from Capt. E. A. Shaw suggesting that the present scale of taxi-cab fares should be reduced having regard to the reduction in costs, since 1921 when the scale was made. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association and ask for their observations on this proposal.

7—Post Office Telephones—The Town Clerk submitted annual report of the Telephone and Telegraph progress in the Gloucester District for the year ended 31st December last.

8—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications for petrol licences be granted :—
Mr. G. H. Graham 1000 gallons in two pump storages at the Shurdington Garage, Shurdington Road ; Messrs. Chinn Bros., 300 gallons in a pump storage at 16-18 Bath Parade ; The Tourist Garage, 500 gallons in a pump storage at the Royal Hotel Yard ; J. Henderson, 500 gallons in a pump storage at 22a Bennington Street and Mr. A. H. Hughes 300 gallons in a pump storage at the Tewkesbury Road Garage.

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9—Flags, Bunting, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to spend £25 on flags, bunting, etc., for decorations.

10—Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920-24—Read, circular letter from Ministry of Labour stating that the certificate of exception obtained by the Corporation under these Acts would expire on the 3rd July next RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to apply for 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 Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made for the renewal of the Certificate of Exception, granted in respect of the administrative staffs who have completed three years service, which expires on the 3rd July next.

11—Shops Act, 1912—Certificate of Exemption—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 4 (b) and Schedule of the Shops Act, 1912 in respect of the Co-Operative Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from the 4th June to the 9th June next inclusive, as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition would be ancillary and subsidiary to the main purpose of the Exhibition, which is advertisement.

12—Empire Marketing Boards—RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to a board being placed outside the Municipal Offices

13—Town Clerk's Department—(a) Chief Assistant—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Board would complete 12 months as Chief Assistant on the 1st June next and in accordance with the Scale fixed by the Committee on the 17th August, 1920 would be entitled to an increase of £25 as from that date. RESOLVED, That he be paid this increment and the further annual increments fixed by the Scale as they become due.

(b) Junior Clerk—RESOLVED, That the salary of the Junior Clerk (S. MacArthur) be increased to £1 5s. 0d. per week.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 17th May, 1927.

Present—Councillors Sawyer and Capt. Trye (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

14—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.—The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages, including Motor Cabs, Omnibuses, Horse Flys, Wheel chairs, etc. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 9th prox. subject to satisfactory reports of all the motor vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, and to all the repairs reported by the Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction, except that Licences Nos. 8 and 50 be renewed for 3 months only.

Transfers—RESOLVED, That the following transfers be approved, subject to satisfactory reports on the new cabs being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector

Licence No.	Name.	New Cab.
12	R. J. Payne	DU. 4293.
28	W. A. Mann	AD. 3548.
65	C. Bridges	LR. 6709.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Wheeler; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, and J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Inspection of Allotments-- -The Visitors reported on their inspection of the allotments. Read, also Reports of Mr. J. Pounsett on the North Ward Allotments and also reports of Messrs. Davis, Hamblin and Reid on the other allotments. The Reports showed that the allotments were generally in a satisfactory state of cultivation.

RESOLVED, (a) 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 the vacant allotments cut down so as to prevent their seeding and also to have the vacant acre of land in Brooklyn Road mown.

(b) That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the tenant of No. 189 Crab Tree Piece terminating his tenancy in view of his continued neglect to keep it in proper cultivation.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to tenants of Nos. 164, 165, 167, 168 and 183 Crab Tree Piece with an intimation that if the allotments are put into proper order the notice will be withdrawn.

(d) That the attention of the Borough Electrical Engineer be called to the condition of the allotments adjoining the Electricity Works and that he be asked to have the weeds growing on the rubbish heaps cut down.

(e) That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenant of Nos. 69 and 70 Whaddon Lane requiring him to discontinue keeping pigeons on his allotments or prevent them from damaging crops on other allotments ; and to the tenants of No. 13, 48, 49, 67, 69 and 70 with regard to the damage caused to the allotments by dogs belonging to them

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Pittville Chalet on Monday, 9th May, 1927.

Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Wheeler (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—(a) Pelicans—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with Mac Fisheries Ltd., to supply 4 lbs. of fish per day for the pelicans at a charge of 3s per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Waterfowl Enclosure—Read, letters of 13th and 27th ult., from Mrs. Littledale suggesting the enlargement of the waterfowl enclosure at Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to enlarge the enclosure as indicated by the Committee.

(c) Fireworks—Read, letters from Mrs. Littledale as to the transfer of the Fireworks and Aquatic Displays from Pittville Gardens to the Marle Hill lake. Councillor Pates, the Chairman of the Whit-Monday Fête Committee attended. The Committee discussed several alternate sites for the fireworks and it was RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that a Representative of Messrs. James Pain & Sons, be asked to inspect the sites and report if any of them were suitable.

(d) Ilex Trees near Pump Room—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Jubilee Programme and Finance and Pageant Committees that the two ilex trees in front of the Pump Room should be removed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove one tree on the west side of the Pump Room.

(e) Greenhouses—The Committee inspected the Greenhouses which were now utilised to their fullest capacity and the Borough Surveyor reported that some additional frames were needed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide frames for 20 lights on the understanding that these can be provided without exceeding the Estimate.

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2—Byelaws- -Dogs—Councillor Dunn submitted letter from Mr. E. J. Gibbins suggesting that the byelaws should be amended so as to provide that all dogs taken into the Gardens shall be placed on a lead. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to amend the Byelaws made by the Council on the 5th October, 1891 and confirmed by the Local Government Board on the 23rd December, 1891 for the regulation of the Pittville Estate, Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden so as to alter Byelaw No. 22 to read as follows :—

“ 22. A Person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the Gardens unless such dog be and continue to be on a leash or lead so as to effectually restrain it from causing any nuisance to any person, and from worrying or disturbing any animal and from entering any ornamental water and from injuring or destroying or worrying or disturbing any fowl in the Gardens.”

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of this amended byelaw.

3--Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Committee viewed the trees in this Ground, at the backs of the properties in Marle Hill Road, for the removal of which a memorial had been received from 8 occupiers in Marle Hill Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the large elm tree near the entrance to the Ground.

4—Omnibus Service—Councillor Dicks suggested that the Local Omnibus Companies should be approached with a view to running, at penny fares, an Omnibus Service to and from Pittville Gardens on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., if they would provide such a service

5—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Children's Playground—The Borough Surveyor submitted suggestions for the equipment for the Children's Playground. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Committee to inspect the equipment to be provided at Sandford Park,

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th May, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor: Aldermen Steel and Taylor; Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye, Colonel J. C. Griffith Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

1--Curator's Report—Visits—During April 3,881 (against 3,459), daily average 151 (against 138) Included in these figures were classes from the Pupil Teachers' Centre and the Practising School.

Receipts—Exhibition Catalogues £5 0s. 3d., Permanent Catalogues 4s; Post Card Reproductions 9s 7d ; Commission—James Clark Exhibition 7s 4d ; Miscellaneous 5s. Total £6 0s. 2d.

Exhibitions—The Arts and Crafts Exhibition from the 13th April to 11th May was visited by 4,085 people ; daily average 170. Approximate cost £20 and estimated proceeds £24 12s. 7d.

The Exhibition of 208 examples of Professional Photography, with 29 Colour Prints after the works of William Blake and 26 Original Woodcuts by Miss D. A. H. Mills (Cheltenham) was to be opened on the 14th May and would remain on view until the 20th June.

Corridor to Chinese Room—This alteration had been carried out at a cost of £14 18s. 6d.

RESOLVED, That the cleaning and distempering of the Curator's Room be carried out at a cost of £3 10s. 0d.

The Broken Limber—The fund now amounted to £208 1s. 9d. and the appeal in the " Echo " would be issued shortly.

2—Donations—From Mrs. Crofton, 4 Cases of Birds, One Case each of Beetles and Butterflies (previously on loan) Mr. A. W. Newport, Three Pieces of Chelsea Porcelain ; Mr. H. E. Norris, F.Z.S., Nuthatch ; Mr. W. Howson Taylor, Bowl and Stand and Caddy, examples of this artist's High Temperature Flambé Ware shown in the recent Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

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

3-Museum Association Conference, 1927--RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Conference at the Isle of Man from the 3rd to the 7th July next.

4- Jubilee. Exhibition—The Curator reported promises of loans of Oil Paintings from several Municipal Galleries and private owners. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Jubilee Celebrations Committee for a grant of £50 towards the expenses of this Exhibition.

5—Electric Lighting in Art Gallery—Two tenders were received for the substitution of the present obsolete cluster lighting with six pendant fittings, RESOLVED, That the tender of the Alert Electrical Co. of £6 5s. 0d. for the wiring and fitting be accepted, and that British Thomson-Houston Ace type fittings be adopted. Total estimated cost £22 13s. 0d. (provided for in current Estimates).

6—" Morning " by Mrs. Dod Procter—The Curator reported that he had made application to the "Daily Mail" for the loan of this picture when on its provincial itinerary, and that a favourable reply had been received. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 23rd April to 27th May, 1927. Interments 51; Grave Spaces sold 9 (First Position 1 ; Second Position 1 ; Third Position 1 ; Fourth Position 6). Memorials fixed 9. New Inscriptions 11.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7597 to 7605 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Hannah Moorey, Mary Jones, Emmie E. Eager, Thomas Pattison, Alfred Holman, Eugenie S. Power and Frank E. Roebuck ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Isabel A. Sawyer, Mary Austin and Emily E. Williams ; Recumbent Cross to grave of Lucy C. Thomas ; Memorial headpiece to grave of Ellen M. Stockdale ; and Kerbing to graves of Ellen N. Cook, Sarah Bally, Lawrence B. P. Hurd, Robert Perry, Joseph F. .Sadler, Albert J. Butler, Kate Westaway, Arthur J. Atkins, Ada Wheeler, Richard Evans and Alexander C. Bryan; and Memorial Kerbing to grave spaces Nos. 2297 and 2298 B.1.

(b) Fees, etc.—The Committee reconsidered the fees payable for the small stone and wooden tablets not exceeding 12 inches square. RESOLVED, That only the inscription fee of 5s be charged for these small memorials, subject to their being placed in a reclining position on the graves and not permanently erected.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th May, 1927. Present—Councillors Mann, Pates and Wheeler ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, M.A. ; Messrs. A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £7 11s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,555 (last year 4,359) ; Lending Library 10,983 (last year 10,929), Juvenile Library 2,007 (last year 1,630). Total for month 17,545 (last year 16,918).

Replacements—During the month 88 volumes had been replaced.

Staff—The Librarian reported that Miss Hilda C. Wise commenced duty on the 18th ult., and Mr. H. G. Fletcher on the 9th inst. ; and it would now be possible to undertake the compilation of a Union Card Catalogue of the whole Library—an important piece of work which had been in abeyance for many years.

Presentations—Anon. (5 vols.) ; The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner (2 vols.) ; Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (1 vol. ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (12 vols,) ; Mrs. Newport (6 vols.) Miss Malleson (1 vol,) ; Miss Sturkey (9 vols.) ; Trustees of the British Museum (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 12th inst. Present—Alderman Steel, Councillor Mann ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 82 volumes (new books), published at £35 0s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £16 11s. 5d.

(b) That the sum of £10 be spent on replacements,

(c) That the sum of £10 be spent on re-binding.

(d) That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit Monday.

(e) The Librarian reported that the Community Service Committee of the local Rotary Club were inviting the Members of the Club to participate in a Book Day on the 17th May, on behalf of the Public Library.

(f) Electric Lighting—That the Transformer in the Cellar be removed when the new scheme of lighting is being installed in the Art Gallery so as to secure a uniform voltage throughout the building. (Approximate cost of new lamps £5).

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted

3—Racing News in Library Newspapers—The Committee further considered the question of deleting the racing news in the newspapers. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

4—Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—The Librarian reported correspondence with the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust with reference to the Library Book Fund. RESOLVED, That his action be confirmed and proposals approved.

5—Staff—The Librarian submitted medical certificate from Dr. David Clow stating that the state of health of Miss V. Griffin required the absence of this Junior Assistant from her work for a period of at least three months.

RESOLVED, That leave of absence be granted for three months, and that the difference between her wage of 17s 6d per week and her National Health Insurance Benefit be paid to her for that period.

RESOLVED, also, That the Librarian be authorised to make temporary arrangements for carrying on her duties.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 2nd June, 1927, Present—Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor and Councillor Gen. Thomas (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Valuation Lists—The Committee report that 10 Meetings of the Committee have been held this month to settle draft Valuation Lists.

2—Assessment of Railways—Read, circular letter of 31st ult., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that it seemed advisable that Railway Stations should be valued by Messrs. Eve & Sons in view of the fact that in any transitory provisions which may be made with the Railway Companies for the Assessment of Railways for the year 1927-28 the separate assessment of Railway Stations would not be included, The cost of the valuation would be paid by the County Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that Messrs. Eve & Sons be instructed to value Railway Stations,

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st May, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel : Councillors Miller, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £14,952 5s. 7d Leaving outstanding £65,531 4s. 0d.

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £6,214 10s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £26,291 19s. 6d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 31st inst, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1927. Amount collected £4,405 5s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £13,486 4s. 11d.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,500 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £9,800 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during April was 4,349, as compared with 2,441 for the corresponding month last year.

6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £1,810 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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7—Swindon Road Schools—Read, letter of 28th inst., from the Education Committee requesting the Council to make application to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan of £550 being the balance of expenditure in connection with these Schools. The contract with Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., was for £16,600, but as it was thought that there would be a considerable saving on the provisional sums included in the contract, a loan of only £16,000 was applied for. There had been a saving on the provisional sums but it had been found necessary to incur additional expenditure including the following : Increased wages (id. per hour) £160 ; Renewal of old wood block floor in old section of Boys' Department £39 7s. 6d. ; Provision of electrical power for practical instruction buildings £78 4s. 6d., and additional fencing £183 5s. 6d, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £550 to cover the expenditure in excess of the amount authorised by the Sanction.

8—National Association of Assessment Committees and Rating Authorities—Read, circular of 10th instant from this Association stating that the Minister of Health was not prepared to advise Assessment Committees and Rating Authorities that they would be justified in subscribing to this Association and in consequence of this announcement the Association had no other alternative but to wind up the affairs of the Association, and enclosing notice of a General Meeting to be held on 15th June for this purpose. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

9—Debentures—Registration of Death Certificates, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to charge a fee of 2s 6d for registering each Death Certificate, Probate of Will, Letters of Administration and Marriage Certificates etc, for any number of Debentures held by one person or Trustees or Company instead of 2s 6d in respect of each Debenture as hitherto charged.

10—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £632 10s. at 63 per cent. plus expenses £1 13s. 6d, RESOLVED, That the sum of £632 10s. 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.

11—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present : Alderman Steel and Councillors Miller and Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 23rd June, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council to be held in the TOWN HALL on THURSDAY, the 30th day of JUNE NEXT, at 3 p.m., 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 admit to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough, His Worship The Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.).

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

N.B. Robes and orders will be worn.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th June, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE'S, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th day of July, 1927, 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 30th inst.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :--

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and to accept a tender for the supply of coal for the Electricity Works for the year ending 30th June, 1928. 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 RATING 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 Wednesday, 8th June, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present ..

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.) in the chair.

Aldermen Bendall, Steel, J.P., Stewart and Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from the Mayor who was attending an Education Conference in London.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 2nd 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.

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 May 9 and 16

Housing Meeting held May 10

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held May 26

Street and Highway... Meetings held May 23

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Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held May 20 and 27

SANDFORD PARK—Resolved, also, That this Council tender to Mr. W. H. Horsley their heartiest thanks for his generous gift of '500 for providing, a pond in the Children's Playground at Sandford Park, and that arrangements be made for the erection of a tablet in a suitable position in the Playground recording the gift.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 25

Water Meeting held May 19

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held May 17 and 24

Allotments Meeting held May 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 9

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Dunn, That both the ilex trees referred to in Minute No. 1 (d) be removed.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 13

Burial Board Meeting held May 27

Public Library Meeting held May 17

Rating Meeting held June 2

Finance Meeting held May 31

Resolved, also, That the Council agree to purchase a No. 2 "Elliott" Treadle Addressing Machine at a cost of £52 10s. 0d., and 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 (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that the County Council had submitted a scheme for the County which had been approved by the Minister and that the County Council did not recommend that the Town Council of Cheltenham should be excluded from that scheme. The Minister had carefully considered the Town Council's application but he did not see sufficient reason for declaring that the Town Council should be made the authority within the area of the Borough, and the Minister hoped that the Town Council would co-operate with the County Council with a view to efficiency in the working of the provisions of the Act in the Borough. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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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 July, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Steel and Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward, 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. :-5 and 7 Elm Street ; 2 Carnall Cottages and The Coffee House, Rose and Crown Passage ; Elm Cottage, Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 15 Grosvenor Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded 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 35 Tewkesbury Road ; Northfield House, North Place ; 10 Portland Terrace; 20, 20a and 21 New Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written

application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., 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 and that in the case of 35 Tewkesbury Road that he be empowered to enter without notice as a case of emergency,

4—Insanitary Property—2 Carnall Cottages, Rose and Crown Passage ; Elm Cottage, Old Bath Road ; 2 Dutton's Cottages, Rutland Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Vauxhall Place, Elm Street ; 4, 5, 6, 13, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 33 Elm Street ; Norma Villa, Churchill Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 203 lbs. of Beef ; 97 lbs. of Mutton ; 90 lbs. of Pork, 207 tins of Fish ; 25 tins of Rabbits and 28 tins of fruit.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1879—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. Millard of 82 Upper Bath Road to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk be granted.

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, Drill Hall, North Street and Billiard Hall, North Street at which various sanitary defects were found and notices had been given to Managers of these places to have the defects remedied.

9—Houses let in Lodgings—Lauriston House, North Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported the above house was let in lodgings. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve Notice on the landlord requiring him to furnish for the purpose of registration the particulars required by the Byelaws.

10—Milk Examinations—The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of recent microscopical and bacteriological examinations of samples of milk, which he considered were satisfactory.

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11—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1 to 4 Sun Street Retreat—RESOLVED, That the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these houses be adjourned for one month.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of applications for tenancy of houses on the Hanover Street site and Stanhope Street, all these applicants were at present in occupation of insanitary or overcrowded houses. RESOLVED, That the Slum Areas Clearance Committee be

recommended to give preference to the tenants of these houses when selecting tenants for the houses in course of erection on the east side of Stanhope Street and on the Hanover Street site.

12—Sanitary Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that 42 applications for this appointment had so far been received. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee appointed on the 9th ult., be asked to consider and to select several applicants for interview by this Committee on the 23rd June.

13—Arches over brook at Boddington—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Mr. L. P. Gibbons with regard to the repair of the arches over the brook at Boddington House Farm. Read, also, letter from Messrs. Ticehurst, Mcllquham & Wyatt asking the Committee to meet Mr. Gibbons and inspect the arches. RESOLVED, That the Farms Visiting Rota Committee be asked to meet Mr. Gibbons on the 20th instant.

14—Public Lavatories--Councillor Dicks suggested that 4 additional direction signs pointing to the Public Lavatories in Clarence Parade should be fixed as follows :-1 in the High Street on the Clarence Street corner ; 1 in St. George's Place on the corner of the Public Library, 1 at the corner of Clarence Parade and Crescent Terrace and 1 at the end of Post Office Lane over the Central Taxi Office. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the signs fixed.

15—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 13th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

(a) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager dated 13th inst. Live Stock on the Farms on 13th inst., 10 horses, 113 head of cattle, 1 bull, 3 calves, 106 sheep, and 27 pigs. 4 bullocks, 1 bull, 2 calves and 11 heifers had been purchased for £231 9s. 0d., and the purchase of seeds amounted to £11 17s. 7d. and the purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £43 12s. 0d. Total purchases £286 18s. 7d. 4 bullocks, 1 calf, 1 cow, 7 heifers, (1 in calf), 2 horses, and 9 lambs had been sold for £342 1s. 6d. Since the last Meeting 1 lamb had died and 1 calf had been bred on the Farms.

(b) Old Cottage—The Medical Officer of Health reported on his inspection of the old cottage at Barn Farm. The cottage was badly decayed and there was no part of the structure of the walls that would serve to form part of a reconstructed house and he recommended that the cottage should be demolished. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the cottage demolished.

(c) Binder—RESOLVED, That the Farms Manager be instructed to obtain offers for the old binder and submit them to the next Meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd June, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Pruet, Gen. Thomas, Ward Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Pruet in the chair).

16—Chief Sanitary Inspector—The Sub-Committee reported that 88 applications had been received, and that they had selected the following candidates for interview by this Committee:

Mr. John William Beaumont, Senior Sanitary Inspector, Batley.

Mr. James Henry Evans, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Boston.
Mr. J. H. Hammond, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Leamington Spa.
Mr. W. A. Hudson, Sanitary, etc., Inspector, Stroud.
Mr. Francis Robert Jefford, Assistant Sanitary Inspector, Cheltenham.
Mr. J. F. Lord, Sanitary Inspector, Whitehaven.
Mr. Arthur J. Nichols, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Luton.

RESOLVED, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, That Mr. Francis Robert Jefford be appointed Chief Sanitary Inspector as from the 1st October, 1927 at a salary of £350 per annum rising by annual increments of £20 to £450 per annum, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, and the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th June, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, Pates and Wheeler (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1 - Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That the plot of land on the west side of this road containing 1 acre be let to Mr. A. J. Smith on a yearly tenancy at a rent of 30s subject to Mr. Smith erecting the necessary fencing and to his entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

2—Redecoration of Houses—The Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected 15 houses, applications for the re-decoration of which had been received, and they recommended that the following regulations be made with regard to redecoration of the houses on the Estate :-

1. That, except where tenants have entered into agreements to do the internal decoration, the houses which have been occupied without redecoration by the Corporation for a period of 5 years be redecorated wholly or partially as may be necessary to put them into tenantable repair.
2. That tenders be obtained from builders in schedule form for carrying out the necessary work from time to time during the next 12 months.
3. That in the case of change of tenancies such interior decoration work be carried out as may be necessary to put the houses into tenantable repair without regard to the period during which the house has been occupied.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders in schedule form for carrying out any necessary work during the first 12 months.

3—New Houses--(a) Loan—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanction to loan of £11,332 for the erection of 5 pairs on Non-Parlour type houses and 5 pairs of Parlour type houses, and the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Drew had signed his Contract for the 5 pairs of Parlour houses and commenced work.

(b) Non-Parlour type Houses—Read, letter from Messrs. Morgan Bros. Ltd., stating that they were unable to accept the Contract for building 5 pairs of Non-Parlour type houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

4—Housing Conferences—(a) Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates at a National Conference to be held in London on the 8th July. RESOLVED, That Councillor Dicks and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend.

(b) Read, circular from the Midland Joint Town Planning Advisory Council inviting the attendance of delegates at a Regional Town Planning Conference to be held in Birmingham from the 20th to 29th June. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

(c) Read, circular from the National Federation for Housing and Town Planning inviting the Corporation to become a Member of this Federation and to attend a Meeting to be held at Luxemburg on the 4th July. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

5—Selection of Tenants—The Committee considered recommendation from the Slum Areas Clearance Committee that the next Parlour Type House becoming vacant on the Estate should be let to Mrs. Jones, as the house occupied by her (49 Elm Street) was required for rehousing persons displaced in Stanhope Street. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the **Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee** be held on the 26th July to inspect the gardens and award the prizes. 7-15 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Mr. A. R. Mills, the owner of this house, stating that he proposed to erect a garage at the side of the house, and asking for a small tree on the footpath to be moved a little farther along the street to enable him to get a gateway crossing across the footpath. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the tree to another position subject to Mr. Mills providing a proper gateway crossing across the footpath.

8—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Whaddon Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Final Certificate of a detached house in this road erected by Miss R. Eamson. RESOLVED, That a Subsidy of £65 be issued to her subject to her undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

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: 14 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. 4 of the Parlour type houses have been sold and 10 have just been started and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 128 have been sold, 12 have been let. Total houses to be erected on Housing Estate, by the Corporation 314 ; by private enterprise 2 houses and 1 dwelling house and shop.

W. J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1927, Present—Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, and Pates (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—selection of Tenants—The Committee considered list of applications from tenants of overcrowded or insanitary houses recommended by the Public Health Committee for

preferential consideration for the houses in course of erection in Stanhope Street and Hanover Street. RESOLVED, That for the first 10 houses completed in Stanhope Street, preference be given to the tenants of houses in respect of which Closing Orders have been made provided they are in a position to pay the rent and are likely to prove satisfactory tenants and that Mr. A. E. Hudson be asked to report as to the circumstances of these applicants.

2—Hanover Street—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers with regard to the employment of bricklayers, hours of employment and rate of wages on this Contract and a deputation from the Union attended together with representatives from the Labour Exchange and the Contractors, and after a lengthy discussion a settlement of the matters in dispute between the Contractor and the Union was arrived at.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th June, 1927, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, 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 9th 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 the 20th May to the 17th June, 1927, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 9th June, 1927, 742 loads collected, 737 consumed and 5 tipped away. Weight consumed 778 tons 7 ½ cwt.

3—Tenders for coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted 92 tenders from 19 Contractors for the supply of coal to be delivered to the Corporation G.W.R. siding in each case, from the 1st July, 1927 to 30th June, 1928. RESOLVED, That the following tenders be accepted (a) Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd., 70 tons Birch Coppice Deep Best Deep Lumps Coal at 25s 9d. per ton from July to September and 28s 9d. per ton from October to June ; (b) Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd., 80 tons Nixon's Navigation for steam rollers 35s 6d. per ton. (c) Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd., 20 tons Birch Coppice Nuts, for Abattoir at 27s per ton immediate delivery or 30s per ton ; (d) Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd, 300 tons Cannop High Delf Small Coal for boilers 19s 7d. per ton ; (e) Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd, 90 tons of Brynteg Red Vein Anthracite for Greenhouses, Town Hall, and general use at 34s 1d. per ton.

4—Tewkesbury Road—Footpath, south side. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath on the south side of this road repaired in accordance with the plans and specification submitted at an estimated cost of £207.

5—Bayshill Lawn—seat—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. A. J. Gilby to fix a seat near the Colwyn Hotel be accepted with thanks

5—Grove Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer of land from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd., for widening this Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

7—Jubilee Celebration—RESOLVED, That the Corporation Workmen be given half a day's holiday on the 29th June.

S—Seats—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two seats fixed in Montpellier Walk opposite the Rotunda and also one by the New Club, Promenade.

9—Telegraph Lines—(a) Steel Poles, etc.—Mr. Wilson, Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, Cardiff and the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, Gloucester (Mr. Ryall) attended the Committee with regard to the outstanding Consents for Telegraph Poles. They recognised that Cheltenham was largely residential and possessed certain amenities, but with the development of telephonic services it was impossible for the Post Office to cope with the rapid growth of subscribers in the town unless the Corporation were willing to afford the necessary assistance in providing the necessary facilities for subscribers. In some cases the Corporation had suggested that steel poles should be erected, but they pointed out that steel poles were mechanically undesirable and would not carry many wires. With regard to the suggestion that some poles should be placed on private property they assured the Committee that every consideration was given to the merits of each case before applications for Consent were put forward and they thought that sites on public property could be arranged to the satisfaction of the Committee.

They now submitted application of 14th instant for Consent to the placing of 50 underground telegraphic lines in various streets and roads in the Borough, and for 22 overhead telegraphic lines with 29 poles in various streets and roads. RESOLVED, That consent be given to the placing of the underground telegraphic lines, and that the reinstatement of the 6 trenches be undertaken by the Corporation subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office Telegraph Department. RESOLVED, also, That consent be given to the placing of the overhead telegraphic lines subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to 6 feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the poles if required.

(b) Kiosks—Read, applications of 27th and 31st ult, from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones for consent to the erection of two telephone kiosks, one in London Road near the Borough Boundary, and the other adjoining the railings of the Bowling Green at the corner of Ambrose Street and High Street. RESOLVED, That the position of the kiosk in London Road be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Corporation. RESOLVED, also, That consideration of the kiosk near the Bowling Green be adjourned and that Councillor Dicks be asked to inspect and report.

10—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Waghorne & Evans for permission to erect a petrol pump with swing arm over the footpath at their premises in Norwood Road be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

11—Empire Marketing Board—RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the erection of an Empire Marketing frame behind the wooden sleeper fence on land belonging to the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co. Ltd., facing North Street Picture House.

12—Moorend Road—Read, letter of 7th instant from the Postmaster, Cheltenham stating that in order to fix an automatic stamp supply machine at the Moorend Sub Post Office it was necessary to remove the existing letter box from the wall of the Sub Post Office to make room for the stamp machine and to erect a pillar box on the path outside the Post Office. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

13—Public Works Congress—Read, circular from the Public Works Congress Committee inviting the attendance of delegates at the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 14th to 19th November next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Bendall), Councillor Mann and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

14—Road Accidents—Read, circular from the National Safety First Association asking the Corporation to undertake immediate arrangements for the display of posters and for the exhibition of a film with a view to reducing the risks of accidents. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Thursday, 9th June, 1927. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel; (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
2341	Smith, Miss	New Bath Room and W.C. at Exmouth House, Hewlett Street (Amended Plan).
2343	Exton, Mr. G. F.	New detached House, Montpellier Grove (Amended Plan).
2346	Leishman & Copeland, Messrs.	Alterations to 26 Cambray.
2347	Fox, Mr. L. V.	Temporary Motor House, Deodar, King's Road.
2348	Bradbury, Mr. H. L.	Alterations and additions to Pembridge House, The Park.
2349	Bowle-Evans, Major W.	Lock-up Garages, St. George's Street.
2350	How, Mr. E.	Temporary Motor House, Merrowdown, Lansdown Rd.
2351	Ebdon, Mr. J.	Additions to Trevor Dene, Leckhampton Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2343, 2346, 2349, and 2351 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2346 and 2349 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : that Plans Nos. 2347, 2350 and 2341 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 Nos. 2348 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th June, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann and 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.
2348	Bradbury, Mr. H. L.	Alterations and additions to Pembridge House, The Park (Amended Plan).
2352	The Committee of the Conservative Club	Additions to the Assembly Room of the Conservative Club.
2353	Fowles, Mr. W. F.	New Bay window and alterations to bathroom at Merestones, Bath Parade.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2348 and 2353 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plan No. 2352 be disapproved.

3—Inspection of Plans—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham Civic Society with reference to the Resolution No. 15 of the Street and Highway Committee at their Meeting on the 20th April that if consulted regarding plans, the Society would respect the privacy of the parties concerned and if it was deemed necessary to go further, it would only be with the knowledge of the Corporation and for the common good.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Sawyer, Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—RESOLVED, That these Baths be closed on 29th June on the occasion of the Celebration of the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Borough at 1 p.m., and also That the Medical Baths be closed if convenient.

2—Pittville Gardens—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. R. R. Dobson thanking the Corporation for the use of the tennis courts at Pittville Gardens on the occasion of the Grammar School Fete on the 16th July.

3—Town Hall—Co-operative Congress—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the General Secretary of the Co-operative Union Ltd., expressing the warmest thanks and appreciation of the Union for the free use of the Town Hall for the recent Congress. The Hall and rooms adjoining were admirably adapted for the purpose, whilst the surroundings outside were all that could be desired for the purpose. The delegates to the Congress enjoyed their stay in the town and an expression of thanks for the facilities afforded by the Corporation was given at the close of the Congress.

4—Cricket Festival—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Cricket Club stating that they wished to make the Cricket Week (13th to 19th July) as festive as possible. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee (a) That the Band of the Gloucestershire Regiment play at the Cricket Ground on the 13th, 14th and 15th July from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., instead of at the Montpellier Gardens, subject to the Cricket Club paying for the cartage of instruments, chairs, etc., and the Corporation to take the receipts from the deck chairs in the Band Enclosure.

(b) That a Cricket Dance be arranged at Pittville Pump Room on the 18th July from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put out flags and bunting for the Festival.

5—Medical Baths—The Spa Medical Advisory Committee reported that Mr. Barnard had considered the possibility of adapting the South Transept of the Winter Garden for Medical Baths, but was of opinion that this could not be utilised satisfactorily owing to the difficulty in obtaining ventilation and light for the inner rooms and he submitted preliminary plan for the erection of the Baths on the ground at the back of the Winter Garden in Imperial Square. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to prepare estimates and plans for the provision of new Baths at the back of the Winter Garden subject to satisfactory arrangement as to fees.

6—Sunday Concerts—RESOLVED, That as an experiment the Sunday Evening Band Concerts be held at the Winter Garden instead of Montpellier Gardens.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th June, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

7—Sandford Park—(a) Main Entrance, Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and design of the proposed entrance and gates to this Park in Bath Road, and he reported that he had invited tenders for the making and erection of the gates. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Chairman (Alderman Stewart) and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender.

8—Medical Baths—Probationer—(a) Ten applications were received for this appointment. RESOLVED, That Miss M. Keene be appointed at a salary of 10s per week as from the 7th inst., the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

(b) New Medical Baths—Read, letter from Mr. L. W. Barnard stating that he would be prepared to undertake the preparation of plans and estimates on the following terms :—

(a) Fee for preparing plans and estimates for submitting scheme for approval of the Council £25.

(b) Additional fee for preparing plans, estimates, etc., for the Ministry of Health and attending Inquiry £75.

(c) Fee for carrying work to completion at 6 per cent. on first £5,000 and 5 per cent. for remainder and 2 per cent. for quantities. The fees in (a) and (b) to merge in (c).

RESOLVED, That these terms be accepted.

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9—Cheltenham Guide—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from Mr. E. A. Sallis Benney stating that the cost of printing and tipping-in 6,500 copies of the proposed inset relating to the School of Arts and Crafts would be £8 2s. 6d. RESOLVED, That the payment of this amount be agreed to.

10—Concert Parties—RESOLVED, That holders of season tickets, for admission to the Montpellier Gardens, be admitted to the Concerts given by the Concert Parties in the Proscenium, at half price.

11--Museums Association—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Curator of the Museum stating that the Art Gallery and Museum Committee had decided to recommend the Town Council to extend an invitation to the Museums Association to hold its Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1929. The Association was not a large one and the delegates would number about 150. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved, and that the free use of the accommodation required at the Town Flail be granted subject to payment of out of pocket expenses.

12—Town Hall--(a) Christian Endeavour Federation—Read, letter from the President of the Cheltenham and District Christian Endeavour Association stating that The Bristol, Somerset and Gloucestershire Christian Endeavour Association were holding their Easter Convention in Cheltenham in 1928, and asking for the free use of the Town Flail on the 7th April, 1928, to hold their Junior Rally and Praise Service. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted subject to payment of out of pocket expenses.

(b) Conferences, etc.—The following resolution was received from the National Citizens' Union :—" That this Meeting of the Cheltenham 13ranch of the National Citizens' Union having in view the published proceedings of two Associations to whom the free use of the Town Hall has been extended recently submits a firm protest against the manner in which this privilege has been exploited and requests the Corporation to take steps to prevent similar irregularities in future." RESOLVED, That in every case when any concession on the fixed rates for the hire of the Town Hall is made the following condition shall be made in granting the use, namely, That the Hall shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which it is specifically engaged.

13—Winter Garden—Lease—RESOLVED, That a clause be included in the draft lease providing that if the option to take over the south or middle portion of the building is exercised by the Corporation the portion taken over will not be used for a band or orchestra after 2 p.m., unless a partition is provided between the part retained by the Company and the part taken over, reasonably sufficient to prevent the sound of such band or orchestra disturbing the use of the premises for cinematograph performances and that if there should be any dispute as to the sufficiency of the partition to prevent disturbance the matter should be referred to arbitration.

14—Winter Orchestra and Dance Bands—RESOLVED, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to consider and submit a scheme for the Winter season.

15—Souvenir Booklet—Read, letter from Mr. R. B. Shenton stating that he intended publishing a pictorial souvenir booklet of Cheltenham and District, illustrating the beauty spots of the Town and District, Public Buildings, Churches, etc. and also panoramic views in colours and a brief history of the town which would be distributed, free of charge, to Libraries, Railway Companies, Hotels, etc., and asking for permission to emboss on the cover the Cheltenham Arms and also to include illustrations of the various baths and the Corporation undertakings. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1927—Supply to Cleeve Hill, etc.—
Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that when the estimates for the supply to Cleeve Hill were prepared in July, 1925, the charge of 8d. per unit was fixed for lighting and 2d. for power, and at that time the charge in Cheltenham was 6d. and lid. respectively. Since this rate was fixed the charge for lighting in Cheltenham had been reduced to 5d. per unit, but no reduction had been made in the charge for power, and he recommended that the charges in the added area should be revised as follows :—

Lighting—MAXIMUM DEMAND-

For the first 125 hours use per quarter of the Maximum Demand as shown by the Demand Indicator 8d. per unit.

For all additional units 4d. per unit

FLAT RATE-Ordinary Consumers (other than special supplies) 7d. per unit

Churches and Chapels 6d. per unit

Power—(Other than special Contracts) 1 ½ d. per unit

Meter Rents 8d. per quarter for each meter not exceeding 1,000 watts capacity.

1s per quarter for each meter above 1,000 watts capacity.

Slot Meters 9d. per unit

RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Transformers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with Mr. Hopcroft to purchase a small piece of land in a field at Southam for a site for a transformer kiosk. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement for Sale. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms for the acquisition of a site for the erection of a transformer kiosk in Noverton Lane or Mill Lane.

2—Plant--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present cable from Manchester Street to Pittville Gates Sub-Station was only a small one and as this cable fed a very considerable area in the Pittville District it was necessary to improve this supply, and he recommended that a new cable be laid from Manchester Street through Chester Walk, St. Mary's Churchyard, Bennington Street, St. Margaret's Road, North Place, Clarence Road to a temporary kiosk on the site recently acquired for a sub-station in the garden of Evesham House. with an extension to Pittville Gates Sub-Station and in anticipation of the new network that will be required when the change of system takes place he recommended that an 11,000 volt 3 core cable should be provided at an estimated cost of £1,840 15s. 8d. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to proceed with the laying of the cable, but that any application for a loan be deferred for the time being pending consideration of the whole question of new cables and that the Town Clerk be instructed to notify the Electricity Commissioners of the Corporation's intention to lay this cable with a view to including the cost in an application for a loan at a later date.

3—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) High Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a lorry belonging to Messrs. W. J. Rogers & Co. Ltd., Bristol, to a lamp standard in this road near the Bowling Green, amounting to £23 12s. 7d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

(b) Regent Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused to a lamp standard at the corner of this street and Ormond Place by a Motor car amounting to £12 7s. 9d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

4—Tenders for Coal-14 tenders were received. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to consider these tenders and report to a special meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday, 4th July.

5—Public Lighting—(a) Pilford Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application for this road to be lighted. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to provide two lamps at an estimated cost of £60.

(b) Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That owing to the increased number of houses in this road two additional lamps be provided at an estimated cost of £15.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Gas Regulation Act, 1920 —Read, letter from the Chief Gas Examiner enclosing copy of his determination made under Section 9 (a) of this Act that the revenue of the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co. Ltd., for the quarter ended 31st December, 1926 had not been improperly increased.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 25th, and 30th ult., and 10th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 483.1, 477.5, 479.7 and 484.8 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 4.6, 4.6, 4.5 and 4.5 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th June, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart Councillors Dunn, Moore and Pates (The Mayor in the chair). ;

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 13th June, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	270,000 gallons	278,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	597,000 "	766,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	109,000 "	94,000 "
Total	976,000 "	1,138,000 "

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th June, 1927.		13th June, 1926.	
Hewletts		24,733,000 galls		26,713,000 gals
Dowdeswell	26ft. 1in.	70,625,000 "	29ft. 11in.	94,327,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "
Total Storage	96,883,000			122,660,000

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

	During May, 1927.	Total for past 2 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,675	3,108
“ taps found leaking	104	251
“ defective flushing boxes	34	53
“ defective stop taps	19	30
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ...	104	
“ (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>22</u>	
	126	301
“ notices served re fittings ...	103	160
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	16	36
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	95	173
“ burst pipes discovered ...	26	37
“supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	58	120

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

Sluice Valves fixed	1
Sluice Valves repaired	6
New Mains laid	1
Mains flushed out ... —	5
Ball Hydrants repaired ...	4
Mains repaired ... —	

4—Extension to Mains—Southwicke—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, that his Council would arrange for this main to be laid, the cost of which would be paid by Mr. Orchard. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—Repairs to Mains—The Town Clerk read correspondence with the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, as to the outstanding account for the repairs to mains and recommended that a joint case should be submitted for Counsel's opinion as to the respective liabilities of the two Corporations in regard to maintenance of the mains in the Borough of Tewkesbury, and read letter of 23rd ult., from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, agreeing to this. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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, 21st June, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart : Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pruet, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Lane reported that with the exception of a case of Swine Fever at Folly Lane Allotments the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire since the last meeting of the Committee, viz. :-10th June ; 9 Christ Church Terrace ; Cause, defective chimney ; Damage, slight ; Expenses £4 0s. 6d. ; 17th June ; 1 Cambray ; Cause, Boy using petrol ; Damage, slight ; Expenses £2 16s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfer—RESOLVED, That Licence No. 61 be transferred to Motor Cab No. AD5714.

(b) Conductors—RESOLVED, That a Conductors Licence be issued to Victor Siford Rees of 2 Exchange Buildings, The Cross, Stroud.

(c) Fares—Read, letter of 2nd instant from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners Association urging that no reduction should be made in the scale of fares. They pointed out that although the price of petrol and tyres had fallen the motor tax had been increased from about £2 17s. 0d. to £15 and owing to the increasing competition from omnibus services their trade was very bad. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

4—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications for the renewal of Game Licences be granted : Messrs. C. Barnett & Son (2 licences-86 High Street and 2 Montpellier Street), H. F. Barnett, V. Dymond, H. St. Clair Hall, S. H. Long, McFisheries Ltd. (2 licences-84 and 372 High Street), W. T. Morris, Olive & Olive, F. Panter, and Miss F. M. Woodard.

5—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—RESOLVED, That renewal of Licences under this Act be granted to applicants for one year from the 2nd inst., viz. :—Messrs. J. J. Cypher, G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall, E. Webb and W. Yates.

6—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Waghorne & Evans to store 500 gallons in a pump storage at their premises in Norwood Road, be granted.

7—Cinematograph Licence—Read, application from the Cheltenham Playhouse Co. Ltd., for a cinematograph licence for the Theatre and Opera House. It was not proposed to use the premises as a regular Cinematograph Hall but some Theatrical Companies used a film as part of their performance and as it may be desired to book one of these Companies, the Company required a licence for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the application be granted and that a licence be issued up to the 6th February next, subject to the usual conditions being complied with.

8—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health referred to the Committee from the last Meeting of the Council and the Town Clerk submitted draft letter in reply. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector—Read, application from Mr. Felix Miles for an increase in the salary paid to him as Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £25 to £40 per annum.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Wheeler ; Messrs. Vizard, Waine and Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Folly Lane—Read, letter of 1st instant, from Mr. E. Clapham, offering a rent of £10 per annum for the stables, pig styes and two chains of land in Folly Lane, which would be vacated by Mr. Baglin on the 29th September next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to satisfactory references being submitted by Mr. Clapham, and to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—Prizes—RESOLVED, That Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend be asked to inspect the allotments on the 22nd June next.

3—Whaddon Lane Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of allotments Nos. 14, 15, 18 and 21 Whaddon Lane (1920) Allotments and Nos. 9, 10, 13, 26 and 55 Whaddon Lane (old) Allotments calling their attention to the unsatisfactory condition of their allotments.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Wheeler (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Ground, St. Mark's—Read, application of 20th ult., from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with 5 poles and two stays in the hedgebank at the rear of this Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to an annual payment of 1s per pole, and to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the Postmaster General making good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the poles and to the consent being terminable by three calendar months notice in writing on either side.

2—Naunton Park—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the trees in the Avenue at Naunton Park should be thinned. RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held at Naunton Park to view the trees.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) Waterfowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following birds had been hatched or the lake this year : 4 Cygnets, 7 Muscovy Ducks, 3 Call Ducks, 7 Black Ducks and 3 Carolina Ducks.

(b) Whit-Monday Fete—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Head Gardener stating that only a few dower beds were damaged on the occasion of the Whit-Monday Fête. The position for the fireworks was not altogether satisfactory, but for the Jubilee Celebrations it was proposed to have the fireworks on the ground near the swings. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Wellesley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council were about to convert a brick building in Wellesley Road into a Pavilion for the new Playground for the Girls Grammar School, and that the County Education Architect had suggested the widening of

Wellesley Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that this was desirable if satisfactory terms could be arranged as this road was a connecting link from one district to another. RESOLVED, That the County Architect be informed that this Committee are prepared to give the proposal favourable consideration.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Colonel J. C. Griffith ; and Mr. G. Dimmer (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During May 3,213 (against 3,260) ; daily average 124 (against 125).

Receipts—Exhibition Catalogues £20 18s. 11d. ; Permanent Catalogues 3s 6d ; Post Card Reproductions 3s 10d ; Commission-6th Arts and Crafts Exhibition £1 9s. 11d. Total £22 16s. 2d.

Morning, by Mrs. Dod Procter—It had been arranged for this picture to come to Cheltenham in September, 1930.

Electric Lighting in the Art Gallery—The new Installation had been tested and proved satisfactory,

2—Donations—From Miss G. F. Robinson, 4 pieces of fossil stone, and specimens of Native Bark Cloth ; Captain R. P. Wild, F.G.S., Sword of Sword Fish, caught off Coast of Arabia, 1888.

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

3—Loan—From Mr. T. C. Tweedie, 17 Burmese gods in wood, brass and soapstone. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lender.

4—Insurance of Permanent Art Properties—The Curator submitted quotations from four Companies for the above insurance. RESOLVED, That the insurance be continued with The Fine Art & General Insurance Co.

5—Jubilee Exhibition—The Curator reported progress of the organisation of this Exhibition. (a) Sargents "Albanian Olive Gatherers," lent by the Corporation of Manchester, had arrived with the glass shattered. The insurance brokers had authorised its replacement at £4 2s. 6d. (b) The Programme and Finance Committee of the Jubilee Celebrations Committee had made a grant-in-aid towards the expenses of £40, to be increased if possible to £50.

RESOLVED, That the arrangement for this Exhibition be approved

6—Replacement of Carpet in Art Gallery Entrance Hall—The Committee inspected and approved of the purchase of a secondhand Turkey Carpet for £12 10s. 0d.

7—" The Limber" by the late Robt. Lindsey Clark—The Appeal for subscriptions had been published in "The Echo" on May 24th, The Executors of the late sculptor had now agreed to reduce the price from £300 to £250.

8---Prospective Exhibition—RESOLVED, That an Exhibition of Canadian Paintings by Mrs. Mary E. Dignam be organised from 23rd September to 1st October, 1927.

9—"The Pool, Blockley" by James Bateman—The Curator reported that he had allowed the artist, in response to an invitation to send this work to the Slade School Exhibition in connection with the University of London Centenary Celebrations. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

10—Museums Association Conference, 1929—The question of inviting this Conference to Cheltenham in 1929 was further considered. RESOLVED, That an invitation be given for the Conference to meet in Cheltenham in July, 1929.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th June, 1927, Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Miller, H. W. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair)

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 28th May to 24th June, 1927. Interments 33 ; Grave Spaces sold 10 (First Position 2 ; Fourth Position 8). Memorials fixed 23. New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7606 to 7615 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein,

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely ;—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Martha C. Crosbie, Thomas G. Mellersh, and George E. Meakin, Memorial Pent Roof Cross and bases to grave of Arthur J. Mason ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Percy C. Garrett, M.R.C.S., Elizabeth Wakefield, Thomas Lewis, Mary E. Burke and Susanna Bunclark ; and Kerbing to grave of Clara E. Verry, and also Kerbing to enclose Grave Space No 5136 X.x. with 5137 X.x.

4—Opening of Cemetery on Sunday Mornings—RESOLVED, That the Cemetery be opened on Sundays at 11 a.m., instead of 2 p.m. as at present, but that children be not admitted except when they are in the charge of an adult.

5—War Crosses—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mrs. Bloxsome asking for permission to remove the war cross of Mr. W. L. Bloxsome, at present on the oak rail, from the Cheltenham Cemetery to the Cemetery at Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

6—Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Act, which required that after 1st July, 1927, no burial should take place without production of a Certificate of the Registrar of Births and Deaths, or a Coroner's Order, except where the Local Authority were satisfied, by a written declaration, that the certificate of the Registrar or Order of the Coroner had been issued in respect of the deceased. This provision had been made to meet the case where the Certificate or Order had been mislaid or inadvertently left behind by the relatives attending the burial, but it would be necessary to see that the Certificate or Order was afterwards furnished, or a duplicate obtained, The Town Clerk reported that if a duplicate had to be obtained a fee of 5s was payable, and he suggested that a deposit of 5s should be made with the declaration. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to comply with the requirements of the Act and that a deposit of 5s be required in the case where a declaration was accepted to be returned on production of the Certificate of death.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th June, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Capt. Tyre, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; Messrs. A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £9 8s. 1d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,983 (last year 4,385) ; Lending Library 10,475 (last year 12,943) ; Juvenile Library 1,812 (last year 1,845). Total for month 16,270 (last year 19,173).

Replacements—During the month 59 volumes had been replaced, and 223 volumes returned from the binders and put into circulation.

Presentations—Miss Acock (6 ; The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed J. Burrow & Co, Ltd. (19 pamph.) ; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (2 vols.) ; The Epworth Press (1 vol.), Secretary, Imperial College Assoc. (1 vol.) ; Cheltenham Rotary Club (94 vols.) ; Mr. R. Owen Seacome (1 pamph.) ; Director, Union Office of Census and Statistics, Pretoria (1 vol.) ; Captain R. P. Wild, F.G.S. (15 vols.).

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

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2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillor Bastin Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 46 volumes (new books), published at £17 18s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £16 4s, 6d.

(b) That the sum of £15 be spent on replacements,

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on re-binding.

(d) That the offer of "The Healing Church," weekly 2d., by Mrs. Oliver be accepted with thanks.

(e) That " System," monthly 1s 6d., be added to the list of periodicals purchased for one year.

(f) Jubilee Celebrations—That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the 29th June.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th June, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel, Stewart and Taylor and Councillor Brig.-Gen. Thomas (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Draft Valuation Lists—The Committee completed the settlement of the draft Valuation Lists.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th June, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this rate Amount collected £30,897 12s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £49,585 17s. 2d.

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected.£12,476 12s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £20,029 17s. 2d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1927. Amount collected £8,047 19s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £9,843 11s. 5d.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £5,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £7,360 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during May was 4,276, as compared with 2,315 for the corresponding month last year.

6-5 per cent, Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £1,360 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £353 18s. 6d. at 63 ½ per cent. including expenses £226 6s. 5d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £353 18s. 6d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, Limited, the Registrars of the said stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

8—County Rate Basis—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council revising the County Rate Basis for the Parish of Cheltenham as follows :

Net Annual Value. Agricultural Land. Buildings. Assessable Value.

£357,778. £8,525. £349,253. £351,384.

9—Insurance of Tractors—RESOLVED, That the three Fordson Tractors be insured with the Fine Art and General Insurance Co. Ltd., on their " Fleet Rate " premium.

10—Report of Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor Councillors Ward and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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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 July, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present:

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

Aldermen Bendall, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, J.P., Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Steel and Councillor Capt. Trye, C.B.E.

1-Minutes of Previous Meetings-Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting and .4pecial Meeting of the Council on the 8th and 30th June last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council he taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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2—Town Hall—Organ—Read the following letter from Mr. Ed. J. Burrow :—

Wayside, London Road, Cheltenham, 15th June, 1927.

His Worship The Mayor, The Mayor's Parlour, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I have for a long time hoped someday to be able to do something for the town of my adoption, in which I have so many friends and in which I have spent nearly forty years of my life : and I can think of no more appropriate gift than that of an organ to occupy the space left by the designer of the Town Hall for that purpose, which will fulfil the double purpose of completing the design of the Hall and will, as I conceive, be of great advantage in the case of concerts, organ recitals, or general meetings held in the Hall.

Although I am not a rich man and, in fact, do not intend to be, I have made arrangements so that an instrument appropriate to its position will be erected by a first class firm of organ builders of National Repute, at a cost of about £3,000, if you will—on behalf of the town—accept this gift as a measure of my love for Cheltenham, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Borough.

My wife is associated with me in this enterprise, which we hope may be of some assistance in the progress and development of music in the town.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Yours very sincerely, (sgd.) EDWARD J. BURROW.

Resolved, unanimously, That the splendid gift by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. J. Burrow of an organ for the Town Hall on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Borough be accepted and that the warmest thanks of this Council be given to them for this generous mark of their loyalty and love for the Town of their adoption which the Council feel sure will be highly appreciated and will do so much for the encouragement and development of music in Cheltenham.

3—Challenge Shield—Mr. F. M. Smith of Stroud attended and presented a handsome shield given by him on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Borough, to be at the disposal of the Corporation to be offered as a Challenge Shield for any competition which the Corporation might think fit. Resolved, That a very hearty vote of thanks be offered to Mr. Smith for his generous and valuable gift.

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

Public Health Meetings held June 13 and 23

Housing Meeting “ “ 14

Slum Areas Clearance ““ “ 17

Street and Highway “ “ “ 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Brig. Gen. Thomas : " That Minute No. 3 of the Plans Sub-Committee with regard to inspection of plans by the Civic Society be referred back for further consideration."

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held June 17 and 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Moore : " That Minute No. 12 (b) be amended so as to read, That in every case where the Town Hall is let the following condition shall be made in granting the use, namely :—That the Hall shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which it is specifically engaged."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 22

Resolved, also, That the tender of the Park Colliery Co. Ltd., of 17s 8d. per ton for Norchard Rough Small Steam Coal for the year ending 30th June, 1928 be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract.

Water ... Meeting held June 16 General Purposes and Watch (An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 7, with reference to the Cinematograph Licence for the Theatre and Opera House, be referred back," was lost).

Allotments Meeting held June 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 17

Burial Board Meeting held June 24

Public Library Meeting held June 14

Rating Meeting held June 9

Finance Meeting held June 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.

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5—National Playing Fields Association—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Council of Social Welfare, stating that the Council of Social Welfare had considered the case of the lack of playgrounds and playing fields in the Borough and were of opinion that there was need for a Committee to act in conjunction with the County Playing Fields Association. The Education Committee had already appointed 4 members and the Council of Social Welfare suggested that in addition to these there should be Representatives from the Council of Social Welfare, The National Citizens' Union, The Chamber of Commerce, and the Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed comprising 4 Members of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, 4 Members of the Education Committee, 3 Members of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, 2 Members of the National Council of Social Welfare, 2 Members of the National Citizens Union and the Principals of the Cheltenham College, Ladies' College, Grammar and Dean Close Schools to consider the appeal of the National Playing Fields Association for the provision of Playgrounds and Playing Fields.

6—National Union of Teachers—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association stating that his Association had invited the National Union of Teachers to hold its Annual Conference in Cheltenham in Easter 1929 and asking for the co-operation of the Council in granting the use of the Town Hall and Winter Gardens. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 25th July, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th July, 1927 Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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. —19 and 20 Townsend Street ; 4 St. Paul's Street South. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Insanitary Property—(a) The Old House, Gloucester Road ; 32 Hungerford Street ; 25 and 41a Sun Street ; 20 Townsend Street ; 4 St. Paul's Street South ; Garden Cottage, Gosditch Lane ; Lauriston House, North 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, etc. 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) 38 Fairview Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 9th May 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. H. Anderson at a cost of £7 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

(c) 2 and 3 Leacey's Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 9th May 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. F. J. Griffin at a cost of £15 12s. 6d RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt, 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Beef, 3 qrs. 18 lbs. Veal ; 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Mutton ; 3 qrs. 4 lbs. Pork, and 20 lbs. Fish.

4—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 2 Beaconsfield Cottages, Milsom Street 11 Portland Terrace ; 11 Northfield Terrace, and 9, 10 and 11 Northfield Passage ; 29, 30 and 30 ½ Winchcomb Street.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., 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) 10 Portland Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

6—Health Week—Read, circular of 6th inst., from the Health Week Committee enclosing particulars for the organisation of a Health Week to be held in October. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

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7--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—1 to 4 Sun Street Retreat—RESOLVED, That the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to inspect and report.

S--Field at Arle—The Medical Officer of Health submitted correspondence with regard to a complaint received from the Swindon Parish Meeting with regard to the sewage carrier used to irrigate a field at Arle in the occupation of Mr. J. R. Brown. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health's reply be approved.

9—Disinfection Vans—Horse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Street and Highway Committee were unable to provide another horse for this van as they had adopted a Ford lorry to do the work formerly done by the horse used for the disinfection vans. RESOLVED, That Councillors Leigh James, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Ward be authorised to purchase a suitable horse for the purpose.

10—Sanitary Inspectors—Chief Sanitary Inspector—(a) Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the appointment of Mr. F. R. Jefford as Chief Sanitary Inspector as from 1st October, 1927, on the terms arranged.

(b) Second Assistant—RESOLVED, That Mr. S. Keene, at present Third Assistant Inspector be Second Assistant Inspector in place of Mr. F. R. Jefford.

(c) Third Assistant—RESOLVED, That applications be invited for the appointment of Third Assistant Inspector from persons holding the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board or other equivalent certificate and the Meat, etc., Inspector's Certificate at a salary of £150 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £175 per annum.

11—Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—Re Mr. A. E. Hudson—Read, letter from Mr. A. E. Hudson asking that the rate of his superannuation allowance should be increased in pursuance of Section 16 of this Act, which authorised the rate to be increased from 1/120th to a rate not exceeding 1/60th for each year of service and stating that the maximum payment at the rate of 1/60th had recently been granted to the retiring chief Sanitary Inspectors of Enfield, Coventry, Barking, Swindon, Acton, Hull and Worthing. RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to increase his superannuation allowance from £157 6s. 8d. to £200 per annum.

12—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 11th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

(a) Outfall Sewer, Boddington—The Committee considered claim from Mr. J. Brooks in respect of the subsidence in his field owing to the opening out of the Barn outfall sewer 4 years ago. The Farms Visiting Rota Sub-Committee reported that they had met Mr. Brooks and recommended that the sum of £5 be paid to him. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to pay this sum.

(b) Old Cottage—The Farms Sub-Committee reconsidered the decision to demolish the old cottage which was erected in 1699. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to rescind the Minute passed at the last Meeting of the Committee to demolish the cottage.

(c) Binder—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Meats & Co. of 30s for the old binder be accepted.

(d) Gates—RESOLVED, That the Farms Manager be instructed to have two gates inspected by the Farms Visiting Rota Sub-Committee repaired.

(e) Fruit—RESOLVED, That the orchards at the Farms be included in Mr. C. C. Castle's Annual Sale of Orchards of fruit.

(f) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms Manager dated 11th inst. Live Stock on the Farms on 11th inst., 10 horses, 102 head of cattle, 1 bull, 2 calves, 106 sheep, and 20 pigs. 1 cow had been purchased for £8 5s. 0d., and the purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £20 8s. 6d Total purchases £28 13s. 6d. 9 bullocks, 3 heifers, 1 calf, and 7 pigs had been sold for £339 18s. 3d.

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

RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 15 (b) (authorising the demolition of the old cottage at the Farms) passed at Meeting of the Committee on the 13th June last, be rescinded.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th July, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, Moore, Pates and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-17 Byron Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the tenant of this house to substitute a gas boiler in place of the furnace. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, on condition that the furnace is replaced when the house is vacated.

2—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Notice and plan of house to be erected in this road for Mr. J. A. P. Nidd. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved.

3—Redecoration of Houses—Assisted Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that the exterior painting of the houses erected under the Addison Scheme had been completed.

4—Gloucester Road—Housing Site—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering for sale about 31 acres of market garden land at the rear of the Vineyards, Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee,

5—New Houses—RESOLVED, That fresh tenders be invited for 5 pairs of non-parlour type houses to fill up the vacant plots in Milton and Tennyson Roads (for which a loan was sanctioned by the Ministry of Health on the 8th ult.) and that tenders also be invited for 5 pairs of non-parlour type houses in Spenser Road. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a satisfactory tender or tenders.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of not exceeding £5,165 for the cost of the five additional pairs of houses, including architects fees and 5 per cent. for contingences, to be erected in Spenser Road.

6-59 Byron Road—RESOLVED, That the occupier of this house, who had been compelled to sell the house, be let the next house becoming vacant on the estate, and that Mrs. Jones of 49

Malvern Street be transferred to the second house becoming vacant, and that Minute No. 5 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 14th June last be varied accordingly.

7—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Whaddon Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Final Certificate of two semi-detached houses in this road erected by the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd, RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £75 be issued to them in respect of each house subject to their undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

8—Outbuildings-33 Byron Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a shed proposed to be erected by the tenant of this house. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved subject to the shed being erected in the position indicated by the Borough Surveyor.

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: 14 Parlour type and 140 Non-Parlour type. 4 of the Parlour type houses have been sold and 10 have just been started and of the 140 Non-Parlour type houses 128 have been sold, 12 have been let. Total houses to be erected on Housing Estate, by the Corporation 314 ; by private enterprise 2 houses and 1 dwelling house and shop.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 1st July, 1927 Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair)

1—Selection of Tenants—The Committee selected 9 applicants at present occupying houses for which Closing Orders had been made for the first 9 houses to be completed on the East side of Stanhope Street.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th July, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dunn, Mann and Capt. Trye: Mrs. E. Buoy, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh and Mrs. E. C. Gurney (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society— Annual Report—(a) Read, the 18th Annual Report (From 1st April, 1926 to 31st March, 1927). The attendances had been as follows :—

	No. of Children Attendances.			
	attending.	Infants .	Toddlers.	Total.
At Highbury (47 Meetings) ...	351	1329	1513	2842
At Baker Street (47 Meetings) ...	372	1384	1188	2572
At Clare Street (47 Meetings)	23	668	1060	<u>1728</u>
				7142

Visits paid by Club Visitor : 1504. (b) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1927 The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	22.1	26.2
At Clare Street (11 Meetings) . . .	16.0	23.0
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	38.5	48.0

An Inspector of the Ministry of Health visited the Baker Street Centre and expressed her satisfaction at the way the Centre was being conducted.

2—Health Visitors Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1927 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,633
“ Children Visited (firsts)	154
“ (1 year and under) ...	854
“ over 1 year)	737
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,811
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	65
“ Un-notified Births discovered	7
“ Children remitted to Hospital	5
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	26
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	4
“ Chicken-pox cases visited ...	1
“ Measles Cases visited	2
“Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	2

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	24
New Orders ...	15
Orders discontinued during quarter	20
“ continuing to coming quarter	19

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 26 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 13 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Grant—Read, letter of 20th May last from the Ministry of Health approving of the estimated expenditure of £50 for treatment of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia. The Council's net approved expenditure for Maternity and Child Welfare purposes for 1927-28 was now amended to £887.

4—Homes for Children—The Medical Officer of Health read correspondence from the District Nursing Association and the St. Catherine's Home applying for a grant in aid towards the expenses of sending an unmarried mother to a home for her confinement. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make a grant of 7s per week for 6 months, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

5—Health Visitors—Read, circular No. 790 of 9th May last from the Ministry of Health, supplementing circular No. 680 issued on the 22nd March, 1926 with regard to the training and appointment of Health Visitors.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Kendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 5th and 18th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted,

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 18th June to the 14th July, 1927, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 7th July, 1927, 766 loads collected, 688 consumed and 78 tipped away. Weight consumed 6971 tons.

3—Grove Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd., had offered a strip of land 3ft. Gins. wide on the west side of the High Street end of this Street, if the Corporation would rebuild the wall to the new line of frontage which he estimated would cost about £120. The View Committee had inspected the site and did not recommend acceptance of the offer owing to the cost but he was endeavouring to arrange more favourable terms.

4—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th inst. :—Councillor Pates and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

New Street—The application for the removal of the posts in the Passage from Knapp Road be not granted.

St. James's Square—That owing to the cost, the suggested improvement at the corner of Tangent Alley, be not acceded to.

Roman Road—That notice be given to the Owner (Mr. E. Allen) to show cause why the fish-bar erected by him without approval should not be pulled down as being a contravention of the byelaws.

Gloucester Road—That the application of Mr. F. Harvey for the removal of tree obstructing the car entrance to "Westbourne" be acceded to, and that small trees be planted to fill up vacant spaces.

Gloucester Road—That the footpath on the south side of this road from Lansdown Inn to Granley Road be kerbed and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimates of the work required to be done to the footpath by the abutting Owners.

Lypiatt Terrace—That no action be taken in regard to Col. Hickson's application for repair of the private road at the side of 17 Lypiatt Terrace. Lansdown Road—That the application of Mr. G. H. Strick for the removal of a tree outside "Lanesfield" be not acceded to.

Leckhampton Road—That Mrs. Parker's renewed application for the removal of a lime tree outside "Ringshall" be not acceded to.

Naunton Lane—That the offer of Mr. E. Lea to give up 170 square yards be accepted with thanks and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fence off the land at a cost of about £40, and to have the road widened.

Montpellier Terrace—Surface Water Drainage—That owing to the cost, the carriageway be not raised for the present.

Montpellier Walk—That the proposal to set back the National Provincial Bank about 4ft or 5ft be not entertained as the estimated cost of £5,000 is out of proportion to the value of the road improvement.

Wolsey Terrace—That no action be taken on Mr. E. C. Rice's application for this road to be taken over. Wellington Street—That the kerb and footpath in this street be relaid where necessary.

Oriel Road—That the application of Mr. D. V. Davies for the removal of two trees outside the Ellenborough Hotel, namely : one at the junction of Oriel Road and Wellington Street and the other on the opposite side of Oriel Road, be granted and that 2 small trees be planted.

St. Luke's Place—That the Post Office Engineering Department be asked to transfer the pole fixed without approval to the position now suggested by the Committee.

Road from Bath Parade to Sandford Park—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this road coated.

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Princes Street—That this road be tar sprayed for the present and the footpath gravelled where necessary. Kings Road—That Mr. L. V. Fox's application for removal of tree outside Deodar House be acceded to.

King's Road—That Mr. J. F. Mallandaine's application for removal of a large tree outside 2 Ferndale Villas be not acceded to.

Sydenham Road South—That four large trees be removed and smaller trees planted along the road ; also that The Rev, P. S. Oswald be asked to thin out some of his trees at " Brackenbrough " on the north side of the road.

Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted memorial from 25 householders abutting on the Hill, of whom 19 were outside the Borough asking for their road to be repaired. He estimated cost of re-coating the road from Cemetery Road to Stanley Road at £500. RESOLVED, That this be deferred until next year.

All Saints Road—That the footpath margin of this road be gravelled.

All Saints Road—That the tree outside " Eythorne" be removed and also the tree near the east entrance to All Saints Church.

Pittville Circus—That Dr. F. T. Anderson's application for the removal of a tree outside Apsley Lodge be not granted.

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

5—Wires across Highways—Malt House Lane, St. Paul's—The View Committee reported that they inspected the wire cage and wire across this lane which when in use was only 4 feet above the carriage way. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require its removal.

6—Refuse Collection—Mechanical Trailers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the collection of house refuse by the new tractors and trailers would be started as soon as the vehicles arrived and he submitted copy of the circular letter issued to householders. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Petrol Pump at Depot—RESOLVED, That a Shell petrol pump be installed instead of a B.P. Pump and that Minute 3 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 23rd May last be varied accordingly.

8—Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Agreement with the Wagon Repairs Ltd. would expire on the 31st inst. The Company had offered a new contract for a further period of 7 years at a charge of £7 10s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation embodying the terms.

9—Byelaws----New Streets and Buildings—The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws as revised by the Ministry. The **Byelaws Sub-Committee** reported that they recommended the acceptance of the revised draft except with regard to Byelaw No. 5, which provided for the exemption of buildings of special construction from the operation of the byelaws with respect to the structure of walls subject to the conditions set out in the byelaws. The Sub-Committee and the Borough Surveyor were not satisfied with the provisions of this byelaw which they feared would allow buildings to be erected of unsatisfactory construction. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Capt. Trye and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to interview the Ministry of Health thereon with a view to obtaining the modifications recommended by the Sub-Committee.

10—Empire Marketing Board—RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the erection of an Empire Marketing frame on the exterior railings of the Grammar School.

11—Queens Retreat—Road at Rear of West side—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimate of the works required to be done to the above road. 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 said road requiring to be levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, and of any premises benefiting 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks, 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.
2352	The Committee of the Conservative Club, ,	Additions to Assembly Rooms, Conservative Club Albion Street. (Amended Plan).
2354	Parsons, Mrs.	Garden Lounge, at the Woodlands, The Park.
2355	Excell, Mrs. E. R.	Conversion of Laundry into a dwelling house, at rear of 10 Asquith Road.
2356	Stirling, Mr.	Alterations to buildings, 15 Lansdown Place Stables.
2357	Peebles, Lt. Col. A. S.	Temporary Motor House, Fairhaven, Tivoli Road.
2359	Hill, Mr. W. H.	Alterations and new front to 357 High Street.
2360	Charity Organisation Society.	New Lavatory, Sunset Home, St. Margaret's Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2352, 2359 and 2360 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2352 and 2360 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector that Plan No. 2357 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal and that Plans Nos 2354, 2355 and 2356 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall and Councillor Leigh James (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2341	Smith, Miss	New Bathroom and W.C., Exmouth House, Hewlett Street.
2356	Stirling, Mr.	Alterations to outbuildings, 15 Lansdown Place,
2361	Parker, Mr. J. D.	Detached house, Painswick Road.
2362	Litterdale, Dr. F.	Temporary motor house, Evesham Lodge, Prestbury Road.
2363	Dancey, Mr. B. W.	Temporary Motor House, Kempsey, Charlton Lane.
2364	Lindquist, Mr. H. D.	Temporary Motor House, Seaforth, Christ Church Road.
2365	Paynter, Miss B.	Temporary Motor House, 30 Lansdown Crescent.
2366	Krier, Mr. J.	New Bakehouse, rear of 3 Ormond Terrace.
2367	Burrows Press Ltd. Messrs.	Additions to printing works, Swindon Road.
2368	Newton, Mr. H. G.	New Garage, Belle Vue Hotel.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2341, 2356, 2361, 2366, 2367. and 2368 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2341, 2356, 2366 and 2367 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out

to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 2362, 2364, and 2365 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. 2363 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th July, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1- Sandford Park—Fountain—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted the design of the Fountain selected by the family of the late Mr. Herbert Unwin for this Park. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Main Entrance, Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted seven alternative tenders and designs for the proposed entrance and gates to this park in Bath Road, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Hancock & Son of Cheltenham, of £108 be accepted.

2—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That parties of School Children visiting the Town be allowed to use the Swimming Baths on the same terms as local scholars, namely, 1d. per head, the children to provide their own towels.

3—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Winter Garden Company to wire the electric lamps on the entrance gates to the Winter Garden,

4—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fête—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Custodian of Montpellier Gardens with regard to the Floral Fête held in the Gardens on the 5th and 6th inst. Read, also, letters from the Central, Cavendish House and Y.M.C.A. Tennis Clubs complaining of damage to the tennis courts and asking for compensation, The Borough Surveyor reported that everything was being done by the Floral Fête Committee to get the courts into a proper condition as soon as possible. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange for the Tennis Clubs who have been displaced to use the two public hired courts and the hard court at Montpellier Gardens, and that consideration of an abatement of rent be deferred until it is ascertained how long the courts remain unfit for use and that the claim of the Corporation against the Floral Fete Committee be also deferred.

5—Town Hall—National Union of Teachers' Conference—Read, letters of 24th and 27th ult., from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Teachers' Association stating that the Cheltenham Teachers' Association had invited the National Union of Teachers to hold its Annual Conference in Cheltenham at Easter, 1929, and asking the Corporation to grant the free use of the Town Hall as they did when the Conference visited the town in 1919. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference subject to payment of lighting, heating and out of pocket expenses.

6—Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—The Concerts Sub-Committee submitted offer from Mr. Fielding of Herman Darewski's Band of the Winter Garden, Blackpool to provide a Dance Band of seven performers to play at two Dance Teas and one Saturday night Dance per week, and for 3

extra-long night dances during the Season and also the extra Christmas Dances for £37 10s 0d. per week, the Corporation also to receive 50 per cent. of the receipts of any outside engagement accepted by the Band during their engagement with the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire whether Mr. Fielding would also provide a quartette for the morning orchestra without extra charge.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 19th July, 1927.

Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Thomas and Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

7—Advertising—Read, circular from the London Chamber of Commerce enclosing terms for advertising in the Journal of the London Chamber of Commerce. Read, also letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow with regard thereto. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—Read, letter from Mr. Fielding offering to supply a quartette for the morning concerts in addition to the Dance Band as mentioned in Minute No. 6 above for the sum of £37 10s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

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9—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the Coat of Arms made by the Art School for the Jubilee Pageant be placed in the wall recess on the Octagonal staircase.

10— Spa Federation--RESOLVED, That Federation be invited to hold their half yearly Autumn Meeting at Cheltenham in 1929.

11—Town Hall—Organ—The Borough Surveyor reported that for the installation of the Organ it would be necessary to remove the seats and to strengthen the floor. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to carry out any necessary structural alterations required,

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 4th July, 1927. Present—Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Mann and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted his report on the 14 tenders received for the supply of coal for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended at their Meeting to-day to accept the tender of the Park Colliery Co, Ltd., at 17s 8 per ton for Norchard Rough Small Steam Coal for the year ending 30th June, 1928 subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract,

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th July, 1927 Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair)

2—Extensions to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension to main referred to in his report at an estimated cost of £29 7s. 0d.

3—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to interviews and correspondence with the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co. with regard to a bulk supply. The Company submitted a preliminary offer in April last, but he did not regard this as satisfactory and they had now submitted amended offer which he was considering. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to continue negotiations with the Company.

4—Accounts, 1926-27—The statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1927 was submitted, showing a deficit of £2,121 7s. 0d. During the year the cost of the public lighting had been reduced by £1,000. The cost of the coal during this year amounted to £18,529 as compared with £8,934 in 1925-26, and during the year a reduction of 1d. per unit had been in operation. RESOLVED, That the amount of the deficit be allocated out of the Nett Revenue Appropriation Account.

5—Damage to Lamp Standards—Mark Hill Road and Hanover Street—The Town Clerk reported that the London General Insurance Co. were willing to settle this claim amounting to £7 13s. 8d. on a halving basis. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to the Company entering into a similar Agreement as entered into by other Companies and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Mains and Services—Read, letter of 28th instant from the Electricity Commission enclosing Sanction to a loan of £10,000 for mains and services.

7—Ormond Place—Loral) Bracket—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement with Mr. Leslie Bayley as to the erection of an electric lamp to the wall of his premises on the corner of Regent Street and Ormond Place.

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8--Cheltenham Electricity Extension Special Order, 1927—The Town Clerk reported that the Order had passed the House of Lords and House of Commons and was now in operation.

9-Gas Tests-Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. Keith Wilson giving three months notice to terminate his appointment as I. as he was leaving Cheltenham to reside in Monmouthshire. RESOLVED, That this Committee desire to record their appreciation of the efficient manner in which the work has been carried out by Mr. Keith Wilson. RESOLVED, also, That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the post.

(b) Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th, 29th and 30th ult., which showed the Calorific value to be 475.0 ; 463.5 and 467.8 B.Th.U., respectively and the pressure 4.9 ; 4.7 and 4.7 inches.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th July, 1927, Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Moore, Capt. Trye and 1Velstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

10—Westal Green Sub-Station—Four tenders were received for the erection of this Sub-Station, the lowest tender being from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey of £2,706 for a building of Bath Stone, and an alternative tender of £1,936 for a stucco faced building. RESOLVED, That in view of the position of the building the Council be recommended to accept Messrs. Collins & Godfrey's tender of £2,706 for a building in Bath Stone subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th July, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Stewart ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates and Sawyer (The Mayor in the chair).

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

Hewletts Springs Dowdeswell Springs Leckhampton Springs

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 11th July, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	191,000 gallons	206,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	481,000 “	477,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	85,000	71,000
Total	757,000	754,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th July, 1927.		11th July, 1926.	
Hewletts		19,862,000 gallons		23,409,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	21ft. 3in.	49,693,000 “	25ft. 6in.	67,964,000
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		70,911,000		92,858,000

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

	During June, 1927.	Total for past 3 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,483	4,591
„ taps found leaking	105	356
„ defective flushing boxes	29	82
„ defective stop taps	7	37
„ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	103	
„ (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>23</u>	

	126	427
„ notices served re fittings ...	58	218
„ meters fixed, changed, etc.	14	50
„ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc)	79	252
„ burst pipes discovered ...	5	42
„ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	52	172

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

Sluice Valves fixed ...	4
Sluice Valves repaired ...	3
New Mains laid	3
Mains flushed out	5
Ball Hydrants repaired ...	1
Mains repaired ...	2
House Services flushed out	2

4—Tewkesbury Water Works—Old Beam Engine—The Borough Engineer submitted 5 offers for the old beam engine at the Tewkesbury Water Works. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Such & Sons Ltd. of £56 10s. 0d. be accepted.

5—Supply to Walton Cardiff—Meter—The Borough Engineer reported that the present two inch meter for this bulk supply was too large to record, and he had informed the Tewkesbury Rural District Council that he proposed to substitute a one inch meter and the Town Clerk submitted letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council that his Council thought that the supply in bulk from a one inch meter would lessen the pressure RESOLVED, That a one inch meter be installed as recommended by the Borough Engineer

G —Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer submitted plan sections of the Dowdeswell Sedimentation Basin showing that the basin contained approximately 3,000 cubic yards of mud. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

7—Extension to Main—Arle Court Farm—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. J. R. Brown for an extension to the main to supply Arle Court Farm. The estimated cost of the main was £150. RESOLVED, That the extension be made subject to £100 of the cost being deposited before the commencement of the work to be re-funded as the water charges produce 10 per cent. per annum after a minimum payment of 4.5 per annum has been paid, any such repayment to be repayable at the end of each financial year.

8—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 Friday, 15th July, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart : Councillors Mann, Pruen, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that with the exception of a case of Swine Fever at Craven Cottage Allotments the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—Since the last Meeting a case of Foot and Mouth Disease had been confirmed amongst cattle near Tamworth, Staffordshire. This was the first case to occur after a period of 3 months complete freedom from the disease, and the Town Clerk submitted Order with regard thereto together with Orders restricting the movement of cattle from the Royal Agricultural Show, Newport, and the Birmingham Pig Market consequent upon the outbreak.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease (Boiling of Animal Food Stuffs No. 2 Order), 1927—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which had been published as requested by the Ministry.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire since the last Meeting of the Committee, viz. : 29th June, Morality Farm, Marge Hall Court Road, Prestbury, Cause, Defective Fire Gate ; Damage £50 to £60 ; Expenses £4 0s. 6d., 10th July. Fallowfield, St. Stephen's Road, Caused by motor car ; Damage slight ; Expenses £2 15s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That a Conductor's Licence be issued to Hubert James Pitts of 6 Gloucester Place, Cheltenham

4—Domestic Servants Registry—Supt. Lane submitted report on the inspection of the Domestic Servants Registries Offices in the Borough.

5—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Miss M. Harvey, Clerk in the Education Medical Department, who had completed 3 years service on the 31st March last, be added to the Certificate of Exception.

6—Omnibus Stand—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Messrs. Heath & Eckersall, stating the Black and White Luxury Coaches, Ltd., proposed to rent a lock-up shop as an office at Paris House, Promenade, if they could be allowed to pick up and set down passengers, for their char-a-banc tours and service to London, in Imperial Square instead of in Cambay as at present. RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that the use of the road in Imperial Square facing the Town Hall is not suitable for this, and is likely to cause obstruction of traffic, but that no objection be raised to the use of the road at the opposite side of the Square, facing the Queens Hotel.

7—Market—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. Nichols for the use of the Market for a Fair from the 23rd September to 1st October at a rent of £24 be granted.

8—Parking Place, Promenade—RESOLVED, That authority be given for a fee of 6d. per car to be charged for supervision of a car at this Parking Place or a fee of 5s for a period of twelve months

9—Non-County Boroughs Association—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the President of the Non-County Boroughs Association inviting the Corporation to become a Member of the Association at an annual subscription of £4 14s. 6d. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to join the Association.

10—Cinematograph Licence—Read, letter from Mr. Norman Hart, Solicitor of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association of Great Britain pointing out that the Theatre & Opera House had no operating chamber and stating that the seating did not comply with the usual requirements, nor was there an emergency exit from the gallery, and that it was not usual to grant cinematograph licences where an Intoxicant Licence was held. Messrs. E. Baring and W.

Rust also attended and stated that structural alterations would be required to make the building comply with the requirements of the Regulations of the Secretary of State. RESOLVED, That the issue of the licence be deferred until the requirements of the Secretary of State's regulations have been complied with and that a condition be inserted in the licence that the premises shall only be used for the purpose for which the licence was applied for, namely : for use in respect of theatrical companies exhibiting a film for the means of their performances and that Minute No. 7 passed at the last meeting of the Council be varied accordingly.

11—National Playing Field Association Committee—RESOLVED, That the Rev. W. E. Beck be appointed a Member of this Committee as representative of the Training Colleges.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th July, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward and Welstead, and Mr. J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Folley Lane—Tenancy—RESOLVED, That Mr. Clapham be permitted to pull down Old Shed which was in bad repair and to erect a smaller shed out of the material for housing his trap, subject to the approval of the Landland. [?]

2—Prizes—Mr. J. Waine reported that the judges had inspected all the allotments, but proposed to make a further inspection in September to make the final awards. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the offer of Councillor E. L. Ward to provide an extra £1 towards the prize money be accepted with thanks,

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th July, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Waterfowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. H. Unwin had presented 6 black ducks. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Unwin.

(b) Waterfowl Enclosure—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of enclosing a portion of the lake for the waterfowl.

(c) Flamingo—The Borough Surveyor reported that the male flamingo was found dead at Pittville on the 1st inst.

2—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to set back the fence in places for the widening of the road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the railings be repaired where necessary.

3—National Playing Fields Association—RESOLVED, That Councillors Dicks, Sawyer, Ward and Yarnold be appointed members of the National Playing Fields Committee.

4—Trees and Shrubs, Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name labels put on the trees and shrubs in Pittville Gardens, at an estimated cost of £5.

5—Head Gardener—Read, application from Mr. C. Davis, the Head Gardener, for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That the matter be adjourned pending consideration of the appointment of a Gardens Superintendent.

6—Wellesley Road—RESOLVED, That representatives of the Grammar School Governors be asked to meet representatives of this Committee and that Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Sawyer and Welstead be appointed to meet them.

7—Recreation Grounds—(a) Football—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the undermentioned clubs to play football during the season, 1927-28.

Ground	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg Gardner	St. Paul's Old Boys A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Do.	Cheltenham St. Mary's A.F.C.	Do. Do.
Do.	St. Gregory's Rugby F.C.	Do. Do.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park United A.F.C.	Saturdays.
Do.	Naunton Park Rugby F.C.	Do
Whaddon Lane	Wesley F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Do.	Central School Old Boys' A.F.C	Do. Do.

Naunton Park—Trees—The Committee inspected the trees at this Ground and RESOLVED, That the centre row of 62 black Italian poplars in the avenue be removed.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart : Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye ; Colonel J. C. Griffith ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair)

1—Curator's Report-Visits-During June 3,739 (against 4,280) ; daily average 144 (against 165). (Art Galleries closed for one week for hanging of new Exhibition),

Receipts—Sale of Exhibition Catalogues 3d. ; Permanent Catalogues 13s ; Collection Box 10s 3d; Waste Material 10s ; Photogravure of 1/5th Glosters 10s 6d: Payment of Insurance claim £4 2s. 6d. ; Postcard Reproductions 10s 2d. Total £10 4s. 8d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Photography, Colour Prints, and Woodcuts was visited by 4,292 people in 31 days. Cost was £6 18s. 2d., and proceeds £3 5s. 8d.

The Jubilee Art Exhibition, opened by County Alderman W. A. Rixon, J.P. on 27th June, had had an average attendance of 220 people per day. Good Press notices had been given in the local papers, and "Birmingham Post" and "Bristol Times and Mirror."

RESOLVED, That the thanks of Ow Committee be conveyed to the Staff for the extra work involved in the hanging of the Jubilee Exhibition.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his Report upon the Conference held at the Isle of Man from 4th to 7th July, which was approved, He had been elected to the Council of the Association, which had arranged that the Conference in 1929 should be held at Worthing, from which Authority an invitation had been on hand since November last.

2—Donations—From Miss E. Nicholls, Two Infants' Caps—examples of fine English Hand-Needlework and Embroidery ; c. 1800 ; Mr. H. E. Norris, Montagu's Harrier ; Mr. F. G. Tiesac, Viper Adder, killed on Leckhampton Hill, 1927.

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

3—Loan—The Wicliffe Challenge Shield, presented to the Corporation by Mr. F. M. Smith, Wicliffe Motor Cos. Ltd.

RESOLVED, That custody be accepted, and the shield displayed in a convenient position.

4—Resignation of Art Gallery Attendant—The Curator read letter of resignation from Mr. W. Addis, who had served the Institution first as Library Caretaker, and later as Art Gallery Attendant for a period of 36 years.

RESOLVED, That the resignation be accepted with regret, to take effect at the end of October, and the question of filling the vacancy be deferred until the September meeting.

RESOLVED, also, That the desire to place on record their appreciation of the long and faithful services of Mr. Addis.

5—Vacuum Cleaner—The Chairman suggested that the Art Gallery and Museum Committee should join with the Library Committee in asking the Curator to present a report at the September meeting upon the advisability of purchasing a vacuum cleaner. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. H. TRYE.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th July, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart Councillors Mann and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 25th June to 14th July, 1927. Interments 28 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 1 ; Fourth Position 11). Memorials fixed 6. New Inscriptions 3.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7516 to of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

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3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Minna M. Cook, Frances G. M. Jeffery and Helen H. Wright ; Memorial Headstone and kerbing to graves of Joseph T. Kilbey and Charles Tarling ; Memorial kerbing and posts to graves of Benjamin Johns and John T. Read ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to grave of Willie F. Cook ; Memorial Figure on base and kerbing to grave of Frances Walker ; Memorial Cross and base to grave of Laura M. A. Plumer and kerbing to graves of Edward W. Mortimer, Henry W. Gale and Cecil H. Copestake.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th July, 1927. Present—Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen, Thomas, Capt. Tyre and Yarnold ; Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £7 4s. 7d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,408 (last year 4,479) ; Lending Library 10,123 (last year 10,408) ; Juvenile Library 1,727 (last year 1,476). Total for month 15,258 (last year 16,363). The Library was open 25 days as against 26 last year.

Presentations—Anon. (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (9 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (22 pamphs.) ; The Covenant Publishing Co., Melbourne (2 vols.) ; Railway Co. (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Plaintin and Simpson (1 vol.) ; Clerk, Cheltenham Rural District Council (1 pamph,) ; Cheltenham Rotary Club (40 vols.) ; Mrs. A Stallard (1 vol.) ; Capt. R. P. Wild (7 vols.) ; Alderman C. F. Winterbotham (1 vol).

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

Extra Cleaning—The work of cleaning books and fittings was in progress.

Vacuum Cleaner—Capt. Trye suggested that consideration be given to the purchase of a vacuum cleaner. The Librarian stated that as a uniform voltage was now in use in the Institution such an appliance would be of great service in the Library as well as in the Art Gallery and Museum.

RESOLVED, That the Librarian be instructed to report on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Purchase of Books—RESOLVED, That 53 vols., new books, published at £19 1s. 10d., be purchased at a cost of £16 3s 7d.

3—Mutilation of Periodicals—The Librarian reported as to 15 mutilations of newspapers and periodicals during the last month, and that on the 9th inst. a woman was caught in the act of cutting an article from the " British Weekly " RESOLVED, That proceedings be not taken in this case, but the Town Clerk be instructed to write a letter of censure to the offender. RESOLVED, also, That a warning notice be posted in the Library that proceedings will be taken in any future case.

4—Boiler—Read, report of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. that the Beeston Boiler was in satisfactory order.

5—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including Newspaper Room, be closed on August 1st.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th July, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen and Ward (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Poor Rate —Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 19th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £55,645 10s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £24,837 19s. 5d.

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 19th inst., on the collection of the First instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £22,036 2s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £10,470 7s. 11d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 19th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1927. Amount collected £12,071 5s. 3d, Leaving outstanding £6,362 2s. 6d.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during June was 3,191, as compared with 3,160 for the corresponding month last year. 6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £750 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Borough Treasurer's Department—Staff—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. F. I. Walter, Junior Ledger Clerk, had secured an appointment with the Barnes Urban District Council, and he proposed to appoint a new Junior Clerk at a salary of D5 rising by annual increments of £7 10s. 0d. to £50 per annum, and to make the following rearrangements of staff :—

	Present Salary per annum.	Suggested Salary.
Miss Rider .	£97 10s- £104 (Jan. 1928).	£104 forthwith.
C. P. G. Neat	£75 ... £78—	£104 per annum on 1st April.
R. Browning	£45—£55	£50-65 by £7 10s. 0d. per annum.

RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved.

8—Insurance—The Borough Treasurer reported that from and including midsummer, the allowance to Local Authorities where a 5 year agreement was in operation would be increased from 25 per cent. to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. RESOLVED, That new agreements be entered into with the County Fire Office Ltd., The Fine Art and General Insurance Co. and the Royal Insurance Co., Ltd. embodying this reduction for a period of 5 years as from midsummer subject to the right of the Corporation to make any alteration or adjustment in the amount insured which may be required owing to change of circumstances.

9—Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—(a) re Mr. A. E. Hudson—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Health Committee with regard to the retiring pension of Mr. A. E. Hudson. RESOLVED, That this Committee does not approve of the recommendation to increase Mr. A. E. Hudson's superannuation allowance from £157 6s 8d. to £200 per annum.

(b) W. H. Jackson—RESOLVED, That W. H. Jackson (Steam Roller Labourer) who had had to resign his appointment owing to ill health be paid a pension of 11s per week calculated on non-contributory basis for 29 years service and that his contributions be refunded to him with

interest at 3 per cent. as provided for in the Act, he having not completed 10 years service since the adoption of the Act, subject to the production of Medical Certificate.

10—Swindon Road Schools—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanction to a loan of £550 in respect of the excess expenditure incurred in respect of the Swindon Road Schools and the erection of a Practical Instruction Building at the Schools.

11—Police Accounts—Read, letters of 9th and 13th instant, from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee enclosing particulars of the cost of the additional police during the General Strike and Coal Stoppage, and asking whether the Corporation were prepared to pay their share. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Standing Joint Committee be asked to furnish details of the Accounts.

12—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 19th inst. Present : Councillor Moore, Pruen and Ward (Councillor Moore in the Chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 21st July, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 25th day of July, 1927, 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. 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, 25th July, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present:

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

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.)

Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, J.P., Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Tree, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler, M.B.E. and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Stewart and Councillor Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 4th July instant, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Mr. George Dimmer, Deceased—Resolved, That this Council desire to express their deep regret at the death of the late Mr. George Dimmer, who was Mayor of the Borough for two years and who for many years took an active part and interest in the public life of the Borough and tender their sincere sympathy with the Members of his family in their bereavement.

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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 July 11

Housing Meeting held July 12

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held July 1

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 14

Street and Highway Meeting held July 18

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held July 14 and 19

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held July 4, 13 and 19

Water Meeting held July 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 15

Resolved, also, That two representatives nominated by the Cheltenham Elementary School Teachers' Association be appointed Members of the National Playing Fields Committee.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Welstead and seconded by Councillor Ward " That Minute No. 8, with regard to the Parking Place, Promenade, be referred back" was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Miller ' That Minute No. 10, with regard to the Cinematograph Licence for the Theatre and Opera House, be referred back for further consideration" was lost).

Allotments Meeting held July 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 15

Burial Board Meeting held July 14

Public Library Meeting held July 12

Finance Meeting held July 19

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—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the renovation of the Council Chamber and Committee room, provided for in the Estimate, carried out during August.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd August, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall. and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Moore, and Wheeler (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—New Houses —Five tenders were received for the erection of 10 pairs on Non-Parlour type houses, with alternative tenders for 5 pairs of houses. RESOLVED, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and to the Sanction of the Ministry of Health to the loan required being obtained, That the tender of Mr. W. Drew of £9,700 for 10 pairs of Non-Parlour type houses be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the houses for the purposes 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 £5165 for the additional 5 pairs of houses not covered by the previous Sanction dated 8th June, 1927, including Architects fees and 5 per cent, for contingences.

2—Outbuildings-14 Shakespeare Road—A plan was submitted by Mr. F. C. L. Bendall of a shed erected by him at these premises. RESOLVED, That he be required to move the shed back in line with the side of the house.

3—Housing, etc. Act, 1923—Milton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted final certificate of completion of a detached house in this road erected by Mr. R. G. Morris. RESOLVED, That a subsidy of £100 be paid to him, subject to his undertaking to comply with the conditions made,

4—**Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee**—The Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 26th July, 1927. Present : Aldermen Bendall and Taylor and Councillors Dicks and Dunn.

Gardens—(i.) The Sub-Committee reported that they had awarded the prizes as follows :—

Houses purchased from the Corporation :-

43 Milton Road ...	First Prize—£1.
6 Byron Road	“ —£1.
106 Tennyson Road ..	Second Prize-7s 6d.
68 Byron	“ —7s 6d.
56 “	Prize of 5s
103 Tennyson	“ 5s
31 Milton	“ 5s

Houses owned by the Corporation ;—

52 Tennyson Road ...	First Prize—£1.
19 Byron	Prize of 10s
14 Tennyson	“ 10s
12 “	“ 10s
25 Byron	“10s
21 “	” 10s

(ii,) They also recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the occupiers of houses whose gardens were considered to be in a bad state of cultivation.

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

5—Application for Houses—Letters applying for houses from the Chief Constable, J. Tarren, F. T. Baker, and J. Reardon were considered. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot give any preference to them but that they be added to the waiting list.

6—Houses Gloucester Road Frontage—Read, letter from Mr. R. S. Hearn asking for the first refusal of the first house from Cheltenham on the Gloucester Road frontage, when the purchase price was . RESOLVED, That he be given the first refusal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd August, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 22nd inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 15th July to the 18th August, 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 11th August, 1927, 843 loads collected, 793 consumed and 50 tipped away. Weight consumed 836 tons, 9 cwts.

3—Oriel Road—Trees—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. D. V. Davies with regard to trees outside the Ellenborough Hotel. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

4—All Saints' Road—Tree—Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr. W. J. Bache asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to remove the tree outside " Eythorn " in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

5—Motor Car—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. C. W. Dennis to purchase the old Chevrolet Motor Car for £15 be accepted.

6—Mechanical Trailers—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was now desirable to order three additional trailers for refuse collection. RESOLVED, That this be authorised.

7—Destructor Works --The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plan of proposed extension of Destructor and reported that having regard to the condition of the present furnaces it was desirable to consider the provision of the extension as soon as possible. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Bendall) the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Capt. Trye) and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to interview the Inspector of House Refuse of the Ministry of Health thereon, and prepare a scheme for submission to the Committee.

8—St. Luke's Road—Tree—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mrs. N. Whitely with regard to tree opposite 5 Kilchberg Villas in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

9—Tree Planting—Read, Circular from the Divisional Road Engineer, Ministry of Transport, stating that the Golden Poplar was a suitable tree for road planting. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

10—Post Office Telegraphs—(a) Leckhampton Depot. RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department for consent to the placing of one pole, stay and underground cable in yard adjoining the Scouts Head-quarters, Moorend Road, be granted subject to a payment of 1s per annum and to the Postmaster making good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the works, the consent to be terminable by three months' notice in writing on either side.

(b) Hewlett Road.—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of underground Telegraph line along Hewlett Road, Battledown, be granted, upon the usual conditions as to the re-instatement of trenches.

11—Lansdown Road—Trees—Read, letter of 1st inst., from Mr G. H. Strick, suggesting the Corporation should take down each alternate tree in Lansdown Road as the trees in this road were overgrown and over-crowded. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

12—Classification of Roads—Grant—Read, circular No. 269 (Roads) of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Transport stating that the Government had decided that the percentage of grants in cases of Class 2 Roads and Bridges should be raised from 25 per cent. to 33 per cent. of the approved expenditure on improvement and maintenance as from the 1st April last.

13—Queen's Retreat—Road at rear of West Side—Private Improvement Works—Read, four letters from owners and occupiers in this road stating that the road was only used for Refuse Collection and by coal carts, etc., and asking the Corporation to amend the specification and provide for a cheaper construction. RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of owners and the small cost which will thus be apportioned against each owner, no alteration be made in the specification.

14—Bye-laws—Councillor Capt. Trye reported as to the interview which he and the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor had had with the Ministry of Health with regard to the draft Byelaws and a letter of 30th ultimo agreeing to the proposed alterations in Byelaw No 5 was read, With regard to Byelaw No 2 (j) (3) (ii) (b) the Minister of Health would agree to a distance of 15 feet instead of 10 feet if desired. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to adopt the Byelaws as now settled and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto and that formal application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation,

J. H. TRYE,
Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 22nd August, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Mann and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Dicks 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.
2363	Dancey, B. W.	Temporary Motor House, Kempsey, Charlton Lane, (Amended Plan),
2369	Johnstone, Canon P. M. C.	Temporary Motor House, All Saints Vicarage.
2370	Adams, Mrs. F.	Temporary Stables and Garage, rear of The Winnatts, Christ Church Road.
2371	Bendall & Sons, Messrs.	Detached House (Pilford Gardens), Old Bath. Road.
2372	King, Mrs.	Addition to back wing, 4 Queens Parade.
2373	Edwards, H.	New Lavatory, 10 Pittville Villas, Prestbury Road.
2374	Bowden, H. H.	New Brick Bungalow, Naunton Lane.
2375	Thomas, J.	Temporary Motor House, " Holmfirth," London Road.
2376	Yeaman, I. D.	Temporary Motor House, Leckhampton Lodge, Moorend Park Road.
2377	Huband, P. Y.	Detached Villa, Gloucester Road, Golden Valley, opposite The Mission Chapel
2378	Allen, C. C.	Temporary Motor Shelter, " Glenar buck Lodge," Park Place.
2379	Governors, General Hospital.	Extension to General Hospital, Sandford Road

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2371, 2372, 2373 and 2377 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2373 and 2377 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : that Plans Nos. 2363, 2370, 2375, 2376 and 2378 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. 2369, 2374 and 2379 be disapproved.

2—Contravention of Bye-laws—Rowan Road—Read, letter from Mr. E. Allen with regard to the Fish Bar erected by him in this road without approval. RESOLVED, That the building 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.

3--Plan No. 2372—Read, letter from Mr. F. B. do Sausmarez with regard to this plan, which provided for alterations to No. 4 Queens Parade, which he stated would affect the light and air of his house. RESOLVED, That Mr. de Sausmarez be informed that the proposed alterations conform with the Bye-laws.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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JOINT MEETING OF TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE AND PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Joint Meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee and Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee held on Wednesday, 17th August, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Sandford Park, Land in High Street—The Committee considered the desirability of purchasing the land having a frontage of 103 feet to High Street, belonging to the Gloucester Co-operative Society, Ltd., for laying out as an entrance to Sandford Park, and the Town Clerk read letter of the 13th August from the Society with regard thereto. RESOLVED, unanimously, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Society making a provisional offer of £1,000 for the land with an intimation that if the offer is accepted by the Society, the Corporation will erect in a suitable position in the ground a tablet recording the Society's assistance in securing this piece of land for the town.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th August, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Poster—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from Mr. Ed. J. Burrow enclosing copy of the new Cheltenham Poster, which would be posted at Railway Stations and on hoardings in large centres round the Midlands and in the North, and suggesting that the Chamber of Commerce should be asked to undertake the expense of posting a number of posters about the country, and that it would be possible to supply them with 500 copies. RESOLVED, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to consider the suggestion.

2—Town Hall—(a) Christian Endeavour Union—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from the President of the Cheltenham and District Christian Endeavour Union thanking the Corporation for the free use of the Large Hall for the Convention to be held on 7th April next.

(b) Journalists' Conference—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Mr. W. Ansell applying for the free use of a room at the Town Hall on 5th, 6th and 7th April next for the Journalists' Conference.

RESOLVED, That the application be granted, subject to payment of lighting, heating, and out-of-pocket expenses.

3—Winter Orchestra—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that during the week of the Meat Traders' Conference there would be no band, as the Winter Orchestra did not commence until the 10th October next. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Horace Teague to provide a Band of six musicians for one week commencing the 12th September to play each morning from 11.15 a.m. to 12 45 p.m., for the sum of £12 12s. 0d. be accepted.

4—Alstone Baths—Badminton—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Cheltenham Badminton Club, applying for the use of the Alstone Baths during the season 1927-28. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to let the Baths to the Club on the same terms as last year

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th August, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill—RESOLVED, That Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of this property. CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th August, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Sawyer, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Leckhampton Hill—Mr. Boulter attended and reported his negotiations for the purchase of this property. RESOLVED, unanimously, That a provisional Contract be entered into for the purchase of the whole of the property contained in the particulars of sale except field No. 351 at the price of £6,500. The property purchased comprises about 388 acres and includes the Leckhampton Hill and Quarries, Charlton Common, Southfield Farm and buildings and the Works Buildings and 8 Cottages. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £6,640 including stamp duty on the Conveyance and fee for negotiation,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd July, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Sawyer and Welstead ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard and J. Waine (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field Allotments—The Committee inspected the potatoes planted by the Corporation on these Allotments, which were overgrown with weeds and thistles, and the Borough Surveyor submitted alternative tenders from Mr. M. P. Davis for weeding the same. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. M. P. Davis of £12 for hand weeding the potatoes be accepted.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st July, 1927. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Gen. H. M. Thomas, H. W. Thomas and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Valuation Lists—(a) Read, circular of 20th instant from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Valuation Committee recommended that the second series of representations made by the Central Valuation Committee should be adopted by the several Rating Authorities in the County and suggested that the gross value of " tied " farm cottages should be fixed at £5 per cottage and also that woodlands should be assessed at a uniform value of 2s 6d. per acre exclusive of sporting rights and that the arrangements made in 1906 for the assessment of public elementary schools at a gross value of 6s - per scholar and 5s - per scholar rateable, should be continued, and that the secondary schools should be valued by Messrs. Eve & Sons. The circular also stated that Messrs. Eve & Sons would be prepared to value any properties not included among those covered by the agreed terms of remuneration at £2 per cent. on the existing rateable value subject to the existing minimum fee of £5 5s. 0d. per parish. The County Committee would contribute one-third of Messrs. Eve & Sons charges for any such valuation the remaining two-thirds being paid by the Authority requiring the valuation. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the circular letter be agreed to

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(b) The Clerk submitted 3 letters of the 14th instant from the Clerk to the Assessment Committee forwarding observations with regard to the draft valuation lists. RESOLVED, That the Clerk be instructed to arrange for a meeting of Representatives of the Assessment Committee to discuss the various points raised by them on the draft lists and that the Chairman (Alderman Taylor) and Councillor H. W. Thomas be appointed as representatives to attend this Meeting.

(c) Read, also letter from the Clerk to the Assessment Committee stating that the Committee had fixed Friday, 11th November for the date for the first Meeting for hearing objections to the draft lists and enclosing time table for the same.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th August, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Poor Rate---Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £75,748 0s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £4,735 9s 4d.

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £30,602 8s 4d. Leaving outstanding £1,904 1s. 7d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1927. Amount collected £16,270 3s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2,163 4s. 4d.

4-Loans-(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he received £4,300 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during July was 3,872, as compared with 4,664 for the corresponding month last year

6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £1,970 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—The Borough Treasurer reported that G. Ruck, Road Foreman, would retire on the 14th October next. His allowance for 33 years service reckoning £30 as annual value for house etc. worked out at £53 18s. 0d. per annum RESOLVED, That this pension be paid to him.

8—Municipal Offices—Ground Floor—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to provide screens for the front windows on the Ground Floor of the Offices.

9—Police Accounts—Read, letter of 6th instant from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee giving particulars of the expenditure in respect of the Reserve and Special Constables incurred in connection with the General Strike and Coal Dispute amounting to £5,949, half of which would be claimed as a grant from the Treasury and asking if the Corporation were prepared to pay their share of the balance which would be approximately £496. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to pay this sum as the cost of the Reserve and Special Constables is not provided for in the Agreement.

10—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Ward and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st September, 1927.

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 September, 1927, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :--

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND
PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS JOINT COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA
COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE RATING
COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To fill up vacancies on Education Committee which will be caused by expiration on 5th
September next of terms of office of the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. E. Bourne and
also vacancy caused by death of the late Mr. H. V. Page.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

NOTE.—A Meeting of the Council in Committee will be held at the conclusion of the Council
Meeting.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th September, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the
MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of October, 1927, 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

4. To fill up vacancy on Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. H. V. Page.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and
held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th September, 1927, at 3 p.m.**

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.)

Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, J.P., Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Ward, Welstead and Wheeler, M.B.E.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Bendall and Steel ; Councillors Capt. Trye, C.B.E., and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly

Meeting of the Council held on the 25th July last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Housing... Meeting held August 3

Street and Highway Meeting held August 22

Town Improvement and Spa and Parks and Recreation Grounds Joint Committee Meeting held August 17

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held August 17

Allotments Meeting held July 22

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held August 10 and 11

Rating Meeting held July 21

Finance Meeting August 30

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-Education Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. E. Bourne be re-appointed Members of the Education Committee, their term of Office to expire on the 5th September, 1930.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, 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, 3rd October, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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. :-1 to 4 Upper Bath Street ; 14 Albion Street ; 1 Woodbine Cottages ; 34 and 36 St. Paul's Street North ; 51 Sun Street ; 22, 23 and 33 Queen Street ; 2 Newbury Cottages, Queen Street ; 6 Christ Church Terrace ; 44, 45, 46 and 46a New Street ; Cottage at rear of 45 New Street ; and 43 Swindon Street. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 18 Waterloo Street ; St. Alban's Cafe, Manchester Street, and 8 Victoria Place, Fairview—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 1 to 6 Moorend Parade—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 14th March last the drainage and sanitary work required to these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore at a cost of £90. 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 Notices of the apportionment be served upon the owners and Demands for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 8 Victoria Street, Fairview ; 8 Beaufort Buildings ; 3 Beaufort Place ; 5 and 6 Belmont Terrace ; 14 Albion Street : 1, 2 and 3 Woodbine Cottages, Gosditch Lane ; 6 Christ Church Terrace, Malvern Road ; 51 Sun Street ; 52 Queen Street ; 31 Albert Street ; 2 Butts Cottages, Lower Park Street; 20 and 45 Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. 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) 38 Fairview Road—It was reported that the sum of £12 7s. 6d. together with interest, was due in respect of this property for sanitary work carried out under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, That Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles be appointed Receiver of the rent of the said premises and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

4—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1878—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. T. Carpenter of 26 Bath Street, Cheltenham to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk be not granted as the premises are unsuitable.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. of beef.

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance

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7—Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—re Mr. A. B. Hudson—Read, letter from Mr. A. E. Hudson asking that the rate of his superannuation allowance should be reconsidered. RESOLVED, That further consideration be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Sanitary Inspector—(a) Clean Milk Course—Read, circular from the University of Bristol with regard to a course of six lectures on clean milk to be held at Gloucester at a fee of £1 1s. 0d. for the Course. RESOLVED, That Mr. F. R. Jefford be authorised to attend the Course.

(b) Agreement—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement to be entered into between the Corporation and Mr. F. R. Jefford on his appointment as Chief Sanitary Inspector in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Cottage at rear of 213 High Street—The Medical Officer of Health having made representation that this dwelling house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health so as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the same be closed, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that notice be given to the owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

(b) 1 to 4 Sun Street Retreat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were now being demolished by the owner so that it would be unnecessary to make a Demolition Order.

10—Children's Sand Pits—The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter received from the Ministry of Health together with his reply thereto with regard to the sand pits or sand heaps in Public Parks or other grounds for children to play in, which he was of opinion were most undesirable. RESOLVED, That the correspondence be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

11—Byelaws—Fouling of footways by dogs—RESOLVED, That the following byelaw made by the Council on the 7th December, 1925 and which would cease to be in force after the 7th December, 1927 be continued, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto and that application be made to the Home Office for confirmation thereof :---

"No person being in charge of a dog in any street or public place in the Borough and having the dog " on a lead shall allow or permit the dog to deposit its excrement upon the public footway. Any person " offending against this byelaw shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 40s,"

12—Visit to Sewage Works—Read, letter of 5th inst, from the Ministry of Health asking for facilities to be given to a delegation from the German Association for Hygiene visiting this country in order to study Water Works and Town Drainage, to visit the Sewage Disposal Works on Monday, the 19th inst. RESOLVED, That arrangements be made for the visit and that the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor be asked to show the delegation over the Works.

13—World's Dairy Congress—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates at this Conference to be held in this country next year. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

14—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 12th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James (in the chair), Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold.

(a) Letting of Farms—The Chairman reported the proceedings of a Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on the 8th instant, which was attended by Mr. G. P. Rymer. RESOLVED, That the Hayden Knoll and Barn Farms be let to Mr. G. P. Rymer of The Uplands, Malvern Road, Cheltenham, including the Farm Houses and 11 Cottages belonging to the farms, on a lease for 7 years from the 8th February, 1928 at a rent of £534 per annum including £9 for the sporting rights, the tenant paying usual rates taxes and outgoings and carrying out the usual repairs. The lease to contain covenants for the proper cultivation of the farms and a reservation for the Corporation to use the land required for the irrigation of the land of the sewage and storm water, such irrigation to be carried out by the Corporation watermen. RESOLVED, also, That notice be given to Mr R. J. Burton, the Farms' Manager to terminate his engagement on the 8th February, 1928 and also to the other employees on the farms and that notice be given to the tenants of the cottages, etc., included in the lease terminating their tenancies.

(b) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms' Manager dated 12th inst. Live Stock on the Farms on 12th inst., 10 horses, 99 head of cattle, 1 bull, 2 calves, 181 sheep, and 54 pigs. 47 ewes, 32 lambs, and 2 steers had been purchased for £223 15s. 0d. The purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £49 11s. 6d. Total purchases £273 6s. 6d The repairs to carts and a float cost £8 13s. 3d. 1 bullock, 1 cow, 1 calf, 2 heifers and 4 lambs had been sold for £98 12s. 1d, Since the last Meeting 35 pigs and 1 calf had been bred on the Farms and 1 pig crushed and 1 bullock had died being Tubercular.

(c) Fruit—The Farms' Manager reported that the sale of the fruit at the farms realised £40 10s. 0d.

(d) Farm House—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the roof of the farm house and also the kitchen range.

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(e))Ploughs-Resolved, That the Farms' Manager be authorised to obtain tenders for two ploughs and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender.

(f) Shooting-Resolved, That the offer of Mr. W. C. Unwin and Mr. G. McIlquham of £4 and £5 for the sporting rights of the Barn Farm and Shooting at Hayden Knoll Farm respectively, for this season, being the same terms as last year, be accepted.

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

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th September, 1927. Present--The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillor'. flicks, Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Ward (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

15—Letting of Farms -Lease—The Town Clerk submitted draft Lease. RESOLVED, That the same be approved as settled, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th September, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Wheeler (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Orchard—Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had disposed of the fruit in this orchard to Mr. G. Thorndale for the sum of £2 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Outbuildings—Woodside, Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the plan of a garage to be erected by Mr. R. G. Morris be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal.

3—Brooklyn Road—Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a Pavilion to be erected in the new Grammar School Playing Field off Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Assisted Scheme (1919) Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the painting of the exterior of 158 houses had cost £398 0s. 10d.

3—Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that five of the gardens found in an untidy condition were still in the same state. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write again to the tenants of these houses.

6-133 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from Mrs. A. Branson, who had rented a room at the above house for a small business as a ladies' hairdresser, asking for permission to exhibit a window card or business plate. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant of the house pointing out that his tenancy agreement does not permit him to let any part of the house.

7-3 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 27th ultimo, from the tenant of this house asking for permission to transfer to a cheaper house. RESOLVED, That the Slum Areas' Clearance Committee be recommended to let her No. 49 Malvern Street as the tenant of that house has been granted permission to transfer to a house on the Estate.

8—Applications for Houses—Letters applying for houses from Mrs. F. A. Moore and Messrs. F. T. Baker and F. J. Plenty were read. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot give any preference to them, but that they be added to the waiting list.

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9—New Houses—Read, letter of 30th inst., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the price of the 20 non-parlour houses, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Read, also, letter of

5th inst. from the Ministry enclosing Sanction to a loan of £5,165 for the additional 5 pairs of non-parlour houses to be erected in Spenser Road, and the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Drew had signed the Contract and commenced work on all the houses.

10—Subsidy House, off Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Mr. T. H. Hough, asking for permission to sell the house erected by him in April, 1925, in which he had undertaken to live for three years. RESOLVED, That consent be given, subject to Mr. Hough paying a proportionate value of the subsidy for the unexpired period to the purchaser of the house.

11-64 Byron Road—Read, letter of 12th inst., from Messrs. Heath & Eckersall, stating that the Purchaser of this house had arranged to sell it to Mrs. L. S. Derrick subject to the Mortgage to the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society in which the Cheltenham Corporation had joined as guarantors. RESOLVED, That the guarantee be continued for the benefit of the purchaser.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th September, 1927. Present—Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn and Yarnold (Councillor. Dicks in the chair).

1—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Read, letter of 8th July last, from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copy of the County Council Scheme for administration of this Act, as approved by the Ministry of Health and asking the Council to undertake on behalf of the County Council all the duties which the Act permits them so to undertake, viz. :—All duties connected with the administration of the Scheme other than the approval or disapproval of applications for assistance (including the method of such assistance), the payment of any grant or loan or instalment of a loan, or the institution of legal proceedings in the event of a breach of any of the conditions subject to which a grant or loan is made. The Corporation were also asked to bring the Scheme to the notice of persons in the Borough likely to be interested. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to co-operate with the County Council and to undertake the duties above mentioned.

2—Hanover Street—(a) Mr. Malvern reported as to these houses. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Contractors urging the importance of completing as many of the houses as possible by the 30th inst. in order to secure the full subsidy.

(b) RESOLVED, That the two roads on this site be named " Manser Street" and "Hudson Street

3-49 Malvern Street—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to the tenants of this house and No. 3 Tennyson Road exchanging houses.

4—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Sac for additional Houses-(a) Folley Lane—Davis's Land—RESOLVED, That the negotiations for the purchase of this land be now proceeded with.

(b) Swindon Road North—The Committee considered reference from the Public Health Committee with regard to land in Swindon Road North. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to value the land.

(c) Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering to sell 3i acres of land at the rear of The Vineyards, Gloucester Road at the price of £1,200. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

5—Selection of Tenants—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Dicks), Councillors Bastin and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications received for the tenancies of houses and to select suitable applicants, and that Mr. Hudson be asked to report as to the circumstances of applicants recommended for preferential consideration by the Public Health Committee.

6—Meetings—RESOLVED, That Monthly Meetings of this Committee be held on the Tuesday in the second week preceding the Council Meeting, at 11.30 a.m.

WALTER J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th September, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 6th and 27th 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 the 19th August to the 15th September, 1927, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 8th September, 1927, 636 loads collected, 630 consumed and 6 tipped away. Weight collected 668 tons 7 ½ cwts. Weight consumed 661 tons, 17 ½ cwts.

3—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th inst. :—Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows :—(a) Promenade—That the application of Miss Jenkins for the removal of a tree outside 2 Cambridge Villas be not granted.

(b) Lansdown Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark the alternate trees proposed to be removed and that these be viewed again at the next meeting.

(c) Lansdown Place—That the application of the Rev. J. Laurence Green for removal of a tree outside "Mayfield" and for the lopping of other trees be not granted, but that the trees be well pruned.

(d) Montpellier Parade—That the application of Mrs. Montagu Lloyd for the removal of a tree in front of the Imperial Nursing Home be not granted.

(e) Oriel Road—That the further applications of Mr. D. V. Davies for the removal of a tree at the corner of Wellington Street and also a tree on the opposite of Oriel Road be not granted, and that the portion of Minute No. 4 of this Committee authorising the removal of 2 trees in the road passed on the 18th July, 1927, be rescinded.

(f) All Saints' Road—That the portion of Minute No. 4 passed on the 18th July, 1927, authorising the removal of a tree outside "Eythorn" in this road be rescinded, and that the application of Mr. S. H. Harris for removal of a tree outside 2 Glenfall Terrace be not granted.

(g) Prestbury Road—That the application of Mrs. Molyneux and Mrs. Parker for the removal of a chestnut tree opposite Nos. 5 and 6 Pittville Villas and for a silver birch tree to be planted in its place be not granted, but that a chestnut tree at the junction of Prestbury and Whaddon Roads be removed.

(h) Whaddon Road—That small flowering trees be planted on each side of this road.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

4—Tree Planting—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Golden Poplar, recommended by the Ministry of Transport for street planting, was not suitable for planting in town streets owing to its vigorous growth.

5—Park Place—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the condition of the footpath on the east side of this street, between Grafton Road and Andover Road, RESOLVED, That this be viewed at the next meeting.

6—Classification of Roads—Grant—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th inst., from the County Surveyor stating that the increased percentage of grants in the case of Class II roads and bridges, recently approved by the Ministry of Transport, would be allowed to the Corporation and would be about £215 per year.

7—Pittville Circus—Councillor Pates reported that Mr. Dickinson was willing to fence this garden and asked to be supplied with some old railings now at the Depot for this fencing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply the old railings from Sandford Park at 2s 6d per yard.

8—Water Trough—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Chairman of the Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire Branch of the R.S.P.C.A., stating that his Committee were anxious to erect a water trough in the town as a memorial to the late Mrs. Daubeny and asking the Committee to suggest a suitable site for the erection of the trough. RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that no additional water troughs are required in the Borough and suggest that the memorial should take some other form.

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9—Telegraph Lines--(a) St. Luke's Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Post Office that the pole recently erected in this road without the approval of the Corporation might remain for a few when it was hoped to remove the pole altogether. RESOLVED, That the pole be allowed to remain for a period not exceeding 3 months.

(b) Wellington Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for the consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line with one pole in Wellington Street be granted, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to 6 feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole if required.

10—Queen's Retreat, Road at rear of West Side--Private Improvement Works--Read, three further letters from Owners in this road asking the Corporation to amend the specification and to provide for a cheaper construction. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

11—Chelt Fence—The Borough Surveyor submitted account of the cost of the repairs to the fence against the Chelt in the pathway of St. George's Place. RESOLVED, That application be made to the adjoining ("ben for the cost of the fence abutting on their property.

12—Parabola Road—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mrs. Rose du Boulay asking for the removal of a tree outside Marchmont in this road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the View Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 6th September, 1927, Present—Councillors Mann and Gen. Thomas (Gen. Thomas 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.
2369	Johnstone, Canon P. M. C.	Temporary Motor House, All Saints Vicarage (Amended Plan).
2374	Bowden, H. H.	New Bungalow, Naunton Lane (Amended Plan).
2379	Governors, General Hospital	Extension of General Hospital.
2380	Stranger, Mrs. C.	Detached House, Pilley Lane.
2381	Lewis, D.	New kitchens and bath rooms, at rear of 16-17 Lansdown Crescent.
2382	Frame, H. E.	Extension of Dining room, Littlecote, Old Bath Road.
2383	Kenny, T. E.	Temporary Motor House, Duddage House, Trafalgar Place, St. Margaret's Road,
2384	Bendall & Sons, Messrs.	8 Semi-detached Houses, Keynsham Road.
2385	Pearman, M.	New Dairy, Leckhampton Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2374, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2384 and 2385 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2379 and 2381 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : that Plan No. 2369 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. 2383 be disapproved.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th September, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks and Mann (Councillor Dicks 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.
2387	The Cheltenham Newspaper Co. Ltd.	Internal Alterations, Crescent Terrace.
2388	Smurthwaite, Dr.	Temporary Motor House, Dumfries House, Bayshill Road.
2389	Griffin, Mr. F. G.	Temporary Motor House and Summer House, Tivoli Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 2387 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 2388 and 2389 be disapproved ; and that the site of the latter be viewed by the Committee.

W. J. M. DICKS. Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Thomas and Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—(a) Gala—RESOLVED, That the free use of these Baths be granted to the Cheltenham Schools' Swimming Association on Friday, 23rd inst., for annual Gala. RESOLVED, also, That 12 full season tickets and 12 half season tickets be given for competition by children who have passed their Life Saving Examination as in previous years.

(b) Chairs—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for 150 chairs to be stored at the Baths in order to avoid the frequent cartage and that the charge for the hire of the chairs for each Gala etc. be 15s

2-Town Hall—(a) Organ—Read, letters from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that the Organ would be completed by the end of January, 1928 and that he had arranged with Sir Herbert Brewer to open the organ with two recitals, one in the afternoon at 3 p.m. and one in the evening at 8 p.m. Read, also, correspondence with the British Broadcasting Corporation with regard to broadcasting the Opening Evening Recital which they were prepared to do but they were unable to offer any fee for this. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that arrangements be made for the opening of the organ on Wednesday, 15th February and that it be left to the Concerts Sub-Committee to arrange the details in conjunction with Mr. Burrow.

(b) Federation of British Musical Industries—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce asking the Corporation to support the invitation made to this Federation to hold its Annual Convention in Cheltenham next year. RESOLVED, That the Corporation join in the invitation to the Federation and that the free use of the necessary accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Convention subject to the payment of Lighting, Heating and out-of-pocket expenses.

(c.) Catering—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the Catering rights at the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

3—Advertising—Cheltenham Poster—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. E. J. Burrow enclosing list of 74 railway stations at which arrangements had been made to display the new poster.

4—Winter Garden—(a) Chess Club—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of this Club stating that as they were unable to find suitable accommodation for the Chess Club they were proposing to erect a Pavilion if the Corporation would grant them a suitable site either at the Winter Garden or Montpellier Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request.

(b) Empire Marketing Board—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd, asking that the large board erected near the main entrance to these Gardens should be moved. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the Company moving the board at their own expense to another site in the gardens in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor subject to the approval of the Empire Marketing Board.

(c) Church Congress—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co. Ltd. letting the two transepts of the Winter Garden for an exhibition to be arranged in connection with the Church Congress to be held in Cheltenham in September, 1928.

5—Sandford Park—(a) Cycling—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report from the Park Constable with regard to cycling in Sandford Park on the 8th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the offender and that the Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report as to the best means of preventing cycling along the public path

(b) High Street Entrance—RESOLVED, That Mr. Edward White be instructed to prepare a rough sketch and estimate of the cost of laying out this land as an entrance to the Park.

6—Great Western Railway—The Town Clerk reported that the Great Western Railway Company had arranged to commence on Monday, the 26th inst., a new Buffet Car Express from London to Cheltenham leaving London at 5 p.m. arriving at Cheltenham at 7.30 p.m. and they had applied for permission to display at the Town Hall and other suitable prominent positions Bills giving the times of trains from Cheltenham and of the Cheap Day and Half-Day Trips. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to display these Bills on suitable boards to be provided by the Company at the Town Hall, outside the Municipal Offices, and at the Montpellier Gardens.

7—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 30th ult., and 13th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows (a) Montpellier Gardens—That Mr. Aubrey Standing be granted the use of the Montpellier Pavilion for the week commencing 5th inst. for an Operatic Week, the Corporation to receive 60% of the takings and do the necessary advertising.

(b) Morning Concerts—That Mr. Aubrey Standing be asked to supply the Morning Concerts as hitherto until the 24th inst., at £3 3s. 0d. per week with the exception of the week commencing 12th inst. when Mr. Teague's Orchestra is engaged.

(c) Town Hall—(i) That a "Shell" sounding board be provided for the new Dance Band at an estimated cost of £20.

(ii) That a new moveable platform be provided for the Drawing Room at an estimated cost of £10.

(d) Dance Tea—That Exhibition Dancers be engaged for the opening Dance Tea on the 14th October at a cost of £5 5s. 0d. plus travelling expenses.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1927, at the Town Hall.

Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, Welstead and Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

8—Sandford Park—(a) High Street Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary sketch and plan of the lay out by Mr. Edward White. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimate of the cost of the proposed lay out.

(b) Co-operative Society—Mr. J. Ratcliffe, President, Mr. T. W. Narcott, and Mr. J. Jackson, Manager, attended as a deputation from the Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd.. and stated that their Committee had now agreed to recommend, at their next half yearly meeting in November, the sale of the land in High Street to the Corporation for £1,000 subject to a suitable tablet being erected on the land recording the Society's assistance in securing this piece of land for the Town. RESOLVED, That a tablet in bronze or stone be placed in the front wall of the proposed entrance with the following words :—

" This tablet commemorates the generous help of the Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd., " in assisting to the equivalent of half of its value in securing this site as an entrance to "Sandford Park."

(c) Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws for the regulation of this Park and also the Agg-Gardner, Whaddon Lane, and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds. RESOLVED, That the draft as now settled be approved and submitted for the approval of the Ministry of Health.

(d) Fish—RESOLVED, That the Water Committee be asked to supply some fish from Dowdeswell for Sandford Park.

(e) re Mr. Horsley's Gift—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from Mr. W. H. Horsley with regard to the tablet to be erected recording his gift of £500. RESOLVED, That the following tablet be erected :—" A sum of £1,000 was subscribed towards the cost of this Park by a number of generous " residents including a gift of £500 from William Henry Horsley, Esq., a life-long resident " of Cheltenham and a lover of the children."

(f) Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Unwin had now given authority for the fountain to be ordered from Mr. Gilbert Boulton, and he had written on behalf of Mr. Unwin giving the order for the fountain.

9—Town Hall—(a) Organ Loft—RESOLVED, That the two top doors of the organ loft be bricked up on the inner side.

(b) Seats—RESOLVED, That the seats in the Organ loft be upholstered.

(c) Opening of Organ—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the British Broadcasting Corporation agreeing to broadcast Sir Herbert Brewer's organ recital on the 15th February, 1928 between 8 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Catering—RESOLVED, That the tender of the Cadena Cafe Co. (being the only tender received) for the right to provide teas and refreshments at the Municipal Concerts, Dance Teas and Long Night Dances during the Winter Season 1927-28 be accepted.

(e) Orchestral Concerts—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mr. Lewis Hann stating that the Committee who had organised the Orchestral Concert in honour of Mr. Gustav Hoist, had been asked to organise a series of evening concerts. They proposed to have three concerts during the season and engage the City of Birmingham Orchestra. The "Holst " Committee aimed solely to promote the love of fine orchestral music and add to the artistic life of the town, and they asked that in lieu of the usual scale of charges for the Town Hall the Corporation should accept 25 per cent. of the net profits at the end of the series. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

10—Pittville Pump Room—RESOLVED, That the use of the Pittville Pump Room be granted to Miss M. S. Harries for the Winter Season for Badminton at a charge of £15 inclusive of lighting and heating.

JAMES STE WART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st September, 1927, Present—
Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Bann, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair),

1—Westal Green Sub-Station—(a) Tank—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the removal of the tank was satisfactorily carried out on the 3rd ult., and he recommended that this should be repainted. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the brass plate recording the gift of the tank from the National Savings Committee be affixed to the tank.

(b) Contract—Read, letters from the National Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers with regard to the worked stone to be used in the Contract, together with the Town Clerk's replies thereto.

2—Railway Wagons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the agreement with the Wagon Repairs Ltd., expired on the 31st ult. The Company had offered a new Contract for a period of 7 years at a charge of £6 10s. 0d. per wagon. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Corporation embodying the terms.

3—Stores, St. George's Place—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect a lean-to shelter on the land now rented for stores in St. George's Place, at an estimated cost of £54

4—Winter Load--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as the existing feeder cables from the Electricity Works to the Town will be heavily loaded this winter, he proposed to utilise two of the existing public lighting feeders by converting them temporarily into Private supply feeders, and that in order to do this it would be necessary to install two automatic time switches. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to purchase two switches at a cost of £33 13s. 4d. each.

5—Cleeve Hill Supply—(a) Cable—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the laying of the cables to supply Cleeve Hill had been commenced.

(b) Transformer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was in negotiation with the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd., to lease a small piece of land in the Rising Sun Lane for a site for a Transformer Kiosk. RESOLVED, That the land be taken on lease on the terms recommended by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

(c) Mill Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged for a Transformer Kiosk to be fixed in Mill Lane and for a Switch Pillar in Noverton Lane, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Loan—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £3,886 0s. 0d. for the cost of the extra high pressure cable from Prestbury to the Rising Sun Hotel, Cleeve Hill.

(e) Service Cable Charges—RESOLVED, That the charges in the Added Area for service cables be as follows :—

0.022 sq. in, low pressure concentric cable 1s 6d per foot.

0.06 sq. in. “ “ “ “ 2s 6 ”

0.10 sq. in. “ “ “ “ 3s 2d “

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—St. Paul's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a motor car belonging to Mr. R. Masters, to a lamp standard in this road, amounting to £7 13s. 6d. The Town Clerk reported that he had applied to Mr. Masters for the cost of replacing the standard and submitted application from him for a reduction of the claim. RESOLVED, That the sum of £5 be accepted in full settlement, and that payment of this sum be accepted by 5 monthly instalments.

7—Assessment of Undertaking—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of objection to the Assessment Committee to the new Assessment thereof.

8—Gas Regulation Act, 1920—Gas Examiner—Seven applications were received for this appointment, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. A. C. Saxby of 6 Jersey Place, Cheltenham, at a salary of £28 per annum, and that the County Council and Charlton Kings Urban District Council be asked to approve of the appointment.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1927, which showed the calorific value to be 472.9 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 13th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 25th and 27th July and 6th and 20th ult., which showed the calorific value to be 468.8, 491.6, 457.0, 452.4, 490.7, 475.6, 464.4 and 466.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 4.1, 4.5, 4.5, 4.4, 4.4, 4.6, 4.6 and 4.0 inches.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th September, 1927, Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Bastin, Dunn and Pates (The 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 15th August, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during Past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	146,000 gallons	152,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	351,000 "	343,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	69,000	62,000
Total	566,000	557,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th August, 1927.		15th August, 1926.	
Hewletts		14,444,000 gall		14,263,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 8in.	26,151,000	18ft. 0in.	37,205,000 "
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		41,675,000		52,818,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 12th September, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	165,000 gallons	145,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	501,000	337,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	60,000	49,000
Total	726,000	531,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th September, 1927.		14th September, 1926.	
Hewletts		17,878,000 gallons		15,290,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	15ft. 9in.	29,555,000	13ft. 1in.	21,490,000
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000	7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		48,648,000		37,725,000

Pumping was commenced at Sandford on the 26th July and at Tewkesbury on the 9th August.

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2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the and August had been as follows :--

	During July, 1927.	During August, 1927.	During past 5 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,607	937	7,135
“ taps found leaking	74	78	508
“ defective flushing boxes ...	24	21	127
“ defective stop taps ...	2	3	42
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	74 <u>30</u>	64 <u>43</u>	
	104	107	638
“ notices served re fittings	54	51	323
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	97	72	421
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc)	33	47	252
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	13	26	89
“ burst pipes discovered	6	10	58

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

Sluice Valves fixed ...	3
Sluice Valves repaired ...	5
Mains repaired 5
New Valve Hydrants fixed	3
New Mains laid	3
Hydrants repaired	12

4—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that tenders were invited for the supply of 400 to 500 tons of coal and that 17 tenders were received. On the recommendation of Councillor Pates the Chairman accepted the tenders of Mr. J. S. Nott and Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. for 3 inch Eastern United Coal at 19s 5d. per ton. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Contracts.

5—Sandford Park—Fountain—RESOLVED, That a small pump be installed for this fountain instead of using the water direct from the main.

6—Water Regulations—The Committee considered draft Water regulations to be made under Section 88 of Corporation Water Act, 1878. RESOLVED, That the draft be approved and be submitted for the approval of the Ministry of Health,

7—Ashchurch Water Supply—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council stating that at the present time the pressure of the supply to this Parish was so low that the supply of water in the event of fire could only be given at the rate of about 3 gallons per minute and asking the Corporation to consider the matter with a view to improving the pressure. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimate of the cost for enlarging this main for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

8—Assessment of Undertaking—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of objection to the Assessment Committee to the new assessment thereof,

9—River Severn Survey—The Second and Supplemental Reports on the Intensive Examination (Physical, Chemical and Bacteriological) of the River Severn above Worcester, carried out by the Worcester County Council, were submitted. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Arrears—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.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th September, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pruen, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. T. Bishop and E. C. Martin for Licences Nos. 31 and 50 to be transferred to Motor Cabs Nos. 01839 and MD5428 respectively, be granted.

(b) New Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of W. H. Kent of 22 Windsor Street for a licence in respect of Motor Cab No. EL1265, be granted.

(c) Conductors—RESOLVED, That Conductors Licences be issued to Leslie G. F. Chaplin of the Poplar Cafe, Montpellier, Cheltenham ; William G. Richings of 128 Slad Road, Stroud and Charles Ernest Willett of Sandford House, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

(d) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers Licences be issued to Wilfred Coates of Yanworth, Glos., and William Parker of 31 St. Paul's Street North, Cheltenham.

3—One-Way Traffic—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Chief Constable with regard to Councillor Capt. Trye's scheme for one-way traffic in the Colonnade and Clarence Street. Read, also, Report from Supt. Lane with regard thereto. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Chief Constable be asked to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

4—Street Trading—Read, letter of 13th ult., from the Manager of the National Provincial Bank, High Street, complaining of obstruction caused by Street Hawkers outside his Bank. Read, also, letter from Supt. Lane with regard thereto, stating that since the Order as to Street Trading had been in operation, the Street Traders had been allowed to stand in Cambray, provided they caused no obstruction outside the Bank, and on no occasion had an offence been witnessed by the Police to justify any proceedings. RESOLVED, That the Police be instructed to take proceedings if necessary to prevent obstruction.

5—Petrol Licences—(a) 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.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. H. Horsman for a licence to store 300 gallons of petroleum spirit in a pump store at his garage in Roman Road, be granted.

6—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that there had been no outbreak of fire since the last Meeting of the Committee, but on the 2nd inst. the Brigade was called to a serious fire at Apperley, but as this was outside the area, the Brigade did not attend.

(b) Lieutenant—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mr. A. Dodwell resigning his appointment as Lieutenant in the Brigade.

(c) Withington—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from the Clerk to the Withington Parish Council, asking for a reply to their previous application for the services of the Fire Brigade. RESOLVED, That an agreement be entered into with the Withington Parish Council to provide the services of the Fire Brigade for this Parish in consideration of an annual payment of £5, the agreement to be determinable by either party by six months' notice.

7—Municipal Offices—(a) Screens—RESOLVED, That opaque glass screens be provided for the windows of the Borough Treasurer's Department.

(b) Picture by Louthenberg—RESOLVED, That the picture " The Castle of Chillon, Switzerland," by P. J. de Louthenberg, R.A., which was originally loaned from the Art Gallery for the Committee Room, be returned to the Art Gallery.

8—Parking Place, Promenade—Attendant—RESOLVED, That the Attendant at this Parking Place be paid £2 10s. per week, and that he be provided with a new uniform at a cost not exceeding £5.

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9—Leckhampton Estate--(a) The Town Clerk reported that an Order had been made by the Court confirming the Contract of Sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter be instructed to prepare a Report on the whole of the property.

(b) Bronze Age Camp—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mr. E. J. Burrow, offering to provide a plan and the necessary description of the rampart of a clearly defined earthwork enclosure or camp of the Bronze Age on the Hill RESOLVED, That this be accepted with thanks, and that a suitable frame for the plan be provided and erected near the entrance to the camp enclosure.

(c) Read, letters of 8th and 15th inst. from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and the National Citizens' Union expressing their hearty approval of purchase of this Estate.

10—Railway Fares—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the London Chamber of Commerce, who had had under consideration for some time the desirability of inducing the Railway Companies to extend their tourist ticket facilities into the winter months for certain selected watering places and spas, and asking the Council to support the representations made on this subject, to the Railway Clearing House. RESOLVED, That this Council are strongly in favour of the proposal of reduced fare facilities on the Railways to Cheltenham and similar places during the winter.

11—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—The proposals of the Sanitary Inspector for a Rat Week commencing on the 31st October were submitted and approved,

12—Shops Act, 1912—Certificate of Exemption—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 4 (6) and Schedule of the Shops Act, 1912, in respect of the Industrial Trades Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from September 27th to the 7th October next inclusive, as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition would be ancillary and subsidiary to the main purpose of the Exhibition, which is Advertisement.

13—Charity Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1925—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Secretary, Charity Commission enclosing Notice that an Order was proposed to be made by the Charity Commissioners, extending these Acts to the Samaritan Fund of the Cheltenham General Hospital, and asking for any observations or objections the Corporation may have to make thereon, RESOLVED, That no objections be made.

14—Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 11th ult., from the Ministry of Transport enclosing copy of this Order. The Order fixed limits for the first time to the overall length and amount of overhang of all heavy motor cars, and also prescribed the turning circle and the clearance of underparts of heavy motor cars used as public service vehicles.

15—Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution—Read, circular from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, asking the Corporation to contribute towards the expenses of the investigation of atmospheric pollution, and inviting the appointment of delegates to a standing conference. RESOLVED, That no action be taken,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1927, Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Wheeler, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Prizes—Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend reported that they had inspected all the allotments and had now made their final awards. The prize money of £7 6s. 0d. had divided between 13 allotments holders as follows:—First Prize £2 2s. 0d. ; Second Prize £1 5s. 0d. ; Third Prize 16s ; two prizes of 10s ; three prizes of 6s and five prizes of 5s. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the best thanks of the Committee be accorded to the Judges.

2—Rainbow Field—RESOLVED, That Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange for lifting the potatoes in this field.

3—Allotments Nos. 14 Albert Road, 52 Asquith Road and 14 Baglins Piece—It was reported that these allotments were still in a bad state of cultivation. RESOLVED, That six months' notice be given to the tenants terminating their tenancies.

4—Allotments, North Ward—The Town Clerk read Report of Mr. J. Pounsett on the condition of various allotments in the North Ward, the tenants of which had been given notice terminating their tenancies. RESOLVED, That the notices to terminate the tenancies of Nos. 164, 165, 167, 168 and 189 be withdrawn, as these allotments have now been put into a proper state of cultivation.

5—Allotment No. 30 Creamery Piece—RESOLVED, That the half of this allotment which is being given up by Mr. W. Mundock, be let to Mr. H. Jones, the tenant of the other half of the allotment.

W. WELSTEAD.

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the use of the ground be granted for the Naunton Park School Sports to be held on the 14th inst.

9-Pittville Estate—(a) St. Aryans, Evesham Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a Motor Garage proposed to be erected at this house. RESOLVED, That the same be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) 10 Pittville Villas—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of W.C. proposed to be erected at this house, also letter from Miss M. E. Lyon, the occupier of No. 9 Pittville Villas, with regard thereto. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) Waterfowl—Read, letter from Mrs. Littledale asking for the return of one of the black swans presented by her, as the other one had been killed by one of the white swans. RESOLVED, That this request be agreed to, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of the old white swans on both lakes which would be replaced by the young cygnets.

(b) Grammar School Fete—Read, letter of 18th July last, from the Hon. Secretary, Grammar School Loan Fund, thanking the Corporation for the use of the Gardens for their Garden Fete.

(c) Tennis Courts—Read, Report from the Park Constable that several tennis players had been using the tennis courts in the Lawn Garden without obtaining season or admission tickets. RESOLVED, That a clause be inserted in next year's agreements for the letting of the courts, requiring all tennis players who are not residents on the Pittville Estate to obtain Season Tickets.

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4—Wellington Square—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. Evans of Cedarholme, Wellington Square, for a key to the gate across the lane at the back of this Square. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Playing Field, Swindon Road—Read, letters from the Education Secretary asking the Council to appoint a caretaker for this Playing Field, and also asking them to refund to the Education Committee the sum of paid to Mr. L. V. Gardner, whom they had engaged as caretaker during August. RESOLVED, That the £6 be paid, but that consideration of the further engagement of a caretaker be adjourned until next Spring.

6—Byelaws —Dogs—Read, letter of 23rd July last, from the Ministry of Health approving of the draft byelaws, which had been amended so as to be applicable to the Pittville Pump Room Garden and the Marle Hill Annexe only. RESOLVED, That the byelaws in accordance with the draft approved by the Ministry of Health be adopted, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof

7—Clarence Square—Trees—Read, Report from the Park Constable as to damage caused to two trees in Clarence Square by four boys, amounting to £1. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be asked to take proceedings against the offenders for wilful damage.

8—Football Pitches—Read, application from the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday Football Club for a football pitch. RESOLVED, That they be granted permission to play on Wednesday afternoons at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground subject to the usual conditions. Read, also, application from the All Saints Wednesday A.F.C. for a football pitch. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

9—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Hockey—RESOLVED, That permission be granted for a Ladies' Hockey Team attached to the St. Gregory's Rugby F.C. to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, so far as accommodation is available.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During July and August 10,705 (against 9,352) ; daily average 202 (against 176). Included in these figures were classes from :—Practising School ; Brunswick Sunday School, Gloucester ; Whitechapel ; Ladies' College ; St. Mark's School ; Forest of Dean ; Chipping Campden ; and Parish School.

Receipts—Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £16 4s. 9d. ; Permanent Catalogues 916 ; Collection Box £9 8s. 8d. ; Postcard Reproductions 17s 6d ; Commission—Photographic Exhibition 3s 9d ; Contribution towards expenses of Photographic Exhibition £1 0s. 0d. ; Miscellaneous £1 7s. 0d. Total £29 11s. 2d.

Jubilee Exhibition—Open from 27th June to 31st August. Visited by 11,667 people—a daily average of 205. Proceeds from Catalogues, Collection Box, etc., amounted to £35 1s. 0d., and with £50 contribution from the Jubilee Celebrations Committee, the cost to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee would be about £25. RESOLVED, That this Committee record their appreciation of the Curator's work in organising the Exhibition.

Exhibitions—The Gallery had been re-hung with the Permanent Collection, 36 Canadian Paintings by Mrs. M. E. Dignam, and 36 Facsimiles of Famous Foreign Masterpieces.

Repairs and Storage Shelving—The Curator reported that sundry repairs, storage shelving, and display boards had been attended to during the past two months at a cost of £8 8s. 9d.

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2—Donations---(a) Paintings—From Miss Emily Sargent, London, Oil Painting, "Sunset in Provence," by Adrian Stokes' R.A., exhibited in the R.A., 1927 ; Lady Dixon Hartland, Oil Painting, "An Interior," by L. Campbell Taylor A.R.A. ; Mr. G. G. Brodie, J.P. (O.C.), Cheltenham, Oil Painting, "The Cottage Door," by William Shayer, senior: 1847.

(b) Decorative Art—From Mrs. F. L. Courroux, Bath, Silver Tea Service (1799 and 1809), Pair of Silver Salt Cellars (1791) ; Two Pepper Castors (1788 and 1794) ; Two 7s pieces mounted as earrings (1798), and Oak Tea Caddy ; Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez, M.A., J.P., Examples from Pompeii, 1834 :—Vase and Lamp in red pottery, and Fragments of tessellated pavement and interior wall decoration ; The late Miss A. M. Gurney, Pottery from Athens, 1893 :— Aryballos, Two-handed Depas, and Kylix ; Mr. W. H. Knowles, F.S.A., Roman Pottery discovered at Corstopitum (Corbridge-on-Tyne), 1908-14 ; Lady Sandys, Nailsworth, Boquet Holder of Cuttack Jewellery. (c) Miscellaneous—Mr. N. W. Greengrass, Grass Snake, found at Prestbury ; Mr. E. Loud, Prehistoric Flint, found at Hewletts Farm ; Dr. O. H. Wild, M.B., Quoit, dug up at Shurdington ; Mr. H. E. Branch, Cannon Ball, weight 3 lb. 14 ozs., found in or in close proximity to Gloucester ; probably used in the siege, 1643, during the Royalist and Parliamentary conflict in Gloucestershire. Given to the late Mr. John Sawyer, J.P., C.A., and subsequently passed into the possession of Mr. Branch,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors, and that the 3 paintings be insured for £150, £150, and £100 respectively.

3—Art Gallery Attendant—RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued for a Handy Man, accustomed to the use of tools, with experience of packing. Commencing wage, 40s per week, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by two annual increments to 50s per week.

4—Vacuum Cleaner—RESOLVED, That this Committee contribute £4 2s. 7d., one-third of the initial cost of a "Turbinet" machine

5—Cheltenham Art Union—RESOLVED, That no objection be offered to an Art Union being held in connection with the Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists, open from 3rd October to 12th November.

6—Limber Fund—The Curator reported that the sum of £250 required was now either in hand or in prospect. RESOLVED, That an order be given to the Executors of the late Robt. Lindsey Clark for the bronze statuette group.

7—Workers' Educational Association—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Cheltenham Branch to hold eight lectures on English Literature by Mr. A. C. McKenzie, M.A., and Mr. G. M. Paterson, M.A., in the Chinese Porcelain Room, subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 15th July last to 23rd inst. Interments 102: Grave Spaces sold 33 (First Position 4 ; Second Position 4 ; Third Position 2 ; Fourth Position 23). Memorials fixed 33. New Inscriptions 25.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7518 to 7550 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

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3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Geraldine E. Alford ; Evelyn H. L. Portman ; Frances E. Webb-Peploe ;

Frederick G. S. Wilde ; Evelyn Grant ; Margaret C. E. Bayley ; Laura D. West ; Charles E. Richardson ; Marie M. Gaudicheau ; Eric L. Rawlinson ; Hyacinthe G. Cruddas ; Percival Hawkins ; Thomas K. Reynolds ; Recumbent Crosses and Kerbing to graves of Arthur R. L. Whish and John Hodson ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Louisa E. Coombes ; Denis Driscoll ; Alfred Dickinson and Annie Thomas ; Memorial Headstone to graves of Arthur D. Nash ; James Williams ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to graves of Charles Best ; Arthur E. Phillips and Caroline Reeves ; Memorial Figure and Kerbing to grave of Maud J. P. Holder ; and Kerbing to graves of George Mander ; Anna Rollings ; Herbert F. Hindmarsh ; Alice Wood ; Peter Carter ; James Atkins ; Lucy Walcroft and Benjamin O. Davies.

4—Additional Land—Lay-out--The Superintendent reported that he proposed to lay out the graves on the new portion of the Cemetery as follows :—First Position graves on Main Road to be 9 feet by 4 feet ; First Position graves on Inner Paths to be 7 feet by 3 feet ; Second Position graves to be 7 feet by 3 feet ; and the Third and Fourth Position graves to be 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Maintainance of Marble and Granite Memorials in Perpetuity—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from Mr. H. Horsell enquiring on what terms the Burial Board would undertake to maintain Marble and Granite Memorials in repair in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Burial Board will undertake this on a Bequest of £100, free of duty, being made to them.

6—War Graves—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission, stating they were now ready to proceed with the erection of headstones on four of the War Graves at the Cemetery. The headstones would be similar in design to those already erected. In some cases the relatives had requested that personal inscriptions may be engraved at the foot of the stones, and a schedule of these was submitted. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the erection of the stones. RESOLVED, also, That the inscriptions be approved, and that only half the usual fees for erecting the headstones and inscriptions be charged.

7—Councillor Welstead—RESOLVED, That this Committee desire to congratulate Councillor W. Welstead on this his eightieth birthday, and express their pleasure at his presence at this meeting of the Committee.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th September, 1927. Present—Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen, Thomas, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Rev, Canon Johnstone ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. A. A. Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August—Receipts £18 4s. 8d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 9,205 (last year 8,845) ; Lending Library 19,910 (last year 21,486) ; Juvenile Library 3,319 (last year 2,835). Total for month 32,434 (last year 33,166).

Replacements—During the period 210 volumes had been replaced, 328 volumes returned from the binders, and a further 54 volumes despatched for binding.

Mutilation of Papers—Ten Mutilations had been noticed since July 12th.

Presentations—Mr. J. W. Arrowsmith (1 vol.) ; Mr. J. E. Bateson (31 vols.) ; Mr. R. Bendall (1 vol.) ; Miss R. Denis-Browne (2 vols.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (4 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. (36 pamph.) ; Sir C. W. Macara (1 vol.) ; Mr. D. McEwen (1 pamph.) ; Mr. H. H. Martyn (2 vols.), Mr.

Moxon (1 vol.) ; Toronto Year Book ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Suburban Association (6 pamps.) ; 12th Division History Fund Committee (1 vol.).

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

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9—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present—Councillor Mann ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended ;—

- (a) That the Librarian's reply to Mr. B. C. Kennedy's letter re Reference Library be approved.
- (b) That 55 volumes (new books), published at £25 12s. 6d., be purchased at a cost of £16 16s. 4d.
- (c) That 1 volume, published at £7 7s. 0d. be purchased at a cost of £3 0s. 9d., out of the Leslie Young Benefaction.
- (d) That the sum of £20 be spent on replacements.
- (e) That the sum of £25 be spent on re-binding.
- (f) That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect carved stone-work on the elevation facing Clarence Street where a fall of stone took place during recent wet weather.
- (g) That the draft programme of Lectures for the winter session be approved,
- (h) That a "Turbinet" Electric Vacuum Cleaner be purchased for £12 7s. 9d., subject to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee agreeing to pay one-third of this sum, and that an extension of plugs to the existing "power" supply in the Library be made at a cost of £8 17s. 6d.
- (i) The Librarian reported that Miss V. E. Griffin had resumed duty after three months' sick leave. RESOLVED, That her wage be increased from 17s 6d to 20s per week. (Miss M. I. Millward had resigned her temporary appointment on leaving the town).

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—The Librarian read correspondence he had had, between April and July, with Lt.-Colonel J. M. Mitchell, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., Secretary of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, which had resulted in an offer of a grant of £500 spread over three years—£250, £150 and £100 respectively—for book purchase. The trustees attached to this offer the condition that a rate of not less than lid. be levied for Library purposes (i.e., excluding the cost of the Art Gallery and Museum), and that the additional income thus available be added to the present book fund. They also desired an assurance that the informal co-operative arrangements which at present exist with the County and other Borough Libraries be developed and systematised as may seem most useful to the Authorities concerned.

The Sub-Committee having considered the above offer unanimously recommended that it be accepted with thanks, and that the Council be asked to make provision so that the grant may become available as from 1st April, 1928.

RESOLVED, unanimously, That the Sub-Committee's recommendation be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1st September, 1927. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Gen. Thomas and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Valuation—Special Properties—The Committee considered list of valuations by Messrs. Eve & Sons of the " Special Properties." RESOLVED, That Messrs. Eve & Sons be asked to consider the list with the Chairman, Clerk and Rating and Valuation Officers.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th September, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Pruen and Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair),

1—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £76,625 5s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £3,858 4s. 3d.

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £31,299 15s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £1,206 14s. 4d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1927. Amount collected £17,159 17s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £1,773 10s. 6d

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £10,750 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £8,900 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during August was 2,585, as compared with 2,666 for the corresponding month last year.

6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £950 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £706 3s 3d. at 65 per cent. plus expenses £1 16s. 3d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £706 3s. 3d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the

National Provincial 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—Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Barnes Urban District Council had applied for the transfer value of Mr. F. I. Walter, formerly Clerk in his Department amounting to £14 17s 0d. to be paid to them.

RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Borough Treasurer's Department—Junior Clerk—RESOLVED, That Mr. A. J. Waite be appointed temporary clerk for a period of 12 months to enable H. V. Webb, Junior Clerk, to take up a scholarship recently won by him.

10—Leckhampton Estate—Loan—The Town Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank Ltd., were willing to lend the purchase money for the Leckhampton Hill Estate amounting to £6,500 on deposit of the Deeds of the Hayden Sewage Farm. RESOLVED, That the Deeds be deposited with the Bank as security for the loan and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign a Memorandum of Charge.

11—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present : Councillors Dicks, Miller and Pruen Councillor Dicks in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th October, 1927.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 31st day of October, 1927, 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 CAPT. TRYE TO MOVE : That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to consider and report on the question between the County Council and the Borough regarding payment for the Police Reserve during the Coal Strike.

5. To fill up vacancy on Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. H. V. Page.

6. 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, 3rd October, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.)

Aldermen Bendall, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, J.P., Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 5th 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 ... Meetings held September 12 & 26

Housing ... Meeting held September 13

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held September 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor H. W. Thomas : " That Minute No. 2 (b) with regard to naming of streets in Hanover Street be referred for consideration of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, and to a further Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Dicks : " That Minute No. 1 with regard to the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926 be amended by inserting after the last word " subject to the County Council bearing any cost incurred by the Corporation in administrating the Act."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Moore " That Minute No. 1 with regard to the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926 be disapproved" was lost).

Street and Highway Meeting held September 19

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 16 & 23

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Gen. Thomas and seconded by Councillor Dunn : " That Minute No. 9 (e) be amended and that the application of Mr. Lewis Hann with regard to the Town Hall be granted " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 21

Water Meeting held September 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 11

Allotments Meeting held September 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 16

Burial Board Meeting held September 23

Public Library Meeting held September 13

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 3 with regard to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, be referred back for further consideration was lost).

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Rating Meeting held September 1

Finance Meeting held September 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.

Projecting Signs-Resolved, (after a resolution had been duly passed suspending the Standing Orders) That the application submitted by the occupiers of Nos. 72 to 75, 77, 80 to 82, 84 to 87, 92, 92a, 93, 400 to 402, 406, 408 to 410, 410a, 413 to 416, 418 and 420 High Street, for permission to erect electric lamps outside their respective shop fronts be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 3rd October, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward 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. -10, 11 and 12 Worcester Street ; 9 Albert Street, St. Peters ; 16 Victoria Street ; 57 Sherborne Street ; and 1 Beaconsfield Cottages, Milsom 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—Insanitary Property-7 Exmouth Court ; 8, 9 and 10 Providence Square ; 19, 20 and 45 Rutland Street ; 2, 4 and 6 Malvern Street ; Selby Cottages, Swindon Road ; 11 Tewkesbury Road ; 7, 8, 9 and 30 Albert 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, etc. 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.

3—Overcrowding at 1 Fairview Retreat, Fairview 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 7 Christ Church Villas, Malvern Road; 14 Albert Street, St Paul's; 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 Malvern Street.—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 9, 10 and 11 Northfield Passage ; 11 Northfield Terrace : 18 Waterloo Street and 8 Victoria Place, Fairview. 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 requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 15 lbs. mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. beef 1 cwt. pork ; 55 lbs. eggs, 1 tin of fish, and 4 tins of fruit. He reported the seizure of a carcase of a sheep at Abattoir (sent by a Gloucester Butcher) under an Order of a Justice as the Owner had refused to surrender it ; he pointed out that the Owner was liable to prosecution. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owner of the carcase informing him that it had been decided not to take proceedings against

him in this case, but that the Corporation had decided to call upon him to discontinue making use of the Abattoir.

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) Cottage at rear of 213 High Street—The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that this house was in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that time same be closed. Read, letter of 5th inst., from Mr. J. R. Claridge stating that this house had been used as a store for over 40 years and would never be used for human habitation. RESOLVED, That it appearing to the Council that the said house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Subsection (1) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1925, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose and that notice thereof be given to the Owner and Occupier.

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(b) 1 Limbrick Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for a further 6 months.

(c) 26a York Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Owner of this house had now carried out the work required to make this house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made rescinding the Order made by the Council on the 3rd December, 1925, so far as it effects this.

7—Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922—re Mr. A. E. Hudson—The letter from Mr. A. E. Hudson with regard to the rate of his superannuation allowance was further considered. RESOLVED, That having regard to the precedent which would be created and also to the resolution already passed by the Council the Committee do not see their way to recommend the Council to make any increase in the rate of his superannuation allowance under the of Section 16 (1) of the Act.

8—Public Lavatories, Clarence Parade—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the District Manager, British Automatic Company, Ltd., Bristol, applying for a license to place a small automatic weighing machine in the men's convenience in Post Office Lane, for which the Company were prepared to pay a rental of £4 per annum in advance. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to the machine being placed in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor and being kept in good condition by the Company and to the license being terminable at any time by one month's notice.

9—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health submitted draft letter which he proposed to send to the proprietors of cowsheds situated in the Borough calling their attention to the Regulations made under the Order. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Meat Regulations—The Sanitary Inspector reported that some butchers made a practice of hanging meat in the doorways of their shops which was contrary to the regulations and suggested that a notice should be sent to butchers calling their attention to this. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Zymotic Diseases-10 Malvern Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported as to the destruction of infected bedding from this house where the greater part of the family had contracted typhoid fever and under the provisions of Section 121 of the Public Health Act, 1875, new bedding had been supplied. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 10th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

(a) Sewage Farms—Lease to Mr. Rymer—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the inspection made by him in company with Mr. Rymer on the 5th inst., of the houses and buildings at the Farms. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out items of repair requiring immediate attention at a cost not exceeding £10.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that it would be necessary to retain a cottage on the Barn Farm for the Waterman. RESOLVED, That the cottage on the approach road now occupied by J. Bendall be not included in the lease and that a reduction of £7 16s. 0d. be made from the rent of the Farms in respect of the rent of this cottage.

(b) Long Hill—Read, application of 6th inst., from Mr. F. C. Margrett to rent the pasture portion of further Long Hill Field up to the end of January, 1928, for £6 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

(c) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms' Manager dated 10th inst. Live Stock on the Farms on 10th inst., 10 horses, 102 head of cattle, 1 bull, 3 calves, 181 sheep, and 44 pigs. 5 bullocks, 7 heifers and 2, calves had been purchased for £187 15s. 0d. The purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £25 0s. 0d. Total purchases £212 15s. 0d. 4 bullocks, 1 cow, 2 calves, 4 heifers and 10 pigs had been sold for £219 0s. 6d. 1 calf had been bred on the Farms.

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, 11th October, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Wheeler (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-46 Milton Road—RESOLVED, on the application of the Tenant of this house, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the portable copper from this house for use elsewhere.

2—Outbuildings---30 Shakespeare Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a motor cycle shed proposed to be erected by the owner of this house. RESOLVED, That the same 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.

3—Redecoration of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted 18 tenders for the interior redecoration of the houses erected under the Assisted 1919 Scheme based on a schedule prepared by the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. J. Welch (being the lowest) be accepted subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health asking to be informed the amount of financial assistance which the Corporation proposed to grant under Section 2 of this Act, to builders in respect of any houses completed after the 30th September,

1927. RESOLVED, That the amount of financial assistance be limited to the capital value of the reduced subsidy from the Government.

(b) Period—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the period for affording financial assistance in respect of not more than 50 houses to be built by private enterprise so as to be applicable to houses completed by the 30th September, 1928.

5—Site for Greyhound Race Course—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking if the Corporation would be prepared to sell about 20 acres of back land on the Housing Estate for a Greyhound Racecourse. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

6-75 Byron Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this house asking for permission to transfer to a non-parlour house. RESOLVED, That he be offered the first non-parlour house available after the applicants on the selected list have been satisfied on condition that any redecoration required to such house shall be carried out by the tenant.

7-3 Orchard Terrace—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the tenant of this house asking for permission to transfer to No. 5 Orchard Terrace. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

8—Assisted Scheme Houses under 1919 Act—The Town Clerk submitted an application to purchase a house in Tennyson Road when one became vacant. RESOLVED, That the applicant be offered the next house available.

9—Conference—Read, circular of 1st inst., from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates at a Conference to be held at York in November. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

10—Additional Houses—RESOLVED, That Notice be given to Mr. Wasley to take the field No. 441 and part of field No. 392 in his occupation to provide land for building additional houses.

11-81 and 83 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Owner of No. 83 Tennyson Road to purchase a strip of land fronting to Shakespeare Road so as to provide with the existing back entrance a strip 10 feet wide along the backs of 81-83 be granted and that the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of the piece of land.

12—Parlour Type Houses, Gloucester Road—(a) RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation on these houses.

(b) Surface Water Drainage—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit estimate for draining the land at the rear of these houses.

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13 -Arrears of Rent—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of arrears of rent

NOTE :—The total number of how. :—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 160 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour type houses have been sold and of the 160 Non-Parlour type houses 128 have been sold, 12 have been let and 20 have just been commenced. 10 Parlour type houses are also being built on the Gloucester Road. Total houses to be erected on the Housing Estate, by the Corporation 334, by private enterprise 4 houses and 1 dwelling house and shop.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th October, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bastin, Dicks and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Site for additional houses—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Davis, owner of the piece of land fronting to Folly Lane containing 3.795 acres, valued by the District Valuer at £900, was unwilling to sell this land unless the Corporation would also purchase his other two pieces of land containing together 9.437 acres. RESOLVED, That the purchase of these two additional pieces be not entertained.

RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed to a Compulsory Order to be made under Section 64 of the Housing Act, 1925 for the purchase of the piece of land containing 3.795 acres lying between Folly Lane and the Hanover Street Housing site, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Health.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health under Section 122 (2) of the Housing Act, 1925 to dispense with service of Notices of the Order on the tenants of the Allotments if a list of these cannot be obtained.

2—Hanover Street Estate—Rents—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement showing the appropriate normal rent chargeable for these houses in accordance with the rules made under the provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. RESOLVED, That the rents of these houses be fixed as follows :—For the 19 three bedroom houses numbered 1 and 44 to 61 on the plan, 8)6 plus 2s 6d for rates and water charges ; for the remaining 42 three-bedroom houses, 8s plus 2s 6d for rates, etc., and for the 20 two-bedroom houses, 6s 6d plus 2s 3d for rates, etc.

3—Land in Malvern Street—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Mr. J. W. A. Smith asking if the Corporation would sell the small piece of land at the rear of Nos. 27 to 37 Malvern Street at present let as an allotment. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of the land.

4—Arrears--RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the arrears of rent and that Mr. Fowles be asked to submit a report at each Meeting as to the arrears.

5—Selection of Tenants—Read, Report of the Selection of **Tenants Sub-Committee**. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to satisfactory references being received as to the ability of the proposed tenants to pay the rent, etc.

NOTE-The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Improvement Scheme 36 two-bedroom houses in Stanhope Street and 16 three-bedroom houses (11 in Maud's Elm Terrace and 5 in Malvern Street) ; and under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 : 46 two-bedroom houses (15, Cobham Road, 11 Elm Street and 20 Hanover street) and 116 three-bedroom houses (5 Malvern Street and 61 in Hanover Street site). Total 164, of which 71 are completed and let.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th October, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Mann, Capt. Trye, Gen. Thomas, Ward and Yarnold ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1927. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (10 Meetings)	24	24.1
At Clare Street (10 Meetings) ...	15	19.7
At Highbury (9 Meetings)	37	35.7

An outing to Worcester was held on the 5th July which was attended by 53 mothers and 7 children, During the August holidays only 3 centres were open one day each week, and the small attendance proved that this was adequate.

2—Health Visitors Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1927 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,631
“ Children Visited (firsts) ...	155
“ „ (1 year and under) ...	837
“ „ (over 1 year) ...	544
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,572
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	42
“ Un-notified Births discovered	9
“ Children remitted to Hospital	2
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	19
“ Whooping-cough cases visited ...	2
“ Chicken-pox cases visited ...	2
“ Measles Cases visited	1
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	1
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1

Grants of Milk

Carried over from previous quarter	19
New Orders ...	6
Orders discontinued during quarter	13
“ continuing to coming quarter	12

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 12 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 13 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Health Visitor—Read, letter of 20th inst., from Miss E. Nicholls asking for 3 months leave of absence owing to the state of her health, and enclosing two medical certificates. RESOLVED,

That she be granted 3 months' leave of absence and that the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health be authorised to engage a temporary assistant during the period of her absence.

4—Estimates, 1927-28, 1928-29—The Estimate of expenditure for the second half of the year 1927-28 and for the year 1928-29 was considered and approved. The total estimate 1927-28 is £872 17s. 0d., and the estimate for 1928-29 £897.

5—Winter School for Health Visitors—Read, circular letter of 5th ult., from the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association inviting the attendance of Health Visitors to a winter school to be held in London from the 27th December to the 7th January next. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th October, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor Alderman Bendall: Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 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 the 16th September to the 13th October, 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 6th inst., 632 loads collected, 627 consumed and 5 tipped away. Weight consumed 788 tons, 8 ½ cwts.

3—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th inst.:—Councillors Mann, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Horses at Depot—That the old ambulance horse, Steamer (27 years old), be sent to the Sewage Farms ; That the horse Rattler (14 years old), suffering from humoury swellings be sent to the Sewage Farms, and that the horse Jerry (20 years old), suffering from greasy legs be continued in use at the Destructor.

(b) Parabola Road—That the application of Mrs. DuBoulay for the removal of a tree in front of " Marchmont " be not granted.

(c) Parabola Road, Lansdown Parade and Montpellier Terrace—That no action be taken with regard to the letters from Mrs. E. G. Williams with regard to the dangerous condition of the footpaths in these roads.

(d) Lansdown Road—That the trees marked which are mainly alternate trees be felled, and that the application of Mr. F. Lloyd Oswell for the removal of a tree near the stop tap outside "Hazel Lea" instead of a marked one be not granted.

- (e) Park Place—That the footpath in this road be repaired where necessary.
- (f) The Park—That the application of Mrs. G. Blathwayt for the removal of a tree opposite Benton House, be not granted, but that the question of thinning out the trees in The Park be considered at a future Meeting of the Committee.
- (g) Montpellier Spa Road—That three elm trees, one chestnut tree and one sycamore tree be removed as recommended by the Treeman.
- (h) Oriel Road—That four lime trees opposite the Town Hall be removed as recommended by the Treeman.
- (i) Keynshambury Road—That no action be taken with regard to the complaint of Councillor Miller as to the condition of this road as it is a private road and repairable by the abutting Owners.
- (J) Whaddon Road—The Committee inspected the new asphalted carriageway in this road, and recommend that application be now made for payment of the contributions payable by the Owners under the agreement.
- (k) Pittville Villas—That the application of Mrs. E. Miller for the removal of a tree outside No. 17 Pittville Villas be granted and that a silver birch tree be planted.
- (l) Albert Road—That the application of the Rev. H. Madan Pratt for the removal of a tree opposite Southern House, and for a silver birch tree to be planted, be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, and that they be recommended to accede to the application.
- (m) Evesham Road—That a dangerous tree near Anlaby Court be removed and replaced by a young lime tree as recommended by the Treeman.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, except that the horse " Jerry" referred to (a) be destroyed.

4-Steam Roller—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the tandem steam roller at present hired from Messrs. Constable, Hart & Co., examined by the Boiler Co., and to make an offer to the Company for the purchase of this at a price not exceeding the figure approved by the Committee.

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5--Ashvans—RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued inviting offers for the disused ashvans, and that the Stores Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a favourable offer.

6—War Memorial—Footpath—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repave the footpaths, etc., in the War Memorial enclosure with cement flags.

7—Traffic Signs—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting the erection of additional warning signs at dangerous crossings in the Town and also suggesting that Notices should be displayed in different parts of the Town directing to the three Parking Stations. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think that any further traffic signs are necessary, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect direction signs on the lamp post at the corner of Cambray and also a sign on the lamp post at the corner of the east side of Imperial Square and Oriel Road directing to the Parking Places, subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

8—Telephone Kiosk— Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Post Office Telegraphs with regard to a site for a Telephone Kiosk to be erected near the Bowling Green in the High Street. RESOLVED, That it be left to the View Committee to select a suitable site.

9—Waste Paper—Read, letter of 4th inst, from the Chamber of Commerce asking the Corporation to reconsider the charge made for collection of trade refuse. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit report as to the cost of the collection at the next Meeting of the Committee.

10—New Street Terrace--Read, memorial from 5 owners and occupiers in this terrace asking again for the removal of the post at the end of this terrace. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Promenade—Trees—Read, memorial from 28 owners and occupiers of business premises in the Promenade urging the Corporation to fell some of the trees in the Promenade and in addition to thin out some of the trees by cutting the branches right back to the main trunk. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

12—Street Projections—(a) Promenade—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr A. Urwin to fix a projecting sign outside his premises in the Promenade be not granted.

(b) 236a High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. Haslum to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 4th October, 1927. Present—Alderman Bendall (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.
2383	Kenny, T. E.	Temporary Motor House, Duddage House, St. Margaret's Road.
2386	Gloucestershire Education Committee for Boys Grammar School Sports Pavilion, off Brooklyn Road (Amended Plan).	
2390	Governors, Pates' Grammar School for Girls.	Temporary Sports Pavilion, Wellesley Road.
2391	Spitall, Mr. Temporary	Motor House, Sonabeel, Queens Road.
2392	Affleck, Mrs. Temporary	Motor House, Rivershill Hotel, St. George's Road.
2393	Council, Nazareth House	Additions to Nazareth House, Bath Road.
2394	Wilson, I. M.	Detached House, Sun Street.
2395	Wilding, Mrs.	Temporary Motor House, Trefula, Old Bath Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2386, 2393 and 2394 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2386 and 2393 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction and

requirements of the Sanitary Inspector : that Plans Nos. 2391, 2392 and 2395 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice requiring removal ; that Plans Nos. 2383 and 2390 be disapproved, and that the site of the former be viewed by the Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th October, 1927 Present — Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James and Mann (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2389	Griffin, F. J.	Temporary Motor House and Summer House, Tivoli Road.
2390	Glos'shire County Council	Temporary Sports Pavilion, Wellesley Road (Amended Plan).
2396	Ford & Greville, Messrs.	Two semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
2397	Maw, B. C.	Additions and Garage, Belmont, Malvern Road.
2398	Clive, J. B.	Alterations and additions, Pittville Crescent.
2399	Reed & Pattison, Messrs.	New show-room and garage, Bath Road.
2400	Kesteven, Miss	Additions to house, Hester's way road, nr. Arle Court.
2401	Hinton Mrs B. B. Mrs.	Motor House, 35 Lansdown Crescent.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2396, 2397, 2398 and 2401 be approved, but that Plan No. 2397 be subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plan No. 2390 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 3 months after notice requiring renewal ; and that Plans Nos. 2389, 2399, and 2400 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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7—Winter Garden—Church Congress—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the erection on the footpath at the south end of the Winter Garden of a temporary structure in connection with the Church Congress Exhibition to be held in 1928.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee** - The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting, held on the 11th inst., which was attended by Mr. E. J. Burrow, was read.

They recommended as follows :—

Town Hall—Organ—(a) Opening—That the Opening Concerts be held on 15th February, 1928 at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., and that the charge for Seats be 1s and 6d.

(b) That invitations be issued to the Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, The Council of the Rotary Club and the Spa Medical Advisory Committee to attend the opening concert.

(c) That Artists be engaged for the evening recital.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th October, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor: Councillors Bastin, Mann, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Extensions to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to make the extension to main referred to in his report at an estimated cost of £83.

2—Land, St. Mark's—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to let the garage on the land acquired for a new sub-station at St. Mark's on a monthly tenancy on the best terms obtainable.

3—Lamp Standards—(a) Highbury Congregational Church—RESOLVED, That the deacons of this church be allowed to lower the sign directing to this church on the lamp standard in High Street opposite the end of Winchcomb Street to a height of not less than 9 feet 6 inches subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Parking Stations—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the placing of direction posts on lamp standards in High Street opposite Cambray and Imperial Square directing to the Parking Places subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

4—Public Lighting—(a) Moorend Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to alter the position of the lamp in this road opposite "Firs Lodge" if he thinks it advisable.

(b) Halland Road—It was reported that two additional houses had now been erected in this road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to place an additional lamp standard in the road if he considers it necessary.

5—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th August last, 4th, 21st, 26th, 29th ult., 15th and 19th inst., which showed the calorific value to be 469.8 ; 471.9 ; 478.5 ; 473.8 ; 477.7 ; 482.5 and 476.0 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 4.1 ; 5.9 ; 4.0 ; 4.0 ; 4.0 ; 4.6 and 4.6 inches.

6-Gas Regulation Act, 1920—Gas Examiner—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council approving the appointment of Mr. A. C. Saxby as Gas Examiner.

JAMES MOOR E,Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th October, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Bastin and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS,

	For 30 days ended 10th October, 1927.	Average for corresponding Period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	393,000 gallons	205,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,579,000 „	707,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	85,000	53,000
Total	2,057,000	965,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 10th October, 1927.	Contents	Depth 10th October, 1926.	Contents
Hewletts		25,431,000 gallons		9,280,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	25ft 8in.	68,720,000 „	11ft. 6in.	17,236,000 „
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000	7ft. 0in.	945,000
Total Storage		95,366,000		27,461,000

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

	During September, 1927.	During past 6 months.
No of house-to-house inspections	905	8,040
“ “ taps found leaking ...	65	573
“ “ defective flushing boxes	23	150
“ “ defective stop taps	5	47
“ “ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	61	
“ “ (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>79</u>	
	140	778
“ “ notices served re fittings	56	379
“ “ meters fixed, changed, etc.	10	99
“ “ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	.96	517
“ “ burst pipes discovered	8	66
“ “ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	65	317

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

Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	1
Sluice Valves repaired ...	4
Mains flushed out...	5
Ball Hydrants repaired	3
Mains repaired ...	5
House services pumped out	15

4—Montpellier Grove and Fairfield Road—Renewals—The Borough Engineer reported that the 2-inch main in Montpellier Grove was in a bad state, the bore now being less than equal to a one

inch pipe owing to incrustation, and recommended that a 4-inch pipe be substituted at a cost of about £150. He also reported that the 2-inch main in Fairfield Road, Leckhampton, was also in a bad condition and he recommended that a 4-inch main be laid in this road at a cost of about £90. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have these mains laid.

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5—Ashchurch Water Supply—The Committee further considered letter of 12th ult., from the Tewkesbury Rural District Council complaining of the low pressure of the supply to this Parish. The Borough Engineer reported that this main consisted of lengths of 4-inch, 3-inch and 6-inch pipes, the 3-inch portion being the middle portion of the main, and he recommended that the 3-inch portion of the main should be substituted by a 6-inch pipe for a distance of about 1120 yards, which he estimated would cost £1,300. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £1,300 for the cost of the work.

6—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer reported that a short length of 9-inch main was required at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station in order to make the two pumping mains independent of each other, which he estimated would cost about £130. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to carry this out.

7—Salts Farm—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. L. G. Dunn, the tenant of this farm, for a reduction in his rent. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

8—Dowdeswell Waterworks—Telephone—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, giving notice to terminate the present agreement for telephone service to Dowdeswell as from the 1st January next with a view to a new agreement being made in accordance with the present regulations for a rural line.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th October, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Mann, Moore, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Lane reported that with the exception of a case of swine fever at Naunton Allotments the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Movement of Imported animals by mechanically propelled vehicles—The Town Clerk submitted copy of Order No. 4487 which permitted the movement of imported animals by mechanically propelled road vehicles where such movement is at present required to be effected by rail except that imported animals shall not be moved through a Foot and Mouth Disease infected area otherwise than by rail.

2—Hackney Carriage Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of E. D. R. Woodcock for the renewal of Licence No. 72 in respect of Motor Cab No. AD2572 be granted.

3—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 205 High Street caused by a furnace. Damage slight. Expenses £4 2s. 6d.

(b) Tewkesbury—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Borough Surveyor, Tewkesbury asking, if in the event of a serious fire occurring in Tewkesbury which the local fire brigade could not cope with, whether the Corporation would be willing to send the motor fire engine and if so upon what terms this assistance could be given. RESOLVED, That it be suggested to the Tewkesbury Corporation that they might consider the purchase of the Merryweather horse-drawn engine which was no longer required for Cheltenham.

4—Theatre and Opera House—Regulation of Traffic—Supt. Lane attended and suggested that the regulations made by the Corporation in 1891 for the regulation of traffic to and from the Theatre and Opera House should be brought up to date and made applicable to motor cars. RESOLVED, That the following regulations as to the routes to be taken by the drivers of all motor cars and carriages conveying persons to or from the Theatre and as to motor cars and carriages waiting be observed and that the following order be accordingly made under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847 :—

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" Motor Cars and Horse-drawn Carriages shall go to the Theatre both for setting down and taking up by way of Ormond Place or by way of Rodney Road and Ormond Terrace."

" Motor Cars and Horse-drawn Carriages shall go from the Theatre by way of County Court Road or by way of Regent Street to the High Street "

" Motor Cars and Horse-drawn Carriages waiting shall stand south of the Theatre on either side with heads to the High Street."

" No Motor Car or Horse-drawn Carriage shall go to the Theatre by way of County Court Road or the High Street end of Regent Street"

RESOLVED, also, That the Police Constables be and they are duly authorised to give directions under Byelaw No. 7 of the Hackney Carriage Byelaws for the purposes thereof. RESOLVED, also, That public Notice be given of the foregoing Order.

5--Cinematograph Licence—Imperial Rooms—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. W. H. Russell applying on behalf of Mr. Edward Garfield of The Hollies, Hampton Road, Birchfields, Birmingham and 30 Birchfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, for a Cinematograph Licence for a building which he proposed to erect on the sites of No. 35 Promenade, The Imperial Rooms, and Nos. 1 to 6 Imperial Buildings such proposed building to include a Cinema, an Assembly Room, a Cafe, a Coffee Room and a Smoking Room, Mr. Garfield, Mr. W. H. Russell, Mr. Gerald Fortey and Mr. Peter Fling (Architect) attended in support of the application and Mr. Shakspeare Shenton and Mr. G. H. Beard attended and opposed the application. RESOLVED, That this Committee is of the opinion that there are a sufficient number of cinemas in Cheltenham to supply the needs of the town and that it is not desirable that a Licence should be granted in respect of the proposed building.

6—Municipal Offices—Read, letter of 22nd inst, from Gen. H. M. Thomas, Chairman of the Council of Social Welfare that his Council desired to institute an office for the mutual registration of assistance and as it was advisable to separate the office from that of any benevolent associations in the town they asked for the use of a room at the Municipal Offices for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the temporary use of the Retiring Room on the top floor of the Offices be granted for the purpose.

7—Promenade Club—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Secretary of this Club asking the Corporation to pay the cost of in-stalling the electric power cable for heating two of the rooms at the Club, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

8—Municipal Year Book—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Gillham & Son for printing the year book for 3 years be accepted as follows :-50 copies insets for leather cases and 50 copies (cloth bound) for £32 10s. 0d. per year. Additional matter if required 4s 9d per page.

10—War Memorial—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase four flags to be placed on special occasions round the War Memorial at a cost of £5 9s. 0d.

11—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Scoutmaster W. G. Barrett asking for the roof to be attended to and also for permission to replace the single gate with a double gate to enable trucks to be taken in and also asking the Corporation to provide a sufficient number of old concrete slabs to pave the front of the premises which was now grass. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roof attended to but that the application to alter the gate and remove the grass be not granted.

12—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. E. W. Bishop to store 20 gallons of petroleum spirit at Portland Garage, Pittville be granted.

13—Housing Site, Hanover Street—The Committee considered reference back of the minute of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee with regard to naming the two streets on this housing site. RESOLVED, That this Committee recommend the streets should be called "Manser Street " and " Hudson Street " as proposed by the Slum Areas Clearance Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th October, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, E. M. Yeend and J. Waine (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Inspection of Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of Mr. F. Read on his inspection of the Asquith Road, Hall Road and Orrisdale Terrace Allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the various allotments reported to require attention. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the nettles and weeds in the roadways at Orrisdale Terrace and Hall Road Allotments cut down.

2—Allotment No. 52 Asquith Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the tenant of this allotment with regard to the notice served on him terminating his tenancy. RESOLVED, That Mr. F. W. Clarkson be asked to inspect the allotment, and that the notice be withdrawn if it is found to be in a satisfactory state of cultivation.

3—Rainbow Field Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that 4 cwts. of potatoes lifted at Rainbow Field were disposed of at the Market for £1 0s. 4d., and the remainder of the crop, amounting to 3 tons, 12 ½ cwts. had been sold to Mr. G. Thorndale for £12 13s. 9d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if Mr. Jordan would release the Corporation from their tenancy of the land not actually taken up for allotments.

4—Additional Land—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire on what terms any of the following pieces of land could be obtained for allotments :—(1) Land in Folly Lane belonging to Mr. Smith ; (2) Land in Gardner's Lane belonging to Mr. Warren ; (3) Land at corner of Hewlett and Cemetery Roads belonging to Miss Skillicorne and (4) Land in Whaddon Lane belonging to Miss Skillicorne.

W. J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th October, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Ward Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Ground, St. Mark's—(a) Tennis Courts—Messrs. C. R. Lusty and R. M. Smith attended on behalf of the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club, and asked for three tennis courts to be laid out on this ground, for the use of the Club. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

(b) Fencing and Gates—The Borough Surveyor submitted six tenders for the fencing and gates required for this ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss, to provide the gates for £15 and the fencing at a cost of 8s 9d per yard be accepted.

2—Wellesley Road—The Rev. Canon H. Sewell, Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. G. Winterbotham, and Mr. R. S. Phillips, County Architect, attended on behalf of the Governors of the Pates (Girls) Grammar School, with regard to the proposed widening of Wellesley Road, and the Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the Pavilion to be erected on the new Playing Ground, and it was agreed that the new Pavilion should be set back a distance of 10 feet from the road so as to allow for widening the road to 40 feet when this may be decided upon. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned

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3--Playing Field, Swindon Road North—The Committee further considered this matter. RESOLVED, That the Ground be opened for the use of Children on Saturdays until the end of this year, and that Mr. G. Tallboy be appointed Custodian at 4s for each day's attendance.

4—Land, Whaddon Road The Town Clerk submitted Notice dated 28th ult., from Mr. R. M. Mills, terminating on the 25th March next the tenancy of Land in Whaddon Road, now used as a seed ground.

5—Wellington Square—Back Road—RESOLVED, That a key to the bar in this road be kept by the Custodian of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, so as to be available when required for the convenience of residents on the Estate.

6—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Football—Read, application from the Cheltenham Co-operative Employees A.F.C. for a football pitch. RESOLVED, That permission be granted to play on Wednesday afternoons on this ground, subject to the usual conditions.

7—Pittville Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Miss M. S. Harries asking that one of the empty rooms at the Pump Room might be re-decorated and fitted with electric light for use as a bridge-room in connection with the Badminton Club. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th October, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillor Capt. Trye ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During September 3,667 (against 4,117) ; daily average 141 (against 155). Included in these figures was a party of Girl Guides, and of students from St. John's Girls' School.

Receipts—Sale of Exhibition Catalogues £2 8s. 2d. ; Permanent Catalogues 9s, Collection Box £3 0s. 6d. ; Postcard Reproductions 12s4 ; Contribution towards expenses of Jubilee Exhibition £1 0s. 0d. ; Refunded insurance claims (Bradford, Manchester and Oldham) £10 0s. 0d. Total £17 10s. 0d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Canadian Paintings by Mrs. M. E. Dignam and 36 Facsimiles of Famous Foreign Masterpieces, on view with the Permanent Collection from 5th to 30th September, cost £17 10s. 6d., of which £5 0s. 2d. was recovered from the sale of Catalogues and Collection Box.

2—Donations—From Mr. St. Clair Baddeley, Painswick, Backgammon Board, inlaid intarsia work, Mr. H. Sawyer, Portsmouth, Engraved portraits of Sir John E. Dorington and John Dunn Steel, and photograph of the Prince of Wales at Pittville, May 13th, 1897.

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

3—Hailes Abbey—The Curator read letter from Mr. St. Clair Baddeley with regard to archaeological specimens of Hailes Abbey. RESOLVED, That the Curator be asked to consider and report.

4—Jacobean Bedstead—The Curator reported offer by Miss Bubb of a Jacobean Bedstead. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to endeavour to arrange for the loan of this specimen.

5—Pencil Drawing—RESOLVED, That the offer of a pencil drawing, entitled "Cheltenham from Bayshill," for 2 guineas be declined.

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6—Board of Education Grant-in-Aid—Read, circular from the Board of Education re grant in-aid. RESOLVED, That no application be made on this occasion.

7—Proposed Cheltenham Book Week—RESOLVED, That use of the Art Gallery be granted for the week 20th to 25th February,

8—Art Gallery Attendant—50 applications for this appointment were received, RESOLVED, That the following be selected for interview by the Committee on the 21st inst.:—Messrs, C. L. Jackson, W. Minett, and B. Smith.

9—Gloucestershire Bee Keepers' Association—RESOLVED, That permission be granted for a lecture to be given in the Art Gallery on 21st November on payment of lighting charges.

10—Raised Map of Palestine—RESOLVED, That a loan of this object be granted to Miss G. T. Wynn Lloyd for a Sunday School Exhibition.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ;Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye ; The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring: and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

11--Art Gallery Attendant—Three candidates for this position were interviewed by the Committee. RESOLVED, That Mr. C. L. Jackson of 19 Rosehill Street, Cheltenham be appointed on the terms stated in the advertisement, the appointment to be terminable by one months' notice in writing on either side.

12—Donation—From Colonel Fairfax Rhodes, J.P., an Oil Painting, "Making Pills for the Saxons," by Erskine Nicol, A.R.A. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor, and That the picture be insured in the sum of £100.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1927. Present--Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 24th September to 21st October, 1927. Interments 44, Grave Spaces sold 19 (First Position 4, Second Position 1 ; Fourth Position 14). Memorials fixed 21. New Inscriptions 6.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7561 to 7579 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Beatrice G. Kenworthy and Arthur Mather ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Sarah W. Rippon and George Wride ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to grave of George J. St. Clair Sedgeley ; and Kerbing to graves of Tom Bolton, Henry P. Somerset, Maud A. Tottenham, Lilian D. B. Barovikosky, Samuel Robbins, Rachael W. Scammell, Edward J. Cooke, Emily M. Earl and Francis J. Bowen.

4—War Graves—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission stating that the Corporation's decision to charge half the fee for erecting the headstones and inscriptions was much appreciated.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th October, 1927, Present—Councillors Bastin, Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Wheeler ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ;

Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 16s. 11d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 4,710 (last year 4,821) Lending Library 10,332 (last year 11,253) ; Juvenile Library 1,599 (last year 1,382). Total for month 16,641 (last year 17,456).

Replacements—During the month 36 volumes had been replaced.

Presentations—Messrs Ed. J. Burrow & Co. (1 pamph.) ; Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring (92 vols.), Town Clerk, Chesterfield (1 pamph.) ; Miss Fletcher (2 vols.) ; Miss Innes (19 vols.) ; Messrs. University Tutorial Press (1 vol.) ; Capt. R. P. Wild (1 vol.).

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

Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report of the Jubilee Conference held at Edinburgh from the 26th to the 30th September, which, together with his monthly report, was approved.

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2-Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. Present-Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring in the chair)

They recommended :-

(a) That 62 volumes (new books), published at £34 11s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £16 0s. 0d.

(b) That 1 volume, published at £6 6s. 0d., be purchased for the Library for £2 19s 9d., out of the Leslie Young Benefaction.

(c) That the offer of the "Heroldo de Esperanto," weekly, gratis, by The Cheltenham Esperanto Society, be accepted with thanks.

(d) That the sum of .20 be spent on replacements. (e) That the sum of £20 be spent on re-binding.

(f) That the shelving on the south end and west side of the Reference Library be raised on suitable legs and bearers so as to permit of the insertion of an extra shelf all round at a cost not exceeding £29 0s. 0d., as per current Estimate.

(g) That in consequence of increased demand for loan of works, this Library's subscription to the Central Library for Students be raised from 10s 6d to 1 guinea per annum.

(h) That the Librarian be authorised to endeavour to sell duplicate parts of the Oxford English Dictionary. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

-Cheltenham Book Week-RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for a Cheltenham Book Week, to be held in conjunction with the National Book Council from 20th-25th February, 1928, be approved.

A. MANN.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1927. Present-AU-1.1;Jan Taylor: Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen and Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1-Poor Rate-Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £77,572 11s 9d. Allowed to Owners £557 15s. 3d. Excused £163 8s. 0d. Irrecoverable £1,630 11s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £298 18s. 8d.

2-General District Rate-Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,383 12s. 11d. Voids £612 16s. 0d. Excused £61 8s. 3d. Irrecoverable £74 5s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £145 14s. 6d.

3-Water Rate-Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 29th September, 1927. Amount collected £17,498 18s. 3d. Abatements £32 8s. 9d. Voids £88 2s. 6d. Defaulters £5 3s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £3,870 12s. 10d.

4-Loans-(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £9,300 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Renewals-RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £2,443 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during September was 5,505, as compared with 3,667 for the corresponding month last year.

6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £710 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £89 17s. 7d. at 641 per cent. plus expenses 10s 6d and £300 at 65 per cent. plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sums of £89 17s. 7d. and £00 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—Loans—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to loans to cover the cost of the following works :—

Construction of Cobham Road ... £801 11s. 2d.

Elm Street Footpath £140 14s. 7d.

Cost of Acquisition of properties under the Borough of Cheltenham (Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme) Order, 1925 £2,570 17s. 2d.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanctions to loans for the undermentioned works in accordance with the estimates submitted by the Borough Surveyor :—

Making up two new streets on Hanover Street Housing Estate and widening Hanover Street
... £3,480.

Widening Stanhope Street including new footpath ... £1,324

9—Superannuation—(a) Dowdeswell Waterworks Superintendent—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Water Committee that in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of Mr. J. Boulton be extended up to the 2nd December, 1928.

(b) Town Hall Mechanic—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of Mr. J. Gardner be extended up to the 4th November, 1928.

10—Mayor's Entertainment Fund—RESOLVED, That a sum of £200 be provided as a Mayor's Entertainment Fund.

11—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Moore and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 4th November, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of November, 1927, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON**, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. 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. Communications by the Mayor.
7. To fill up vacancy on Education Committee caused by the death of the late Mr. H. V. Page.
8. To approve plans for proposed garage and showroom in Bath Road adjoining Sandford Park.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.B.—Robes and Orders will be worn.

NOTE—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting, the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of the Local Pension Committee, the 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 Monday, 31st October, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Present

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.)

Aldermen Bendall, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Bastin, Dicks, J.P., Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., II. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Ward, Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Steel and Councillor Welstead.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 3rd October 1927, 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 October 10

Housing... Meeting held October 11

Slum Areas Clearance... Meeting held October 18

Maternity and Child Welfare... Meeting held October 24

Street and Highway ... Meeting held October 17

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Pates : "That the first portion of the Resolution to Minute No. 7, with regard to Traffic Signs, be referred back for further consideration."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held October 14 & 21

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 19

Water Meeting held October 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 4, with regard to the regulation of traffic in Regent Street, be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Pates : " That Minute No. 5, with regard to Cinematograph Licence, be referred back for further consideration " was lost by 11 votes to 8).

Allotments Meeting held October 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 13

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye That Minute No. 1 (b), with regard to St. Mark's Recreation Ground, be referred back for further consideration."

Art Gallery and Museum Meetings held October 14 & 21

Burial Board Meeting held October 23

Public Library Meeting held October 11

Finance Meeting held October 25

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer he 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—Police Accounts—In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given it was moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by the Deputy Mayor, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to consider and report on the question between the County Council and the Borough regarding payment for the Police Reserve during the Coal Strike. The following voted for the motion :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bastin, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye, Wheeler and Yarnold and the following against the motion :—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pruen and Ward.

The Mayor thereupon declared the motion carried by 11 votes to 7.

4—Races— Resolved, That the Mayor be authorised to issue such Special Hackney Carriage and Omnibus Licences as he considers necessary to meet the requirements of the traffic on the occasion of the Races, 16th and 17th November.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

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