

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 Wednesday, 9th November, 1927, at 12 noon. Present :

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. Aldermen Bendall, Steel, J.P., Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Genl. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., Wheeler, M.B.E., and Yarnold.

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

1—Election of Councillors —The Town Clerk reported the election on the 1st inst., of the following as Councillors :— Mr. John Field Ward for the North Ward, Mr. George Owen William Dunn for the Central Ward, Mr. John Poytress Pates for the East Ward, Mr. Arthur Sidney Fitzgerald Pruen for the South Ward, Capt. John Henry Trye for the Middle Ward, Lt.-Genl. Sir Richard Wapshare 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 re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year. The Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

3—Appointment of Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Alderman 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—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.

5—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 31st October last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

6—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, and Stewart Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead, Wheeler 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

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(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, the Housing (Rural Workers) Act 1926, and the Milk and Dairies Acts and the Orders made thereunder and the Public Health (Meat) Regulations. 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, 31, 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.

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 Dicks, Dunn, Moore, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas, Lt.-Genl. Sir Richard Wapshare, J. F. Ward and Wheeler, 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 Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward, 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.

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Maternity 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 ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Steel ; Councillors Dunn, Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward, Welstead, Wheeler 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 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

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Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward 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 and Sandford Park.

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.

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 Dunn, Mann, Miller, Moore, Captain Trye, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare 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, 1927, and the regulations of the Board of Trade and Electricity Commissioners made thereunder.

Water Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall and Stewart Councillors Dunn, Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, and that their powers and duties are 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.

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

Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. N. Thomas, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate and Sandford Park (except the letting of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room and Sandford Park), 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, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead 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.

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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 E. L. 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, including

the appointment and dismissal of Officers and Staff in the Rates Department and the collection of rates and to deal with applications for the remission of rates.

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.

Finance Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, Pruen, E. L. Ward, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare 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 Department, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, and raising of Loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year:—Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas, Captain 'True, Welste6,d, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. W. Gerald Gurney, J.P., 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.

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Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Captain Trye ; with The Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., Dr. R. Davies, Col. J. C. Griffith, Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Mr. 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.

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, 1928, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Stewart, Dr. G. A. Cardew and Dr. R. Davies be re-appointed Representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years.

7.—**Education Committee**—(a) Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed Members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :— The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Steel, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh .James, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Captain Trye, Welstead Wheeler and Yarnold.

(b) Resolved, also, That Major Bell Howarth be appointed a Member of the Education Committee in place of the late Mr. H. V. Page for a term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1930.

8—Bath Road—Motor Garage and Showroom—Resolved, That the Council approve of the terms arranged by the Borough Surveyor with Messrs. Reid & Paterson for giving up a piece of land at rear of their premises as an addition to Sandford Park and for the adjoining Mill of the Corporation to be a party wall.

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, 5th December, 1927.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 9th November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Lt.-Gent. Sir Richard Wapshare, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—**Farms Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas, E. L. 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 Councillors Dicks, Leigh James and Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Frump Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Brig. Gen. Thomas 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. :-33 Marle Hill Parade ; 2, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 Queen Street ; Banbury House and St. Alban's House, Manchester Street ; 1 Beaconsfield Cottages, Milsom Street ; 34 and back 34 Portland Square. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 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—Insanitary Property—(a) 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Queen Street ; 1 to 9 Beaufort Cottages, Columbia Street ; 1 and 2 Buckle's Cottages, Milsom Street ; 34 and back 34 Portland Square. 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 in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 11th April last, the works of repair specified to be done to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. J. Knight & Son, at a cost of £46 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owners for payment.

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6—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 2 and 3 Brandon Place; Hill View Cottage, Gloucester Road : 1 and 2 Arle Mill ; The Mill House, Arle ; 1, 2, 3 and 4 Butt's Passage, Malvern Street ; Bennington Hall, Bennington Street ; Methodist Chapel, King 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 and 18 Malvern Street and 14 Albert Street, St. Paul's—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above named 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.

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

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 9 lbs. beef ; 1 cwt. 3 lbs, mutton ; 5 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs. pork ; 3 stone fish, 8 rabbits and 1 fowl.

9—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice Evans in respect of The Shamrock, Grove Street, Cumberland House, Grove Street and The Nelson, High Street ; Michael Fortucci in respect of Rowton House, Grove Street ; and Alphonse Meulbrook in respect of Cumberland Villa, Grove Street and No. 4 Grove Street. RESOLVED, That the registration be renewed for one year from the 9th inst.

10—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Jones of 96 Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, be adjourned.

11—Clean Milk Course—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had attended the Course of Lectures and Demonstrations on "Clean Milk" at Gloucester from October 14th to 31st., under the direction of The Ministry of Agriculture and University of Bristol.

12—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1a Gloucester Place ; 17 Lansdown Place Stables ; 45 Montpellier 1 and 2 Butt's Cottages, Lower Park Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having made written representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the same be closed.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owners of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

(b) 15 Henrietta Street—Read, letter of 15th ult., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., enclosing notice of the intention of the Owner to close this house for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

13—Sanitary Inspector—(a) Authority—RESOLVED, That a certificate be given to Mr. F. R. Jefford under the Common Seal that he has been duly appointed Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Borough of Cheltenham and is authorised by the Corporation to enter premises on its behalf and generally carry out the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, the Housing Act, 1925, and all Acts of Parliament amending or extending the same, and such other Statutes, Orders and Regulations as the Cheltenham Town Council may from time to time delegate to him.

(b) Housing Act, 1925—RESOLVED, also, That Mr. F. R. Jefford, Chief Sanitary Inspector, be the designated officer for the purposes of Section 8 of the Housing Act, 1925, to carry out Part IV. of the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.

(c) Third Assistant—Ten applications were received for this appointment. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Herbert Longden of 9 Caroline Street, Cleckheaton, Yorks., Ernest J. Snell of 19 York Avenue, Ashley Down, Bristol, and Wm. Pardington Roberts of Higher Sunnyhurst, Darwen, Lancashire, be selected to attend for interview by the Committee at a special meeting to be held on the 24th inst.

(d) Salary of proposed Third Assistant Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the Sanitary Inspectors' Association expressing the opinion of the Association that the salary offered was inadequate and enclosing the scale of salaries approved by the Association. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

14---Byelaws—Fouling of Footways by Dogs—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Under Secretary of State stating that subject to consideration of any representation that he might receive during the statutory period of 40 days he was prepared to approve these byelaws ; with regard to enforcement of the byelaws no objection would be raised to the County Police assisting with the enforcement subject to the consent of the Standing Joint Committee being obtained. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Standing Joint Committee for such consent.

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15—Public Health Infectious Disease Regulations, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 24th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of these regulations, Article 4 of which required the Corporation to give notice forthwith to all Medical Practitioners resident or practising within the

district of the Local Authority of the duties imposed upon them by these regulations. RESOLVED, That the circular and order be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for attention.

16—Public Lavatories—(a) Clarence Parade—Complaints were received that the Ladies Lavatory was late in opening and also that the lights outside the conveniences were not switched on early enough. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remedy these complaints. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide an umbrella stand for the Ladies Convenience and also overalls for the woman caretaker.

(b) College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that this convenience was nearing completion. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to make temporary arrangements for a woman living near the lavatory to attend to the Womens' convenience at a wage of 7s per week. RESOLVED, also, That the woman engaged for the Leckhampton under-ground convenience be paid at the same rate,

17—Sewage Works--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the filling of the new sewage beds at Hayden was nearly completed and that the distributors were being erected.

(b) RESOLVED, That the sum of £18 be charged to Mr. S. G. Wood for irrigating 60 acres of his land with fluid sewage instead of £25 for 80 acres as hitherto.

18—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 14th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Brig. Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold. (a) Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Leigh James be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms' Manager dated 14th inst. Live Stock on the Farms on 14th inst., 10 horses, 94 head of cattle, 3 calves, 1 bull, 147 sheep, and 37 pigs. 4 heifers had been purchased for £49, and the purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £114 4s. 0d. Total purchases £163 4s. 0d. 3 heifers (1 in calf), 5 pigs, 10 bullocks, 23 ewes, 10 sheep and 1 theave had been sold for £374 10s. 3d. 6 tons of beans had been sold for £63 and 726 lbs. of wool had been sold for £50 13s, 0d. Total sales £488 3s. 3d. Since the last Meeting 1 small pig had died from a ruptured bowel and 1 sow from a tumour in womb.

(c) Farms' Manager—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. R. J. Burton, the Farms' Manager asking if the Corporation could offer him another position on the termination of his present appointment. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee regret that at present there is no suitable position to offer him. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to pass the following resolution :—

That the Council desire to record their complete satisfaction and appreciation of the manner in which Mr. R. J. Burton has carried out his duties as Manager of the Corporation Sewage Farms during the last two years and their regret that it has become necessary to terminate his appointment owing to the decision of the Council to let the Farms to a tenant, and that the Common Seal be affixed to this resolution.

(d) Sale, etc.—RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to arrange a sale of the live and dead stock at the Farms and also to value the acts of husbandry required in accordance with the terms of the lease.

(e) Hay—The Farms' Manager reported that he had sold a portion of one of the hay ricks for £103 0s. 0d., subject to the purchaser being allowed to leave the hay in the rick until required. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That no more hay or straw be sold off by the Farms' Manager without first obtaining sanction of the Committee.

(f) Horse—The **Farms' Visiting Rota Sub-Committee** reported that two horses had been sent to the Farms by the Street and Highway Committee. RESOLVED, That that Street and Highway be recommended to destroy the old horse and to consider what is to be done with the other horse.

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

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th November, 1927 Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Brig.-Gen. Thomas in the chair).

19—Third Assistant Sanitary Inspector—The following candidates attended for interview by the Committee :—

Norman Green ; Bradford Technical College Student ; Late Sidmouth U.D.C.

W. P. Roberts ; Assistant Sanitary Inspector, Blackburn R.D.C.

Ernest Snell ; Robinson & Co., Bristol.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Norman Green be appointed Third Assistant Sanitary Inspector as from the 3rd January next at a Salary of £150 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £175, the appointment to be subject to the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922, and to be terminable by either party by one month's notice in writing.

20—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—1a Gloucester Place, 17 Lansdown Place Stables, 45, Montpellier Villas, 1 and 2 Butts Cottages, Lower Park Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having made representation that these houses were so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and recommended that the same be closed. Read, letters of 23rd and 24th inst., from Mr. A. H. Taylor, the owner of No. 1a Gloucester Place, and the Committee also interviewed the owners of No 17 Lansdown Place Stables, and 45 Montpellier Villas. 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 Owners and Occupiers.

21—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that in pursuance of Article 8 of the above order the County Council had decided to make,

during the current financial year, two general inspections of all dairy cattle in the County with a view to discovering all animals suffering from any of the diseases mentioned in the Tuberculosis Orders and the Milk and Dairies Act and Order, and asking the Corporation to agree to the Borough Veterinary Inspector making a general inspection of the dairy cattle in the Borough upon the same terms as had been arranged with the County Inspectors, the expenses of which the County Council were prepared to pay. RESOLVED, That Mr. T. J. Brain, the Borough Veterinary Inspector be instructed to make the two inspections as desired by the County Council in accordance with the terms enclosed with their letter subject to the County Council paying all expenses.

H. M. THOMAS, Chairman

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th November, 1927. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Moore, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare and J. F. Ward.

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 Benda]] and Taylor, Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas 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 J. F. Ward be appointed the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4- 48 Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the portable copper from this house as requested by the tenant.

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5—Parlour Type Houses, Gloucester Road—(a) Valuation. The Town Clerk submitted letter from the District Valuer valuing these houses at £750 each subject to the Corporation maintaining the shrubberies and road. RESOLVED, That the houses be offered for sale at £750 each.

(b) Offer—RESOLVED. That the offer of Mr. D. W. Herdman to purchase the fourth house from the Cheltenham side at £750 be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale of this house to Mr. Herdman.

(c) Surface Water Drainage —The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for providing a surface water drain at the rear of No. 1 Shrubby at a cost of £22. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

6—Housing, etc. Act, 1923- -House, Charlton Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted Final Certificate of a detached house in this road erected by Mr. F. H. Marshall. RESOLVED, That as the house was not completed by the 30th September last, the subsidy be reduced to £50 in accordance

with the Housing Acts (Revision of Contributions) Order, 1926, and that this amount be paid subject to his undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

7—Orchard, Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. A. F. J. Smith to rent this orchard at 10s. per annum be not accepted.

8—Brooklyn Road—(a) Sale of Land—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. W. J. Rogers on behalf of Mrs. M. E. Jones to purchase a strip of land with a frontage of 60 feet to this road for the erection thereon of 2 houses. RESOLVED, subject to the Consent of the Ministry of Health, That the Corporation agree to sell the land to Mrs Jones at £3 0s. 0d. per foot frontage subject to her entering into a contract containing similar covenants to those already entered into by other purchasers, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans (No. 2415) of two houses proposed to be erected on the strip of land to be purchased by Mrs. Jones at an estimated cost of £700 each. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved.

9—Outbuildings—Jessie Mary Chambers Almshouses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of shed (No 2416) proposed to be erected at the rear of these almshouses. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved.

19—Non-Parlour type Houses—RESOLVED, That the 10 pairs of non-parlour type houses now in course of erection on the Estate be offered for sale at the price of £495 each subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

11—Selection of Tenants—Read, letters from Mrs. Wood, Messrs. D. W. Hart and G. Dashper asking the Committee to reinstate them on the list of applicants as owing to their omission to notify their change of addresses their names had been removed from the list. RESOLVED, That they be placed at the end of the selected list of applicants.

12-81 and 83, Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the proposal to sell the strip of land at the back of these houses be deferred for the present until the lay-out of the land at the back has been settled, but that the owners of these houses be granted, if desired, a temporary way-leave over a strip 10 ft. wide, subject to an annual acknowledgment of 5s.

13—Tennis Courts, St. Mark's—Mr. R. M. Smith and Mr. C. L. Lusty attended on behalf of the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club to ask the Corporation to provide three tennis courts on the piece of Orchard land at the rear of Nos. 23 to 35, Tennyson Road, which was now to let. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to incur expenditure in laying out tennis courts but that the Club be offered the land at the price at which it is valued by the District Valuer, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

14—Spenser Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimates for the construction of Spenser Road and for a new Road running therefrom across the Field No. 441 in the occupation of Mr. Wasley and that Messrs. Chatters, Smithson and Rainger be instructed to submit plans for non-parlour type houses to be built on these roads.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

13

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Yarnold.

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

2—Selection of **Tenants Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Taylor Councillors Dicks, Pates, J. F. Ward and Yarnold be appointed the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Repairs to Houses—RESOLVED, That the Rent Collectors be instructed to report to the Borough Surveyor any defects or repairs and that he be authorised to carry out such repairs, etc., as he considers necessary to keep the houses in a proper tenatable state of repair.

4—Halls Contract—Bond—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Power of Attorney for transfer of War Bond deposited by Messrs. Halls Ltd., as security in respect of their Contract for houses in Stanhope Street.

5—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Site for Additional Houses—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. Davis had now offered to sell a piece of land on the east side of Folly Lane adjoining Hudson Street and Manser Street if the Corporation would also purchase a portion of the piece of land on the west side of Folly Lane containing altogether 6.290 acres, and the Town Clerk submitted valuation by the District Valuer of the two pieces of land amounting to £1,828. RESOLVED, That this offer be not entertained and that the compulsory order for purchase of the land containing 3.795 acres be made under the Common Seal as authorised at the last Meeting of the Council,

6--Hudson Street—The Town Clerk submitted application to purchase a house in this street. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended not to sell any of these houses.

7—Land in Malvern Street—Read, letter from Mr. T. W. A. Smith stating that he was not prepared to purchase the small piece of land at the rear of Nos. 27 to 37 Malvern Street at the price valued by the District Valuer, namely £50.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dunn, Brig. Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold.

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

H. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

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

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

3—**Plans Sub-Committee**—(a) RESOLVED, That Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dicks and Mann be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 21st inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted,

4—**Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Bendall Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold be appointed the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 14th October, 1927 to 17th November, 1927, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 10th inst., 882 loads collected, 9 tipped away and 873 consumed. (Weight collected 1140 tons, 8 cwts.),

6—Traffic Signs—(a) Village Signs--The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from the Automobile Association of various village signs for erection in the Borough, the Corporation to provide the standards for the erection of the signs. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted as the signs do not appear to be suitable for a town.

(b) Direction Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from the Automobile Association to supply a new direction sign on the St. Mark's tramway terminus to replace the sign formerly on the centre lamp which had recently been removed and also to fix a new sign in Bath Road near the Moorend Post Office. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted

7--Refuse Collection—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss T. F. Mills for a later collection of the house refuse at Lowmandale, Leckhampton Road be not acceded to as this would disorganise the collection generally.

8—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that for the three months ended 31st October, 329 bags of waste paper had been collected and destroyed. He estimated the cost of the collection including estimated cost of renewal of bags at £10, so that after the charge of 4d, a bag made for the collection was paid, there would be a loss on the year's working of approximately £20 He pointed out that this comparatively small loss was due to the number of bags collected having decreased from 1974 in the corresponding quarter of 1926 to 329 in 1927, RESOLVED, That the charge of 4d. per bag made for collecting trade refuse be continued for the present and that the matter be further considered at the expiration of three months.

9—Asphalt Plant—(a) Heater—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary to purchase an asphalt heater for use in patching and renewing asphalt surfaces at an estimated cost of £82. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase this.

(b) Unloading Platform—The Borough Surveyor reported as to arrangements made with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co. for a site for unloading material for the asphalt works, for which purpose a wooden platform would have to be erected for unloading the material RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have a platform erected at a cost not exceeding £50.

(c) Steam Roller—The Borough Surveyor reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had purchased a second-hand steam roller from Messrs. Constable, Hart & Co., for £225, the National Boiler Insurance Co. having given a satisfactory report on its condition. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Footpaths—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was now desirable to repave some of the main road footpaths for which a sum of £4,300 was provided in the estimate for main roads. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit a list of the footpaths most needing attention.

11—Trench Reinstatements—The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the extensive laying of asphalt it was desirable to revise the charges made to builders and others for reinstating trenches. RESOLVED, That a charge of £1 be made for reinstating a water trench and 25s for all other trenches.

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12—Old Bath Road—Reconstruction—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the construction of the upper portion of Old Bath Road from the railway bridge to the Borough boundary in accordance with the estimate included in the account for main roads.

13—Highways' Superintendent—Motor Car—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Highways' Superintendent asking for an increased allowance for his car. RESOLVED, That the allowance be increased to £50 per annum.

14—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Reed & Patterson for permission to erect a petrol pump swing arm over the footpath at their new premises in Bath Road be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

15—Footpath, Swindon Parish—Read, letters from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, Chairman of the Swindon Parish Meeting and also memorial from inhabitants at Arle asking for the removal of the stile which had been erected across the footpath from Tewkesbury Road to

Arle near the bridge over the Chelt, and which was causing inconvenience to the public, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. J. R. Brown calling his attention to this. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view, and that the Cheltenham Rural District Council be invited to send representatives to meet the Committee when viewing the stile.

16—Promenade—Widening—Messrs. C. Williams, C. James and L. Bayley attended as a deputation from owners and occupiers in the Promenade, and urged the Committee to prepare a scheme for widening the Promenade. They submitted plan suggesting the removal of the middle row of trees and taking off 14 feet of the footpath on the west side opposite Nos. 1 to 13 The Promenade.

Read, also, letter of 17th inst. from the Cheltenham Civic Society protesting against the suggested removal of the middle trees at the end of the Promenade and enclosing a plan providing for an inner road 20 feet wide immediately in front of Nos. 1 to 13 The Promenade, and the first row of trees, and thereby leaving a footpath between the first and middle rows of trees.

Read, also, resolution from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce " That the widening of the Promenade abutting Nos. 1 to 13 to a 45 feet road with or without refuges is necessary and practicable."

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending the conference with the Chief Constable with regard to regulation of traffic arranged by the General Purposes Committee.

17—Post Office Telegraphs—Eldorado Terrace, London Road and Montpellier Grove.—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of overhead telegraphic lines in these roads with the necessary poles be granted subject to the exact positions 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.

(b) Underground Line, Moorend Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing on an underground telegraphic line in the footpath along Moorend Road be granted and that the reinstatement of the trench be undertaken by the Corporation subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office Telegraphs Department.

(c) Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of overhead line in this road with one pole and stay in garden of No. 93 Byron Road be granted on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make 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.

18—Street Projections (a) Pittville Gates, 421 High Street and 81 Winchcomb Street—RESOLVED, That the applications to fix projecting signs outside these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Promenade—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons to fix a projecting sign outside their premises in the Promenade be not granted.

(c) Rotunda Terrace—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss L. E. Willett to fix a projecting sign outside these premises be not granted as it does not comply with the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1927 Present—Aldermen Bendall and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks and Brig.-Gen. Thomas

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.
2383	Kenny, T. E.	Motor House, Duddage House, St. Margaret's Road (Amended Plan).
2389	Griffin, F. J.	New Motor House and Workshop, Tivoli Road (Amended Plan).
2399	Reed & Patterson	New Showroom and Garage, Bath Road.
2400	Kesteven, Miss	Additions to House, Hesters Way Road.
2402	H. Jordan & Co.	New Stables, Grove Street.
2403	Norton, H. G.	New W.C., Lavatory and Conservatory, Prestbury Cottage, Prestbury Road.
2404	Burrow, E. J. & Co.	New Art Department, Imperial House, Lypiatt Road.
2405	Burrow, E. J. & Co.	New Lavatories, Imperial House, Lypiatt Road.
2406	Ward, E. L.	Alterations at rear of 139 High Street.
2407	Eager, H.	Builders Store Room, etc., Nibley House. North Place.
2408	Cleverley, S. G.	Garage, St. George's Place.
2409	Charley, Mr.	Motor House, Old Bath Road.
2410	Salmon, Mr.	Motor House, Old Bath Road.
2411	Lewis, H. J.	Motor House, Glengariff, Leckhampton Road.
2412	Built-Leonard, E. G.	Cycle Shed and Garden Tool House. Vernon Place.
2413	The Council of Nazareth House	Motor House, Nazareth House, Bath Road.
2414	Garfield, E.	New Picture House and Assembly Hall, Promenade and St. George's Road.

Plan No. 2414—With reference to this plan, the Borough Surveyor reported that the plans had not been received in time for him to make a detailed examination of the same, but they did not comply with the requirements of the Bye-laws as they had not been submitted in duplicate and no drainage arrangements were shown, and the proposed building encroached about 2ft. on the public footpath in Royal Well Place, which is already less than 6ft. in width. The entrance to the Cafe was shown as immediately opposite the steps in the public footpath which would necessitate the removal of the

underground electric pumping chamber of the Corporation supplying water to the Fountain, and the reconstruction of the carriageway and footpath in front of the building. The strip of land shown on the plan as being given up in St. George's Road was 6ft. at one end tapering to a point at the other end. It would also be a matter for the Council to consider whether any new building erected on the site should not be set back to the Building Line, and also to consider the provisions of Section 46 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 which provided that no new building should, without the approval of the Corporation be erected in any street so as to exceed in height the distance from the front of such building to the opposite side of the street. The height of the proposed building exceeded the width of adjoining streets.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2389, 2399, 2402, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412 and 2413 be approved ; but that Plan No. 2389 be subject to the summer house adjoining the site of the proposed building being removed by the 31st December, 1927 ; also that Plans Nos., 2409, 2410 and 2411 be subject to the buildings being lined inside and outside with incombustible material ; that Plans Nos. 2403, 2404, 2403, 2406 and 2407 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector 7 that Plans Nos. 2400 and 2414 be disapproved and that the site of Plan No. 2383 be viewed by the Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 9th November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward 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 Dunn, Pates, H. W. Thomas and Welstead be appointed the Concerts Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th November, 1927, Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward 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 H. W. Thomas and Welstead.

Montpellier Gardens ... Councillors Pruen and H. W. Thomas.

Town Hall and Winter Garden Alderman Stewart and Councillor Pates.

Alstone Baths Alderman Stewart and Councillor Dicks.

4—Sandford Park—(a) Control—The Committee considered the control and management of Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the scheme is completed, but that the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be requested to appoint a temporary Custodian of the Ground.

(b) Public Footpath—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-erect the gates across the public footpath to prevent cycling along this path and also to erect posts where necessary.

5--Borough Meteorologist—The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Meteorologist would be absent for three months owing to ill-health, but arrangements had been made for the Custodian of Montpellier Gardens to carry out the duties during his absence. RESOLVED, That the arrangements made be approved.

6—Railway Passenger Rates—Read, circular of 25th ult., from the Hon. Secretary of the Conference of Health and Pleasure Resorts asking the Corporation to subscribe towards the cost of the opposition put forward by the above conference at the Railway Rates Tribunal on behalf of health resorts generally. RESOLVED, That a subscription of £2 2s. 0d. be made towards the expenses.

7—Town Hall—(a) Organ—The Town Clerk submitted tabulated statement as to the control of organs in seven other towns. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee for their consideration and that Mr. E. J. Burrow be invited to attend the Meeting.

(b) Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that the Organ Builders were of opinion that it would be better to bring the front of the organ nearer to the stage and also pointing out that the Curtain should be removed when the organ was completed. RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to.

8--Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council asking for a deputation to be received to discuss the grievance of the Musicians Union with regard to the 50 per cent. agreement for outside engagements undertaken by the Municipal Orchestra. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it is necessary to receive a deputation

9—Assessments—The Town Clerk submitted the assessments of the Montpellier Baths, Alstone Baths and Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of objection to the assessment of the Montpellier Baths.

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10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 25th ult. and 10th inst. were read.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—That Mr. Fielding be paid an extra £7 15s. 0d. per week to cover the cost of the extra two men in the Dance Band which Mr. Fielding had found necessary to engage to meet the requirements of the Hall, subject to the Band playing for the dance teas on Saturday afternoons without extra charge

(b) Dance Tea—That arrangements be made for an exhibition Dance Tea on the 9th December at a charge of £3 3s. 0d. for the exhibition dancers.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

11—Sandford Park—(a) Plants—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. P. Witts had given some plants for Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

(b) Playing Field—RESOLVED, That a joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee and this Committee be held on the 21st inst., to inspect this ground.

(c) Belle Vue, High Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering to sell this house to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

12—Town Hall—(a) Seating—Read, letter from Mr. Max Mossell with regard to the reduction in the seating of the Town Hall caused by the removal of the seats for installation of organ, and the Borough Surveyor submitted plan for extending the seating of the balcony at the north end of the Hall facing the stage over the passage at the back so as to add several rows of seats at an estimated cost of £45 RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

(b) Read, application of 14th inst., from the Cheltenham and District Licensed Victuallers Association applying for the free use of the Town Hall for the Annual Conference of the Licensed Victuallers National Defence League to be held on the 16th and 17th May, 1928. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of lighting, heating and usual out of pocket expenses.

13—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Shakspeare Shenton to place a banner across the Winter Garden Bandstand advertising special films be not granted

14—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the side gates at these gardens be closed during the winter months except on Sundays.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

15—Sandford Park—High Street Entrance—RESOLVED, That this Committee have heard with great regret that the recommendation to sell the land opposite the Belle Vue Hotel, High Street, to the Corporation for an entrance to Sandford Park was not approved at the Annual Meeting of the Co-operative Society and that the Society be asked to reconsider the matter.

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16-Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fête—Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Floral Fête Committee asking for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens, including the Proscenium, in connection with the Floral Fete to be held on the 27th and 28th June, 1928. The Gardens would actually be required from the 24th to the 30th June for the erection and dismantling of the several tents, including the Tennis Courts on which these would be erected. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Floral Fête Committee be invited to send a Deputation to meet this Committee.

17-Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the use of these Baths be granted to the Cheltenham Badminton Club on four Thursdays and four Monday mornings during the Christmas holidays for the Children's Club, at a charge of 6s per morning as in previous years.

18- **Report of Concerts Sub-Committee**—The report of the proceedings of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 22nd inst., which was attended by Mr. E. J. Burrow, was read.

They recommended as follows:—

Town Hall—Organ—That seats be reserved at the Opening Concert in the afternoon for the persons invited to attend and that the remainder of the seats be free to the public, and also that admission be free for the evening Concert.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted and that Minute No. 8 passed at a Meeting of the Committee held on the 21st ult., be varied accordingly.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

JOINT MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEES.

Joint Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Grounds and Town Improvement and Spa Committees held on Monday, 21st November, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart-; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Brig. Gen. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair), Mr. C. Cassidy also attended.

1—Sandford Park—Playing Field—The Committees inspected the playing field. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that a special Meeting be held on the 25th inst., and that Mr. Cassidy be asked to consider and advise as to the best way of making the ground satisfactory.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa and Parks and Recreation Grounds Committees held at the Municipal Offices on Friday, 25th November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Sawyer, Brig. Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

2--Sandford Park—Mr. Cassidy attended and recommended that to make the ground thoroughly satisfactory as a Playing Field it should be ploughed up and levelled and re-sown with good grass seed in the Spring. The cost of the work including drainage was estimated at £400. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for this work including provision of land drains. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Town Improvement Committee to accept a satisfactory tender.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927, Present—Alderman Taylor : Councillors Dunn, Capt. Trye, Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare and Welstead.

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, 23rd November, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor : Councillors Dunn, Moore and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to interviews and correspondence with the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co. Ltd., with regard to the bulk supply, and he submitted heads of agreement which had been approved by the Company. The Agreement proposed was for a period of 10 years with an option for the Corporation to determine this at the end of the 7th year. RESOLVED, That the heads of agreement submitted be approved, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to enter into an Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions submitted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

3—Insurance of Steam Boilers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted quotation from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co., who now insured and inspected the boilers and economisers at the Electricity and Destructor Works, to provide a similar service for the steam pipes, feed pipes and valves from the pumps to economisers and boilers at an inclusive sum of £8 8s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3—Water Softening Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present softening plant was not capable of dealing satisfactorily with the present requirements and having considered

several alternative methods of dealing with the matter he submitted a quotation from Messrs. United Water Softeners Ltd., to provide a new mixing chamber and measuring tank for the present water softener for the sum of £85, excluding erection which would be carried out by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

4—Electric Cookers—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the cooker hire-agreement be amended so as to provide that the consumer shall keep the cooker for a minimum period of not less than 12 months instead of 6 months as hitherto.

5—Transforming Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted proposals for the purchase of a second-hand motor-generator for the Electricity Works which would facilitate the gradual transfer of load to the Power Company and would enable the " Peak Load " demand on the Company to be reduced and thereby create a considerable saving on the amount payable for the bulk supply. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to inspect the plant and obtain an option for the purchase.

6—Damage to Lamp Standard, Henrietta Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a lorry belonging to the Union Cartage Co. to a lamp standard in this street amounting to £7 3s. 2d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

7—Gas Regulation Act, 1920—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Gloucestershire County Council approving the appointment of Mr. A. C. Saxby as Gas Examiner

8—Westal Green Sub-Station—Contract—Read, letters of 31st ult. and 18th inst. from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council with regard to the worked stone to be used in this Contract.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1927 which showed the calorific value to be 472.2 B.Th.U. Periodical Reports---Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 22nd, 26th ult., and 4th, 12th and 20th inst., which shewed the calorific value to be 483.4, 472, 467.8, 468, and 482.3 respectively and the pressure 4.4, 4.9, 5.1 and 4.8 inches of water

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Pates and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare. (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

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 14th November, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	283,000 gallons	179,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	979,000 „	1,002,000
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	64,000
Total	1,377,000	1,245,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th November, 1927.		14th November, 1926.	
Hewletts		24,512,000 gallons		9,054,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 10in.	60,548,000	19ft. 10in.	44,065,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		86,545,000		54,334,000

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

	During October, 1927.	During past 7 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	1,691	9,731
“ taps found leaking	137	710
“ defective flushing boxes	55	205
“ defective stop taps	3	50
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	119	
(special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>36</u>	
	155	933
“ notices served re fittings ...	95	474
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	14	113
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	84	601
“ burst pipes discovered ...	9	75
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ...	70	387

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

New Mains laid... ..	1
Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	2
Sluice Valves repaired ...	3
Mains flushed out	6
Ball Hydrants repaired	4
Mains repaired	3
House services pumped out	5
New Sluice Valves fixed	1

6—Shurdington Road Main—Extension—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Major Harrison for an extension from this main. The estimated cost of the extension was £52. RESOLVED, That the extension be made subject to the cost being deposited before the commencement of the work to be refunded as the water charges produce 10 per cent. per annum, any such repayment to be repayable at the end of each financial year.

7—Salts Farm—RESOLVED, That an allowance of £5 in the current year's rent be made to Mr. L. G. Dunn in respect of the deterioration of pasturage caused by the deposit of material on the Reservoir Bank.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Kendall, Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Welstead.

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

2—**Fire Brigade Sub-Committee**--RESOLVED, That Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Brig.-Gen. Thomas be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

4—Diseases amongst Animals --(a) Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except for three cases of swine fever at Old Bath Road Allotments, Naunton Allotments and Folly Lane Allotments.

(b) Importation of Dogs Amendment Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted a copy of this Order to prevent removal from the place of landing of a dog which had been landed in Great Britain from abroad without a licence.

(c) Exportation of Horses, Asses and Mules Amendment Order, 1927—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which would come into force on the 21st December, 1927, and related to the shipping of horses, etc.

(d) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported that the County was now free from foot and mouth disease,

5—Hackney Carriage Licence—(a) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. W. Moxey for licence No. 60 to be transferred to Motor Cab No. E. 710 be granted, subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(b) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers Licences be issued to Leslie Handford, of 20 Grosvenor Place South, and Henry James Weatherley, of 45 Cowley Road, Mortlake, Surrey.

6—Omnibus Licences—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. R. Cort Bathurst asking for Licences Nos. 38 and 39 at present held by Mr. E. Holland on behalf of the Rural England Motor Coaches Ltd., to be transferred to Mr. George Mais Finlay, Manager of the Company. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that an outbreak of fire occurred at Royal Well Place on the 21st inst., upon which he would report at the next Meeting

(b) Old Engine—RESOLVED, That the question of the disposal of this old engine be adjourned.

8—Theatre and Opera House—Regulation of Traffic—The Committee reconsidered the regulations for the traffic to and from the Theatre and Opera House which were referred back for further consideration by the Committee at the last Meeting of the Council. 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 Opera House, and as to motor cars and carriages waiting, be observed, and that the following order be accordingly made under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847 :—

“ Motor Cars or horse drawn carriages requiring to enter Regent Street for the purpose of setting down persons to attend a performance at the Theatre or taking up persons after attending such performance shall only enter the said street by way of Rodney Road and Ormond Terrace.

Motor Cars and horse drawn carriages leaving Regent Street with passengers who have attended performances at the Theatre or after setting down passengers to attend such performance at the Theatre shall leave by way of County Court Road or by way of Regent Street to the High Street.

Motor cars or horse drawn carriages waiting during a performance at the Theatre shall stand south of the Theatre on either side heading to the High Street.

No motor car or horse drawn carriage shall enter Regent Street by way of County Court Road or from the High Street end of Regent Street for the purpose of conveying passengers to or from performances at the Theatre."

RESOLVED, also, That the Police Constables be and they are duly authorised to give directions under Bye-law No. 7 of the Hackney Carriage Byelaws for the purposes thereof. RESOLVED, also That public notice be given of the foregoing Order. RESOLVED, also, That the regulations made by the Corporation on the 22nd September, 1891 be repealed.

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9—Regulation of Traffic—RESOLVED, That consideration of this question be adjourned and that a Special Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch be held on the 30th inst, to consider the matter and that Councillor Pates be invited to attend the Meeting.

10—Police Accounts—RESOLVED, That a further conference be held with representatives of the Standing Joint Committee as requested by them with regard to these Accounts, and that the Mayor, and Councillors Dicks and Moore be appointed representatives to attend the proposed conference.

11-Light Railway—Fares--The Town Clerk submitted notice from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. Ltd., of application for an Order under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918 and the Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act 1920 continuing the present Order which would expire on the 31st December next. The Town Clerk also submitted copy of a letter which he had sent to the Ministry of Transport objecting to the application. Read, also, letter of 4th inst., from the Company enclosing Balance Sheet and also particulars of revenue and expenditure from the 1st January to 8th September, 1926 and 1927, and stating that although the Company were not in a position to make any appreciable reduction in fares they would be pleased to give sympathetic consideration to any suggestions made by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That proposals for reduction be submitted for consideration of the Company

12 Market—Tolls—RESOLVED, That the Market Sub-Committee be asked to consider the agreement with Mr. C. C. Castle with regard to the tolls payable by him.

13—Leckhampton Estate—(a) Area—The Town Clerk reported that when preparing the Conveyance of the Leckhampton Estate it was found that Daisy Bank Enclosure containing 2.576 acres, and also two other small pieces of land, although shown on the sale plan as included in the sale had previously been sold by the Company, and that the area which would be included in the Conveyance was 382.330 acres.

(b) Charlton Common—Read, letter of 18th ult., from Mr. G. A. Hawkins offering to sell the woodlands known as " Mountain Knoll " and " Jennings Piece." adjoining Charlton Common to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

(c) Shooting—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. R. C. W. Bridges to rent the shooting on Leckhampton Hill and Southfield Farm be not accepted.

14—Boy Scout Headquarters—Read, letter of 22nd ult., addressed to the Mayor from Mr. F. Craven Broad asking if the Corporation could provide a suitable room for headquarters for meetings and interviewing Girl Guides seeking employment and wishing to emigrate, and also drawing attention to the urgent need of a headquarters room for the Boy Scouts Association. RESOLVED, That the Corporation are unable to provide the accommodation required.

15—Domestic Servants Registries—Read, Report of Supt. Lane on his inspection of the Domestic Servants Registries in the Borough, which were all found to be satisfactory.

16—League of Nations—Read, circular of 3rd inst. from the Secretary of the League of Nations, London. inviting the attendance of delegates to an international economic conference to be held in December in London. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

17—Shops Acts, 1920-21—Christmas Holidays—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Home Office stating that an order had been made under Section 1 (1) of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920 suspending the operation of the General Early Closing Order from December 17th to 24th both days inclusive This suspension did not relieve occupiers and others from complying with the weekly half-holiday or any other requirements of the Shops Acts of 1912 and 1913 or any Order in force thereunder, or any requirements of the Licensing Acts in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

18—Artillery Camp—The Town Clerk reported an application for use of the land on top of Leckhampton Hill for an Artillery Camp for the 52nd Division for next year. The proposed arrangements were as follows :—

May 20th to June 1st ...	Artillery Brigade,	400 men,
June 3rd to June 17 th	Ditto.	
July 15th to July 29th	Divisional Signals,	370 men.
July 30th to August 12th	3 Brigades of Artillery,	1,100 men and 700 horses.

The Division would bear the expense of providing a water supply. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

19—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Reed and Patterson to store 300 gallons of petroleum in a pump store at their premises at 6 and 7 Bath Road, be granted.

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20—Cinematograph Licence—Imperial Rooms—Mr. W. H. Russell, Mr. Gerald Forty and Mr. Peter Fling attended to renew the application made in regard to a licence for a new building proposed to be erected on this site. RESOLVED, That this Committee see no reason for altering their previous decision, that the application should be not granted.

21—Film Censor—RESOLVED, That the warmest thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. T. Lyon for his honorary services as Film Censor for the last ten years, and their appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which he has carried out the work. RESOLVED, also that consideration of the appointment of a successor be adjourned.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Bendall, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Yarnold. (Alderman Bendall in the chair)

22—Regulation of Traffic—The Chief Constable and Supt. Lane attended and the report submitted by Supt. Lane for relieving the congestion of traffic by altering the omnibus routes and starting places was considered. RESOLVED, That the following alterations be made in the omnibus routes and starting places as from the 1st January, 1928, and that the Police be asked to report to the Committee at their meeting in February whether the alterations have proved satisfactory.

OMNIBUS.

ROUTE.

CHELTENHAM AND GLOUCESTER

To Gloucester—From Clarence Street, via the Promenade as at present.

From Gloucester—Turn off at Gordon Lamp, down Montpellier Street along Royal Well Lane and Clarence Parade to Imperial Circus.

CHELTENHAM AND TEWKESBURY (via Coombe Hill)	From Tewkesbury—Up High Street into Clarence Street to Imperial Circus. To Tewkesbury—Via Manchester Street and Ambrose Street and High Street.
CHELTENHAM AND TEWKESBURY AND EVESHAM (via Bishops Cleeve)	Start in Portland Street near Masonic Hall, thence along Evesham Road and return via Clarence Road, North Place and Albion Street to starting place.
CHELTENHAM AND WINCHCOMB	Start in Portland Street near Masonic Hall, thence along Clarence Road and return via Winchcomb Place, Clarence Road, North Place and Albion Street to starting place.
CHELTENHAM AND BIRDLIP, and Bath Road, returning by same route.	Start outside Town Hall and thence along Oriel Road
STROUD AND PAINSWICK	
CHELTENHAM AND CIRENCESTER, STOW AND BURFORD.	No change at present.
CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT LIGHT Promenade as at present	From Rosehill and Cemetery—Same route and along
RAILWAY RED OMNIBUSES.	From St. Mark's and Sandy Lane—Turn off at Gordon Lamp, down Montpellier Street, Royal Well Lane, Clarence Parade (put down here) thence along Clarence Street to High Street. Also that the stopping places in the Promenade for the down omnibuses be in the wider part of the Promenade near the Fountain instead of at corner of County Court Road as at present.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to consider and report as to making further traffic regulations with regard to stopping of cars in the busy parts of the town.

23—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Committee considered the schedule of fares in the agreement dated 31st December, 1926 for the continuance of which the Light Railway Company had made application to the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That the following new fare stages be suggested to the Company :—

North Street and Pittville Gates 1d. ; Midland Station and St. George's Place 2d. ;
Midland Station and North Street 2 ½ d. ; North Street and Hewlett Road 1d.,
Hewlett Road and Holy Apostles 1 ½ d. ; Cambray and Thirlestaine Road 1d.:
Thirlestaine Road and Norwood Arms 1d. ; Norwood Arms and Hall Road 1d. ;
Hall Road to foot Leckhampton Hill 1d. ; Thirlestaine Road and Hall Road 1 ½ d.

24—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Film Censor—Councillor Brig -Gen. Thomas reported that he had approached Col. Browne Mason of Camden Lodge, Evesham Road with a view to his undertaking the duties of Film Censor in the place of Mr. T. Lyon who had resigned. RESOLVED, That Col. Browne Mason be asked to undertake this work. CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Mayor.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer) Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, J. Waine F. Vizard and E. M. Yeend.

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

2—Visitors of Allotments—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed Visitors of the Allotments for the ensuing year .---

North Ward Councillor Yarnold and Mr. F. Vizard.

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

South Ward Councillor Leigh James and Mr. F. W. Clarkson.

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

3—Rainbow Field Allotments—Read. letter of 8th inst., from Messrs. Bubb and Co., stating that Mr. Jordan was unable to relieve the Corporation of the land not actually taken up for allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to invite offers for this land, and that failing the receipt of any offers, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the land ploughed and cleaned.

4—Allotment No. 51 Asquith Road—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. T. Read, the tenant of this allotment. asking the Corporation to release him of his tenancy on 25th December next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the allotment be let to Mr. O. Ralls, subject to a six months' rebate being allowed to enable him to put the allotment into a proper state of cultivation.

5—North Ward Allotments—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. E. Taylor, asking that a portion of Gardners Lane leading to these allotments might be repaired. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

6—Additional Land—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of obtaining additional land be adjourned for the present.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, E. L. Ward J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor W. 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 J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

Naunton Park Councillor Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas.

Whaddon Road Councillors Dunn and Sawyer.

3—Recreation Ground, St. Marks—Fencing. Referring to Minute No. 1 (b) of the last Meeting of the Committee which was referred back at the last Meeting of the Council, the Committee considered an alternative tender submitted by The Oxy-Acetylene Welding and Smelting Works, Cheltenham for Channel Fencing. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a tender for channel fencing from Messrs. Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss.

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4—Playing Field, Swindon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had engaged P. Smith as Custodian of this ground at a wage of 5s per day. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Albert Road—(a) Tree. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that a tree opposite Southern House should be removed and replaced with a silver birch, be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr. J. B. Thomson complaining of the condition of this and other roads on the Pittville Estate, and the Borough Surveyor reported that the road was being patched.

6—Pittville Crescent Cottage—Additions—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of additions to this cottage, RESOLVED, That the plans be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

7—Naunton Park—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Education Secretary, asking that the trees in Naunton Park Recreation Ground should be cut down as the roots damaged the asphalt of the School playground, which was about to be relaid. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8—Lane between Wellington Road and Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an underground telegraphic line along this lane be granted, subject to the usual conditions as to reinstatement of trenches.

9—Clarence Square—Trees—Read, letter of 15th ult. from Supt. Lane stating that proceedings were taken against four boys for causing damage to trees in this Square when the boys were reprimanded and the summonses dismissed upon payment of costs.

10—Recreation Grounds—The Committee considered recommendation from the National Playing Fields Sub-Committee that the grass at the Recreation Grounds should be kept shorter and that sheep should not be allowed on the grounds as they make the grass dirty and unfit for use, and also that the Corporation should purchase an agricultural lawn mower and that a man should be engaged to take the mower to each of the Recreation Grounds as often as may be necessary. They also recommend that the Corporation should have the grounds well rolled during this winter and

afterwards periodically when required and that the turf should be reinstated when any part becomes worn. Messrs. R. M. Armstrong and G. Dye attended as representatives from the Sub-Committee and supported these recommendations. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain particulars of agricultural lawn mowers, and in the meantime that he be instructed to have the long grass cut and the grounds rolled.

11—Sandford Park—The Committee considered recommendation from the Town Improvement and Spa Committee with regard to the appointment of a temporary custodian for Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That Mr. J. L. Mitchell, the present custodian, be continued as temporary custodian for the present.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd November, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks; Brig.-Gen. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair). Councillor Capt. Trye also attended as a representative of the Naunton Park School Managers.

12—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Committee inspected the poplar trees adjoining the School Playground. RESOLVED, That in view of the damage caused by the roots to the asphalt in the Naunton Park School Playground the trees adjoining the Playground be removed

W., J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 11th November, 1927. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye ; Major J. O. Cavenagh-Mainwaring; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez.

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

2—Curator's Report—Visits—During October 3,521 (against 3,508) ; daily average, both months, 135. Included in these figures was a class of 17 Girls from Carlton House School, Gloucester.

Receipts—Collection Box, 13s 5d ; Sale of Exhibition Catalogues 4s 10d ; Permanent Catalogues 6s 6d ; Postcard Reproductions, 6s 2d ; Donation from Miss M. K. Snowdon 10s 6d ; Photograph of ' Portrait of Gerard Dou " 3s 6d. Total £2 4s. 11d.

Cheltenham Science Society.—Permission had been granted to this body to use the Art Gallery for a Lantern Lecture on the 9th inst.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Work by the Students of the School of Arts and Crafts was to be on view from Nov. 17th to Dec. 9th, followed by Prize Drawings from the Royal Institute of British Architects from Dec. 13th to 17th.

Jacobean Bedstead—The Curator had arranged for this specimen to come as a loan from Miss E. M. Bubb, of Ullenwood, near Cheltenham.

Hailes Abbey—The Curator reported that the negotiations between Mr. St. Clair Baddeley and the owners of Hailes Abbey had resulted in certain archaeological specimens being preserved in situ.

Mr. St. Clair Baddeley—The Curator reported as to the helpfulness by way of gifts and advice of Mr. St. Clair Baddeley, J.P. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be expressed by letter to Mr. Baddeley.

3—Donations—From Dr. G. A. Cardew, O.B.E., Pieces of pottery found near Leckhampton Station by Rev. J. H. Cardew Miss Hope Malleson, Wellington, Berks., Oil Painting of Dixton Manor ; Mr. T. C. Nixon, Funerary cone for " The Child of the Nursery " ; Miss Wiggins, Case of Butterflies. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Loans—From Dr. G. A. Cardew, O.B.E., Neolithic Stone Implements from St. Mawes, Cornwall ; Mr. J. S. Filkin, " Thinking it out," water-colour, by Edgar Bundy, R.A. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

5—Telephone—RESOLVED, To recommend to the Public Library Committee that a Post Office Telephone, exclusive line, be installed in the Curator's office, towards which this Committee would be prepared to pay one-half the cost, estimated at £10 for the first year.

6—New Showcase—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to order a new centre showcase of Gimson design at a cost of £44, as per current Estimates.

7—Prospective Exhibition—RESOLVED, That an Exhibition of pictures and drawings by J. W. Topham Vinall, A.R.C.A. be arranged for July and August, 1928.

8—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed from Saturday to Monday, 24th to 26th December, inclusive.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Welstead 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, 25th November, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 22nd October to 25th November, 1927 Interments 53 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 2 ; Second Position 1 ; Fourth Position 9). Memorials fixed 23; New Inscriptions 8.

3--Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7679 to 7690 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Cecil Gilliat, Walter J. Ellis, Mary A. Bartlett, Kathleen J. Clive, Charles E. Peel, William R. Tanner ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Charles Sims, Sarah Waring, C. A. Kirby, Edwin Buswell, T. R. Trotter and Eliza King ; Memorial Headstone to grave of Herbert W. Harris : Posts and chains to grave of Michael Caudle ; and Kerbing to graves of Frederick J. Mylius, Charles Davis, Emma Jefferies, Ellen M. Wiggins, Frank H. Marshall, Amelia A. Bacon, Sarah J. Robinson, Thomas C. Cheers and Alice Potter.

5—Grave Space No. 19115 S.—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. H. Hall for the Corporation to re-purchase this grave space in which one interment had already been made and over which a cross and kerbing had been erected be not granted

6—Fence—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for supplying gates and fencing to replace the present old fence at the entrance to the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Oxy-Acetylene Works to supply the fencing and gates for £40 be accepted.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel and Taylor: Councillors Pates, Brig.-Gets. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—**Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Aldermen Steel and Taylor ; Councillors Mann and Brig.-Gen. Thomas ; 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.

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3—Librarian's Report--Receipts £10 4s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,137 (last year 5,039) Lending Library 12,699 (last year 11,876) ; Juvenile Library 2,095 (last year 1,817). Total for month 19,931 (last year 18,732).

Replacements—During the month 170 volumes had been replaced, and 53 volumes returned from the binder and put into circulation.

Lectures—Lectures had been given as follows :—

Jerome's " Passing of the Third Floor Back," by Mr. Aubrey Standing (attendance 336).

" What is Eugenics ? " by Mrs. C. B. S. Hodson, F.L.S. (attendance 53).

" Ballads " by Mr. A. C. MacKenzie, M.A. (attendance 75).

" Macbeth " by Mr. Graeme M. Paterson, M.A. (attendance 115).

Shelving in Reference Library—The work of fixing extra shelving in the Reference Library was in progress.

New English Dictionary—The duplicate parts of this work had been purchased by the Chesterfield Public Library for £10 14s. 0d.

Presentations—Mr. W. Ansell (2 pamphs.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S. (16 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co, (29 pamphs.) ; Messrs. Cooke & Vowles (6 vols.) ; Mr. P. F. Kensett (2 vols.) ; Gloucestershire County Education Secretary (1 pamph.) ; Council of Qualified Opticians (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Royal Baking Powder Co., New York (1 vol.) ; Councillor H. W. Thomas (12 vols.) ; Messrs. Town and Counties Directories Ltd. (1 vol.).

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

4—Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—Read, letter to the Town Clerk from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. RESOLVED, That as the first instalment of the proposed grant 0250) is immediately available books to that amount be purchased during the present financial year.

5—Purchase of Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 107 new vols., published at £57 11s. 6d., be purchased for £32 5s. 6d.

(b) That 2 new vols., published at £10 7s. 0d., be purchased out of the Leslie Young Benefaction for £5 11s. 0d.

(c) That 62 vols., published at £49 14s. 6d., be purchased for £28 6s. 6d. out of the Grant of the Carnegie Trust.

(d) That the sum of be spent on replacements.

(e) That the sum of £10 be spent on binding.

6—Loan—The Librarian reported the offer of the loan of old deeds of local interest from Lt.-Colonel Buckton. RESOLVED, That these be accepted and the thanks of the Committee conveyed to the Lender.

7—Telephone—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree with the recommendation of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee that a telephone be installed in the Librarian's office, one-half of the annual cost to be apportioned to each Committee.

8--Library Association Examinations—The Librarian reported application to hold a centre at the Public Library in December. RESOLVED, That this be arranged.

9—Complaint from Readers—The Librarian reported complaints as to coats damaged by spikes in iron railing in Lending, Library. RESOLVED, That these spikes be cut off.

10—Offer of Periodical—RESOLVED, That the offer of " The Two Worlds," weekly 2d., as a gift be accepted with thanks.

11—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newspaper Room remain open all day on Friday, 23rd December, but close from Saturday to Tuesday, December 24th to 27th, inclusive.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and E. L. Ward.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1st December, 1927. Present—Aldermen Bendall, Taylor, Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Gen. Thomas and E. L. Ward. (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—Rating of Small Properties—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section II. of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, the Council as the Rating Authority of the Borough of Cheltenham hereby Direct that in the case of all Dwelling-houses in the Borough, the rateable value of which does not exceed the sum of £10 and in respect of which any rent payable for the same is payable at intervals not longer than one month, the owners thereof shall be rated therefor instead of the occupiers, and any of such owners who being so rated pays the amount due in respect of each instalment of rates before the expiration of two-thirds of the period in respect of which such instalment is payable shall be made an allowance equal to 10 per cent. of the amount payable, RESOLVED, also, That any owner rated instead of the occupier in pursuance of the foregoing Resolution who enters into an agreement in writing in respect of such houses undertaking that he will pay the instalments of the rates chargeable in respect thereof before the expiration of two-thirds of the period in respect of which the instalment is payable, whether the same be occupied or not, be made an allowance of 15 per cent. instead of the allowance of 10 per cent. by the foregoing Resolution.

3—Rates Department—General Clerk—RESOLVED, That the salary of Mr E. J. Cornock, General Clerk in the Rates Department be increased to £160 per annum.

4—Rating of Hospitals—The Town Clerk reported that the Rev R. H. M. Bouth, Chairman of the General Hospital and the Delancey Hospital Trustees had suggested that representation should be

made to the County Valuation Committee recommending that an allowance should be made in respect of the rateable value of all Hospitals in the County in making the new assessments. RESOLVED, That a representation be made to the County Valuation Committee as suggested by the Rev. Bouth.

5—Meetings—RESOLVED, That monthly meetings of this Committee be held at 4 p.m. on the Monday in the 3rd week preceding the Council Meeting.

6—Remission of Rates—Two applications for the remission of rates were considered and dealt with.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, E. L. Ward and Welstead.

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

H. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th November, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, E. L. Ward, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

2—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £16,003 15s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £64,612 13s. 9d.

3—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 £6,568 16s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £25,920 8s. 3d.

4—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, 1928. Amount collected £4,491 7s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £13,626 14s. 2d.

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £8,750 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

6—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during October was 5,854, as compared with 3,603 for the corresponding month last year.

7-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £4,995 had been issued for periods varying from 5 to 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8 --Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £2,500 at 65 per cent, plus expenses £6 9s. 0d. and £600 at 64 ⁷/₈ per cent. plus expenses £2 2s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sums of £2,500 and £600 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial 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—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a loan of £2,571 for a term of 80 years for the purchase of land for the purposes of the Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme.

10—Superannuation—(a) Ruck and Peal-son—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government etc. Superannuation Act, 1922 that the services of George Ruck, District Foreman and P. Pearson be extended up to the 31st January, 1928 and 5th January, 1928 respectively.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. H. Addis, late Art Gallery Attendant, was entitled to a pension of £31 5s. 8d. per annum. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

11—Loan of £9250—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to a Mortgage of the District Fund and General District Rate to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for securing repayment of a loan of £9250 and interest, sanctioned by the Minister of Health on the 20th day of October, 1926 for Sandford Park such loan to be repayable by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within a period of 20 years, and that the Common Seal be also affixed to the Order authorising delivery of the Commissioners Certificate for the said sum to the Borough Treasurer.

12 —Accounts Rota—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Dicks and Miller. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th December, 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 2nd day of January, 1928, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of -- THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

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, 9th December, 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 Steel, J.P., Stewart and Taylor Councillors Dicks, 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., Lt.-Genl. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall and Councillor Wheeler, M.B.E.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 9th November, 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.

2—Allotments Committee—Resolved, That Councillor J. F. Ward be appointed a Member of this Committee in place of Councillor Leigh James, resigned.

3—Gloucester War Pensions Committee—Bead, letter of 24th ult., from the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, stating that in consequence of the resignation of Mr. B. J. Greening, a vacancy had arisen on this Committee for a representative of the Cheltenham Borough Council. Resolved, That Major R. J. K. Potter, be nominated to fill the vacancy.

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, 14 & 24
Housing ... Meeting held November 15
Slum Areas Clearance ... Meeting held November 22
Street and Highway ... Meeting held November 21

Resolved, also, That Plan No. 2383 be disapproved pending further consideration by the Committee.

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held November 9, 11, 18 & 25
Joint Meetings of Town Improvement
and Spa and Parks and Recreation
Grounds Committees Meetings “ 21 & 25
Electricity and Lighting “ “ “ 14 & 23
Water ... Meeting “ “ 17
General Purposes and Watch ... Meetings “ “ 22 & 30

(An Amendment moved by Councillor E. L. Ward and seconded by Councillor J. F. Ward " That Minute No. 20, with regard to Cinematograph Licence be not approved," was lost.)

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Mann " That Minute No. 20, with regard to Cinematograph Licence, be referred back for further consideration and that the question of granting a licence be deferred for the present," was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Miller " That Minute No. 22, with regard to regulation of traffic, be referred back for further consideration," was lost).

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Allotments Meeting held November 14
Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings “ “ 14 & 22
Art Gallery and Museum Meeting “ 31 11
Burial Board ... Meetings “ 11 & 25
Public Library ... Meeting “ 15
Rating ... Meetings “ “ 14 and December 1

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Moore " That the second resolution of Minute No. 2, with regard to the Rating of Small Properties be not approved," was not seconded.

Finance ... Meetings held November 14 & 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.

5—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That the Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett, C.B.E.), The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham, M.B.E.), and Mr. H. N. Winterbotham be appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School for a term of three years from the 5th December. 1927.

6—Ice Rink—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Messrs. Young & Gilling with regard to the proposed erection of an ice skating rink in Cheltenham and asking if the Corporation would consider selling a portion of the Montpellier Gardens for this purpose. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

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, 2nd, January, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th December, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Brig. Gen. H. M. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Brig. Gen. Thomas 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. :-12 Albert Street ; 12 Normal Terrace ; 22 Courtenay Street ; 45, 51, 62, 63 and 67 Queen Street ; 44 Townsend Street ; 13, 14, 15 and 24 Cleaveland Street ; "St. Bernard's," ; "Beckbury Cottage," and 3 Linden Terrace, Cleaveland Street, RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 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) 4 Brandon Place ; 6, 8, 10 and 12 Sherborne Street ; and 1 and 2 Woods Court, Sherborne 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) 2 and 3 Brandon Place ; The Mill House, Arle ; 1 and 2 Arle Mill ; 1 to 4 Butt's Passage, Malvern Street ; Bennington Hall ; The Methodist Chapel, King Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above named 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—Insanitary Property—31 Hungerford Street ; 45, 71, 72 and Queen Street ; 56 Tewkesbury Road : 4-1 Townsend Street ; 13, 14 and 34, and Beckbury Cottage, Cleaveland Street ; 10 Cleaveland Buildings; 12 Normal Terrace ; 22 Stoneville Street ;,14 Casino Place; 5 and (2 Albert Street, St. Peter's; and,11 St. Paul's Street South. 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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 qr. 2 lbs. beef 2 qrs. 4 lbs. mutton, 1 cwt. 25 lbs. pork, 1 tin of fish ; 3 tins meat and fish ; and 5 tins of fruit and milk ; and 1 carcase of sheep and parts ewe sheep at the Abattoir.

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

6—Sewers—Fairview District—RESOLVED, That the borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a report and estimate for resewering this district.

7—Abattoir—(a) Byelaws—RESOLVED, That Byelaw No. 2 prohibiting the carcase of any slaughtered animal being brought into the Abattoir be strictly enforced.

(b) Hanging Chamber, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported as to the need of a Hanging Chamber at the Abattoir and also for a modern water heating apparatus. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimates of the cost of these proposals.

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8—National Rat Week—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the National Rat Week held in Cheltenham from the 31st October to 5th November, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Committee, The Sanitary Inspector pointed out that the work could be done more effectively in the Town if the governing bodies of the areas immediately adjoining the Borough also organised a similar campaign. RESOLVED, That a copy of the report be forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and that when forwarding the report the Town Clerk be instructed to draw attention to the need of similar "Rat Weeks" being held in the districts round Cheltenham.

9—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Council of Social Welfare stating that his Council had under consideration a Scheme to assist by some form of voluntary effort the reconditioning of property coming under the provisions of this Act and enquiring whether the Corporation would be prepared to co-operate with the Society in any Scheme which met with their approval. RESOLVED, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to

the County Council and that the Town Clerk be instructed to urge the County Council to reconsider the proposal that the Corporation should be the authority for administering the Act in the Borough.

10—Milk (Special Designation) 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, 1928, 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, 1928, unless previously revoked.

(ii.) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Creamery Co., Ltd., for renewal of their licences to sell "Certified" milk from 3 and 4 Pittville Street and North Place Depot, be granted, the licences to expire on 31st December, 1928, unless previously revoked.

11—**Farms Sub-Committee**--Reported Meeting on the 12th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Brig. Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

(a) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms' Manager dated 12th inst. Live Stock on the Farms on 12th inst., 10 horses, 82 head of cattle, 3 calves, 1 bull, 117 sheep, and 30 pigs. 10 bullocks, 2 heifers, and 7 pigs had been sold for £394 12s. 10d., and 1 rick of hay, 46 sacks of wheat and 9 tons of sweeds had been sold for £164 5s. 0d. Total sales £558 17s. 10d. The purchase of feeding stuffs amounted to £49 3s. 3d.

(b) Hay—Read, letter from Mr. G. P. Rymer stating that he desired that 40 tons of hay should be left for him at the Barn Farm and 60 tons at Hayden Farm, RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be asked to go over the Farms with the Chairman and the Farms' Manager and advise as to the disposal of the hay and roots and other matters arising on realization of the live and dead stock.

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

H. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare and J. F. Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Gardens The Borough Surveyor reported that four of the gardens reported to be 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,

2---New Houses—Mr. Rainger submitted two sketch designs of houses suggested for erection along Spencer Road and the new road proposed to be made. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rainger be instructed to submit lay out plans for the erection of houses of the design selected by the Committee.

3—Sales of Houses—(a) The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
76 Milton Road	Gibson, G.	£495.

Second house, Gloucester Road frontage (counting from Benhall Cottage) Radcliffe, F. £750.

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.

(b) Valuations—The Town Clerk submitted valuations of the District Valuer of the houses in course of erection in Milton, Byron and Tennyson Roads.

4-1 Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society stating that the owner of this house desired a further loan of £52 10s. 0d. to enable him to take up a combined Insurance Policy. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to this proposal.

5-32 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of No. 41 Tennyson Road be allowed to transfer to this house if and when it becomes vacant subject to his paying for the stamp on the tenancy agreement and to the Corporation being put to no expense with regard to the transfer

6—Tennis Courts, St. Mark's—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Hon. Secretary of the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club stating that the Club were unable to undertake the purchase of the orchard at rear of Nos. 23 to 35 Tennyson Road.

NOTE :-The total number of houses provided is :—Under the Assisted Housing Scheme : 120 Parlour type and 40 Non-Parlour type. Of the former 2 have been sold and 118 are let and the 40 Non-Parlour type are also let ; and under the Housing, etc. Act, 1923: 4 Parlour type and 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, one of which has been sold. 10 Parlour type houses are also being built on the Gloucester Road, and 2 of these are sold. Total houses to be erected on the Housing Estate, by the Corporation 334, by private enterprise 4 houses and 1 dwelling house and shop.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th December, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and J. Want (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Site for Additional Houses—(a) Land, Swindon Road North—The Town Clerk submitted valuations of the two pieces of land in this road. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to enquire if the Owners are prepared to sell this land to the Corporation, and if so at what price.

(b) Folly Lane—The Committee further considered the proposal of acquiring a portion of the land on the west side of Folly Lane belonging to Mr. E. Davis. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land on the east and west sides of Folly Lane belonging to Mr. E. Davis, containing altogether approximately 12 acres and that the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of the land. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer proceeding with the compulsory Order for acquiring the piece of land on the east side of the Lane, pending negotiations for the purchase of the larger area.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th December, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 7th and 19th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

2—Plan No. 2428—Petrol Station, Lansdown Road—The Committee considered amended plan submitted by Mr. O. H. Goulding for a petrol station on the island site in Lansdown Place and Andover Road. Mr. Goulding attended the Meeting. The plan provided for the pumps to be erected in the middle of the site under a canopy approached by three entrances from the abutting roads, and for shrubberies to be laid out and planted on the several frontages screening the pumps. Mr. Goulding undertook that no advertisements should be displayed on the site, other than on the globes of the petrol pumps : he also offered to give up a small piece of land on the south corner for improving and widening the road. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. Goulding, and that the amended plan be approved.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 18th November to the 15th December, 1927, inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th December, 1927 :-729 loads (1,026 tons 12 cwts. 1 qr.) collected, 713 loads consumed and 16 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,004 tons 15 ½ cwts.

4 --View Committee--The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Friday, 9th December, 1927 :—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Pates and Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That no action be taken with regard to the Memorial from 30 owners and occupiers in the Promenade for the thinning of trees, as the trees on the East side have already been pruned this season.

(b) Crescent Terrace—That the Committee favourably consider the proposal to lay new paving and also if possible the widening of the carriageway in this road after the hoardings outside No. 13 Promenade have been removed.

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(c) St George's Road and Central Depot—That the application of Dr. N. H. Pike for the removal of trees in St. George's Road or at the Depot be not granted.

(d) High Street--That the Post Office Telephone Department be allowed to fix a telephone kiosk in the small shrubbery adjoining High Street on the left hand corner of the entrance to St. George's Square Bowling Green, subject to suitable iron fencing being provided and erected by the Department.

(e) Stoneville Street—That the Co-operative Society be asked to prevent discharge of water used for washing floors on to the pavement in Stoneville Street.

(f) Glencairn Park Road—That the application of Commander E. P. Smythies for the removal of a tree outside No. 1 Glencairn Park Road be not granted, but that two leaning trees opposite " Locarno " and " Knottfield " be removed and young trees planted.

(g) Upper Norwood Street—The Committee considered memorial from 28 occupiers in this road complaining of the defective condition of the footpath, and it was decided to recommend that new kerbing be laid and the footpath paved with asphalt and also that the Electricity Committee be asked for a contribution in lieu of making good their trench.

(h) Suffolk Road—The Committee considered memorial from E. C. White and others with regard to the footpath in this road, and recommended that the footpath be patched for the time being.

(i) Montpellier Spa Buildings—That the application of Col. Jones for the removal of a tree by No. 5 Montpellier Spa Buildings be not granted.

(j) Sydenham Road South—That flowering and other small ornamental trees be planted in this road.

(k) Hewlett Road—That the applications of Mrs. MacDuade and Mrs. Merry for the removal of tree between Lamorna and Cotsville be not granted,

(l) Harp Hill—That the plan of a garage proposed to be erected at " Cleeve View " be approved subject to no space being left between garage and front of house.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

5—Telegraph Line—Old Bath Road and Pilley Lane—Read, application of 3rd inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line along Old Bath Road and Pilley Lane with three poles. 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 base of the poles if required.

6--Railway Wagons—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Railway Clearing House stating that the Companies had decided to extend for a further experimental period to the 31st December, 1928, 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.

7—Petrol Pumps—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. W. T. G. Taylor and Mr. E. R. Crabtree for permission to erect petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpaths at their respective premises in Suffolk Road and Fairview Street be granted subject to the usual agreements being entered into.

(b) Victoria Street, St. Paul's—RESOLVED, That the agreement entered into with Mr. Lusty for a swing arm over the footpath in this street, be cancelled, as Mr. Lusty has not erected the swing arm.

8—Refuse Vans—The Borough Surveyor reported that two of the refuse vans had been sold to the Wokingham U.D.C. for £17, and that he had received an offer from Mr. J. R. Birt of £3 for the screw tipping cart. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the offer of Mr. Birt be accepted.

9—Highbury Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 22nd ult., from Miss Lane complaining of the condition of this lane, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to write to the abutting owners requiring them to keep the road in a clean and proper condition.

10—Gloucester Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plans and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath in this road between the Lansdown Inn and Granley Road. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 to the Owners of the premises, fronting, adjoining or abutting upon parts of the said road 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 Borough Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and That the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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11—Assistant Surveyor—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. Earp, the Assistant Surveyor, had been unwell to some time, and he had now been advised to take a complete rest for 3 months. RESOLVED, That 3 months leave of absence be granted to Mr. Earp and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage such temporary assistance as he considers necessary.

12—Horses—" Steamer" and " Rattler "—The Committee considered recommendation from the Public Health Committee with regard to the two horses at the Farms. RESOLVED, That the old horse

" Steamer " be destroyed, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a report from the Veterinary Inspector on the horse " Rattler."

13—Gardner's Lane—The Committee considered letter from Mr. E. Taylor with regard to the condition of this lane leading to the allotments. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for report.

14—Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. T. L. Thompson, offering on behalf of Mrs. R. Millington, to sell to the Corporation a piece of land belonging to Willoughby House at the entrance to this Square for the purpose of widening the road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

15—Oriell Road—Read, further letter of 30th ult., from Mr. D. V. Davies asking the Corporation to remove the lime tree near the entrance to the Ellenborough Hotel. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

16—Street Projections—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son with regard to projecting signs in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be instructed to require occupiers of business premises in the Promenade who have erected signs without permission to remove the signs.

W. J. M. DICKS.

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 6th December, 1927. Present—Councillor Mann 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.
2400	Kesterven, Miss	Additions to House, Hesters Way Road (near Arle Court) (Amended Plan).
2417	Davis, H. S.	Two motor houses, Briarfield and Libertus Villa, Libertus Road.
2418	Brown, D.	New W.C. and Urinal, Salvation Army Barracks, Bath Road.
2419	Powell, H.	New Porch, Abbotts Croft, Churchill Road.
2420	Cooke, E. V.	Detached House, London Road.
2421	Adamson, Miss	Motor house, Cleeve View, Harp Hill.
2422	Leopold, F. B.	Conversion of stables into garages, Grosvenor Terrace.
2423	Morten, G. M.	Addition to bedroom, Glenthorpe, Libertus Road.
2424	Bellairs, R. H.	Motor house, Ferlys House, Overton Park Road.
2427	Marshall, J.	New kitchen addition, Painswick House, Painswick Rd.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2400, 2417, 2419, 2420, 2422 and 2427 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2400 and 2427 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the

satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plans Nos. 2418, 2421, 2423 and 2424 be disapproved, and that the sites of Plans Nos. 2421 and 2424 be viewed by the Committee.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th December, 1927. Present—Councillors Dicks, Mann and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

2-Meeting---RESOLVED, That the first Monthly Meeting of this Sub-Committee be held on the Friday following the Meeting of the Council at 3 p.m., instead of the Tuesday as at present.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2383	Kenney, T. E.	Motor House, Duddage House, St. Margaret's Road (Amended Plan).
2418	Browne, Dennis	New W.C. and Urinal, Salvation Army Barracks, Bath Road (Amended Plan).
2421	Adamson, Miss	Motor House, Cleeve View, Harp Hill.
2423	Morton, G. M.	Additions to bedroom, Glynthorpe, Libertus Road.
2424	Bellairs, R. H.	Motor House, Ferlys House, Overton Park Road (Amended Plan).
2425	Norman Sawyer & Co.	New Printing Works, St. George's Street.
2426	Parker, J. D.	Motor House, Painswick Road.
2428	Goulding, G. H.	Petrol Filling Station and Office, Lansdown Road.
2429	Bonnor, T. E.	Detached House, Pilley Lane.
2430	Clifford, H. L.	Scullery and Bathroom, 2 Blenheim Terrace, Portland Street.
2431	Waterman, Mr.	Additions to rear of Wellesley Court Hotel, Clarence Square.
2432	The Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Soc., Ltd.	Alterations to Old Malt House and New Garage, Market Street.
2433	Stranger, Mrs. C.	Coal House, Pilley Road.
2434	Winterbotham, Alderman C. F.	Cycle and Tool House, Holmdene, Evesham Road.
2435	Such, S. J.	Garage at rear of 26 St. Paul's Street North.
2436	Orton, C. J. S.	Garage, Besselsleigh, Douro Road.
2437	Hawley, P.	Garage, Avenalls Parade.
2438	Herdman, D. W.	Garage, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2423, 2424, 2425, 2429, 2433, 2434, 2436 and 2438 be approved, that Plans Nos. 2418, 2431 and 2432 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plan No. 2383 be approved subject to front of garage being set back halfway between frontage of Clonbrock House and front road of Duddage House ; that Plan No. 2421 be approved subject to the building being placed close to main wall of house ; that Plans Nos. 2435 and 2437 be approved subject to the doors opening inwards ;

that Plan No. 2428 be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration, and that Plans Nos. 2426 and 2430 be disapproved.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 10th December, 1927. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart : Councillors Dicks, Pates, Sawyer, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Sandford Park--Playing Field—Five tenders were received for levelling, etc., the Playing Field in this Park. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Bradshaw & Son of Leicester, of £390 3s. 0d., be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Cassidy be paid a fee of £5 5s. 0d. for services rendered.

2—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pump Room and gardens be granted to the Girl Guide Association for a Guide Gathering to be held on the 19th May next, subject to payment of any out of pocket expenses incurred.

3—Field Lodge--RESOLVED, That Field Lodge and outbuildings be inspected by the Members of this Committee on the 14th inst.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th December, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

4—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fete—Messrs. E. Baring, C. Cassidy and C. C. Foottit and Mrs. Bissett (Hon. Secretary) attended with reference to the application for the use of the Gardens for the Floral Fête. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens be granted to the Floral Fête Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on the following terms :—

The Floral Fête Committee to have the free use of the Gardens and Bandstand on the 27th and 28th June next. All tennis players to be excluded, and also the ground required from the 23rd to the 26th June and 29th and 30th June for the erection and removal of tents which are to be placed in positions approved by this Committee.

No large roundabouts, etc., with music and organs, to be allowed in the grounds.

The Chamber of Commerce to pay all out-of-pocket expenses and to make good all damage and loss suffered by the Corporation ; it is also agreed that if a Military Band is engaged by the Corporation

for the week of the Fête, the Floral Fête Committee will pay the proportionate cost of the band for that week whilst engaged on the Flower Show.

The Deputation were also informed that the Committee would favourably consider the Show being held at Pittville Gardens instead of Montpellier Gardens and the Floral Fete Committee decided to consider this and inform the Corporation of their decision within one month.

5—Town Hall—(a) Diocesan Conference—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Gloucestershire Diocesan Missionary Council thanking the Council for the reduction made in the charge for the Town Hall for the Convention in October last.

(b) Organ—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Mr. E. J. Burrow, suggesting that the use of the organ should be granted free for the Musical Festival to be held in the Town Hall in the Spring for organ recitals or concerts so that this may be incorporated as part of the Festival Programme. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) Organ Loft Seats—The Borough Surveyor submitted 3 tenders for upholstering the seats in the Organ Loft in the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Drake & Co. of £15 15s. 0d. be accepted.

6--Alstone Baths—(a) Chairs—Read, letter from the Secretary, Cheltenham Head Teachers Association with regard to the hire of chairs at these baths. RESOLVED, That a charge of 1d. per chair be made to this and other similar Associations and that a charge of £1 for the hire of chairs be made to the Cheltenham Swimming Club for their Galas and that Minute No. 1 (b) passed at the Meeting of the 16th September last be varied accordingly.

(b) Badminton—RESOLVED, That a charge of 1s per court per hour be made to persons desiring to play Badminton in the mornings at these Baths subject to arrangements being made with the Cheltenham Badminton Club for the use of the nets.

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7—Sandford Park—(a) Field Lodge—The Town Clerk reported that this property was inspected by Members of the Committee on the 14th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take down the workshop recently occupied by Mr. James. (b) Read, letter from Messrs, Treasure on behalf of Mr E. James with regard to the tools and workshop, RESOLVED, That Mr. James be allowed to have the materials removed,.

8—Spa Medical Advisory Committee The Spa Manager reported that Dr. Forster had resigned his membership of this Committee. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Dr, Forster for his services on the Committee.

9—Medical Baths—The Spa Manager reported that Nurse Griffiths had tendered her resignation as second assistant at these baths RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to invite applications for the appointment of a successor on the same terms, namely £3 per week plus 216 per week for washing, and that the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to appoint a satisfactory applicant.

10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 6th inst. was read. They recommended as follows Summer Band—That Military Bands be engaged

each week during the Summer Season, 1928, from 6th May to 8th September RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th December, 1927. Present—Councillors Dunn, Moore, Capt. Trye, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Upper Norwood Street—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to make a contribution towards the cost of re-instating the footpath in respect of the portion thereof through which a cable was laid some years ago.

2—Damage to Lamp Standards—Henrietta Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Cornhill Insurance 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.

3—Land, St. Mark's—Garage—The Town Clerk reported that this garage had been let to Mr. C. A. Wilson on a monthly tenancy at 5s 0d. per week, the Corporation paying rates. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 25th ult., and 1st and 12th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 474.2, 476.8 and 491 B.Th. U. respectively and the pressure 5.2, 5.2. inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th December, 1927. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Pates and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare. (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 12th December, 1927.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	319,000 gallons	304,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,413,000 „	1,486,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	102,000	90,000
Total	1,834,000	1,880,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th December, 1927.		12th December, 1926.	
Hewletts		25,473,000 gallons		13,914,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	26ft. 7in.	72,957,000 „	31ft. 10in.	99,146,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		99,915,000		114,680,000

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

	During November, 1927.	During past 8 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	2,294	12,025
“ “ taps found leaking	174	884
“ defective flushing boxes .	63	268
“ defective stop taps	16	66
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ...	148	
“ (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections) <u>31</u>	179	1,112
“ notices served re fittings ...	129	603
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	23	136
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	78	679
“ burst pipes discovered ...	15	90
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	49	436

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

New Mains laid...	2
Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	1
Sluice Valves repaired	3
Mains flushed out	8
Hydrants repaired	2
New Sluice Valves fixed	1
Old Service Trenches disconnected	10

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4—Extension to Mains—(a) Prestbury—An application was received from the Prestbury Parish Council for permission to use a galvanised pipe for a meter service supply across the Prestbury Allotments in New Barn Lane. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

(b) Sunnyfield Lane—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. W. Hodgson for an extension to the main for a distance of 170 yards in Sunnyfield Lane, Up-Hatherley at an estimated

cost of £73, Mr. Hodgson carrying out the work of excavation and filling in of the trenches. RESOLVED, That the extension be made subject to the cost of the work (£73) being deposited before the commencement of the work to be refunded as the water charge produces 10 per cent. per annum, any such repayment to be repayable at the end of each financial year.

5—Water Department—Clerk—The Borough Engineer recommended that an additional clerk should be provided for this department. No addition had been made for over 20 years although the work of that department had largely increased. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to issue advertisements inviting applications for the appointment of clerk at a salary of £2 per week rising by annual increments of £10 per annum to a maximum of £3 per week and that he be authorised to appoint a satisfactory applicant

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

G. O. W. DUNN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th December, 1927. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas 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 three cases of swine fever at Naunton Allotments, Old Bath Road Allotments and North Ward Allotments.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that with the exception of the Parish of Marshfield, the County was free from Foot and Mouth Disease.

(c) Attendance of Inspector at Meetings—Read, circular of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries suggesting that facilities should be given for the attendance of the Ministry's Inspector at Meetings of this Committee so that he may keep in touch with local officials in matters arising on the Diseases of Animals Acts. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to notify the Inspector (Mr. D. G. Hervey) of the Monthly Meeting.

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

Date.	Place.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
21st November	College Parade	£25	£6 7s. 0d.
26th "	Mottisford Cottages, Ryeworth Road	Slight	£5 7s. 0d.
29th "	289 High Street	Slight	£4 12s. 6d.
17th December	Troy House, Manchester Street	Slight	£3 13s. 6d

(b) Sandywell Park—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Young & Gilling on behalf of Capt. Colville asking if arrangements could be made for the brigade to attend in the event of fire occurring at

Sandywell Park. RESOLVED, That the Council undertake to provide the services of the Brigade, Fire Engine, etc., for an outbreak at Sandywell Park and the buildings on the estate subject to an agreement being entered into to pay an annual retaining fee of £5, and also to pay the actual expenses incurred in attending an outbreak in accordance with the scale for the time being in force, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Conductor—RESOLVED, That a Conductor's Licence be issued to John Percy Green of 25 Hatherley Street, Cheltenham.

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4—Omnibus Licences—Races—RESOLVED, That six Special Omnibus Licences be granted to the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for the Races to be held on the 28th December and also the necessary Drivers and Conductors Licences.

5 -Ice Skating Rink—Read, letters of 2nd and 5th inst., from Messrs. Young & Gilling with regard to the proposed erection of an ice skating rink in Cheltenham and enquiring if the Corporation would be prepared to sell a portion of the Montpellier Gardens or Winter Garden. Mr. S. T. Walford of Messrs. Young & Gilling attended. RESOLVED, That this Committee are unable to recommend the Council to sell either a portion of the Montpellier Gardens or the Winter Gardens.

6—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Fares—Read, letter of 17th inst. from, the Secretary to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. Ltd. agreeing to the new fare stages suggested by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the objection of the Corporation to the application of the Company for the continuance of their order be withdrawn and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Leckhampton Estate—Read, letter of 17th inst., from Mr. R. J. Burton offering to rent Southfield Farm on a five years lease or more at a rental of £60 or £70 per annum. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

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

9—Promenade Club—Boiler—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Club, stating that the boiler at these premises was worn out and beyond repair, Messrs. A. V. Armstrong and G. Ticehurst attended as a deputation from the Club and submitted estimate of £14 15s. 6d. for the installation of an Ideal Boiler and asked that the Corporation should meet them with regard to the installation of the new boiler. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay half the cost subject to the boiler becoming the property of the Corporation

10—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. T. G. Taylor for a licence to store 300 gallons of petroleum spirit at The College Mews, Suffolk Road, in a pump storage, be granted.

11—Prinknash Stained Glass —The Committee considered recommendation of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee that the Corporation should make a contribution towards the fund being raised

for buying the old Tudor stained glass panels now in situ at Prinknash Park in order to preserve them for the County. RESOLVED, That a contribution of £10 be made to this fund.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th December, 1927, Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward Welstead and Yarnold Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that no offers had been received for the vacant land at these allotments, and the Borough Surveyor was having the land ploughed and cleaned as arranged. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Wasley's Field Allotments—RESOLVED, That Allotment No. 8 be let to Mr. E. Bourne, subject to an allowance of one year's rent to enable him to put the allotment into proper order.

3—Visitor of Allotments--South Ward—RESOLVED, That Councillor Dicks be appointed a Visitor of the Allotments in the South Ward in the place of Councillor Leigh James, resigned.

4—Additional Land—North Ward—The Town Clerk reported as to laid near Folly Lane, which might be suitable for allotments. RESOLVED, That Councillors Dicks, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward and Yarnold and Mr. F. Vizard be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the land.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th December, 1927 Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, J. P. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1--Recreation Ground, St. Mark's—(a) Fencing-- The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss that they did not consider channel fencing would be satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss, to supply the gates for £15 and the fencing originally specified, for 8s 9d per yard be accepted.

(b) Conveniences and Shelter—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the Conveniences and Shelter to be erected on this ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons to erect Conveniences and Shelter for £628 0s. 0d. (being the lowest' be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) Turf, etc,—RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 17th inst. to inspect the condition of the turf, etc

2—St. Mary's Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that the Rector had enquired if the Corporation would consider a proposal for making this ground open to the Public. RESOLVED, That the ground be

inspected by the Committee at a date to be arranged and that the Rector be invited to meet the Committee to discuss the matter.

3—Recreation Grounds—The Superintendents of the Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds attended, and submitted their views as to keeping the grass at these grounds in order. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

4—Clarence Square—Tree—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. F. R. Jefford for the removal of a tree near No. 1 Tennis Court in this Square. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th December, 1927. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Gen Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During November 3,006 (against 2,633) daily average 116 (against 101). Included in these figures were the following classes .-21 boys from Cheltenham Parish School ; 24 boys from Hatherley Road School, Gloucester ; and 13 boys and girls from Tewkesbury Grammar School.

Receipts—Permanent Catalogues 6s; Refunded lighting expenses re two lectures 7s ; Collection Box £3 12s. 0d. ; Postcards 2s 9d ; Commission 7s 4d. Total £4 15s 1d.

Exhibitions—The Cheltenham Group of Artists Exhibition, open from October 3rd to November 12th, was visited by 4,467 persons, a daily average of 124.

The Exhibition of work by Students of the School of Arts and Crafts, open from November 17th to December 10th, was visited by 2,854 persons, a daily average of 136.

The Exhibition of Prize Drawings from the Royal Institute of British Architects was opened on December 13th by The Mayor, with addresses by Sir Fabian Ware and Mr. Walter Tapper.

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2—Donations--From Mr. L. W. Bayley, F.A.I., Cheltenham, Cheltenham Print Mr. Spencer Williams, Beckford, Water-rail and Rattlesnake. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3--Filing Cabinet—RESOLVED, That this Committee contribute 5 to the cost of the filing cabinet, as per current Estimate.

4—Prospective Exhibition—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for an exhibition of Oil Paintings and Water-colours by Miss H. Stuart 'Weir, R.B.A., R.O.I. during June, 1928.

5—Prinknash Stained Glass—Read, letter from Capt. Trye proposing that consideration be given to the question of making a grant towards the fund being raised by Mr. St. Clair Baddeley with a view to retaining this Tudor glass for the County. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to make a contribution.

6—Casts of Thomason Medals—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Richardson for the return of these casts, deposited in the Museum in 1915 by her father, be acceded to.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th December, 1927. Present—Aldermen Steel and Stewart; Councillors H. W. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 26th November to 16th December, 1927. Interments 36; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 3 ; Second Position 3 ; Fourth Position 6). Memorials fixed 13. New Inscriptions 3.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7691 to 7901 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the design of Memorial kerbing and posts to grave of Betty E. Smith be approved.

4—Wooden Cross—Read, letter from Mrs. E. E. Wilks, on behalf of Mrs. Smith for permission to place a small oak cross on a grave in the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that a notice be placed near the Cemetery Gates drawing attention to Byelaw No. 30 which provides that " No Wooden Grave Rail or other wooden erection will be allowed."

5—War Crosses—RESOLVED, That five more oak rails be provided at an estimated cost of £11 17s. 6d., for additional war crosses received.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1927. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Pates, Gen, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Welstead ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts f8 3s. 7d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 5,176 (last year 6,026) Lending Library 12,569 (last year 12,254) ; Juvenile Library 2,288 (last year 2,141). Total for month 20,033 (last year 20,421),

Replacements—During the month 53 volumes had been replaced, and 89 Juvenile volumes returned from the binder, and put into circulation.

Lectures—Lectures had been given as follows :—

Shakespeare's " Richard III " by Miss Rene Winstone (attendance 155 persons).

" The Gramophone as an Aid to Music " by Mr. F. Craven Broad (attendance 112 persons).

" Biography" by Mr. A. C. MacKenzie, M.A. (attendance 45 persons).

" Galsworthy " by Mr. A. C. MacKenzie, M.A. (attendance 58 persons).

Shelving—Additional shelving for newspaper files had been constructed at a cost of £4 15s. 4d.

Boiler—Emergency repairs to the brick work, and firebar supports under the boiler were being carried out at a cost of approximately £5.

Presentations—Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (1 vol.); Messrs- Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. (1 vol.) ; Miss Pratt (1 vol.) ; Mr. Councillor H. W. Thomas (9 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 8th inst. Present—Alderman Steel ; Councillor Gen Thomas ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Gen. Thomas in the chair).

They recommended :—(a) That 96 volumes (new books), published at £41 6s 6d., be purchased at a cost of £23 10s, 3d. That 127 volumes, historical works, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £53 13s. 6d. That 149 volumes, from the library of the late Mr. Chas. Upton, be purchased for £16 0s. 0d.

(b) That the sum of £25 be spent on replacements.

(c) That the " Review of English Studies " be placed on the list of periodicals supplied, at a cost of 21s per annum.

(d) Filing Cabinet—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. Smith's Systems, Ltd. to supply a Filing Cabinet for £10 (provided for in current Estimate) be accepted, one-half of the cost to be borne by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

(e) Extra Shelving—Quotations for extra shelving in the corridor were considered. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. W. J. Ball & Co. of £25 10s. 0d. (provided for in current Estimate) be accepted.

(f) Reference Library—RESOLVED, That a reader's suggestion that a separate table be reserved for ladies be not adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st December, 1927. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 21st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £11,163 1s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £21,326 3s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1928. Amount collected £7,105 2s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £11,012 19s. 8d.

3—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 21st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £28,274 9s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £52,341 19s. 7d.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during November was 3,837, as compared with 3,398 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. : £800 at 65 per cent. plus expenses £2 7s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £800 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.

6-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £250 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Report of Accounts Rota—Reported Meeting on the 21st inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd February, 1928.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th, day of February, 1928, 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 it MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH JOINT COMMITTEES and to consider application for use of land on Leckhampton Hill for Artillery training ground. 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. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To fill vacancy on this Committee caused by resignation of Alderman J. D. Bendall.
5. STANSBY'S CHARITY—To appoint three Representative Trustees to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Dicks on 4th instant.
6. GRAMMAR SCHOOL—To appoint two Representative Governors to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Councillors Dicks and Mann on 1st March next.
7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a 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 January, 1928, 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 Dicks, 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, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were Councillors Wheeler and Welstead.

received from Alderman Bendall and

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the .nth December, 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.

2—The Late Mr. Richard Minett—Resolved, That this Council deeply regret the death of Mr. Richard Minett, an old and valued servant of the Council who filled the office of Borough Accountant for 4 years, and desire to convey their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

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3—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, 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 12

Housing Meeting held December 13

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held December 20

Resolved, also, That the resolution to Minute No. 5 passed at a Meeting of the Committee held on the 22nd November, 1927 and confirmed by the Council on the 6th December, 1927 to make a compulsory order for the purchase of a portion of Mr. Davis's land in Folly Lane, be rescinded.

Street and Highway ... Meeting held December 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Stewart and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 2, with regard to Petrol Station, Lansdown Road, be referred back for further consideration."

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held December 10 and 16

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor Moore : " That Minute No. 10 with regard to Summer Band be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Moore : "That the Committee be authorised to engage Military Bands at a total cost not exceeding £2,250 " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 14

Water Meeting held December 15

General Purposes and Watch... Meeting held December 20

Allotments... Meeting held December 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 16

Burial Board Meeting held December 16

Public Library Meeting held December 13

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 gum of money got 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 Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th February, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1927. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Gen. Thomas in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property-17 and 30 Burton Street ; 11 Hatherley Place ; 25 Sun Street ; 14 Cleaveland Street ; 3, 4, 16, 17 and 18 Albert Street ; 115 and 116 Tewkesbury Road; 3 St. Paul's Terrace, St. Paul's Street South.—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, and 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.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—7 Suffolk Square ; 11 Hatherley Place; 57 Sun Street ; 7 Spa Buildings and 30 Burton Street.—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—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,

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 30 Burton 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 house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health.

RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 4 Brandon Place; 6, 8, 10 and 12 Sherborne Street; and 1 and 2 Woods Court, Sherborne Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above named houses, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration He submitted a specification of the work 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.

(c) Norwood Cottage and Eclipse Coal and Wood Yard, Upper Bath. Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had not complied with the notices served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and submitted two tenders for the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. to do the work for £5 10s. 0d., being the lowest, be accepted.

(d) Elmfield Private Hotel, Overton Park Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that drains of these premises were stopped up, and that the Owner was anxious that the Corporation should carry out the work and charge her with the cost, and an estimate had been obtained from Messrs. Moore Bros. to do the necessary work for £114 14s. 0d. (including £10 for contingencies) RESOLVED, That formal notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875 to the Owner requiring her to do the specified work and that on a written request from the Owner for the Corporation to execute the work that the tender of Messrs. Moore Bros. be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

5—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1879—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Jones of 96 Tewkesbury Road to be registered as a purveyor of milk be not granted.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 5 cwts. 1 qr. 19 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs. Pork and 2 cwts. 8 lbs. fish and also the seizure of 2 qrs. 22 lbs. Mutton

7—Common Lodging Houses—The Medical Officer of Health reported as to inspections made on the 19th and 20th ult., of all the Common Lodging Houses when it was found that the byelaws were being carried out satisfactorily except at two of the houses where deputy keepers were not present and he had therefore warned the keepers of these two houses.

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8—Sanitary Inspectors—(a) Third Assistant Sanitary Inspector —The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Norman Green, recently appointed Third Assistant Sanitary Inspector had now obtained the Meat Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

(b) Bicycles—RESOLVED, That an allowance of 15s per quarter be made to the Chief Sanitary Inspector and the Assistant Inspectors for the use of their bicycles.

9—Sewers—(a) Fairview District and Back of Montpellier Terrace--The Borough Surveyor submitted report and estimate of resewering the Fairview District. He also submitted report made by him in November, 1912 with regard to these sewers which were then in a defective condition, He now

estimated the cost of reconstructing the sewers at £8,945 and for the construction of surface water drains at £3,886, making a total of £12,831.

The Borough Surveyor also submitted report as to the defective old brick sewer at the back of Montpellier Tem4e which he recommended should be replaced by a new 9 inch diameter stone ware pipe at an estimated cost of £330.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £13,161 to cover the cost of resewering the Fairview District and the Back of Montpellier Terrace, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for carrying out the work.

(b) Montpellier Spa Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the defective part of the sewer in this road together with estimate of the cost of replacing the old sewer with a 9 inch diameter stone ware pipe including the requisite manholes amounting to £292. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to relay this sewer.

10—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—The Town Clerk reported that at a Meeting of the County Council held that day it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Ministry of Health to make an Order designating the Corporation as the authority for the administration of this Act in the Borough. RESOLVED, That (subject to an Order being made by the Ministry of Health appointing the Council as the Authority for the Borough for the purposes of the Act) the Council be recommended to delegate the duties under the Act to the Slum Areas Clearance Committee.

11—Royal Institute of Public Health—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates at a Congress to be held in Dublin in August next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

12—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular of 17th ult., inviting the attendance of delegates at a conference to be held in Plymouth from the 16th to 21st July next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Gen. Thomas) and the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend.

13—Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health—The Town Clerk submitted circular 814 received from the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangement of the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1927, a copy of which had been sent by the Ministry to the Medical Officer of Health.

14—Cancer—The Town Clerk submitted circular 826 from the Ministry of Health forwarding the sixth series of memoranda issued by the Department during recent years on the subject of cancer, a copy of which had been sent by the Ministry to the Medical Officer of Health.

15—Byelaws—Fouling of Footways by Dogs—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee stating that his Committee had instructed the Chief Constable that the County Police should assist in the enforcement of these byelaws to the extent of reporting any offences against them which they may observe in the course of their ordinary duties.

16—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 9th inst. Present—Councillors Leigh James, Moore, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

(a) Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms' Manager dated 9th inst. Live Stock on Farms on 9th inst.. 10 horses, 82 head of cattle, 1 bull, 1 calf, 101 sheep and 24 pigs. 2 Calves, 4 ewes, 12 lambs and 6 porkett pigs had been sold for £79 4s. 0d.

(b) Valuation—Mr. C. Castle attended and discussed with the Committee various points arising on the valuation to be made in accordance with the lease of the farms to Mr. Rymer and also the sale of the live and dead stock, RESOLVED, That the sale be held at the Barn Farm on the 31st January or 7th February whichever date Mr. Castle considers advisable and that if owing to the Foot and Mouth Disease restrictions the Sale cannot be held Mr. Castle be asked to try and arrange with the tenant for deferring the Sale to a later date.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the boiler pipe of the kitchen range. RESOLVED, also, That the Farms' Manager be authorised to supply 10 loads of cow manure for Montpellier Gardens. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

H. M. THOMAS, chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 1st February, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in tile chair).

17—Farms' Manager—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Farm's Manager stating that he had not yet secured any suitable farm or employment and asking if the Corporation could make him some allowance. RESOLVED, unanimously, That a gratuity of £125 be made to Mr. Burton, and that that he be paid his salary up to the 11th February next. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Burton be refunded the contributions paid by him under the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, together with interest as provided for in the Act.

18—Watermen—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the arrangements made by him with regard to the duties of the watermen at the Farms as from the date when the farms are taken over by Mr. Rymer. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th January, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, H. W. Thomas, Gen, Thomas and J. F. Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—New Houses—Mr. Rainger submitted design of new houses for erection in Spenser Road and in the new road to be made therefrom to Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That, subject to the design being approved by the Ministry of Health, tenders be invited for the erection of 38 houses to be erected in Spenser Road under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. RESOLVED, also, That the Council

be recommended to revise the list of duties of this Committee by substituting the words "St. Mark's Housing Estate " for the words " Excepting the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924," and adding the following words to the end of the list of duties of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee " Excepting on the St. Mark's Housing Estate."

2-61 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. J. T. Jackson enquiring if the Corporation would be prepared to sell him this house and also a strip of land adjoining the house to enable him to erect a garage. RESOLVED, That Mr. Jackson be informed that the Committee are willing to sell him the house and land subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained but that if he does not desire to purchase the house, the Committee are willing to let him an additional strip of land, 3 feet wide, to provide room for a garage.

3—International Housing Congress—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to an international Housing and Town Planning Congress to be held in Paris in July next, RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

4-35 Byron Road—Read, letter of 7th ult., from the tenant of this house asking for permission to transfer to a house with wooden floors on account of his wife's health. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to his paying stamp duty on new tenancy Agreement and to the Corporation being put to no expense in regard to the transfer.

5--Parlour Type Houses, Gloucester Road—The Committee considered the naming of the houses in course of erection at the rear of the shrubberies fronting Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to name the four crescents to be formed along this frontage, " Kingsley Gardens."

6—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for arrears of rent.

W. .T. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th January, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924--Site for additional houses—Read, letter from Messrs. Tayler, Fletcher & Villar offering Mr. Davis' property in Folly Lane containing about 12 acres including the house in his occupation, 2 cottages and outbuildings at the price of £4,600, the Corporation to pay Valuers' and Solicitors' charges. Read, also, letter of 21st inst., from the District Valuer that he valued the property at this sum exclusive of tenants interests, Vendors Agents fees and costs of conveyance. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the whole of the property be not entertained. RESOLVED, also, That the Minute No. 1 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 20th ult., (as amended by the Council) be rescinded and that an Order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 64 of the Housing Act, 1925 for the compulsory 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 the service of notice of the Order on the tenants of the allotments. RESOLVED, also, That the District Valuer be asked to value the piece of land on the west side of Folly Lane, adjoining the piece above referred to, containing 3'829 acres.

2-72 and 73 Stanhope Street—The Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses required redecoration and three tenders were submitted. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. J. T. Jenkins of £11 17s. 6d. being the lowest, be accepted.

3—Selection of Tenants—RESOLVED, That the application for a house of Mrs. G. Wilks of 17 Lansdown Place Stables, in respect of which a Closing Order had been made, be granted.

4—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Ministry of Health appointing the Council to be the Local Authority for the Borough for the purposes of this Act, and requesting the Council to submit a Scheme for approval. The Town Clerk submitted draft Scheme, a copy of which accompanies these Minutes. RESOLVED, That this Scheme be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th January, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dunn, Mann, Leigh James, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; 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, 1927. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants,	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	19.10	22.5
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	15.6	19.2
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	36.6	26.3

(b) New Centre, St. Mark's—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association stating that her Committee was of opinion that it was necessary to provide another welfare centre to serve the St. Mark's District and Housing Estate, etc. At present some of the mothers from this district attended the Clare Street and Highbury Centres, but the long distance to the centres made regular attendance difficult. The estimated cost of providing a centre was £90 and they asked that the Corporation should increase their grant to the Association by this amount to enable them to provide the centre. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

2—Health Visitors—Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended 31st December, 1927 :—

No. of Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	2,038
“ “ (b) over 1 year	2,307
“ remaining on Register	2,630
Un-notified Births discovered	25
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	6,891
First Visits paid by Health Visitors.,.	541
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	248
Children remitted to Hospital	22
Ante-natal cases visited	113
Chicken-pox	14
Measles	3
Whooping-cough cases visited	20
Ophthalmia-Neonatorum cases visited	4
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. (No prosecutions followed	4

Grants of Milk :

To nursing and expectant mothers	46
To infants and children (under 3 years)	44
Total	90

Cost of milk during the year 1927 .. £83 4s. 7d.

Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1927

No. of Children on Register	2,630
“Children Visited (1 year and under)	789
“ (over 1 year)	596
“ Un-notified Births discovered	6
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,739
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	72
“ Children remitted to Hospital	8
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors	107
“ Ante-natal cases visited	42
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	5
“ Chicken-pox cases visited	3
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	1
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	3

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	12
New Orders	20

Orders discontinued during quarter	15
“ continuing to coming quarter	17

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 15 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 17 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Victoria Nursing Home—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Mr. E. J. Burrow, Hon. Treasurer, Victoria Nursing Home, asking the Corporation to make a larger annual payment to the Home. Mr E. J. Burrow attended. RESOLVED, That the grant be increased to £45 per annum, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

4—Women's Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to a Conference to be held in London on the 17th February next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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JOINT MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH AND STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Thursday, 5th January, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Petrol Station, Lansdown Road—Read, letters of 2nd and 4th inst., from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen agreeing, on behalf of their client, to the following proposals :—(a) Mr. Goulding to convey to the Corporation the frontages for the planting of shrubberies as shown on the plan ; (b) The railings round the shrubberies to be similar to the railings at Sandford Park ; (c) The Corporation to plant the shrubberies with trees or shrubs to be kept at a height of not exceeding 5 feet ; (c) No advertisement to be displayed on the site other than on the oil, petrol and entrance lights globes ; Mr. Goulding to give up the piece of land on the south corner for the improvement of the road. RESOLVED, That these proposals be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd January, 1928. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 6th 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 16th December, 1927 to the 18th January, 1928, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 12th inst. 1928 :-942 loads collected, 932 loads consumed and 10 tipped away. Weight consumed 1348 tons 16 cwts.

3—View Committee—A View Meeting was held on the 9th January, 1928. Present—Councillor Dicks. It was recommended as follows :—(a) London Road—Telephone Kiosk—That the application of the Post Office to place a telephone kiosk on the footpath near Holy Apostles Church be granted, subject to it being placed in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor near the wall.

(b) Montpellier Spa Road—That Col. McLachlan's application for the removal of a tree in this road be not acceded to. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

4 —Footpaths—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on the 2nd February to view the defective footpaths in the town.

5—Telephone Lines, St. Luke's Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the telephone pole fixed in this Place without permission had now been removed.

6—Tivoli Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. F. J. Griffin asking that the wooden summer house erected at his premises might be allowed to remain. RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. Griffin to show cause why the building erected by him should not be pulled down as being in contravention of the byelaws.

7—Wires Across Highways—RESOLVED, That the application from Mr. E. J. Manley to erect an aerial across the lane at the rear of 12 Hatherley Place be adjourned for view.

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S—Workmen's Annual Outing- -The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Workmen for leave of absence with pay on Saturday morning, 23rd June, for their proposed annual outing. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

9—Horses " Steamer " and " Rattler "—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse " Steamer" had been destroyed and it was proposed to include the horse " Rattler" in the sale of the Farm Stock on the 7th February. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Highways' Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that six employees who were not covered by the Superannuation Scheme had now attained the age of 65 and were entitled to a pension under the new Pension Act. RESOLVED, That they be given notice to terminate their employment.

11—Asphalt Plant—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 11th inst., from Mr. W. Hawker complaining again of nuisance from dust from the asphalt plant. The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of a scheme prepared by Messrs. Millars Machinery Co. for dealing with the dust from

the plant which they offered to carry out at a cost of £233 5s. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into,

12—Motor Lorry—The Borough Surveyor reported that an additional motor lorry should be purchased. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain particulars for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

13—Electric Transmission Line—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter received from the Worcestershire, Shropshire & Staffordshire Power Co. giving notice of an overhead line to be erected between Tewkesbury and Cheltenham to afford the bulk supply to Cheltenham, and enclosing plan of the proposed route. RESOLVED, That the route be approved as shown in the plan except that where the line crosses the old Gloucester Road and Hester's Way the Company be asked to arrange for the line to be taken under the road.

14—Gardener's Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from the abutting owners in this lane in reply to his letter requiring them to repair the road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

15—Town Planning Act, 1925-Scheme-The Committee considered memorandum by the and Borough Surveyor with regard to the Town Planning Scheme to be made under this Act (a copy of the memorandum accompanies these minutes). RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to invite applications by advertisement for a Town Planning Assistant and Junior Assistant at salaries of £400 and £200 respectively. RESOLVED, also, That Alderman Bendall and Councillors Dicks and Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and prepare preliminary scheme for consideration by the Committee.

16—Promenade—Post Office Telephone Kiosk—The Town Clerk reported that the Post Office Telephones' Department had under consideration a proposal for erection of a combined pillar box, automatic stamp machine and telephone kiosk to be erected near the General Post Office, and asked the Corporation to select a site for this. RESOLVED, That this be considered at the next View Meeting.

17—Footpath, Swindon Parish—Read. letter of 20th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking if the Council were taking steps in regard to the stile across the footpath and bridleway from Tewkesbury Road to Arle. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to take action to prevent the obstruction of this right of way subject to the Cheltenham Rural District Council agreeing to pay an equal share of any costs incurred by the Council,

18—Petrol Station—Lansdown Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen stating that while Mr. Goulding's Mortgagees were prepared to agree to the proposals settled at the Joint Meeting held on the 5th inst., they desired that if the land ceased to be used as an oil and petrol station that the shrubberies should be given back to Mr. Goulding or his successors on payment by him of the cost of the Corporation of planting the shrubberies and railings, as if the land ceased to be used as a petrol station it would be much depreciated in value as a building site if the frontages were held by the Corporation and they therefore suggested that instead of a conveyance of the frontages, it should be carried out by way of a 999 years' lease at a nominal rent of 1s per annum, containing a provision for the lease to be surrendered if required by Mr Goulding or his

successors in title in the event of the use of the land as a Petrol Station being given up upon payment to the Corporation of the cost incurred in forming the shrubberies, etc. not exceeding £250. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Common Seal be affixed to the lease. RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 1 passed at the Joint Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch and Street and Highway Committees on the 5th inst. be varied accordingly.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 6th January, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Leigh James and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Stewart 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.
2439	Shenton, S.	Billposting Hoarding, corner of High Street and Grove Street.
2440	Paynter, L.	Motor House, "Torcross," Old Bath Road.
2441	The Committee of St. Paul's Training College.	Additions to St. Paul's Training College, Swindon Rd.
2442	The United Chemists	New Garage, Corpus Street. Association Limited.
2443	The Council of Cheltenham College.	New Lavatory, Thirlestaine Road.
2444	Skinner, F.	New Scullery addition, 1 Torquay Villas, Selkirk Street.
2445	Caudle, G. E.	New Bath-room, Trewsbury, Lypiatt Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2439, 2441, 2443 and 2445 be approved, but that Plans Nos. 2441, 2443 and 2445 be subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plans Nos. 2440, 2442 and 2444 be disapproved,

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd January, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Leigh James (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.
1647	Watts, C.	Motor House, Brenta, Leckhampton Road.
2426	Parker, J. D.	Motor House, " Caradon," Painswick Road.
2440	Paynter, L.	Motor House, Torcross, Old Bath Road.

2446	Royal Insurance Co.	Alterations to shops on Ground floor, 13 Promenade (Amended plan).
2448	Joyner, J.	Motor House, Ravenscourt, Tivoli Place.
2449	Vizard, F.	Conversion of building into dwelling-house, St. George's Nurseries.
2450	St. Gregory's Church.	Preliminary plan for proposed new Hall, St. James' Parade.
2451	Ward, E. L.	Additions at rear of 140 High Street.
2452	Wicliffe Motor Co	New Show-room, Bath Road.
2453	Messrs. Burrow's Press, Ltd.	Extension of Printing works, rear of Royal House, Montpellier Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2426, 2440, 2446 and 2448 be approved, that Plans Nos. 2449, 2452 and 2453 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plans Nos. 1647, 2450 and 2451 be disapproved.

W. J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th January, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair),

1—Sandford Park—(a) Bronze Tablet—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotations for the bronze tablet to be erected at this Park. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. G. H. Wynn & Sons of £10 be accepted.

(b) Field Lodge—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification and estimate of the cost of the repairs and redecoration required at these premises. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the work.

(c) Cycle Stand—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the National Citizens Union asking if a bicycle stand could be provided in this Park. RESOLVED, That this be not provided at present.

(d) Damage to Fountain, etc,—The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to damage caused to the waste pipe of the fountain by 5 boys on the 14th inst. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be instructed to take proceedings for wilful damage against the 5 boys.

2—Town Hall—(a) Seating—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed new gallery at the Town Hall which he was of opinion would be unsightly and detract from the architectural features of the building. RESOLVED, That this be not erected and that Minute No. 12 (a) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 18th November last be rescinded. RESOLVED, also, That the fixed seating removed from the Organ loft be erected in the gallery in place of the chairs.

(b) Electrical Contractors' Conference—The Town Clerk reported that the Chamber of Commerce had suggested that the Electrical Contractors Association should be invited to hold their Annual

Conference in Cheltenham this year. RESOLVED, That the Association be invited to do so, and that the free use of the accommodation required at the Town Hall be granted for the Conference subject to payment of lighting, heating and out of pocket expenses, and also the use of Pittville Gardens for a Garden Party.

(c) Show Case—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. Clarence James giving 6 months' notice to terminate the agreement for the advertisement show case in the Ladies Cloak Room at the Town Hall as Messrs. E. Arden & Co. wished to discontinue this but he was willing to continue the Agreement if the Council would reduce the rental to £6 6s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Floral Fete—Damage to Tennis Courts—The Committee further considered letters from the Central, Cavendish House and Y.M.C.A. Tennis Clubs and also from Mr. J. Maxwell with regard to the damage to their tennis courts on the occasion of the Floral Fête held in June last. RESOLVED, That an allowance of £1 1s. 0d. for each court be made to the hirers.

(b) Tennis Court Charges—RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain particulars from other towns as to charges made to Clubs for hire of tennis courts in Public Pleasure Grounds.

(c) Proscenium—Read, letter from Mr. George Stockwin asking the terms for hire of the proscenium in the Gardens for the week commencing the 10th September next. RESOLVED, That the Proscenium be let to him at a rent of £10 for the week subject to similar conditions so far as applicable as were included in Mr. Claude Chandler's Agreement.

(d) Archery Ground—Read, application of 11th inst., from Miss Lloyd Oswell, Hon. Treasurer, Cheltenham Archers, for the use of the Archery Ground for the 1928 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 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 the targets.

4—Pittville Pump Room—Read, letter of 14th inst., from Mr. E. A. Sallis Benney suggesting that the Giant Cubist Design of Venus used at the Art Ball should be placed for a temporary period in the Pittville Pump Room. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th January, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn H. W. Thomas E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

5—Pittville Gardens—Floral Fete—Mrs. Bisset (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. C. C. Cassidy attended and stated that the Floral Fete Committee had decided to hold the Fete at Pittville Gardens if satisfactory arrangements could be made. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens be granted to the Floral Fête Committee on the following terms and that Minute No. 4 passed by the Committee at their Meeting on the 16th ult. be varied accordingly :—

The Floral Fete Committee to have the free use of the gardens and Pump Room on the 27th and 28th June next, with sufficient time before and after these dates to be arranged by the Committee for the erection and removal of tents. All tennis players to be excluded on the dates of the Show and also from the two courts required for the erection and removal of the tents which are to be placed in positions approved by the Committee, The swings and roundabouts, etc., to be placed on the land on the west side of the ground used for similar purposes for the Whitsuntide Fete, the music of the roundabouts, etc. to be discontinued at 10.30 p.m. on each night.

The fireworks display to be held in a position approved by the Committee. The Chamber of Commerce to pay all out of pocket expenses and to make good all damage and loss suffered by the Corporation.

The Floral Fête Committee to have the use for the dates of the Show the Military Band engaged by the Corporation, paying the Corporation the proportionate cost of the band for the dates required.

6—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son to stand an exhibition motor van of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. in front of the Winter Garden Bandstand on March 16th next be granted.

7—Medical Baths—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had appointed Mrs. White as assistant at these Baths in the place of Nurse Griffiths, resigned, at a salary of £3 per week plus 2s 6dd. washing allowance.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**--The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 20th ult. and 3rd and 17th inst were read.

They recommended as follows:-

(a) Children's Dance Teas—That the Spa Manager be authorised to spend £10 10s. 0d. in prizes for the Children's Fancy Dress Dance Teas.

(b) Organ—That Mr. Arthur Cole be appointed Organ Controller (as a tentative arrangement) to supervise the letting of the Organ and to prepare and submit programmes for Sunday Evening Concerts for the remainder of the Winter Season and that he be paid a fee of £10 10s. 0d. for his services for this period.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th January, 1928, Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Sub-Station—(a) Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported An offer from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co . Ltd., to sell a piece of land fronting Swindon Road, adjoining their printing works, as a site for an Electricity Sub-Station, for the sum of £100. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

(b) Sandford Park—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Borough Surveyor had invited tenders for this Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That a special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 15th February to consider tenders and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a satisfactory tender.

2—Bulk Supply---(a) The Town Clerk submitted agreement settled with the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co, Ltd, for bulk supply. RESOLVED, That the agreement be approved and that the Council agree to share the Stamp duty on the agreement and counterpart.

(b) Cables, etc.—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plan of the cables and Sub-Stations required to enable the power supply to be connected to the existing distributing system, and also estimate for the cables and Sub-Station switch gear, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to loans of £23,847 for the cables and £15,657 for the Sub-Station switch gear.

3—Application of Surplus Revenue—Read, circular of 19th ult., from the Electricity Commissioners setting out their views for the information of Local Authorities in regard to the application of surplus revenue.

4—Public Lighting—RESOLVED, That a View Meeting of the Committee be held on the 31st inst, to consider various complaints received with regard to public lighting.

5—I.M.E.A.—(a) Convention, 1928—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 Bath from the 11th to 16th June next.

(b) Council—Read, circular from the I.M.E.A. inviting the Committee to submit names of Committee Members or Engineers for election as 3.11members of Council for three years ending June, 1931. RESOLVED, That Mr. W. J. Bache be nominated.

6—Wessex and Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Bills—The Town Clerk submitted copies of these bills. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th December, 1927 which showed the calorific value to be 473.9 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 20th, 23rd and 29th ult., 4th, 12th, 18th and 24th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 475.5, 474.6, 473.9, 451.3, 466.1. 472.4 and 470.8 respectively and the pressure 4.9, 4.2, 4.2, 4.8, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.8 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th January, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dunn, Pates and Sir Richard Wapshare. (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 January, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	513,000 gallons	399,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	3,121,000 „	1,927,000
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	101,000
Total	3,749,000	2,427,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 16th January, 1928.	Contents	Depth 16th January, 1927.	Contents
Hewletts		31,667,000 gallons		12,853,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 „	30ft. 5in.	97,828,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		133,310,000		112,166,000

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

	During December, 1927.	During past 9 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections ..	715	12,740
„ „ taps found leaking	52	936
„ defective flushing boxes	8	276
„ defective stop taps	6	72
„ „ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ...	52	
“ “ (special repairs apart from house-to-house inspections)	<u>32</u>	
	84	1,196
“ notices served re fittings	53	656
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	8	144
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	59	738
“ burst pipes discovered	24	114
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	63	499

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

Mains repaired 5

Sluice Valves repaired ... 4

Mains flushed out ... 7

House services pumped out ... 2

4—Fire Hydrants—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Cheltenham Rural District Council and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and suggest in view of the recent fire at Chargrove, Shurdington Road, the advisability of considering the provision of additional hydrants in their districts. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed, when new mains are laid in districts outside the Borough, to call the attention of the District Council thereto so that they may consider the desirability of fixing hydrants.

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5—Water Charges—The Committee considered report of the Borough Engineer and summary of the water charges showing the effect that the new valuation of the Borough would have upon the receipts of the Undertaking. RESOLVED, That with a view to adjusting the water charges as far as possible to the increased gross rental made by the new valuation of the Borough, that the following reductions be made in the scale of charges within the Borough to come into force on the 1st April next

SCALE OF CHARGES.

Domestic Supply-5 per cent. on the Gross Estimated Rental, minimum charge 8s 8d. per annum (Present charge 6 per cent.). Licensed Premises-6 per cent. on Gross Estimated Rental (Present charge 7 per cent.),

6—Salts Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that the area of the embankment at the reservoir, the pasture of which was deteriorated owing to the deposit of material from the reservoir, was 1 ¼ acres. RESOLVED, That the rent of the Farm be reduced from £100 to £97.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th January, 1928. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Sawyer, Capt. Trye 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 and that with the exception of several parishes at the northern end of the County, the County was free from Foot and Mouth Disease,

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire since the last meeting of the Committee

Date.	Place.	Damage	Brigade Expenses.
1927.			
30th December	Upper Bath Street	£150	£5 8s. 0d.
1928.			
6th January	2 Cambray	Slight	£4 0s. 0d.
11th “	Chargrove House, Shurdington Road	£4,000	£13 3s. 0d.
19th “	Saw Mills and Timber Yard Knapp Road	£200	£7 3s. 6d.

(b) Uniform—The Captain reported that the Members of the Brigade needed new trousers and also new boots. RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on 2nd February to inspect uniforms, etc.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Transfers—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. Webb for the transfer of licence No. 20 from Motor Car No. AP2185 to LB8797 be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the application of Mr. A. D. Marshall for transfer of Licence No. 73 from Motor Car AD2776 to FH533 be granted subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Hackney Carriage Inspector.

4—Regulation of Traffic—Read, letters of 22nd ult. and 2nd inst., from the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co. Ltd. and letters of 8th inst. from Mrs. R. Byng Morris and the Hon. R. Hardinge with regard to the regulation of traffic. RESOLVED, That consideration of the letters be adjourned to next Meeting of the Committee.

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5—Cinematograph Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the licences of Messrs. H. G. Beard, Daffodil Picture House Co. Ltd and Shakspeare Shenton in respect of the Coliseum Theatre and North Street Picture House, The Daffodil Picture : House and the Winter Garden and Palace Picture Theatre be renewed for one year from the 6th February, 1928 on the same conditions as in previous years.

(b) Prevention of Fire—Read, circular of 11th inst. from the Home Office stating that the Secretary of State raised no objection to the use of an asbestos blanket containing not less than 90 per cent. of asbestos and having no metallic wires instead of a thick woollen blanket as required by No. 4b of the cinematograph regulations.

6—Leckhampton Estate—(a) **Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That The Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillors Dicks and Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report on matters arising in connection with this Estate

(b) Repairs—RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit estimate of the cost of repairing the Farm building on the top of the Hill.

(c) Southfield Farm—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mr. A. Byard to rent two fields at this Farm be adjourned.

(d) Artillery Camp—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Commanding Officer, 53rd (Welsh) Division stating that it was proposed to hold territorial camps during the coming year on ground of Col. Elwes near Coberley from the 20th May to 12th August, and as the training area available at the camp was insufficient he asked for the use of the land on the top of the Hill for training. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain for what hours of the day the ground would be required.

7—Greyhound Racing—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Town Clerk, Burnley, forwarding copy of resolution passed by his Council calling upon the Government to legislate forthwith giving local Authorities power to prohibit or licence greyhound racing tracks and to make betting thereon illegal and asking the Corporation to pass a similar resolution. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—Police Accounts—Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that from the information supplied by the Chief Constable the number of reserve and special constables employed in Cheltenham during the Strike was equivalent to 32 $\frac{231}{730}$ constables for the County and 7 $\frac{31}{365}$ constables for the Borough and adding this to the number of the reserve officers for the County and Borough respectively as suggested at the Conference, Cheltenham's share of the £2975 being the cost incurred for the services of the reserve constables would be £512 18s. 6d. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay for the cost of the reserve constables incurred owing to the Strike on the basis suggested at the Conference, namely :—That the number of reserve constables employed in Cheltenham and the County respectively additional to the ordinary force shall be reduced to their equivalent in number of men employed for a year and such equivalent number added respectively to the number of the ordinary force for the County and Borough respectively for the purposes of apportioning the cost between Cheltenham and the County and that the cost of special constables shall be charged to the County Fund as provided for by the Special Constables Order, 1923.

9—Railways Road Transport Bills—Read, circular of 16th inst., from the Association of Municipal Corporations calling attention to the bills being promoted by Railway Companies relating to road transport including the L.M.S. and G.W. Railways and suggesting that the Corporation should take into consideration the question of presenting petitions against such of the bills as relate to their respective areas. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—Nursing Home Registration Act, 1927—The Town Clerk reported that this Act provided for the County Council to be the Authority for administration of the Act but Section 9 empowered the County Council to delegate their powers to District Councils. RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council for the powers under this Act to be delegated to the Corporation in respect of the Borough.

11—National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That S. MacArthur (Town Clerk's Department), C. P. G. Neate (Borough Treasurer's Department), H. F. Lewis (Electricity Department) and N. Green (Health Department) be added to the list of exceptions under the National Health Insurance Acts and also that Miss L. Rider (Borough Treasurer's Department) be added to the certificate of exemption under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, she having completed three years service on the 29th ult.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments—RESOLVED, That Allotment No. 3 Crab Tree Piece be let to Mr. H. Vallender and that Allotment No. 24 Baglins Piece be let to P.C. Harding, the new tenants paying any compensation which may be payable to the outgoing tenants.

2—Additional Land—The Town Clerk submitted particulars of three pieces of land which could be purchased for allotments. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make further enquiries as to the price of some land in Folly Lane.

3—Albert Road Allotments—RESOLVED, That the applications of two tenants for reduction of rents be not entertained. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman and Mr. Yeend be requested to consider if an additional entrance is required to these allotments, and to have this provided if thought desirable,

4—Encroachments—RESOLVED, That a notice be put up in each of the allotments warning allotment holders that rubbish must be burnt on their own allotment and not on the pathways,

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1928, Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward and J. F. Ward (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Earwaker for the removal of two silver birch trees in front of No. 15 Pittville Lawn be not acceded to.

2—Clarence Square—Wellesley Court Hotel—RESOLVED, That the plan for additions to Wellesley Court Hotel be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

3—Sandford Park—Wilful Damage—The Borough Surveyor reported that initials had been cut in the shelter by Leslie Dyer, aged 15 and also that Mr. F. Phillips had been found committing a nuisance in the shelter. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be asked to prosecute in both cases.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have three pitches formed in this ground and to have the remainder of the ground rolled and the long grass cut. RESOLVED, also, That equipment be provided for small children similar to that in Sandford Park at an estimated cost of £80.

5—St. Mary's Cemetery—RESOLVED, That the Committee meet the Rector on Tuesday, 10th inst. at this cemetery to consider the proposals for making this ground available for the use of the public.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th January, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

6—St. Mary's Cemetery—The Committee met the Rector and inspected this ground. The Rector proposed that the ground should be laid out with trees, shrubs, etc., the railings painted and seats provided and the ground opened to the public. He estimated that it would cost several hundreds of pounds to put the ground in order, and it would be necessary to provide a Caretaker. He thought that if the Corporation would provide the cost of laying out the ground and make a contribution of about a year for the upkeep, he could arrange for the remaining cost of upkeep to be provided by subscription. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not see their way to recommend the Council to provide the cost for laying out the ground as proposed.

7—Naunton Park—Trees—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. A. Silvester for removal of a tree opposite No. 2 St. Clair Villas be not acceded to but that the same be pruned and that the application of Mr. A. Stevens for removal of tree at rear of 9 Hill View Terrace be not acceded to.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th January, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Steel and Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Gen. Thomas ; The Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During December 2,484 (against 2,331) ; daily average 99 (against 93). Included in these figures were the following classes :-19 boys from Parish Church School ; 19 girls from Pate's Grammar School ; 40 girls from Dunalley Street School ; 12 boys from Practising School ; 20 boys from Christ Church School ; 26 girls from Parish Church School ; 32 girls from St. John's School ; 24 boys and girls from Central School ; and 30 girls from Swindon Road School.

Receipts—Collection Box 17s 8d. ; Advertisements and Exhibition catalogues £1 13s. 6d. ; Permanent Catalogues 6d. ; Refunded lighting expenses 1s 6d ; Commission—Cheltenham Group Ex. £2 8s. 0d. ; Postcard Reproductions 2s 8d. Total £5 3s. 10d.

Report to Board of Education—Attendance for the year ending 31st December, 1927, 41,240 compared with 40,793 for the previous year. (Average for the last 8 years 36,667).

Exhibition—The Permanent Collection had been re-hung, together with an Exhibition by the New Group of North Staffordshire Artists, opened on the 20th December. Lecture—The 5th of the Winter Series was by Mr. Harry Barnard, of Stoke-on-Trent. on "Wedgwood : his Life and Work "—attendance 84, collection box 7s 6d.

2—Donation—From Messrs. The Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd., Colour Print of "Gloster IV." (Scheider Trophy Race. 1927). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Church Congress Loan Exhibition—The Chairman reported that the Curator had been invited to act as Hon. Secretary to this Exhibition to be held in the Winter Gardens during Congress from 2nd to 5th October, 1928. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the that Public Library Committee be recommended to give their approval, on the understanding that the Church Congress Committee will provide any necessary assistance.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th January, 1928. Present--Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 17th December, 1927 to 27th January, 1928. Interments 97 ; Grave Spaces sold 22 (First Position 1 ; Second Position 2 ; Third Position 2 ; Fourth Position 17). Memorials fixed 11. New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7903 to 7724 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 Flora F. Pollen, Betty R. Barratt and Mary J. Meek ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to grave of William J. Cooper ; Memorial Headpiece to grave of Jane Watts ; and Kerbing to graves of Annie M. Evershed, Albert A. Stevens, Agnes A. Ricketts, Charlotte E. Holtam and Albert E. Richings.

4—Grave Spaces 2144 and 2145 0—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for cleaning the Memorial Headstone and Kerbing on these grave spaces.

5—Grass Seed—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. W. Rice & Co., to supply 40 lbs. of grass seed for £3 3s. 0d. be accepted.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th January, 1928. Present—Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Pates, H. W. Thomas and Yarnold ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; and Messrs. A. Miles and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £7 8s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Library 3,993 (last year 4,669) ; Lending Library 10,892 (last year 10,141) ; Juvenile Library 2,010 (last year 1,912). Total for month 16,895 (last year 16,722).

Replacements—During the month 14 volumes had been replaced, and 285 vols. despatched to the binder.

Shelving—The fixing of additional shelving was in progress, and the Librarian outlined suggestions for further book storage in the near future.

Report on Boiler—The Insurance Co. had examined the Hot Water Boiler, and found it in a satisfactory condition.

Donations—Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (4 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. (28 pamphlets.) ; The Great Western Railway Co. (1 vol.) London Association of Accountants (1 vol.) ; Mr. L. Richardson (2 vols.) ; Sir P. S. Stott (1 vol.) ; Theosophical Society (1 vol.) ; Trinity College of Music (1 vol.).

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

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2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met (in the 12th inst. Present—Councillors Mann and Gen. Thomas and Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 58 volumes (new books), published at £36 3s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £21 12s. 10d. That 82 volumes, historical works, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £57 5s. 9d.

(b) That permission be granted, if necessary, to close the Reference Library for the Opening Ceremony and two evening Lectures during the forthcoming Book Week, February 20th to 25th.

3—Cheltenham Church Congress Loan Exhibition—Read, recommendation from the Art Gallery and Museum Committee that the Curator be allowed to act as Honorary Secretary of this Exhibition.

RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Proposed Lantern Lecture—RESOLVED, That the offer of a public Lantern Lecture in the Art Gallery by Mr. G. E. L. Carter, B.A., I.C.S. (retd.) on "The Daily Life of a Hindu" be accepted, and arranged for February 2nd.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th January, 1928. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, H. W. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—St. Mark's Wesleyan School Room—Read, letter of 29th inst. from the Rev. J. E. Clarke stating that it was proposed to let this room to the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association for a Maternity Centre at a rent of 10s a week for the cost of lighting, heating and cleaning and wear and tear, provided the Trustees were satisfied that this would not render the premises liable to be rated.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that this would not make the premises liable to be rated.

2—Draft Valuation List—The Committee considered alterations made by the Assessment Committee in the draft valuation list in respect of some of the Corporation houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the new rate is made.

3-Remission of Rates—Applications for the remission of rates were considered and dealt with.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st January, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £25,931 15s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £6,557 9s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1928. Amount collected £14,179 6s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £4,904 16s. 4d.

3—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this rate. Amount collected £67,051 1s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £13,565 7s. 7d.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during December was 3,479, as compared with 2,882 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 £450 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £4,615 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 £5,750 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Audit, 1926-27—The Borough Treasurer reported that the audit of the accounts for 1926-27 was now completed and the stamp duty calculated on a net expenditure of £341,079 4s. 6d. amounted to £200.

9—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions to Loans ;—

Date, 1928.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
20th January	For construction of Cobham Road	£718	20 years.
20th “	For construction of Cobham Road	£84	30 years
20th “	For construction of roads and sewers No. 1 and 2 Hanover Street Housing Estate	£2,464	20 years
20th “	For roads and sewers on roads 1 and 2 on Hanover Street Housing Estate	£674	30 years

10—Report of Accounts Rota—Reported Meeting on the 21st inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor E. L. Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st March, 1928.

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 March, 1928, 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 and to accept a tender for the erection of 38 houses at St. Mark's Housing Estate. SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING OF TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA AND PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEES. TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE • GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to consider application of Bristol Tramways Co., Ltd., for two Omnibus Licences to ply for hire between Cheltenham and Bristol. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE • PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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THE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. ALDERMAN STEWART TO MOVE :-That all owners of Petrol Pumps on the public footpath in the Borough be given notice for removal of the same.

5. DELANCEY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES-To appoint a Representative Trustee of the Council in the place of Miss E. Geddes, resigned.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th February, 1928, at 3 pm. 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 Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pates, H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.B., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, W. Welstead, K.S.G., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., and A. G. Wheeler, M.B.E.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 2nd January, 1928 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—The Late Mrs. A. S. F. Pruen—Resolved, That the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor A. S. F. Pruen 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 Meetings held January 9 and February 1

Housing Meeting held January 10

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held January 24

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Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held January 30

Street and Highway “ ” 23

Joint Meeting General Purposes and Watch and Street and Highway Committees [Jan] 5

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings “ ” 20 and 27

Except that Minute No. 8 (b) with regard to the Organ, Town Hall be referred back for further consideration.

Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held January 25
Water	“ “ 19
General Purposes and Watch	“ “ 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor J. F. Ward : " That Minute No. 9 with regard to Railways Road Transport Bills be referred back for further consideration " was not seconded) Resolved, also, That the application of the Commanding Officer, 53rd (Welsh) Division for the use of the ground on the top of the Leckhampton Hill from the 10th May to 12th August next for Artillery Camps be granted.

Allotments	Meeting held January 9
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meetings held January 9 and 10
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held January 13
Burial Board	Meeting held January 27
Public Library	Meeting held January 17
Rating	Meeting held January 30
Finance	Meeting held January 31

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names.

4 — Education Committee—Resolved, That Councillor J. F. Ward be appointed a Member of the Education Committee in the place of Alderman J. D. Bendall, resigned.

5—Stansby's Charity—Resolved, That the Mayor (Alderman C. H. Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.), The Deputy Mayor, (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.) and Councillor W. J. M. Dicks, be appointed Representative Trustees of Stanby's Charity for a term of four years expiring on the 4th February, 1932.

6—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Councillors W. J. M. Dicks and A. Mann be appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School for a term of three years from the 1st March, 1928.

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, 5th March, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February, 1928. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Moore 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. :—St, Alban's House, Manchester Street; 30 Lansdown Crescent; 7 and 8 Clare Place; 9a, 9b, 12 and 16 Kew Place. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 11 Hewlett Place; 41 Jersey Street; 10 Glenfall Street; 6 Russell Place.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. RESOLVED, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 13 Edward Street; Lamb and Flag Cottage, Chapel Lane; 6 Malvern View, Gloucester Road; 1 Lugwardine Cottages, Short Street; Roxborough, Moorend Grove; 8 Clare Place; 39 Russell Street; Anversville, White Cross Square; 2, 5 and 6 Andover Street; 6 Commercial 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) 39 Sun Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had not complied with the notice served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, and submitted two tenders for the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. J. T. Jenkins to do the work for £7 0s. 0d., being the lowest be accepted.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 Upper Park Street; 7 Windsor Street; 19 and 21 Union Street; 39 Russell Street; 22 Cleaveland Street; 46 St. George's Street and 17 Naunton Park 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) Norwood Cottage and Eclipse Coal and Wood Yard, Upper Bath Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 9th January last the drainage and sanitary work required to these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., at a cost of £5 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made for payment by the Owners.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-21 Bath Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Owner had now carried out the works required to make these houses fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made rescinding the Closing Order made by the Council on the 3rd December, 1923.

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6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1879—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. G. H. Dent, of 53 Duke Street, Cheltenham, to be registered as a Purveyor of milk be granted.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qr. 19 lbs. Beef, and 3 qrs. 12 lbs. Pork.

8—Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new filter beds were now complete and in operation.

9—River Chelt, adjoining Central Depot—The Borough Surveyor reported that the banks of the River Chelt adjoining the Central Depot were gradually closing in and in one place the channel was only 4 feet wide and that the struts erected as a temporary measure some years ago were decaying. RESOLVED, That the site be viewed.

10—Pilley Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. J. D. Bendall & Sons for an extension of the sewer in Pilley Lane, the cost of which he estimated at £45. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

11—Abattoir—Hanging Chamber, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plans and estimate of the cost of the extensions to the Abattoir. The additions provided for a new cooling room and a complete system of travelling hangers, and also a new hot water apparatus consisting of a vertical boiler and a steam jet to each of the slaughter houses. He estimated the total cost at £1,120. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £1,120 for carrying out this work.

12—Gas Liquor—The Borough Surveyor reported the result of the experiments and analyses taken in respect of the admission of gas liquor to the sewer. The result of the analyses showed that the admission of the gas liquor to the sewers at a rate not exceeding per cent. of the average dry weather flow of sewage did not cause any damage to or deterioration of the bacteria beds except that the addition of gas liquor increased the strength of the crude sewage (by the test of oxygen absorbed) from 5.47 to 8.30 and, therefore, reduced the filtering capacity of the beds. He recommended that an Agreement might be entered into with the Gas Company for the admission of gas liquor at the rate per cent. of the average dry weather flow or not exceeding 350 gallons per hour whichever was the less, provided the terms which he submitted were included in the Agreement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draft Agreement embodying these terms and submit the same for the approval of the Gas Company.

13—National Rat Week—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector on the National Rat Week and expressing the Ministry's appreciation of the action taken by the Council in this connection. The Ministry were

in communication with the Gloucestershire County Council with regard to the destruction of rats in the rural areas adjoining the Borough.

14—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 13th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Moore, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Report of Farms' Manager dated 13th inst. 10 horses, 82 head of cattle, 1 bull, 100 sheep, including 4 lambs which had been born since the last meeting, and 24 pigs had been included in the Farm Sale.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th February, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, General Sir Richard Wapshare and J. F. Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1-61 Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of Garage to be erected at this house. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Sales of Houses—(a) The following offers were reported :--

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
138 Tennyson Road	Bridgman, S. A.	£520.
142 Tennyson Road	Hogg, R. E.	£520.

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.

3—New Houses—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the plans submitted by the Corporation of houses to be erected in Spenser Road under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the 38 houses to be erected in Spenser Road and that a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 2nd March to consider the tenders.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. Harris, the tenant of the piece of land containing 2 a 3 r. 13 p., proposed to be taken into the Recreation Ground, was willing to give up possession of the land forthwith on the payment of the cost incurred by him in ploughing and harrowing the land, and also a proportionate allowance for the rent from the 29th September last. RESOLVED, That these terms be agreed to.

5-48 Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house to be allowed to transfer to a parlour type house be granted when the other applicants on the selected list are dealt with, and subject to the Corporation being put to no expense with regard to the transfer.

.6—Brooklyn Road—Sale of Land—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Mr. W. J. Rogers, offering to purchase the 12 ft. strip of land between No. 1, Brooklyn Road and the Almshouses for the sum of £30 RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health this offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale.

7—Nos. 81 to 95, Tennyson Road—Roadway—Read, letter asking for a wayleave 10 feet wide along a strip of lawn at the back of their houses for the occupiers of Nos. 83, 85, 89, 91, 93 and 95, Tennyson Road RESOLVED, That a temporary wayleave be granted them subject to an annual acknowledgment of 5s each.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st February, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Pates and J. P. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1924—Davis Land—Mr. J. E. Davis and Mr. Troughton attended and urged that the Committee should consider the purchase of the whole of the 12 acres of land belonging to Mr. Davis, as if a part of the land was required, he would prefer to dispose of the whole of the property. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the piece of land containing 3.795 acres adjoining the Hanover Street site be proceeded with and that consideration of the purchase of any of the remaining property be deferred. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. T. Malvern be instructed to prepare layout plan for the piece of land proposed to be purchased, and plans for the houses to be erected thereon.

2—Hudson and Manser Streets—(a) Back Fence—RESOLVED, That Mr. Malvern be instructed to have dividing fences fixed at the middle of each block of houses in these streets.

(b) Side Fence—RESOLVED, That Mr. Malvern be instructed to fence off the front gardens of the houses at the several corners of these streets.

3—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—(a) Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the Scheme submitted by the Corporation for the granting of assistance under the provisions of this Act.

(b) Application—The Town Clerk submitted application received from Mr. F. G. Baldwin for a grant in respect of No. 4 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to consider and report upon the application.

4-26 Manser Street—RESOLVED, That the arrears of rent in respect of this house flue from the late tenant be written off as irrecoverable.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th February 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

5—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—(a) Davis' Land—The Town Clerk submitted revised valuation of the District Valuer of a piece of land on the east side of Folly Lane to be acquired from Mr. J. E. Davis. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to offer Mr. Davis the sum of £1,100 for the land, the Corporation to pay conveyancing costs and Surveyor's charges.

(b) Lay-out—Mr. Malvern submitted lay-out of the land which provided for 39 three-bedroom houses and 29 two-bedroom houses. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved, subject to the houses fronting Folly Lane being set back a further four feet. RESOLVED, also, That the plan of the lay-out and plan of houses be submitted to the Ministry of Health, and that on receipt of their approval, tenders be invited for the erection of the houses.

6—Land, Swindon Road--The Committee further considered the purchase of the land belonging to Miss Morgan and the Misses Bowles in Swindon Road. RESOLVED, That negotiations for purchase of the land be not proceeded with.

7-4 Mauds Elm Terrace—Shed —An application was submitted from Mr. F. Minchella for the erection of an ice cream shed at the rear of this house. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Medical Officer of Health being satisfied as to the construction and sanitary arrangements of the building.

8—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Application---The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Baldwin had already accepted a tender for the work required to put the houses in habitable condition, and the work was in hand. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted'

9—Stanhope Street—RESOLVED, That Mr. Malvern be instructed to arrange for gates to be erected at the entrance to the passages at the side of Nos. 1 and 45 Stanhope Street.

WALTER J. M. DICK s. Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 6th February, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Fire Station—The Committee considered recommendation from the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** that Mrs. James, the wife of Mr. James, the late Station Officer of the Fire Brigade, should be let the house to be vacated by Mr. Niblett who had been appointed Station Officer. RESOLVED, That the house be let to Mrs. James at a rent of 4s per week inclusive.

2—Petrol Station, Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted 4 tenders for the railings to be erected round the shrubberies at this petrol station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall of £109 16s. 11d., being the lowest, be accepted.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th February, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

3—**Plans Sub-Committee**—(a) The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 10th and 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

(b) Summer House, Tivoli Road—The Plans Sub-Committee reported that Mr. F. J. Griffin had attended the Meeting of the Sub-Committee to show cause why the summer house erected by him in Tivoli Road should not be pulled down as being in contravention of the byelaws, and that they had referred consideration to the full Committee. RESOLVED, That Mr. Griffin be called upon to remove the building.

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 19th January to 16th February, 1928, inclusive. Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 9th February, 1928 :-756 loads collected, 742 loads consumed and 14 loads tipped away. Weight consumed 1092 tons 2 cwts.

5—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Thursday, 9th February, 1928:—Councillors Dicks, Pates and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Footpaths, Main Roads—That the following main road footpaths be repaved and where necessary kerbed during the year ending 31st March, 1929 .—High Street (North side)—from Bennington Street to North Street From Messrs. J. Lance & Co. to the Royal Hotel ; and from Grosvenor Place South to Messrs. Barnett & Sons ; High Street (South Side)—From Bath Road to College Road. and from west end of Lloyds Bank to the Plough Hotel ; Colonnade (West side)—From High Street to L.M.& S. Railway Co.'s entrance of Messrs Shirer & Haddon; Queen's Circus (East side)—From Queen's Hotel to Montpellier Spa Road, Bath Road (West side)—From Montpellier Baths to Messrs. J. D. Boulton & Sons and from Messrs Norton & Co.'s entrance to Bath Street ; Bath Road (East side)—From Bath Parade to Sandford Street ; Hales Road (East side)—From Battledown Approach to Hewlett Road ; Pittville Street (Both sides)—From High Street to Albion Street ; Portland Street (East side)—From Warwick Place to Church, Evesham Road (Both sides)—From Clarence Road to Wellington Road.

(b) Gardener's Lane—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimate for patching this road.

(c) Suffolk Square—To accept the offer of Mrs. Millington to sell a piece of land on the corner near Willoughby House for widening the road at the price of 115 and to fence the remaining portion of

Mrs. Millington's land but without any obligation to carry out this improvement until the Corporation think fit.

(d) Lane between Lypiatt Street and Hatherley Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and estimates for the repair of this road by the abutting owners under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

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a—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 20th inst. Present : Councillors Pates and Yarnold. 155 Tenders were received. It was recommended that the Tenders of the following Firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedule :—

Castings—Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Cement—G. Bence & Sons Ltd.

Disinfectants—Adcocks Ltd., The Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings, etc—Edison Swan Electric Co. Ltd., The General Electric Co. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Forge—E. Cullimore, W. T. Oldacre Ltd.

Household Goods and Sundries—V.V. & F. Archer Ltd., Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind, Drake & Co., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., Jackson & Painter, Johns & Sons, E. Joyner & Son, J. Lance & Co. Ltd., The Northern Waste Co., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

India Rubber Goods—George MacLellan & Co.

Ironmongery—T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Lead Piping Fittings, etc.—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., Sessions & Sons Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., Webb Bros. Ltd., Mark Williams & Co.

Printing and Stationery—Allot, Jones & Co., J. J. Gillham & Sons, Harvey & Healing, F. C. Dodwell & Sons, J. Halden & Co.

Stoneware Pipes—Neal & Co. (Subject to Truck Load being satisfactory).

Timber—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., Smith Bros.

Tools—J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Yates & Co.

Uniforms, etc.—A. N. Cole, J. Lance & Co. Ltd., C. S. Watts.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Anglo-American Oil Co., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., G. Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

RESOLVED, That Tenders be accepted as recommended subject to formal contracts being entered into where required.

7—Asphalt Plant—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 27th ult. from Mr. W. Hawker with regard to the alleged nuisance of dust from the Asphalt Plant. Mr. Hawker attended the Committee and offered to sell his property known as Arle Gardens to the Corporation for the sum of £1,600 plus the sum of £200 for compensation. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept this offer and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £1,800 for a term of 10 years.

(b) Insurance—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from the National Boiler Insurance Co. Ltd., to insure the portable steam boiler of the Asphalt Plant against breakdown up to £200 per annum at a premium of £6 15s. 0d. per annum and also to insure the Asphalt Plant against breakdown up to £500 including periodical reports on the condition of the machinery at a premium of £12 10s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the quotations be accepted.

8—Electric Transmission Line—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 6th inst., from the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co. stating that it was impracticable to lay the cable under the old Gloucester Road as suggested. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to the line being placed overhead subject to supporting poles being placed close to each side of the road.

9 —Hales Road—Flooding—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner of Wishmoor, Hales Road, to remedy the flooding in this road adjoining Wishmoor which takes place whenever there is excessive rain.

10—Building Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that Article 5 of the Cheltenham Order of 1896 was substantially the same as Section 23 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 and that Byelaw No. 74 should therefore apply to the whole of Article 5 instead of being limited to the 9th and 10th paragraphs only. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation of a Byelaw altering the present Byelaw by omitting therefrom the words " 9th and 10th paragraphs of."

11—Town Planning Conference—Read, circular letter of 8th inst., from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates at a Conference to be held at the Town Hall, Leicester on the 14th prox. RESOLVED, That Councillors Dicks and Capt. Trye and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

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12—Streamer across Colonnade—Read, application of 4th inst., 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.

13—Leckhampton Schools—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Capt. J. H. Trye, Correspondent, suggesting that warning notices should be erected on the North side of Church Road and opposite

the Parish Hall and that the present warning notice at the junction of Hall and Moorend Roads should be moved nearer the schools. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Building Improvement Lines —Read, letter of 24th ult., from the County Surveyor enclosing plan of the proposed building and improvement lines on the Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved so far as the Corporation are concerned.

15—Passage between Tivoli Road and Andover Place—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mrs. Fitzpatrick asking the Corporation to prevent persons riding bicycles in this passage. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices put up at each end of the passage prohibiting cycling in the passage.

16—Street Projections—(a) Royal Hotel—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. J. M. Smith & Sons to fix a projecting sign outside the Royal Hotel be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) 38 Upper Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. O. A. Davies to fix a projecting sign at these premises be not granted as it does not comply with the usual conditions.

17—Post Office Telegraphs—(a) Leckhampton Depot—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department to place two poles and one stay in the yard at Moorend Road and for an additional pole at the Depot at St. James' Square be granted, subject to an annual payment of 1s per pole and on the understanding that the Post-master General will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing and maintenance of the works and subject also to the consent being terminable by 3 calendar months notice in writing on either side.

(b) Granley Road, Sherborne Place, Hales Road, etc.—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place overhead telegraphic lines along Back Lane Terrace (1 pole) ; Granley Road (1 pole) ; Sherborne Place (1 pole) and Hales Road (1 pole) be granted 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.

18—Petrol Pumps—13a Promenade—Read, application from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Car Mart for permission to erect two petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath on the North frontage of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 10th February, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks and Mann (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.
2430	Clifford, H. L.	New scullery and bathroom addition, 2, Blenheim Terrace, Portland Street.
2442	The United Chemists' Association Ltd.	New Garage, Corpus Street.
2444	Skinner, F.	New scullery addition, 1 Torquay Villas, Selkirk Street.
2447	Hall, H. F.	New Road, off Moorend Park Road.
2451	Ward, E. L.	Additions at rear of 140, High Street.
2454	Bendall & Sons, Messrs.	Six semi-detached houses, Pilford Gardens, off Old Bath Road.
2455	Morgan, A. Miss	Ten semi-detached houses, Swindon Road North.
2456	Harris, N.	New lavatory. Arle Road.
2457	Seward, F.	New Hall Porch, Glenavon, Naunton Parade.
2458	Shirer & Haddon, Messrs.	New roof over yard, at rear of warehouse, Clarence Street.
2460	Waters, S. J.	New bathroom, The Cottage, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2444, 2454 and 2458 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 2430, 2442, 2451, 2456 and 2460 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, but that Plan No. 2451 be also subject to the Cottage at the rear being pulled down when tenant leaves ; That Plans Nos. 2447, 2455 and 2457 be disapproved and that the site of Plan No. 2457 be viewed.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th February, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; 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.
2459	Shenton, Shakspeare	New hoarding, Leckhampton Road (corner of Church Road.
2462	Townley, S. A.	New scullery, Nestleton, Albany Road.
2463	Tibbles & Co.	Extension to Showroom, corner of High Street and College Road.
2464	National Provincial Bank Ltd.	Alterations to Bank (Conversion into Bank), 12, Montpellier Avenue.
2465	Worth, Messrs.	Alteration to shop, 344, High Street.
2466	Shell Mex, Ltd.	Alterations to depot, Tewkesbury Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 2463 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2462, 2464 and 2465 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plans Nos. 2459 and 2466 be disapproved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

JOINT MEETING OF PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Friday, 17th February, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Parks and Gardens Superintendent—The joint meeting considered the appointment of an experienced horticulturist to superintend the planting etc., of all the Parks and Gardens in the Borough. RESOLVED, That applications be invited in two trade papers and in the "Echo" for an experienced Parks and Gardens Superintendent at a salary of £300 per annum with house.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Brotherhood Meetings—Read, application from Cheltenham Central Brotherhood, for the use of the Proscenium for religious services on Sunday afternoons the 3rd, and 17th June, 1st, 15th and 29th July, 12th and 26th August and 9th September, 1928. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of out of pocket expenses, cleaning, etc. RESOLVED, also, That the entrance gates be opened for the services and the Custodian instructed accordingly.

(b) Floral Fete—Damage to Tennis Courts—The Spa Manager submitted list of claims for damage to tennis Courts owing to the Floral Fete. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to settle the outstanding claims by making an allowance not exceeding £1 1s. 0d. per court in any case.

2—National Amateur Swimming Association Conference—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club proposed to invite this Conference to Cheltenham next year. RESOLVED, That the Swimming Club be informed that the Committee will welcome the Conference and co-operate with the Club to make it a success.

3—Sandford Park—(a) Read, letter of 26th ult., from Supt. Lane stating that the man who committed a nuisance in this Park had been fined 2s 6d.

(b) Gift of Ferns—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Cotterell had given some ferns for Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to him.

4—Town Hall—(a) Organ— Tuning—Read, letter from Mr E. J. Burrow with regard to the Organ, and enclosing tender from Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper, the builders of the Organ, offering to make eight visits per annum at regular periods to the Organ, and at each visit to thoroughly tune, regulate

and adjust any irregularities of the action work which may be necessary for the sum of £22 0s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

(b) Periodical Bookings—RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed not to accept any provisional bookings more than 12 months before the event to be booked without the consent of the Concerts Sub-Committee, and That Minute No. 4 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 15th January, 1926 be varied accordingly.

5—Spa Federation—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, and Spa Manager be authorised to attend the Conference of this Federation at Bath on the 8th and 9th March.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th February, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

6—Alstone and Montpellier Baths —(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted reports of the Superintendents of the Alstone and Montpellier Baths with regard to the ladies' times at the Baths. RESOLVED, That the following alteration be made, namely : That the ladies time on Mondays at the Montpellier Baths shall finish at 5 p.m., and that they should have Tuesdays from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. instead of Monday evenings ; which would enable ladies to bathe at Alstone Bath on Monday evenings and at Montpellier Baths on Tuesday evenings.

(b) Opening—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club asking the Corporation to open the Baths earlier this season. RESOLVED, That the Montpellier Baths be opened as early in March as possible, subject to the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club guaranteeing that the receipts for the use of the baths from the date of the opening to the 16th April shall be not less than £30, and that up to 16th April the Baths be open on alternate days for men and ladies, the usual time of opening on Sunday mornings being available for men only,

7—Sandford Park—Field Lodge--The Borough Surveyor submitted 6 tenders for the renovation of Field Lodge. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £375 19s. 0d. be accepted, subject to a contract to be pre-pared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

6—Town Hall--(a) Organ—Scale of Charges—RESOLVED, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to consider a scale of charges for the use of the Organ.

(b) RESOLVED, That Mr. E. J. Burrow be granted the use of the Town Hall for a short time on the morning of the 24th March for a private demonstration of the organ.

7—Film Industry Centre—Read, letter of 22nd inst.. from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce suggesting that Film Producing Firms might be asked to consider Cheltenham as a Film Producing Centre. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be approved and that the Chamber of Commerce be asked to communicate with the Film Producing Firms accordingly.

8—Winter Garden—Read, letter from Mr. S. Le Feuvre, Superintendent of the Working Lads Club, asking for permission to hold an open air service on Wednesday, 28th March next, at the Winter Garden on the occasion of the dedication of a motor van which the Club had purchased. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

9—Winter Band—Read, letter of 24th inst., from Mr. Peter Fielding with regard to the Band for the Winter Season 1928-29. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee for consideration.

10—Montpellier Gardens — (a) Custodian—Read, application from Mr. Bunce asking for an increase of wages for himself and his Wife as joint Custodians of these Gardens. He pointed out that they had found it necessary to keep their daughter aged 19 at home to act as relief to his Wife. RESOLVED, That their wages be increased from £2 10s. 0d. to £3 per week.

(b) Tennis Courts—The Spa Manager submitted tabulated list of charges made in other towns for the use of tennis courts. RESOLVED, That the charge for the courts let to Clubs in Montpellier Gardens be increased by £1 1s. 0d. per court.

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

They recommended as follows :—(a) Town Hall—That Mr. Peter Fielding be granted the free use of the Town Hall on the 23rd March next, for a Benefit Ball, subject to payment of lighting, heating and out of pocket expenses.

(b) Organ—That the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange with Mr. Arthur Cole for an Organ Concert on Good Friday. 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 February, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Moore, Capt. Trye and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity Sub-Station, Sandford Park, College Road--Nine tenders were received for the erection of this Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. C. Pearce & Sons of Bishops Cleeve of £1,539 9s. 5d. be accepted, subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd February, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Moore, Welstead and Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting held on the 31st ult. :—
Councillor Moore (in the chair) ; Alderman Taylor and Councillor Capt. Trye.

They recommended as follows:-

(a) Bennington Street—An additional lamp to be erected,

(b) Keynsham Road—Two lamps to be relighted.

(c) Fairfield Park Road—An additional lamp to be placed in the alley.

(d) Grafton and Painswick Roads Corner—An additional lamp to be placed in Painswick Road.

(e) That no change be made in the lighting of Montpellier Walk, Montpellier Street, Alstone Lane, Prestbury Road Alley or at the Norwood Arms.

3—British Industries' Fair—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend this Fair at Birmingham.

4—Bulk Supply—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for cables, switch gear and transformers.

(b) Sub-Stations—RESOLVED, That Messrs. Healing & Overbury be instructed to prepare plans and specifications and that tenders be obtained for the erection of the additional Sub-Stations required.

(c) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to enlarge the present Sub-Station at the Leckhampton Depot. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to allow this extension to be made.

(d) Temporary Charge Engineer—RESOLVED, That arrangements made by the Borough Electrical Engineer to transfer temporarily Mr. Johnstone, one of the Charge Engineers at the Works, to the Mains Department, and to engage a temporary Charge Engineer at the Works, be approved.

(e) Transformers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimate amounting to £4,657 for the transformers which would be required in connection with the new power supply. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan for this amount.

5—Damage to Lamp Standard—(a) Market Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage caused by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Stevens & Co. to a lamp standard in this street, and the Town Clerk submitted letter from the Bell Assurance Association offering to settle the claim, amounting to £6 13s. 7d., by the payment of half, namely £3 6s. 10d. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted in full settlement of the claim.

(b) Swindon Road North and Lower Mill Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to lamps in these roads by boys throwing stones. The Police had reported the damage to the Headmasters of the Schools at which the boys attended and had since interviewed the parents of the boys and collected the amount of the damage.

6—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 31st March, 1929.

7—District Joint Board—RESOLVED, That the Chairman be nominated representative of the Undertaking on the Employers side of the District Joint Board No. 6 (West of England Area) for the year ending 31st March, 1929.

8—Grading of Undertaking—RESOLVED, That as from the 1st April last the grading of the Undertaking be changed from plant capacity to maximum demand in accordance with the Schedule of the National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Members.

9—Motor Lorry—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of a new motor lorry for use in laying the new cables. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase a suitable lorry at a cost not exceeding £400.

10—Workmen's Outing—RESOLVED, That the workmen be granted leave of absence with pay on the occasion of the annual outing to be held on the 23rd June, 1928.

11—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read Reports of gas tests made on the 3rd, 15th and 19th inst., which showed the calorific value to be 466.6, 483.8 and 466.7 B.Th.U., respectively, and the pressure 4.2, 4.4 and 4.8 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th February, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dunn, Pates and Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare. (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 February, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	530,000 gallons	463,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,453,000	2,174,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000	130,000
Total	3,127,000	2,767,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 13th February, 1928.	Depth	Contents 13th February, 1927.
Hewletts		31,682,000 gallons		14,138,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 "	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		133,325,000		115,646,000

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

	During January, 1928.	During past 10 months,
No. of house-to-house inspections, .	1,537	14,277
“ “ taps found leaking	79	1,015
“ defective flushing boxes	48	324
“ defective stop taps	4	76
“ “ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) 61 (special repairs apart from house- to-house inspections)	<u>36</u>	
	97	1,293
“ notices served re fittings	131	787
“ meters fixed, changed, etc	24	168
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.)	59	797
“ burst pipes discovered	37	151
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc)	64	563

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

New Mains laid	1
Mains repaired ...	1
Mains flushed out	10
Sluice Valves repaired	6
Hydrants repaired	4

4—Pipes—Nine tenders were received for the supply of cast iron pipes required for the year ending 31st March, 1929. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Birtley Iron Co. Ltd., Durham, be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

5—Woodlands Farm—Read, letters from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter reporting their negotiations for the purchase of this property and they now submitted an offer to sell the property at the price of £5,500, and recommended that this be accepted, The area of the Farm including house and buildings was 142.223 acres and Dowdeswell Wood was 169.118 acres. The tithe on the Farm amounted to £25 4s. 4d. and the tithe on Dowdeswell Wood was £17 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That a provisional Contract for the purchase of the property at £5,500 be entered into and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £5,600 including stamp duty and Agents' Commission.

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 February, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Moore, 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) Animals Landing from Ireland Order—The Town Clerk submitted this Order, which prohibited cattle, sheep, goats or swine shipped from Ireland, unless otherwise ordered by the Minister, being landed at any port or place in Great Britain.

(c) Foot and Mouth Disease (Boiling of Animal Foodstuffs) Order, 1928—The Town Clerk submitted this Order, which had been published as requested by the Ministry.

(d) Sheep Scab Order, 1928—The Town Clerk submitted this Order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give public notice of the Order.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire since the last meeting :—

Date.	Place. 1928.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
23rd January	Motor Car, Birdlip Hill	Car badly damaged	£4 10s. 0d.
3rd February	Hill Cottage, Leckhampton	Slight	£4 9s. 0d.
5th February	Lodging House, Grove Street	£30 to £40	£3 7s. 6d.
8th February	Shop, St. Ann's Promenade	£50 to £75	£5 9s. 6d.

(b) **Reports of Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 2nd and 21st inst. Alderman Stewart had been appointed Chairman. They recommended :—

(a) Uniforms—That the tender of Messrs F. Golesworthy & Sons to supply 12 pairs of trousers for 24s per pair and also that the tender of Mr. Charles Watts to supply one cap for 12s 6d, be accepted.

(b) Fire Bells—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the defective switches for these bells repaired.

(c) Station Officer—That Mr. Ernest Niblett, Senr. be appointed Station Officer in the place of the late Mr. James on the same terms, namely £16 per annum and the occupation of the house at the

Fire Station rent free, and that the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to let the house now occupied by Mr. Niblett to Mrs. James.

(d) Captain—That the Salary of Mr. Such as Captain of the Brigade be increased from £35 to £45 per annum.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Regulation of Traffic—The Chief Constable and Supt. Lane attended. Read, a Report from Supt Lane stating that from the Police point of view the arrangements of the various omnibus routes had proved very satisfactory, and the High Street and Promenade had not been so congested with traffic as previously. He was still of opinion that the Cirencester and Northleach Omnibuses should stop and take up in Berkeley Street as previously recommended instead of travelling both ways through the narrow part of the High Street to and from Imperial Circus. Read also, Memorial and letters from residents in and outside the Borough complaining of the inconvenience caused by the alterations to persons using the omnibuses. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to revert to the previous arrangements for the omnibuses to start from Imperial Circus and run on their former routes, but that the stopping places of the red omnibuses in the Promenade should be in the wider part of the Promenade near the fountain instead of at the corner of County Court Road, and that Mr. McCormick be asked to arrange his time tables so that two omnibuses do not stop at the same point at the same time. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee consider at their next Meeting a proposal for making an order for one way traffic along the Colonnade, Imperial Circus and North end of Clarence Street. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect notices in the High Street and Lansdown Road directing heavy through traffic along Sandford Mill Road, Old Bath Road, Sandford Road and Montpellier Terrace and vice versa.

4—Naming of Streets—(a) High Street—Read, Memorial from tradesmen in High Street, asking the Corporation to name the part of the High Street from Rodney Road to the Belle Vue Hotel " The Strand." RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) Crescents, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, That the four crescents on the frontage of St. Mark's Housing Estate, Gloucester Road, be called " Kingsley Gardens."

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5—Parking of Motors --(a) At it appeared that the occupiers of the shops in the inner road, Montpellier Walk now desired this to be made a Parking Place for private cars. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of the intention of the Council to make an Order under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, authorising as a Parking Place for private motor cars of the Montpellier Walk, inner road (along the kerb on the eastern side being the opposite side to the shops).

(b) Promenade—RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be instructed to take proceedings against any persons parking their cars on the west side of the inner road of this parking place.

6—Omnibus Licences—Races—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., for 12 special licences for the races to be held on the 13th, 14th and 15th prox., and also

the necessary drivers and conductors licences be granted, RESOLVED, also, That the Mayor be authorised to issue any further special licences which he considers necessary to meet the requirements of the traffic.

7—Market—The Town Clerk reported that the Market has been let to Mr. J. Studt, Jnr. from the 14th to 22nd September next. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—" Local Government Abroad "—RESOLVED, That a copy of this Journal be taken at a subscription of 6s per annum.

9—Municipal Offices—(a) L.M. & S. Railway Notice Board—RESOLVED, That the application of the L.M. & S. Railway Co. to place a time table board on the railings outside these offices similar to the board placed by the G.W.R. Co, be granted subject to this being placed in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Office Accommodation—The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to provide for a room for the accommodation of the Town Planning Assistants, RESOLVED, That The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange the necessary accommodation.

10—Domestic Servants Registries—Read, Report of Supt. Lane of inspection of Domestic Servants Registries which were found satisfactory.

11—Leckhampton Hill—(a) Cottage—RESOLVED, That the cottage recently vacated by Mr. Claridge at Southfield Farm be let to Mr. Horlock at a rent of 10s per week inclusive.

(b) Poaching—Read, Report of Mr. Horlock and Supt. Lane with regard to poaching by two men at Southfield Farm. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings.

(c) Artillery Camp—Read, letter from the Commanding Officer, 53rd (Welsh) Division, thanking the Corporation for granting the use of Leckhampton Hill for training camps, and agreeing to pay a rent of £30 for the use of the ground.

12—Penny Post—Read, circular from Town Clerk, Chatham, enclosing copy of resolution passed by his Council with regard to the restoration of the Imperial Penny Post RESOLVED, That representations be made to the Postmaster General to restore the Imperial Penny Post and that similar representations be addressed to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer and that the Borough Member be asked to support the request.

13—Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1927—RESOLVED, That as recommended by the circular letter from the Ministry of Health of the 4th August last, licensed omnibuses shall not exceed 26 feet in overall length.

14—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications for Petrol Licences be granted :-O. H. Goulding, 3000 gallons in 6 pump storages at Filling Station, Westal Green ; R. C. Hall, 500 gallons in a pump storage at the Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road ; and Mr. A G. Weeks for the licence to store 1000 gallons in two pump storages held by Mr. G. H. Graham to be transferred to him.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Additional Land—Read, letter of 12th ult., from Mrs. Davis offering for sale a piece of land containing 4i acres on the North side of Swindon Lane. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained as the land is too far away.

2—North Ward Allotments—(a) Nos. 188 and 189—RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. W. James to terminate his tenancy of these allotments and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the arrears.

(b) No. 175—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. T. C. Ward of 35 Hanover Street to take allotment No. 175 about to be given up by Mr. F. Thornton be acceded to.

3—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That the vacant allotments be advertised in the " Echo."

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1 —Recreation Grounds—RESOLVED, That tenders for the grazing rights on the Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds for next season, be invited by advertisement.

2—Pittville Park—Tree—Read, letter of 10th ult., from Mrs. L. E. Goodlake asking for the removal of an Ilex tree in the long garden in front of her house in Pittville Lawn. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

3—Football—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Schools' Football League, asking for an extension of the period allowed for football, to enable them to play matches which had been postponed owing to wet weather. A similar letter was also submitted from the Hon. Secretary, Naunton Park United A F.C. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

4 --Superintendent of Parks and Gardens—RESOLVED, That a joint meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee and this Committee be held on Friday next, 17th inst., to consider the appointment of a Superintendent of Parks and Gardens.

5 —St. Mark's Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That Mr. Cassidy of Messrs. Hopwood & Sons, be invited to meet the Committee on Friday, 17th inst. to discuss their proposals for carrying out this work.

6—International Exhibition of Garden Design and Conference of Garden Planning—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Royal Horticultural Society together with letter from Mr. Edward White with regard to the above conference to be held in London in October next. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1928, Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, H. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

7—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Mr. C. Cassidy of Messrs. Hopwood & Sons attended with regard to their scheme for levelling, and seeding this ground. RESOLVED, That their tender of £420 (being the lowest) for levelling and seeding the ground in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's specification be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

8—Land, Whaddon Lane—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. R. M. Mills offering to sell to the Corporation a piece of land adjoining the Recreation Ground now used as a seed ground by the Corporation, having a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 100 feet with a width at the rear of about 45 feet for the sum of £40. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dunn and Capt. Trye ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Saumarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During January 2,688 (against 2,644), daily average 103 (against 102). Included in these figures was a class from the School of Arts and Crafts.

Receipts—Exhibition catalogues £1 7s. 6d. ; Permanent catalogues 2s, Collection box £1 7s. 3d. ; Postcards 6s. Total £3 2s. 9d.

Exhibitions—The 2nd Exhibition by the New Group of North Staffordshire Artists, open from 20th Dec., 1927 to 4th Feb, 1928, was visited by 3,911 persons—daily average 100 Receipts amounted to £2 15s. 0d., and expenses to £9 1s. 1d.

The National Loan Collection Trust Exhibition of 17th century Dutch and Flemish Masters, opened on the 7th Feb., will remain on view until 31st March.

Cheltenham Book Week—The Curator reported generally on the Cheltenham Book Week so far as it concerned this Committee.

Museum Showcase—The receipt of a new showcase, made by Mr. P. Waals, was reported. Local Prints—Permission had been granted to Miss Mary Humphris to photograph a number of local prints for reproduction in her proposed book on " Georgian Cheltenham."

2—Donations—From Dr. S. M. Hebbelthwaite, Shannon Filing Cabinet and Mr. H. E. Morris, F.Z.S., Little Grebe (local specimen). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Prospective Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange exhibitions as follows :—

Scott Langley Animal Studies-3rd April to middle of May.

Medici Prints-4th September to 13th October, 1928.

4—Bayeux Tapestry—RESOLVED, That the Exhibition of reproductions of the Bayeux Tapestry be not entertained.

5—Time of Meeting—RESOLVED, That this Committee meet in future at 11.15 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th February, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors H. W. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 28th January to 24th February, 1928. Interments 43. Grave Spaces sold 11 (First Position 2 ; Second Position 1 ; Fourth Position 8). Memorials fixed 8. New Inscriptions 12.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7725 to 7735 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 Charles McArthur ; Memorial headpiece and kerbing to graves of Edward B. Kilminster and Rose Pearce ; Angelic Figure on Base and kerbing to grave of Catherine Conroy ; Remodelling existing memorial on grave of Emily F. Copland ; and kerbing to graves of Alice Brown, Emily H. Daniels, Harriet Davis, John Webster, Edith A. Witcombe, Caroline Spill and Lucy G. Harley.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th February, 1928. Present—Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Canon Johnstone; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; Messrs. A. Miles and E. C. Rogers Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £17 9s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 4,514 (last year 5,107) ; Lending Department 12,604 (last year 13,229) ; Juvenile Department 2,302 (last year 2,252). Total for month 19,420 (last year 20,588).

Replacements—During the month 25 volumes had been replaced, and 285 vols. returned from the binder and placed in circulation.

Lectures—January 30th, Mr. A. W. Wilkins on " William Morris and Modern Craftsmanship " ; attendance 108; collection 12s 9d.

February 2nd, Mr. G. E. L. Carter, B.A., I.C.S. (retd.) on "The Daily Life of a Hindu " ; attendance 75; collection 5s 4d.

February 3rd, Mr. G. M. Paterson, M.A., on " Keats " ; attendance 41.

Staff—The following members had been successful in The Library Association Examinations held in December ;—Miss H. C. Wise (Bibliography) ; Miss E. J. Parry (Literary History, with merit).

Cheltenham Book Week—The Librarian reported generally on the Cheltenham Book Week.

Donations—From Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, F.S.A., (1 vol.); Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (17 pamph.); Honyman-Gillespie Trustees (1 vol.) ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, M.A. (3 vols.) ; Miss Lance (1 vol.) ; The Worshipful The Mayor (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. H. Martyn (2 vols.) ; Southern Railway (1 vol.) ; Librarian (1 vol.) ; Town Clerk, Warwick (3 pamph.).

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-- Councillor Mann Major J. G. Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:—

(a) That 73 volumes (new books), published at £23 14s, 6d., be purchased at a cost of £14 15s. 6d.

(b) That arrangements be made for a lecture, extra to the Programme, to be given by the Selborne Society.

(c) That the Librarian's action in displaying a notice calling attention to the mutilation and theft of certain periodicals be approved. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th February, 1928. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors H. W. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Remission of Rates—Applicants for the remission of rates were interviewed and their applications were considered and dealt with.

P. P. TAYLOR,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th February, 1928. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—Remission of Rates—Two applicants for the remission of rates were interviewed and their applications were considered and dealt with,

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th February, 1928, Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £30,992 13s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £1,496 1 1s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1928. Amount collected £16,478 15s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £2,605 7s. 9d.

3—Poor Rate —Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the Second of Instalment this rate. Amount collected £76,692 19s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £3,923 9s. 6d.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during January was 5,287, as compared with 3,869 for the corresponding month last year.

5--Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock, viz. £300 at 65 per cent. cum. div. equal to 62 ½ per cent., plus expenses £1 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sum of £300 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial 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—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions to Loans ;—

Date, 1928. Purpose. Amount. Period of Repayment. 2nd February Construction of Sewers, Stanhope Street £38 30 years. 2nd February Construction of roads, Stanhope Street £1286 20 years.

7—Cheltenham Rural District Council Offices—The Borough Treasurer submitted application from the Cheltenham Rural District Council for a loan of £700 for the purpose of purchase of Public Offices, the term to be for 30 years, repayable half-yearly by equal instalments. RESOLVED, That the required loan be offered at 5i per cent.

8—Rates Department—RESOLVED, That Councillors Dicks and E. L. Ward be asked to inspect the Cash Register installed in the Collecting Department at Gloucester, and to report as to the advisability of installing a similar machine in the Rates Department.

9—Superannuation—(a) H. Howes—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Water Committee, That H. Howes, who had resigned his appointment owing to ill health, be paid a pension of £44 9s. 9d. per annum as from the date that he vacates No. 1 Ferndale Villas, calculated on his wages for the 5 years ended 1st January, 1927, on non-contributory basis of 34 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.

(b) T. Hunt—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That T. Hunt, who resigned his appointment owing to ill health, be paid a pension of 9s 3d a week calculated on non-contributory basis for 22 years service.

10—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. L. Smith, Second Assistant in his Department, had been successful in passing the Intermediate Examination of the Association of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants and was therefore entitled to an increase in his salary of £10 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

11—Estimates for Rates—RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on Monday 19th March, at 7.15 p.m., to consider the estimates for rates.

10—Report of Accounts Rota—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillors Dicks and Welstead. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th March, 1928.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1928, 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 and to consider amended application for subsidy from Mr. W. H. W. Drew. SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to appoint Town Planning Assistant.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and to authorise application for purchase and lay out of land in High Street for Sandford Park. 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 Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th March, 1928, 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.)

Alderman Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, W. Welstead, K.S.G., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall ; and Councillors Dicks and Pruen.

1— Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the (th February, 1928 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— The Late Mrs. A. S. F. Pruen—Read, letter of 17th ult., from Councillor A. S. F. Pruen, thanking the Council for the Resolution of Sympathy with him, passed at the last Meeting of the Council.

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 February 13
(except Minute No. 7).

Housing Meeting held February 14

Resolved, also, That the tender of Mr. W. Drew of £17,152 for the erection of 38 houses in Spencer Road on the St. Mark's Housing Estate (including the sum of £90 for levelling and clearing site) be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and to sanction of the Ministry of Health to a loan being obtained ; also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £18,267 for the cost of the houses, including Architects' fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies ; also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the 28 non-parlour type houses for the purposes of subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 and that the Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 will be complied with in relation to the said houses.

Slum Areas Clearance Meetings held February 21 and 28

Street and Highway Meetings held February 6 and 20

Joint Meeting of Parks and Recreation Grounds and Town Improvement and Spa Meeting
Meeting held February 17

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Mann : " That the proceedings of the Joint Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Grounds and Town Improvement and Spa Committees be referred back for further consideration" was lost)

Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held February 17 and 24
Electricity and Lighting	Meetings held February 15 and 22
Water ...	Meeting held February 17
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held February 21
Allotments	Meeting held February 13
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meetings held February 13 and 17
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held February 17
Burial Board	Meeting held February 24
Public Library	Meeting held February 14
Rating	Meetings held February 9 and 27
Finance	Meeting held February 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.

4—Omnibus Licences-Cheltenham to Bristol—Resolved, That the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd, for two licences to ply for hire an omnibus service between Cheltenham and Bristol be granted.

5—Report of District Auditor—The Town Clerk submitted the Report of the District Auditor on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1927 and this was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

6—Petrol Pumps on Kerbs—Alderman Stewart moved in accordance with notice :—"That all owners of Petrol Pumps on the public footpath in the Borough be given notice for the removal of the same," Councillor Miller seconded. On the motion being put to the Meeting the Mayor declared the same to be lost.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd April, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1928, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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. :-57 Sun Street ; 15 Clevecland Street ; 15a Casino Place ; 3 Granley Cottages ; 39 Russell Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Exmouth Street ; 10 and 11 Portland Terrace ; 39 Townsend 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—Overcrowding at 7 Old Millbrook Terrace ; 7 Ambrose Place ; and 32 Hanover Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. RESOLVED, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 29 Park Place ; Suffolk Arms Hotel ; 37 to 40 Upper Park Street ; York Lodge, St. George's Road ; 1 and 2 Witcombe 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) 32 to 36 Upper Park Street ; 7 Windsor Street ; 19 and 21 Union Street ; 39 Russell Street ; and 22 Cleaveland 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 requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

(c) Elmfield Private Hotel, Overton Park Road,—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 9th January 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 £99 14s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the said expenses to be private improvement expenses chargeable on the premises to be repayable by annual instalments within a period not exceeding two years with interest at the rate of £5 per centum per annum until the whole amount is repaid.

4—Insanitary Property-15a Casino Place : 2 New's Cottages, Alstone Lane ; 6 Christ Church. Terrace ; 1 Montpellier Retreat ; 44 Montpellier Villas ; 27 Francis Street ; 14 Andover Street : 41 Burton Street ; 30 Selkirk Street ; 3 Portland Street ; 7 Lower Park Street ; 6 Belmont Terrace ; 39 Townsend Street ; 7 Ambrose Street ; 7 Old Millbrook Terrace ; and 32 Hanover 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.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 38, 40 and 42 Malvern Street (previously 20, 21 and 22 Malvern Street) ; 1 and 2 Butts Cottages, Lower Park Street ; and Cottage at rear of 213 High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that nothing had been done to these premises in respect of which Closing Orders had been made. RESOLVED, That notice be given to the owners of the intention to make Demolition Orders.

(b) 2 Limbrick Cottages, Waterloo Street, 17 York Street, 4 and 5 Elm Street—The Medical Officer of Health having made representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the same be closed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that notice be given to the Owners of the intention of the Council to make Demolition Orders

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt.. 1 qr. Beef ; 1 cwt 2 qrs. 6 lbs. Mutton ; 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs. Pork ; 11 lbs. eggs ; and 6 lbs. tinned goods.

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7—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash

receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

8—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—Inspection of Cowsheds—The Medical Officer of Health reported that all the cowsheds in the Borough had recently been inspected and had been found to be in an improved condition as compared with last year.

9—Sanitary Inspectors Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at a Conference to be held at Leicester from the 3rd to 8th September. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend.

10—Public Health Congress and Exhibition—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates at this Congress to be held in London from 19th to 24th November. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Sewers under Land of Railway Companies—Read, circular 861 of 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health with regard to Agreements made between Local Authorities and Railway Companies relating to the construction and maintenance by the former of sewers passing under Railway Companies' Land and appending model form of Agreement which the Ministry suggested should be adopted by Local Authorities if and when occasion arises.

12—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair). Farms' Sale—An account from Mr. C. C. Castle of the Sale of the live and dead farming stock on the farms was submitted. The total amount realised by the sale was £2686 4s. 0d. and after deducting the expenses incurred on the sale and also the sum of £13 8s. 6d. for horse belonging to the Highways' Department the net amount realised was £2,562 10s. 9d, RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Farms' Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th March, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and H. W. Thomas (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1-121 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the Chief Constable asking for the redecoration of this house. RESOLVED, That this house be added to the list of houses to be redecorated.

2-81 to 95 Tennyson Road—Roadway—The Borough Surveyor reported that he did not consider it was desirable to grant the way-leave applied for at the rear of these houses until the layout of the land was decided. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Minute No. 7 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee granting the wayleave be rescinded.

3 —Sale of House—(a) The following offer was reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
Milton Road	Stock, R. H.	£495.

RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance not exceeding 90 per cent to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notice boards erected on the Estate of the houses to be sold.

4--Rent Cards —RESOLVED, That Rent Cards in the form submitted by the Town Clerk be approved for use instead of the present form of Agreement.

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5----102 Tennyson Road— RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. O. Sheppard for permission to erect a garage for a motor cycle at this house be granted.

6—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Subsidy House, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. H. W. Drew for a subsidy in respect of a house proposed to be erected by him in Gloucester Road be not granted as the area of the house exceeds the maximum prescribed by the Ministry of Health.

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 198 Non-Parlour type. The 4 Parlour type houses have been sold and of the 198 Non-Parlour type houses 132 have been sold, 12 have been let and 38 have just been commenced 10 Parlour type houses are also being built on the Gloucester Road, and 2 of these are sold. Total houses to be erected on the Housing Estate, by the Corporation 372, by private enterprise 4 houses and 1 dwellinghouse and shop.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1928. Present-Councillors Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Outbuildings----RESOLVED, That the application of C. T. Ward and H. Newman for permission to erect a cycle shed at 16 Hanover Parade and a toolhouse at 32 Manser Street be granted.

2—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—(a) 4 Orchard Cottages—Mr. F. G. Baldwin attended and stated that he understood that he would be in order in proceeding with the work but he had now stopped the Builder and was not prepared to go on with the work if no grant was obtainable, as he would in that case prefer to convert the premises into a garage. The amount of the tender for

carrying out the work of reconditioning the house as specified by the Health Department was £101. RESOLVED, That subject to the work being completed, in accordance with the specification, to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, a grant of £50 be made to Mr. Baldwin upon and subject to the conditions of Section 3 of the Act.

(b) RESOLVED, That an advertisement be inserted in the " Echo " calling attention to the provisions of this Act. RESOLVED, also, That it be an instruction to the Health Department that in carrying out inspections, the attention of owners should be called to the provisions of the Act and of the steps necessary to take advantage of the Act so that in suitable cases an opportunity may be given to owners to undertake a thorough reconditioning before recourse is had to making a Closing Order or to requiring extensive repairs.

3—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Davis' Land—(a) Read, letter of 5th inst, from Messrs. Tayler, Fletcher & Villar agreeing to accept the offer of £1100 subject to Mr. Davis being exempt from being called upon to contribute to the cost of making Folly Lane into a highway or for any paving or channelling that may be done in respect of the land in Folly Lane belonging to him, until he should in any way develop the same for building, the Corporation to pay Mr. Davis' costs and Surveyor's charges, and also subject to the land being fenced off on the south side with an unclimbable iron fence not less than five feet high. RESOLVED, That these conditions be not agreed to.

(b) Read, also, letter of 13th inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that a public Inquiry would be held on the 27th inst. at 11.30 a.m., in respect of the application for a Compulsory Order for purchase of this land

4-5 Hudson Street—RESOLVED, That the application from the tenant of this house for a picture rail to be fixed in one of the bedrooms be granted.

5—Rent Card—The Town Clerk submitted rent card, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Arrears—A list of arrears was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings where necessary for possession Orders,

7-11 Cobham Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that certain works of cleansing and whitewashing were required to put this house into habitable condition. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th March, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had purchased a second hand set of hydraulic pumps for the Slab Factory at a cost of £68 10s, 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved

2—**Plans Sub-Committee**—(a) The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 19th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

(b) Summer House, Tivoli Road—The Town Clerk reported that the summer house erected in this road in contravention of the bye-laws had now been removed.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 17th February, to 16th March, 1928, inclusive.

(b) Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 8th March, 1928:-731 loads collected, 721 consumed and 10 tipped away. Weight collected 1042 tons 18 ½ cwts. Weight consumed 1029 tons 1 cwt.

4—Old Bath Road—Tip—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with Mr. D. Witts of "Avonia," Old Bath Road, to deposit surplus soil and other material to fill up some garden land adjoining the Chelt which was subject to flooding, subject to the present garden soil being taken off and replaced on the new surface. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Gardners Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had repaired the portion of this lane near the entrance to the allotments, and that the rest of the road was in fair condition. RESOLVED, That the abutting owners be not called upon to repair the road, at the present time.

6—Snow Clearing—The Borough Surveyor asked for instructions as to the rate of wages to be paid for casual labour for snow clearing. RESOLVED, That men taken on for this work be paid at the same rate as the Corporation workmen.

7 —Steel Buildings—A letter was submitted from the Institution of Structural Engineers asking for the adoption of their regulations for steel worked buildings. RESOLVED, That these regulations be adopted and specified in contracts for any steel work that may be entered into.

8—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that for the three months ended 1st March, 1928, 276 bags of waste paper had been collected and destroyed at a loss of £1 2s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the present arrangement be continued for a period of 12 months.

9—Asphalt Plant—Tractor and Trailers.—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a Fordson Tractor and two Eagle Trailers be purchased in connection with the Asphalt Plant at a cost of approximately £675, namely £275 for the Tractor and £200 each for the trailers. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to purchase these and the cost be charged to the Asphalt Plant account.

10—Hewlett Road--Footpath—Councillor Sawyer complained of the condition of the footpath in Hewlett Road, near the Post Office. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11 —View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on the 14th inst. :—Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks and Mann.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the application of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Car Mart to place two petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath at 13a, Promenade be referred to the full Committee.

(b) Parabola Road—That the stone paving on the west footpath be relaid as far practicable and that the margins for the whole length of this footpath be gravelled.

(c) Lansdown Place—That the dangerous plane tree at the side of 1, Lypiatt Terrace be removed.)

(d) Christ Church Road—That the tree outside " Springfield " be pruned if required.

(e) The Park—That Mr. D. Lewis be required to submit plans for the garage erected at " Redesdale " without approval.

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(f) Oriel Road—That shrubberies be planted and a dwarf fence erected and public seat provided on the west side of the entrance to Oriel Lodge and that the question of the land on the east side be deferred.

(g) Hewlett Road—That the application of Mr. Addis for the removal of two trees opposite 2, Jersey Place be not granted, but that the trees be pruned.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

Petrol Pumps, 13, Promenade—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Cheltenham and Gloucester Car Mart that the Committee consider that the use of these premises for the sale of petrol whether by means of petrol pumps or in cans will cause obstruction and that it is not desirable to use these premises for this purpose.

12—Road between Hatherley Road and Lypiatt Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification, plan and estimate for the repair of this road.

13—Leckhampton Schools—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to fix positions for the erection of motor warning notices in Church Road, Hall Road and Moorend Road.

14—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers— Read, circular of 1st inst., from this Institution inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Meeting and Dinner to be held in London from the 20th to 23rd June next, inclusive. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Bendall), Vice-Chairman (Councillor Capt. Trye) and Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

15—Street Projections—(a) Royal Hotel—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. Coombes on behalf of Trusthouses, Ltd., to fix an electric box sign outside these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) North Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. Stibbs for permission to remove the barber's pole from his old premises in North Street and re-erect the same at his new premises at Elmhurst, Winchcomb Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) 183, High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. It Townsend to erect a small sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

16—Town Planning Assistant—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of applications received for the position of temporary Town Planning Assistant. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Town Planning Sub-Committee and that Councillor Mann be added to the Sub-Committee,

17—High Street—Read, letter of 19th Inst., from Mr. W. Iddles complaining of the nuisance caused by the vacant piece of ground adjoining 276, High Street at the corner of Grove Street not being enclosed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner to abate the nuisance.

18—Leckhampton Depot—Electricity Sub-Station—RESOLVED, That the application of the Electricity and Lighting Committee for additional space at this Depot to enable the sub-station to be enlarged be granted.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 9th March, 1928. Present—Councillors Mann, Leigh James 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.
2459	Shenton, Shakspeare	New hoarding, Leckhampton Road (corner of Church Road).
2467	Maw, B. C.	Motor House, Belmont, Malvern Road.
2468	Hawkins, G. A.	New Porch, Belle Vue Hotel, High Street.
2469	Irving, E. Madame	Dressing Room addition at the Irving Academy, Sandford Lawn, Bath Road.
2470	Philpot, F. H.	Motor House, 6 Montpellier Terrace.
2471	Poole, G. F.	Motor House, Freemont, Gloucester Road
2472	Lawleys (1927) Ltd.,	Messrs. New shop front, 109 High Street, corner of Winchcombe Street.
2473	Goulding, O. H.	Detached House, Show-room Lock-ups and Workshops, Lansdown Road.
2474	Manning, J. W.	Motor House, off Argyle Road.
2475	Original Brewery Co.	New Skittle Alley, The Midland Hotel, Gloucester Road,
2476	Drew, W.	Detached House, Badgeworth Road.
2477	Horlick, E. J.	New kitchen, 56 Grosvenor Street.
2478	Eardley, Misses	Tool and coal house, Earlsbrook and Brookfields, Keynsham Road.
2479	Madgwick, A. G.	Alterations to Fowlhouses, Brooklands, Sandford Mill Road.
2480	Sheppard, H. L.	Motor House, 102 Tennyson Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2459, 2467, 2468, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2474. 2478 and 2480 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 2475 and 2477 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 2469, 2473, 2476 and 2479 be disapproved, but that the sites of Plans Nos. 2469 and 2473 be viewed by the Committee,

H. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 19th March, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Mann and Gen. Thomas (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.
2390	Gloucestershire County Council	Roof of Sports Pavilion, Wellesley Road (Amended (Plan)).
2457	Seward, F.	New Hall Porch, Glenavon, Naunton Parade.
2469	Irving, E. Madame	Dressing Room addition, at the Irving Academy, Sandford Lawn, Bath Road.
2473	Goulding, O. H.	Detached House, Showroom Lock-ups and Workshops, Lansdown Road.
2476	Drew, W. H. W.	Detached House, Badgeworth Road (Amended Plan).
2481	Crook, S.	Two Semi-detached Houses, Moorend Park Road (Amended Plan).
2482	Morgan, W. J.	Motor House, Gleneldon, Hewlett Road.
2483	Holyoake, W. J.	Conversion of Cottage into a Garage, Casino Place.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2390, 2457, 2469, 2481 and 2482 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2476 and 2483 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

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PLAN No. 2473—Garages, Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Goulding was willing to amend this plan and to give up a strip of land for improving the line of Andover Road ; Mr. Goulding proposed to use the piece of land 40 feet deep on the Lansdown frontage as a garden but if desired he was willing to lease this to the Corporation for 999 years at a nominal rent of 1s per annum the Corporation to fence the land and lay out and maintain this as a shrubbery the lease also to contain a provision enabling Mr. Goulding to terminate it on the event of his property being required for some other purpose on repayment to the Corporation of the cost of fencing and planting the land, The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of fencing and planting the shrubbery at £60. RESOLVED, That the plan submitted to disapproved but that Mr. Goulding's offer be accepted and that an amended plan showing the proposed alterations be approved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th March, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Spa Federation—The Chairman reported the proceedings at the Spa Federation Conference held at Bath on the 8th and 9th inst.

2—Gardens Superintendent—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee at their meeting held on the 12th inst., had decided to invite applications for this appointment at a salary of £250 per annum instead of £300 per annum as originally proposed. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 9th inst, from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens' Union with regard to the appointment. RESOLVED, That the draft letter in reply submitted by the Town Clerk be approved,

3—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Pharmaceutical Society for the band engaged by the Corporation during the week of their Conference to play at Pittville Gardens on the 25th July during their Garden Party be granted, subject to the Society paying the charge for the use of chairs.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Archery Club for the use of the small room at the rear of the pavilion in these Gardens. RESOLVED, That the use of the room be granted at a rent of £2 per annum.

5—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall of £9 10s. 0d. for repairs to the lightning conductors at the Winter Gardens be accepted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd March, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

6—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application of 19th inst., from the Cheltenham Central Brotherhood asking for the use of the Proscenium on every Sunday from the 3rd June to 9th September instead of on eight alternate Sundays as previously applied for. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of out of pocket expenses, cleaning, etc., and to the Council reserving the right to cancel any date if the Gardens are required for any special purpose, and that Minute No. 1 (a) of the Committee held on the 17th ult., be varied accordingly.

7—Conferences—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Chamber of Commerce asking the Corporation to issue comprehensive tickets to representatives attending forthcoming conferences in Cheltenham entitling the holder to free admission to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens and to a free seat at the Band Concerts RESOLVED, That tickets be issued to delegates entitling them to free admission to the Gardens but not to a free seat at the Concerts.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 28th ult., and 13th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows:-

(a) Organ Controller—That Mr. Arthur Cole be paid at the rate of £1 1s. 0d. per concert and that arrangements be made for organ concerts to be held on the 1st, 6th, 8th and 15th April.

(b) Winter Band—That Mr. Peter Fielding's Astoria Dance Band be engaged at a charge of £40 5s. 0d. per week for the Winter Season from the 8th October, 1928 to 6th April, 1929 subject to Mr. Fielding entering into a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

(c) Montpellier Gardens—Catering—That tenders be invited for the catering rights at these gardens from the 1st May to 3rd September next.

(d) Military Bands—That the Military Bands play as follows during the summer season :—

Winter Gardens ... Mornings and afternoons on each weekday and on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Montpellier Gardens Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Pittville Gardens ... Wednesday evenings for Flannel Dances. And also that from time to time the Bands play at the various recreation grounds, parks and other places as decided upon by the Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that Minute No. 8 (b) passed at a meeting of the Committee held on the 27th January last, with regard to the Organ Controller be varied so as to agree with (a) of the above.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st March, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dunn, Mann, Moore and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Bulk Supply —(a) Tenders—9 tenders for the cables, 8 for the switch gear and 13 for transformers were received and opened. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and that a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 28th inst., to receive the Engineer's report thereon.

(b) Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co. Ltd., had been unable to acquire a site for their sub-station fronting or near Gloucester Road and had decided on a site adjoining the " Rookery," Hesters Way, and that in consequence of this it would be necessary to provide a sub-station in the District of Alstone instead of on the piece of land in Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Chairman

and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms for the purchase of a site for a Sub-Station in the Alstone District.

2—Meter Readers and Collectors—RESOLVED, That the Meter Readers and Collectors be provided with a uniform cap.

3—Chelt Bridge—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the bridge conveying the lower Destructor Road over the Chelt had been considerably damaged by the flow of the river and also owing to the weir below the bridge which was built for impounding the water for the Electricity Works condensers. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay one-half of the cost of repairing the bridge.

4-1. M. E. A.—Subscription—Read, circular from this Association with regard to the increased subscription that would now be payable by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to pay the increased subscription of £10 10s. 0d. per annum.

5—Assessment of Undertaking—The Town Clerk submitted report of Messrs. May & Hawes Ltd., on the assessment of the Undertaking, and he reported as to the interview which he and the Borough Electrical Engineer had had with Mr. Hawes in London. RESOLVED, That Messrs. May & Hawes Ltd. be instructed to go into the Assessment with Messrs. Eve & Sons.

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6—Office Accommodation—The Chairman reported as to the need of additional office accommodation for the Electricity Department, and the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans for the conversion of No. 27 Promenade into Offices and for additions and alterations thereto. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to allow No. 27 Promenade to be used for Offices for the Undertaking when vacated by Mr. Sarsfield Walsh, subject to the Undertaking paying the loan charges in respect of the purchase of the house.

7—Evesham House—RESOLVED, That the spare land at the end of the garden of Evesham House not required for the Sub-Station be let to the Mains Superintendent as an allotment at a rent of 10s per annum subject to his entering into an agreement to give up the land at any time when required and without payment of compensation for any crops etc., that may be growing on the land.

8—Damage to Lamp Standard—Read, Report of Supt. Lane as to damage to an electric lamp standard in Great Western Road caused by a motor cycle belonging to Mr. R. H. Summers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

9—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 1st., 7th, 15th and 23rd inst., which showed the calorific value to be 472.5 ; 472.6 ; 472.0 and 470.0 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.2, 4.6, 4.6 and 4.4 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 28th March, 1928. Present :—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dunn, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

10—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had considered the tenders received for Cables, Transformers and Switch-gear which will be required in connection with the Bulk Supply. RESOLVED, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to the necessary loans and to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

Cables—Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd., £11,007, subject to such modifications in cable lengths as may be necessary.

Transformers—Hackbridge Electric Construction Co. Ltd., 13,189.

Switch-gear—Messrs. Reyrolle &.Co. Ltd, £15,734 10s. 0d. (with directional protection).

J AMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th March, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dunn 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 12th March, 1928.	Average for corresponding Period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	506,000 gallons	508,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,671,000 “	1,987,000
Leckhampton Springs	144,000 “	139,000 “
Total	2,321,000	2,634,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th March, 1928.		12th March, 1927.	
Hewletts		31,676,000 gallons		13,591,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 “	30ft. 0in.	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 “	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 “
Total Storage		133,319,000		115,234,000

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

	During February, 1928.	During past 11 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections .	1,727	16,004
“ taps found leaking ..	128	1,143
“ defective flushing boxes	74	398
“ defective stop taps	13	89
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	103	
“ (special repairs apart from house- to-house inspections)	<u>17</u>	
	120	1,413
“ notices served re fittings	135	922
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	17	185
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc.) ...	54	851
“ burst pipes discovered	22	173
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.) ..	23	586

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

Mains repaired ...	1
Sluice Valves repaired ...	4
Mains flushed out	4
Hydrant Markers fixed	5
New Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed ..3	
Ball Hydrants repaired ...	8

4-Sandford Mead Allotments—The Borough Engineer reported that two more allotments were required by the Highways Department for a tip. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating the tenancies of the two allotments required.

5 Arrears—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of amounts outstanding and that supplies be discontinued in such cases as from the 25th inst., until the arrears are paid.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye, Gen. Thomas, 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) Animals landing from Ireland, etc. Order—The Town Clerk submitted copy of order of 8th inst., which allowed under certain conditions the shipment of store cattle from Ireland to England. (c) Foot and Mouth Disease Order, 1928—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this order, notice of which had been published as requested by the Ministry.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended an outbreak of fire at 17, Montpellier Terrace on the 25th ult. Damage £50 ; Cause—Beeswax and turpentine boiling over ; Expenses—£3 12s. 0d.

(b) Bredon—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Bredon Parish Council asking if the Corporation were now in a position to provide the services of the Brigade to this Parish. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the Parish is too far from the Borough.

3—Regulation of Traffic—(a) One-way Scheme—The Committee considered the proposal for one-way traffic along the Colonnade, Imperial Circus and Clarence Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

(b) Read, letter of 28th ult., from Mr. H. J. McCormick stating that the Omnibuses of the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co. did not now stop in the Promenade except for putting down and taking up passengers.

4—Omnibus Licences--(a) Read, application of the 12th inst, from Mr. McCormick for three additional omnibus licences to ply for hire from (1) Through the upper end of Old Bath Road, to High Street to the Gas Works up Gloucester Road to the Midland Station and possibly to St. Mark's Housing Estate (2) Extension of the Cemetery Omnibus to the top of Cleeve Hill turning by the Racing Stables. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the exact routes of the omnibuses being submitted to the Committee for approval.

(b) Cheltenham to Bristol Service—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd. for 15 Drivers and 15 Conductors Licences for this service be granted.

5—Police Accounts—The Borough Treasurer reported on his investigation of the account submitted by the County Council for the cost of the Reserve Constables employed in Cheltenham during the Strike. Except in the early days of the Strike the number of police in the Borough (excluding Special Constables) was considerably below strength. The actual number of police days lost by the Borough during the Strike (after taking into account Police Reservists) was 2,864, and the average number of Regular men lost per day was 30 86, which was reduced to 18.06 by replacements from Reserves. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Clerk of the County Council the result of the Borough Treasurer's investigations.

7—St. John's Ambulance Brigade and Red Cross Society—Read, letter from the Hon Treasurer of this Society asking for an increased annual grant. RESOLVED, That the contribution be increased from £40 to £65 per annum to cover services rendered in response to calls from the Police.

8—Delancey Hospital Trustees—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mrs. M. de Haviland of The Grange, Christ Church a Trustee of the Delancey Hospital for a term of 3 years expiring on the 2nd April, 1931, in place of Miss Geddes resigned.

9—Gloucester War Pensions Committee —Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Ministry of Pensions stating that they proposed to re-appoint Major R. J. Potter as representative of the Council for a term of 3 years and enquiring whether the Council were in agreement with the proposed re-appointment. RESOLVED, That the re-appointment of Major Potter be approved

10—Nursing Homes (Registration) Act, 1927—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council asking the Corporation to appoint representatives to meet representatives of the County Council to consider the application of the Corporation for delegation of the powers under this Act. RESOLVED, That Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Moore and Yarnold be appointed to attend.

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11—Cinematograph Act—Film—" King of Kings."---The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Shakspeare Shenton desired to exhibit this film at the Winter Gardens and that Col. Browne Mason, the Film Censor, had requested a private view of this film and suggested that members of the Committee should attend to see the film. RESOLVED, That the film be inspected by the Committee as requested.

(b) Good Friday—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Daffodil Picture House asking for permission to show the film " Ben Hur " on Good Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

12—Parking Place for Omnibuses—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce enclosing the following resolution passed by the Chamber :--

" The Chamber regrets that no action has apparently been taken by the Town Council to bring into effect a " scheme for making Royal Crescent Gardens into a central parking place for both public and private " motor vehicles, and desires to emphasise that in its opinion the scheme is very desirable."

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain further information from Mr. Midwinter as to this proposal.

13—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1927—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Secretary, Local Employment Exchange stating that under this Act the Local Employment Committee would be dissolved on the 19th prox. and inviting the Corporation to nominate one representative to the Employers, Mens Panel, Court of Referees which was being increased. RESOLVED, That Councillor Capt. Trye be nominated as representative of the Corporation.

14—Leckhampton Hill—(a) Several offers for the tenancy of Southfield Farm and grazing on Leckhampton Hill were received. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

(b) Old Lime, etc.—RESOLVED, That the deposits of lime, etc., on the west side of Leckhampton Road and also at Southfield Farm be offered free of charge to persons undertaking to remove same, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise this.

(c) Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. E. C. Hare of Rockholme, Leckhampton Hill, stating that the back garden door of his house had been smashed by a large stone hurled from the top of the Hill, and suggesting that the police should be asked to patrol the top of the hill, on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays to prevent persons from throwing stones, rocks, etc., over the cliffs. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Supt. Lane with regard to this, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up warning notices.

15—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Bishop for licence No. 22 held by him to be transferred to motor cab No. L.M. 7101 be granted.

16 - Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. G. Newton for a licence to store 1,000 gallons at the Belle Vue Hotel in underground storage tanks be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Albert Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the provision of another entrance gate would necessitate reducing the size of some allotments to allow for another road. RESOLVED, That Mr. Yeend be asked to inspect and report thereon.

2—Prizes—RESOLVED, That the sum of £6 6s, 0d be provided for prizes for the best kept allotments, and also, That the offer of Councillor W. Welstead to contribute an additional £1 1s. 0d. towards the prize money be accepted with thanks. RESOLVED, also, That the prize money be divided to provide prizes in the same way as last year. RESOLVED, also, That the Allotments be judged during June or July 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 various allotments and other places, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and issue entry forms. RESOLVED, also, That all entry forms must be received on or before the 30th April, 1928.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1928. Present--Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Education Committee had made two entrances from Naunton Park School Playground into the Recreation Ground, and he submitted letters from the Education Secretary and Superintendent of the Ground with regard thereto. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

2—Pittville Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 24th ult., from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons asking for permission to connect a waste water drain from " St. Arvans " garden with a gulley in Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to an annual payment of 2s 6d.

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 0 0
Naunton Park	“ “	£7 0 0
Whaddon Lane ..	Waghorne, Bros., 346, High Street	£8 8 0

4—Football—Read, further letter of 3rd inst., from the Secretary, Naunton Park United A.F.C. for an extension of the time to play football at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Pittville Gardens—Bird Bath and Table—Read, letters of the 15th ult., and 9th inst., from the Chairman of the Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals asking for permission to erect a stone ornamental Bird Bath and Table in Pittville Gardens as a Memorial to the late Mrs. Daubeny. The Branch had chosen a site on the Town side of the Upper Lake in the gardens, a plan of which was submitted. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to design and plans of the memorial being submitted to this Committee for approval.

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6—Gardens Superintendent—(a) Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Cheltenham Branch, National Citizens' Union protesting against the appointment of a Gardens Superintendent at a salary of £300 per annum with house. The Town Clerk submitted draft advertisement. RESOLVED, £That the same be approved except that the salary offered be reduced from £300 to £250.

7—Recreation Grounds—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That the applications received be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th March, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Brig.-Gen. Thomas ; Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P. ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visitors—During February 5,588 (against 1,988) ; daily average 223 (against 83). Included in these figures were classes from the Art School, Parish School (31 girls), and St. James's Infants' School (34 girls and boys).

Receipts—Exhibition catalogues 6s 9d ; Permanent catalogues 3s; Collection box £2 0s. 9d. ; Postcards 5s 1d. Total £2 15s. 9d.

Change of Loans—The Curator reported that Mr. Weekly, from the Victoria and Albert Museum, had changed the three cases formerly on loan to two, which contained : (a) Ecclesiastical Vestments ; (b) Ecclesiastical Metalwork.

Cheltenham Book Week—The Curator reported briefly as to the results of this undertaking.

2—Donations—From Miss B. S. Moir, Stotfold, Herts, Egyptian Vase-18th Dynasty (c. 1,600 B.C.) ; Egyptian Vase—Pre-dynastic (before 5,500 B.C.).

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

3—Shorthand-Typist—RESOLVED, That the wage of the Shorthand-Typist (Miss E. J. Parry) be raised from 30s to 35s per week, one-half to be borne by this Committee.

4—New Flooring for Art Gallery Entrance Hall—The Curator submitted four quotations for this work. RESOLVED, That the quotation of Mr. W. Drew to provide and lay oak blocks for the sum of 21s per sq. yard be accepted (estimated total £27 6s. 0d.).

5—Museums Association Conference, 1928—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend this Conference to be held in Glasgow from the 2nd to the 6th July, 1928

6—Easter Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday, 6th April, and open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Easter Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

7— Cheltenham Science Society—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Society to hold their Annual Meeting in the Art Gallery on the 29th inst.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd March, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from 25th February to 23rd March, 1928. Interments 64 ; Grave Spaces sold 16 (First Position 1, Second Position 3 ; Fourth Position 12), Memorials fixed 8. New Inscriptions 7.

2—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Headstone and kerbing to graves of Frances L. Bain, Sarah A. Davidson and George Straw ; Memorial Cross and kerbing to graves of Ellen Louise Farmer, Elisha C. Ward, John Pearce, Jane Peel, Robert John Purnell and Richard Sanders ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to grave of Margery K. Hayward ; and kerbing to graves of Henry H. Avery and Harry G. Ireland.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7736 to 7751 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th March, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; The Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 0s. 10d Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,080 (last year 5,343); Lending Department 12,246 (last year 11,961) ; Juvenile Department 2,414 (last year 2,226). Total for month 19,940 (last year 19,530).

Replacements—During the month 46 volumes had been replaced,

Lectures—The last of the Winter Series on 12th March by Mr. T. Overbury, F.R.I.B.A. on " Late Georgian (Regency) Architecture in Cheltenham " was attended by 70 persons. Retiring collection 9s 1d.

Donations—From Cheltenham Esperanto Society (1 vol.); Mrs. Cobbold (5 vols.) ; Mr. E. F. Jennings (1 vol.); Library of Congress (1 vol.) ; Miss Palmer (7 vols.) ; Messrs. Stubbs' Directories Ltd. (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 8th inst. Present—Councillor Mann and Brig.-Gen. Thomas ; and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

The Librarian reported :—

(1) Receipt of letters :—

(a) From the Carnegie Trust, enclosing cheque for £250 being the whole of the Trustees' first year's grant to the Library for book purchase.

(b) From the Cheltenham and Gloucester Branch of the Historical Association, enclosing cheque for 3 guineas for the purchase of historical works for the Library.

(c) From Lady Dixon Hartland, enclosing cheque for 15 guineas for the purchase of Macquoid and Edwards' " Dictionary of English Furniture," 3 vols.

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In addition, other gifts resulting from the Cheltenham "Book Week " were received as follows :—

(d) Mt. and Mr.t. Lucas, Bryant's " Chelsea Porcelain Toys," value £7 7s. 0d.

(e) Miss M. Cant, " Everybody's Pepys," value 10s 6d.

(f) Rev. C. W. Birley. " The Christian Faith and Industry," value 2s 6d.

(g) Alderman Clara F. W:nterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., juvenile works to the value of £2 2s. 0d.

(h) Miss Vera Miles, 15s for the purchase of Skinner's " Myths and legends of flowers, trees, fruits and plants."

(i) Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S., Grove's " Dictionary of Music and Musicians," new edition, 5 vols., value £7 10s. 0d.

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

(2) Cheltenham Book Week—The Librarian reported as to the result of this undertaking, and read letter of thanks for the arrangements made from the National Book Council.

The Sub-Committee recommended :—

(a) That 254 vols., new books, selected by the Librarian from the Cheltenham Book Week Exhibition, be purchased at a cost of £125 9s. 0d.

(b) The Librarian reported damage to "The Review of English Studies," six pages having been cut therefrom.

(c) That the wage of J. Parry advanced from 30s to 35s per week, on the usual condition that one-half be borne by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

(d) Easter Holidays—That the Lending, Reference and Juvenile Departments be closed on Easter Saturday and Monday ; the Newsroom to remain open on Saturday as usual, and on Monday up to twelve noon.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That this Committee desire to record their appreciation of the Librarian's organisation of the " Book Week " effort.

3—Cheltenham Church Congress—Read, letter from Mr. J. Monro Briggs suggesting that Library facilities be extended to Congress visitors. RESOLVED, That the request be agreed to, on condition that the delegates present their Congress Membership Cards.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th March, 1928. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Remission of Rates—Two applicants for the remission of rates were interviewed, and their applications considered and dealt with.

2—Rating of Small Properties—Read, circular letter of 17th inst., from the Ministry of Health calling attention to the Rating and Valuation Bill, 1928 now before Parliament which provided for temporary modification of the statutory scale of reductions from gross value in the case of properties the gross value of which did not exceed £20. RESOLVED, That the resolution of this Committee passed at their meeting on the 1st December, 1927 and approved by the Council on the 5th December, 1927 be varied so as to apply only to dwelling houses in the Borough the rateable value of which does not exceed the sum of £9 instead of £10.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th March, 1928, Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, Pruen, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended: The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

1—Estimates for Rates—The Estimates for the rates were considered. RESOLVED, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council.

2—Rating and Valuation Bill, 1928—Read, circular letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Health calling attention to the provisions of this Bill now before Parliament and which provided for temporary modifications of the Statutory scale of reductions from gross values for the purpose of ascertaining the rateable value in the case of certain classes of properties and that it was therefore desirable to postpone making the rate so that the necessary amendments could be made in the valuation list if the Bill is passed.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th March, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Pruen and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

3--General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £1,463 13s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £1,025 10s. 7d.

4—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 25th March, 1928. Amount collected £17,098 3s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,985 19s 0d.

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5—Poor Rate—Read, Report of Borough Treasurer dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the Second of Instalment this rate. Amount collected £77,059 19s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £3,556 19s. 6d.

6—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during February was 5,053, as compared with 4,380 for the corresponding month last year.

7—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions to Loans ;—

Date, 1928.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
14th March	38 Non-Parlour Type Houses, St. Mark's Housing Estate	£18,267	60 years.
15th “	For Electricity Mains to Cleeve Hill ...	£3,033 .	25 years
15th “	For plant and kiosks for Electricity Extension to Cleeve Hill £853	20 years

8—District Auditor's Report—Read, Report of District Auditor on the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1927. which was satisfactory and the various suggestions made by the Auditor had been attended to.

9—Superannuation—RESOLVED, On the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 that the services of the Medical Officer of Health be extended up to the 31st March, 1929. RESOLVED, also, That the services of Mr. G. Day, Stores and Wages Clerk in the Borough Treasurer's Department be continued for a further 12 months up to the 31st March, 1929.

10—General Rate—The estimates were further considered in view of the reductions of the Rateable Value to be made under the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Bill now before Parliament. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make a Rate of 11s 10d in the £.

11—Report of Accounts Rota—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor E. L. Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd May, 1928.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th day of May, 1928, 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 PP 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 and to consider offer for purchase of Southfield Farm and portion of Upper Pilford Estate. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. COUNCILLOR J. F. WARD TO MOVE : "That the roadsweepers employed by the Corporation be given an increase of wages "
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a 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 April, 1928, 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 Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.8.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., and Yarnold.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Alderman Bendall.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 5th March, 1928 having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held March 12

Housing Meeting held March 13

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Pates and seconded by Alderman Taylor: " That Minute No. 6 be not approved and that a provisional certificate for a subsidy of £50 be issued to Mr. W. H. W. Drew in respect of a house proposed to be erected by him in Gloucester Road, for his own occupation, containing 871 super. feet, and to be built at a density of 4 to the acre, subject to his undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held March 20

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Gen. Thomas and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 2 (a) with regard to grant for 4 Orchard Cottages under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926, be not approved."

Street and Highway Meeting held March 19

Resolved, also, That Mr. A. G. Streater be appointed temporary Town Planning Assistant, in accordance with the terms advertised.

(An amendment moved by Councillor Welstead and seconded by Councillor Yarnold : " That the second resolution to Minute No. 11 with regard to Petrol Pumps at 13a Promenade be referred back " was lost).

(An amendment moved by Councillor J. F. Ward: " That Minute No. 6 with regard to Snow Clearing be referred back " was not seconded).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 16 and 23

SANDFORD PARK-Land, High Street—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Gloucester Co-operative Society stating that the sale of their land in High Street to the Corporation had now been agreed to on the terms arranged and also subject to the Corporation paying their costs. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,030 for the cost of the land including cost of conveyance and stamp duty.

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held March 21 and 29

Water Meeting held March 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 20

Allotments Meeting held March 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held March 16

Burial Board Meeting held March 23

Public Library Meeting held March 13

Rating Meeting held March 26

Finance Meetings 19 and 27

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Pruen: " That the items for expenditure and receipts in the estimates for two hard tennis courts at Sandford Park be deleted."

(The following members voted for the Amendment :—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Moore, Pruen, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas, Capt. 'Frye, Gen. Sir R. Wapshare, J. F. Ward and Yarnold ; and the following against, viz. : Alderman Stewart : Councillors Dicks, Miller, E. L. Ward and Welstead).

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—General Rate—Resolved, That the Council, in pursuance of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, do hereby make (in lieu of the Poor Rate and General District Rate) a consolidated Rate to be called the General Rate of ELEVEN SHILLINGS AND TEN PENCE in the pound (including the sum of Two thousand three hundred and forty seven pounds ten shillings required for the purposes of the Public Libraries Acts) for the year ending 31st March, 1929 upon all property rateable within the Parish and Borough or Cheltenham, made up as follows

	s.	d.
Relief of the Poor	1	3 ¼
Valuation Expenses		¼
County Roads and General	2	6 ¾
Higher Education (County)		8
Elementary Education	1	11 ¼
Police		9
Public Library		1 ½
Museum		½
Streets and Highways	1	3
Sewers, etc.		7 ½
Lighting ...		4 ½
Ashes Collection		6
Hospital and Health		3
Baths, Parks, etc.		6
Town Improvement		4 ½
Housing (1919 Act)		1
Housing ...		1 ½
Administrative		<u>4 ½</u>
	11	10

and that the same be payable by Two instalments, namely, one moiety thereof forthwith and the other moiety thereof to be payable on the 1st October, 1928, and that the same be collected accordingly, also, That the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law by giving notices thereof within seven days in public and conspicuous places within the Parish and Borough of Cheltenham.

4-Sunday Concerts—Read letter from the Rev. A. C. Phillips, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council, enclosing the following resolution passed at a Meeting of his Council on the 14th ult., namely :—

" The Free Church Council cordially supports the attitude recently adopted by the Town Council in condemning without a vote the use of the Town Hall for a concert of syncopated music on a Sunday night and trusts that in framing the Concert Programme for the ensuing summer season, there may be nothing to violate the understanding reached a few years ago by which your Committee agreed not to do anything which would interfere with the work of the Churches or of the Sunday Schools."

5—Floral Fete—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. C. Cassidy on behalf of the Floral Fete Committee asking for the Corporation's support and prizes and a cup for the forthcoming show. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes 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, 7th May, 1928.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Council in Committee held on Friday, 13th April, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Sawyer, Pates, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, Lt.-Gen. Sir R. Wapshare, J. F. Ward and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Municipal Offices—The Committee considered the proposals of the General Purposes and Watch Committee with regard to the alteration of the Offices and the allocation of the rooms to be vacated by the Electricity Department. RESOLVED, That the proposed alterations and rearrangement of the Offices be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the work.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this held on Wednesday, 11th April, 1928. Present -The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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 Rehoboth Place, Swindon Road ; 5 Russell Place ; 1 and 2 Heath Cottages, Swindon Road ; Nelson Common Lodging House; 11 St. Paul's Street

South; 16 Union Street ; 22 Union Street ; 29 King 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) 13 Albert Street, St. Peter's ; Sandiwell, Gloucester 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) 29 Park Place, and The Suffolk Arms Hotel, Suffolk Road.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 212 High Street ; 18 Commercial Street ; 51 Keynsham Street ; 1 and 2 Brockworth Cottages ; 5 Leicester Terrace ; 1 Park View, Albany Road ; 8 News Cottages, Alstone Lane ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Sherborne Place ; 3 Spread Eagle Terrace ; 32 Cleaveland Street ; 5 Russell Place ; 1 and 2 Heath's Cottages, Swindon Road ; and 43 Swindon 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, and 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) 39 Sun Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 13th February last, the works of repair specified to be done to these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. J. Jenkins, at a cost of £7 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

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4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 661 lbs. beef : 24 lbs. mutton ; 80 lbs. pork, 25 ½ lbs fish roes.

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—Delancey Hospital- - The Committee considered the accounts for cases of infectious diseases sent in to the Delancey Hospital. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to write to the local practitioners and inform them that all cases must be sent in to the Hospital through him as

provided for in the scheme, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Matron that the Corporation will not be responsible for the payment of any cases not sent in through the Medical Officer of Health.

7 --Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 2 Limbrick Cottages, 4 and 5 Elm Street, and 17 York Street—Closing Orders—The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that these houses were so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed, Mr. Cousins and Mr. Seward, Owners of No. 2 Limbrick Cottages and 4 and 5 Elm Street respectively attended and consented to the Orders being made. RESOLVED, That it appearing to the Council that the said houses are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, Orders 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 have been rendered fit for that purpose and that notice thereof be given to the Owners and Occupiers.

(b) 1 Limbrick Cottages—Demolition Order—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house be deferred until the Closing Order in respect of 2 Limbrick Cottages has been put in force.

(c) 38, 40 and 42 Malvern Street—Demolition Orders—The Town Clerk reported that notices had been given to the Owners of the intention to make Demolition Orders. Mr. Fitzroy Fowles attended and stated that no objection was made by the Owners to an Order 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 have not been taken with all due diligence to make them so fit.

8—National Rat Week—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that steps were being taken to deal with the infestation of rats in rural areas adjoining Cheltenham. The Gloucestershire County Council has been asked to submit a report in due course as to any further action that may be taken in this connection.

9—River Chelt adjoining Central Depot—The Committee made an inspection of the Banks of the Chelt adjoining the Central Depot where these were giving way.

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

Valuation of Farms—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. C. C. Castle stating that he had now practically settled the valuation with Mr. Rymer's Agent, Mr. Pope, with the exception of the claim for unexhausted improvements in respect of which a Counter claim had been made for crops sold off. RESOLVED, That Councillors Leigh James and E. L. Ward be authorised to confer with Mr. Castle thereon.

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

H. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th April, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor: Councillors -Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas, Lt.-Gen. Sir R. Wapshare and J. F. Bard (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1-4 Kingsley Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a shed proposed to be erected at the rear of this house. RESOLVED, That the same be approved.

2—Housing, etc., Act, 1923- -RESOLVED, That a provisional certificate for a subsidy of £50 be issued to Mrs. Temple in respect of a house to be erected by her in Whaddon Road, for her own occupation containing 948 super. feet and to be erected at a density of 5 to the acre subject to the gross cost (including land) being reduced to not exceeding £600 and to her undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

3—Redecoration of Houses, Assisted Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made in the interior redecoration of these houses and that 35 had been completed. RESOLVED, That Nos. 25 and 35 Byron Road and 54 Milton Road be added to the list of houses to be redecorated.

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

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price:
89 Tennyson Road (1919 Scheme)	Miss H. D. Maule	£490
95 do. (1919 Scheme)	Mr. J. Bentley	
8 Spenser Road	Mr. G. S. Barnett	£495

In the case of 95 Tennyson Road, the offer was subject to an extra 2 ½ feet frontage being taken from the adjoining house to enable a car entrance to be made.

RESOLVED, That the offers be accepted, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser of No. 8 Spenser Road in a Mortgage for an advance of not exceeding 90 per cent to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

(b) Spenser Road—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale of Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Spenser Road, now in course of erection, at the price of £495 each.

5 - 4 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter of 24th ult., from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham & Wyatt asking for the tenancy of this house to be transferred from Mrs. Ford into her husband's name. RESOLVED, That it be suggested that the house should be taken by them jointly.

6—Housing and Town Planning Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates at a Regional Conference for Gloucestershire,

Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset to be held at Bath on the 16th May. RESOLVED, That Councillors Dicks and Gen. Thomas and the Town Clerk be authorised to attend.

7-102 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. W. J. Forbes stating that the owner of this house had arranged to sell it to Mr. H. L. Shepherd subject to the mortgage to the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, in which the Cheltenham Corporation had joined as guarantors RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th April, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor: Councillors Pates and J. F. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Davis' Land—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Ministry of Health that the compulsory order for acquisition of Mr. Davis' Land in Folly Lane would be confirmed and that the compulsory order would be issued as soon as possible. RESOLVED, That, on the receipt of the Order, the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notices to treat and also notices to take possession of the land. RESOLVED, also, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 4th May to consider tenders for the erection of the houses on the land.

2—Housing Subsidies—Read, circular of 26th ult., from the Association of Municipal Corporations stating in regard to the revision of subsidies in October next that Local Authorities could count on subsidies at the present rates for houses which may be completed by the 31st March, 1929.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th April, 1928, Present—Councillors Leigh James, Mann, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Mrs. E.. Booy, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Mrs. E. C. Gurney and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association-4a) Annual Report—Read, the 19th Annual Report (From 31st March, 1927 to 1st April, 1928) The Association had appointed Miss K. Oswell as their Secretary in place of Miss Seton who had given up owing to ill-health

(b) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1928.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	30.2	34.5
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	15.0	20.0
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	27.6	36.4

Miss Tinson had been appointed a Member of the Committee in place of Miss Geddes, resigned.

2—Health Visitors Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1928 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,629
“ Children Visited (Firsts) ...	150
“ (1 year and under)	750
“ (over 1 year)	677
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,980
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	78
“ Un-notified Births discovered	3
“ Children remitted to Hospital	4
“ Ante-natal cases visited	33
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	31
“ Chicken-pox cases visited	2
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	20
New Orders •••	27
Orders discontinued during quarter	19
“ continuing to coming quarter	28

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 25 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 22 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

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3—Grant—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health approving the estimate of expenditure of £908. The Ministry had reduced the estimate by £25, being £15 for the milk and £10 in respect of Home Helps. With regard to the supply of milk, the Minister asked that the Council should reconsider the procedure for dealing with applications with a view to securing strict observance of the following conditions, viz :—(1) Milk supplied at less than cost price should only be supplied on medical grounds and should not be supplied to applicants in receipt of Poor Law Relief ; (2) Every applicant for milk should be seen by the Medical Officer of Health or the Medical Officer of the Centre ; (3) The scale of income adopted for the supply of milk should be revised in order to bring it into accord with the fall in the index cost of living since the scale was framed ; (4) That the Council should satisfy themselves that the supplies of milk were obtained at prices which bear adequate relation to the quantities of milk distributed by them. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for attention.

4—Health Visitors—(a) The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 879 of 28th ult., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the appointment of whole time health visitors. (b) Read, circular of 14th inst.,

from the Womens' Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association with regard to the above circular.

5--Maternal Mortality—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 888 of 23rd inst., from the Ministry of Health on the subject of Maternal Mortality, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

6--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 Paris. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

7---Health Visitor—Read, letter from Miss E. Nicholls thanking the Council for the 4 months' leave of absence granted to her.

8—Proposed New Centre, St. Mark's—The Town Clerk reported that a Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health had visited Cheltenham in regard to the application for a new centre at St. Mark's.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 2nd April, 1928. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1- Town Planning Assistant—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the eight applications received for this position and had interviewed Mr. A. G. Streater, Town Planning Assistant in charge of Cardiff Rural District Council and recommended that he be appointed temporary Town Planning Assistant at a salary of £400 per annum. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, and that arrangements be made for him to commence his duties as soon as office accommodation is available.

2—Diversion of Heavy Traffic—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the routes for the diversion of heavy traffic. RESOLVED, That the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Capt. Trye) and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to fix the position of the notices on these routes.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday 23rd April, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

3—**Plans Sub-Committee**— The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 5th and 23rd inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted and that Plan No. 2492 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work and ventilation of rooms being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 17th March, to 19th April, 1928, inclusive.

(b) Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 12th April, 1928 :-883 loads (1199 tons 8 cwt.) collected ; 13 loads tipped away and 870 loads (1182 tons 4 cwt.) consumed.

5—View Committee —The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th April, 1928 .—Councillors Mann and Capt. Trye. (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Rutland Street—The Committee inspected the site of the proposed store shed to be built in Rutland Street for Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher, and referred this to the Committee for consideration.

(b) Central Depot—That the old refuse vehicles be broken up and any serviceable parts re-used.

(c) Bayshill Road—That the lime tree near the side entrance to Pyatt's Hotel reported by the treeman to be unsafe be removed and a new lime tree planted.

(d) St. George's Road—That no action be taken with regard to Mr. J. Brain's suggestion that swing gates should be provided at each end of passage from St. George's Road to Malvern Road.

(e) Overton Road--That the decayed chestnut tree near Christ Church be removed.

(f) Leckhampton Road—That the hoarding to be erected by Shakespere Shenton at the corner of Church Road be adjourned to the Committee for consideration.

(g) Oriel Road—That the enclosure on the east side of Oriel Lodge entrance gates be cleared of shrubs, and that new and more suitable shrubs be planted, also that the shrubbery be protected by a new dwarf iron fence and that the shrubbery on the west side of the entrance gates be cleared and new shrubbery planted and protected with an iron fence.

(h) Hewlett Road—That the footpath on the west side of Hewlett Road from St. Ann's Road to St. Ann's Terrace be repaved.

(i) High Street and Winchcomb Street corner—That Messrs. Lawley's Ltd. be asked to consider setting back their new shop front in Winchcomb Street.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and confirmed and that with regard to (f) that the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notices on the owner and Shakspere Shentons Billposting Co. under Section 4 of the Roads Improvement Act, 1925, prohibiting the erection of any hoarding or fence within 10 ft. of the frontage to the said land. RESOLVED, also, That a site on the west side of Leckhampton Road beyond the tram terminus be offered to the Company on terms to be arranged.

RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Capt. Trye and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to negotiate terms with Messrs, Lawley's for the improvement of the corner of High Street and Winchcomb Street.

6—Stone Ware Pipes—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sample stone ware pipes submitted by the firm whose tender had been accepted, were not satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., for the supply of pipes for the year ending 31st March next be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 6 passed at a meeting of the Committee on the 20th February last be varied accordingly.

7—Advertisement on Hoardings—The Borough Surveyor reported action taken by him with regard to contravention of the conditions with respect to advertisements on hoardings placed around building operations in streets. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

8—Asphalt Plant—Petrol Roller—The Borough Surveyor recommended a small petrol roller be purchased out of the Asphalt Plant Account from Messrs. Barford & Perkins Ltd., for £243 plus an additional £25 for detachable wheels giving a rolling width of 6 feet instead of 4 feet. The roller could be used for rolling the grass in Ltd. the Parks, etc., and also for work on footpaths. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Barford & Perkins, of £268 be accepted.

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9—Borough Surveyor's Department—Staff—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. B. Nation resigning his post as draughts-man owing to defective eyesight. RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to place Mr. Nation on superannuation as from the 31st August next. RESOLVED, also, That he be granted 3 months leave of absence as from the 31st May, and that the Committee record their appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered by him during a period of 42 years. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for a qualified assistant with a good knowledge of water supply system at a commencing salary of £250 per annum rising by two annual increments of £25 to £300 per annum, subject to the Water Committee agreeing to pay the difference between the present salary of Mr. Nation and the proposed salary of the new technical assistant.

10—Classification of Roads—Read, circular No. 274 of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Transport as to grants from the Road Fund for the year 1928-29 and the terms upon which the same would be made.

11—Telephone Kiosk—Promenade—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Post Office Telephones Department with regard to the proposed combined telephone, stamp and letter box kiosk which it was proposed to erect near the Post Office in the Promenade. The District Manager attended and stated that he had been able to get one of these new kiosks allocated to Cheltenham and asked the Committee to select a site for the same, RESOLVED, That permission be given to place the kiosk about 10 feet from the northern flower bed near the Post Office, the exact position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

12—Town Planning Assistant—Read, letter from Mr. A. G. Streater accepting the appointment of Town Planning Assistant. RESOLVED, That he be requested to commence his duties at the end of May.

13—Streamer across Colonnade—Read, application of 27th inst. from the Musical Festival Committee for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the occasion of the Musical

Festival on 10th to 12th May. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the streamer to be hung for two days subject to the usual conditions.

14—All Saints Road—Tree—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss A. E. J. Woollcombe-Boyce for the removal of the tree opposite " Lyndhurst " be not granted, but that the tree be pruned.

15—J. Tanner—The Committee considered the application of J. Tanner for superannuation allowance. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Tanner was ill at the time the Superannuation Act was adopted and had not recovered sufficiently to be able to resume work before the date of Superannuation Scheme otherwise he would no doubt have been employed. He had served the Corporation for 32 years. RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to place Mr. Tanner on the Superannuation Fund as from the 1st April, 1925.

16—Post Office Telegraphs—Christ Church Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an overhead telegraphic line along this road near Wrinstone House with one pole, be granted, 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—Street Projections—(a) Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. W. Salmon on behalf of the Providence Baptist Chapel, Naunton Parade, for permission to fix a direction sign on a Tramway standard in this road be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) North Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Boots Ltd. to hang a large advertising flag outside a window of their premises in this street be not granted.

(c) Crescent Place—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Newspaper Co. to fix a projecting sign outside Promenade House be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(d) 3 St. George's Place—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr R. W. Smith to fix a projecting lamp outside his premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

18—High Street—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. Shakspere Shenton with regard to the complaint received of the nuisance caused by the vacant piece of land adjoining 276 High Street not being enclosed. RESOLVED, That a Notice under Article IV of the Cheltenham Order, 1896 be served on Mr. Shenton requiring him to fence the land.

19—Petrol Pump-21 Pittville Street—It was reported that Messrs. Hughes & Sons, to whom permission had been given to place a petrol pump in the kerb, had now disposed of their premises. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give one month's notice terminating the agreement made with Messrs. Hughes & Sons, and to require the removal of the pump.

20—Contract for Castings—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher for the supply of manhole covers be accepted and included in their contract for castings for the ensuing year.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Thursday, 5th April, 1928. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Stewart ; (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.
2455	Morgan, Miss A.	Ten semi-detached houses, Swindon Road N.
2484	Olivant, J. H.	New Bathroom, Horncastle, Moorend Road.
2485	Brunner, J.	Alterations to bakehouse and new lavatories, 11-12, Clarence Street.
2486	Millar, Mrs. D.	Motor-house, Redesdale, The Park.
2487	Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.,	Messrs. Timber store building, Rutland Street
2488	Hayward, Dr.	Motor-house, Eldorado Crescent.
2489	Shell Mex Ltd., Messrs.	Alterations to Depot, Tewkesbury Rd. (Amended Plan).

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2486 and 2488 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 2484, 2485 and 2489 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plans Nos. 2455 and 2487 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 23rd April, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart and Councillor Mann (Councillor Mann 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.
2473	Goulding, O. H.	House, workshops and garages, Lansdown Road (Amended Plan)
2487	Sharpe & Fisher, Messrs.	Store shed, Rutland Street.
2491	Temple, E., Mrs.	Detached house, Whaddon Road.
2492	Boulton, T. D.	Internal alterations, Southwood, Bath Road.
2493	Davies, D. V.	Glass and Iron Porch over front entrance steps, Ellenborough Hotel, Oriel Road.
2494	King, Dr.	Motor house, Moorend Park Road.
2495	Madgwick, A. G.	Motor house. Brooklands, Sandford Mill Road.
2496	Billings, F. W.	Additions to Sherborne House, Montpellier Terrace.
2497	Dickens, C.	Four lock-ups and shops, High Street, adjoining the Belle Vue Hotel.
2498	Hawkins, G. A.	Additions to Shirley, Pittville Circus Road

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2473, 2491, 2493, 2494 and 2495 be approved ; that Plan No. 2498 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plan No. 2492 be referred to the Street and Highway Committee ; and that Plans Nos. 2487, 2496 and 2497 be disapproved.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT ND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th April, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Miller, Pates, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Advertising--(a) Mr. E. J. Burrow attended and submitted proposals for advertising during the ensuing year. He recommended that 30,000 illustrated folders of Cheltenham should be printed to be used for issue to delegates to Conferences, and in cases in which it was unnecessary to send the more expensive guides and that the Chamber of Commerce should be allocated a supply of these. The cost of these could be provided out of the estimate. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

(b) Read, circular of 24th ult., from the Hastings and St. Leonards Borough Association enclosing copy of resolution passed by their Association and asking the Corporation to pass a similar resolution. RESOLVED, That the Council pass the following resolution and that copies thereof be forwarded to the Board of Trade and to the Borough Member :—

"That, in view of the great and increasing efforts being made by foreign governments and public bodies to attract and develop tourist traffic, the time has arrived for the British Government to establish a system of advertising its holiday resources on a national and organised basis ; secondly that the Board of Trade be urged to establish, as a permanent feature of its activities, a Department—such as those which have long existed in other European countries—to develop tourist traffic in the United Kingdom ; thirdly that this Department should be financed by the State for the purpose of securing a fair share of the world's tourist traffic ; fourthly that the Government be requested to facilitate the passing of legislation to enable all local authorities to expend money out of the rates to an adequate extent on advertising their amenities."

2—Winter Gardens—Dog Show—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Canine Society for permission to erect a tent on the tennis court at the rear of the Winter Garden and also a refreshment tent on the gravel path be granted subject to the Society undertaking to make good any damage to the ground and to re-coup any loss incurred in the letting the tennis court.

3--Montpellier Gardens—Open Air Services—Read, application of 17th inst., from the Hon Secretary, Cheltenham and District Free Church Council for permission to hold four united open air services on

the following Sundays, namely : May 22nd, June 19th, July 31st and August 28th, RESOLVED, That permission be granted as last year.

4—Town Hall—(a) Organ—Scale of Charges—RESOLVED, That a charge of 2s 6d per hour be made for individual practice on the organ and a minimum charge of £1 1s. 0d. per hour or portion of an hour for the hire of the organ at concerts, etc., and for every half-hour after the first hour 10s 6d, these charges to exclude the fees for the organist.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given for the use of the organ for playing the national anthem on the occasion of the opening of the Bazaar for the Dr. Barnardo's Homes at the Town Hall on the 25th inst.

(c) Orchestral Concerts—Read, letter of 12th inst., from Mr. Lewis Hann enclosing statement of receipts and expenditure of the three orchestral concerts which showed a deficit of £26 1s. 4d. excluding the charges for the hire of the Hall, etc., and asking the Corporation to reconsider the charge for the hire of the Hall for the Concerts. RESOLVED, That a charge of £10 be made to cover cost of lighting, heating and out of pocket expenses.

5—Cheltenham College Speech Day—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham College for the use of the military band engaged by the Corporation for the week commencing 25th June to play for about 3 hours on the afternoon of the College Speech Day to be held on the 29th June be granted subject to payment of £15.

6—Pittville Gardens—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the County Secretary, Girl Guides, for permission to charge an entrance fee of 6d. to their sports to be held on the 19th May. RESOLVED, That no objection be made subject to residents being admitted without charge and also season ticket holders.

7—Sandford Park—Bell—Read, letter of 6th ult., from the Admiralty stating that they had had under consideration the question of the disposal of old watch bells returned since the war from H.M. ships bearing names of local interest as the bells were no longer required in the naval service and offering to sell to the Corporation the watch bell of H.M.S. Cheltenham for £5 plus cost of carriage. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect the bell in Sandford Park.

8—Promenade—Fountain—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the fountain in the Promenade might be illuminated in the evenings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to consider and report as to the cost of doing this.

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9—Medical Baths—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the exterior of the baths should be redecorated, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit estimate of the cost for carrying out this work.

10—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 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 year';.

JAMES STE WART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th April, 1928, Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair)

11—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Spa Bowling Club for the redecoration of the pavilion and also repairs to the fountain. The Club also asked that the triangular piece of land now fenced in should be surfaced and the railings be moved to enable this to be used for a car park for members of the Club, The Committee viewed the pavilion, etc. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to do the interior and exterior decoration of the pavilion subject to the Club agreeing to redecorate the exterior of the refreshment annexe and shed at the back of the pavilion so as to harmonise with the pavilion, RESOLVED, also, That the Club be informed that the Committee are willing to remove the shrubs and make a suitable hard surface subject to the cost, estimated at £10, being repaid by the Club over a period of 3 years.

12—Winter Band—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with Mr. Peter Fielding for the Winter Band. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Winter Garden--Church Congress—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed temporary building to be erected at the Winter Garden in connection with the Church Congress in October next. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to a passage way being left at the side of the building to the side doors of the Town Hall and workshops, etc.

14—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of painting the exterior of the Baths at £70. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to have the work carried out.

15—Sandford Park—(a) Childress' Pond—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this pond filled and to have notices erected prohibiting-paddling in the pond.

(b) Land in High Street—Read, letter of 25th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanction to the loan for the purchase of the land in High Street from the Co-operative Society. RESOLVED. That consideration of the lay-out of the land be deferred until the new Gardens Superintendent has taken up his appointment.

RESOLVED, also, That the Solicitors for the Vendors be requested to give Mr. Shakspeare Shenton notice terminating his lease of the advertising hoardings.

16—Illustrated Guide—Mr. E. Baring and Mrs. E. H. Bisset, Secretary, attended as a deputation from the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and proposed that the Corporation and the Chamber should again combine in issuing a guide for the next two years. The contributions paid by the Corporation for the present guide would be refunded together with a percentage of the profits. RESOLVED, That the proposals be agreed to on the understanding that the Corporation contribute one-fifth of the cost of the guide up to £100 for two years and are credited with one-fifth of the profits That the guide is not issued until the expiration of the present guide and that a joint Committee comprising representatives of this Committee and the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to supervise the production and issue of the guide RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman (Alderman Stewart) Councillors Miller, Sawyer and Thomas and the Spa Manager be appointed as the representatives of the Corporation.

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17—Swimming Baths—Read, letter 24th inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow suggesting that cheap tickets to the swimming baths be issued to the nurses of the General Hospital and the Victoria Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

18—Pittville Lake—Read, application of 21st inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming & Water Polo Club applying for the use of the Pittville Gardens on the afternoon of July 4th for the last trial match (British Olympic Water Polo Team v. The Rest). RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens be granted to them for the afternoon on payment of the sum of £3 3s. 0d., and subject to the club undertaking to make good any damage that may be done to the Gardens.

19—Tennis Courts—RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to advertise the tennis courts to let at Montpellier and Pittville Gardens.

20—Film Advertising—Read, letters from the Press & General Publicity Service Ltd., offering to record in a weekly talking film review on-coming events in the town and district. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to furnish the information asked for.

21—Whit-Monday Fête—(a) Read, letter from Councillor Pates resigning his appointment as Chairman of the Whit-Monday Fête Committee. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Councillor Pates for his services as Chairman of the Whit-Monday Fete Committee.

(b) RESOLVED, That arrangements be made by this Committee (augmented as last year) for a Fete to be held on Whit-Monday at Pittville Gardens on the same lines as last year.

22—Concerts and Gardens--(a) Season Tickets—RESOLVED, That the scale of charges for sale of season tickets commencing May 1st to the 30th April, 1929, be the same as last year (See Minute No. 12 25th March, 1927).

(b) Complimentary Tickets—RESOLVED, That complimentary tickets be issued to persons exhibiting weekly programmes, boards, etc., in accordance with the list as now submitted.

23—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 27th ult. and 17th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :—(a) Organ Lectures—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended a meeting and discussed with the Sub-Committee the proposal to arrange organ lectures for elementary school children and that further details would be reported in due course.

(b) Military Band—That the application of the Cheltenham Bowling Club for the Military Band engaged by the Council to play at Suffolk Square Bowling Green on the 9th May on the occasion of the visit of the New Zealand Bowlers be granted.

(c) Printing and Billposting — That the tender of Mr. R. B. Shenton for printing and of Shakspeare Shenton's Billposting Co., for billposting, being the lowest in each case be accepted.

(d) Concerts Attendants—That the two Concert Attendants be supplied with new uniforms at a total cost not exceeding £8. 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, 25th April, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Mann, Moore, Capt. Trye and Lt.-Gen, Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—I.M.E.A.—Subscriptions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the increased subscription now payable by the Corporation to this Association £12 12s. 0d. per annum and not £10 10s. 0d. as stated in last month's Minutes. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to pay the increased subscription of £12 12s. 0d. and that Minute No. 4 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

2—Public Lighting----(a) Naunton Parade 1?ead, letter from Mr. J. W. Cox suggesting that an additional lamp should be placed in Naunton Parade and the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had viewed the site. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Police Reports—The Town Clerk reported that the Auditor had pointed out that the £10 paid for Police reports of extinguished lamps must be paid to the County Police Fund. RESOLVED, That payments in future be made accordingly.

3—Central Electricity Scheme—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Commissioners' Central England Electricity Scheme had now been published and that the Cheltenham Supply Area was excluded but adjoined the boundary of the Scheme. and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Central Electricity Board pointing out that as Cheltenham would receive its supply from the Central England Area it should be included in that Area and asking that that the Scheme should be adjusted so as to include Cheltenham, and he submitted letter from the Board regretting that they could not accede to the request.

4—Tenders for Coal, Cables and Meters—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to advertise for the annual tenders for coal, cables and meters.

5—Bulk Supply—Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported offer from the Gloster Aircraft Co. Ltd., to sell a piece of land fronting Rowanfield Road as a site for an electricity sub-station for the sum of £140. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

6—Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1927—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that one of the compulsory mains to be laid under this Order was to the villages of Swindon and Arle and he estimated the cost of laying this main at £3802. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this main laid and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £3802 for the cost of the work.

7—Borough Electrical Engineer's Department—Demonstrator—RESOLVED, That the salary of Miss A. A. Stemp, Demonstrator, be increased by £10 per annum.

8—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1928 which showed the average calorific value to be 471.6 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, reports of gas tests made on the 28th ult., 14th and 18th inst., which showed the calorific value to be 471.6 ; 478.75 and 480.9 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 4.9 ; 4.9 and 5.1 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th April, 1928, Present--The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Gen. Sir R. Wapshare (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 April, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	355,000 gallons	383,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,214,000 „	1,451,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	115,000	123,000
Total	1,684,000	1,957,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	16th April, 1928.		16th April, 1927.	
Hewletts		31,520,000 gallons		23,195,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 11in.	99,584,000	32ft. 0in.	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		132,724,000		124,838,000

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

	During March, 1928.	During past 12 months.
No of house-to-house inspections	981	16,985
“ taps found leaking	96	1,239
“ defective flushing boxes	19	417
“defective stop taps	4	93
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	86	
“ (special repairs apart from house- to-house inspections)	<u>20</u>	
	106	1,519
“ notices served re fittings ...	40	962
“ meters fixed, changed, etc.	25	210
“ houses connected (change of Tenancy, etc)	75	926
“ burst pipes discovered ...	5	178
“ supplies discontinued (void houses etc.)	46	632

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

Mains Laid ...	2
Sluice Valves repaired ...	5
Mains flushed out	7
S. V. Hydrants Overhauled ...	2
New Sluice Valve Hydrants fixed	2
Ball Hydrants repaired ...	3

4—Dowdeswell Water Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that in the Winter when the Gas consumption was at its maximum the supply of Gas for the engines at the new Dowdeswell pre-filters was insufficient to work the plant and the Gas Company recommended that a small gas holder should be installed at an estimated cost of £400 exclusive of the cost of excavation and connection to the present main. RESOLVED, That the Gas Company be asked to appoint representatives to confer with this Committee on the matter.

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5—Staff—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. B. Nation, draughtsman in his Department was retiring after 42 years' service, and that to fill the vacancy he proposed to recommend the Street and Highway Committee to advertise for a technical assistant with a good knowledge of water supply. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to contribute the difference in the present salary and the salary proposed for the new technical assistant,

6—Pipes—The Borough Engineer reported that the sample truck of pipes obtained from the Birtley Iron Company were unsatisfactory and he recommended that the Contract be not entered into, and the Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Company with regard thereto. RESOLVED, That

the Company be informed that the Corporation have decided not to enter into the Contract. RESOLVED, also, That the tender of the Stavely Iron Company, being the next lowest tender be accepted subject to a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 4 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 17th February last be rescinded,

7—British Waterworks Association—Annual Conference—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Manchester from July 4th to July 7th, 1928. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend, but that if the Mayor is unable to go, Councillor Sawyer be appointed to attend in his place.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 4th April, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Gen. Thomas,, Capt. Trye and Welstead (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill Estate—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 28th ult. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and Capt. Trye (Capt. Trye in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) Land near Reservoir in occupation of Mrs. Young—That the sale or lease of this land to Mrs. Young be not agreed to at present.

(b) Southfield Farm—(i) Cottage—That the vacant cottage at Southfield Farm be offered to Mr. H. L. Newcombe at 5s a week, inclusive, but that he be informed that the Corporation cannot undertake any decorations.

(ii) Sale—That the offers of Mr H. L. Scott Plummer and Mr. J. Jones of £130 and £140 respectively for the tenancy of Southfield Farm (exclusive of the Farmhouse and garden, be not accepted, and that if a suitable offer for the purchase of the property is not obtained at an early date, Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter be instructed to offer it for sale by public auction.

(iii) Grazing on fields Nos. 679 and 684—That the grazing on fields Nos. 679, 10 acres, and 684, 3 acres, be let to Mr. A. Byard on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £21 and that he be let the use of the small orchard for 3 weeks at 5s a week.

(iv) Grazing on fields Nos. 686 and 723—That fields Nos. 686, 14.559 acres and 723, 21'066 acres, be let to Mr. W. W. Cook of Church Farm, Shurdington, on a weekly tenancy for sheep grazing at the rent of £1 per week.

(iv) Grazing on fields on to of hill—That the Farm buildings and fields Nos. 228, 239, 224, 223, 222 and 241 containing 63.553 acres be let to Mr. John Jones of Hartley Farm on a yearly tenancy at £20 a year, subject to the present letting for Artillery Training Ground, and that the Corporation provide a post and wire fence where necessary to enclose the land for sheep.

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

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2--Soup Kitchen—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Commandant, Salvation Army, stating that they were in need of a suitable building at the north end of the town and that if they could have the Municipal Soup Kitchen in New Street there was a possibility of their securing other ground at the rear on which a hall could be erected to meet their requirements. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to hand over the Soup Kitchen premises to the Salvation Army subject to their undertaking to fix the soup boilers in a suitable position in the proposed new building so as to be available if required,

3--Municipal Offices—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the accommodation at the Municipal Offices reported that they had had several meetings and had carefully considered the needs of the various departments for additional accommodation. The Borough Surveyor submitted plans showing the proposed alterations, RESOLVED, That these be approved and that a special meeting of the members of the Council be called to consider the matter.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. A. R. Chick and W. Waldron for Hackney Carriage Licences Nos. 3 and 27 to be transferred to Motor Cars Nos. MI 32 and AB 5108, respectively, be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th April, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Mann, Moore, Sawyer, Gen Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

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

(b) Cattle Plague Order, 1928 and Pleuri-Pneumonia Order, 1928—The Town Clerk submitted copies of these Orders which came into operation on the 1st instant.

6—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire since the last Meeting, viz. :—on 25th ult., Rossmund Lawn, Sydenham Road ; cause, lighting kitchen fire ; damage £50 ; expenses £4 19s. 0d. : and on same date serious chimney fire at Mona Cottage, London Road ; cause, defective chimney ; damage slight, and expenses £4 9s. 0d.

7—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Annual Inspection—RESOLVED, That the Annual Inspection be held at the Central Depot on the 23rd May at 10 a.m. RESOLVED, also, That Supt. Lane be instructed to inform applicants for licences that no licence will be renewed until the vehicle has been passed by the Committee.

(b) Conductors—RESOLVED, That Conductor's Licences be granted to J. C. Carter of 26 Swindon Place and F. R. Elliott of Inglewood, Langdon Road.

8—Omnibus Licences—RESOLVED, That the list of fares submitted by the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company for their extended omnibus services to the Gas Works, Leckhampton Hill and Cleeve Hill be approved.

9—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Car Mart Ltd., for a licence to store 600 gallons of petrol in underground tanks at 13 Promenade, be not granted.

10—**Public Library Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. F. Vernall a Member of the Public Library Committee.

11—Floral Fête—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Floral Fête Committee stating that in order to maintain the position attained by the Cheltenham Floral Fête, they had substantially increased the value and extent of the Prize list and asking for the support of the Corporation as in previous years. The Corporation Challenge Cup had now been won outright. RESOLVED, That the sum of £50 be granted for Prizes for the Show, including cost of replacing Corporation Challenge Cup

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12—Parking of Motors--(a) Montpellier Walk—Read letter of 29th ult., from Messrs. Rickerby & Co., enclosing Memorial from owners and occupiers in this road objecting to the proposed Order. The Town Clerk reported that he had written in reply pointing out that the Order could be rescinded or varied if found satisfactory to the occupiers. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

(b) Promenade—RESOLVED, That arrangements be made for the yearly tickets for use of this Parking Place to run from the 1st May in each year.

(c) Cambray—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a sign directing to this Parking place on the lamp standard in High Street opposite to Cambray,

13--Police Accounts—The Town Clerk submitted further correspondence with the County Council with regard to the charges for Police Reserve and Special Constables employed during the strike. RESOLVED, That an offer of £385 10s. 6d. be made in settlement of the claim as the Committee consider that some allowance should be made having regard to the fact that during the greater part of the strike there was an average loss to the ordinary force of the Borough of 18 men, after allowing for replacements by reserves,

14—Leckhampton Hill Estate—Jones' Tenancy—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with Mr. J. Jones for the tenancy of the fields on the top of the hill. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the fencing required.

15—Municipal Offices—Councillor Moore reported that it was found that the plans approved at the meeting of the Council in Committee would not give the Electricity Committee sufficient accommodation. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to reconsider the proposed alterations and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare fresh plans for alterations to the offices including No. 21 Promenade, the lease of which expired in March next,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th April, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Maine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Whaddon Road Allotments—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report from Mr. W. J. Hamblin on the unsatisfactory condition of allotments Nos. 9, 10 and 84 on the old portion and Nos. 1, 3, 18 and 50 on the new portion of these allotments, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments.

(b) Allotment No. 2, Old portion—RESOLVED, That the tenant be released from his tenancy as from the 25th ult.

2—Allotment No. 3b, Asquith Road—Read, application of the tenant to be released from his tenancy. RESOLVED, That he be released as from the 29th September next,

3—North Ward Allotments—Read, letter of 13th ult., from Mr. J. Pounsett complaining of the slurry from the manholes which had been deposited on allotment No. 99. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

4—Albert Road Allotments—Mr. E. M. Yeend reported that he had inspected these allotments, and that he considered an additional gate was unnecessary. RESOLVED, That an additional gate be not provided.

5—Rainbow Field—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for ploughing and sowing with vetches. the land a: these allotments which had not been let for allotments, and that the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender.

W. WELSTEAD. Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th April, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen Thomas, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground —It was reported that children from the houses in Hudson Street made a practice of climbing over the fence to get into the Recreation Ground, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants, and also to the Superintendent instructing him to stop this.

2—Pittville Gardens—Read, Report of Park Constable that on the 14th ult., two Cheltenham College boys rescued a man from drowning in the Marle Hill Annexe, The names of the boys were J. C. Dottridge and C. P. B. Shaw-Yates, both of Newick House. RESOLVED, That the Council record their appreciation of the services rendered by the boys and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to them accordingly.

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—(a) Gate, etc.—Councillor Gen. Thomas reported his inspection of the two entrances made by the Education Committee from the School Playground to the Recreation Ground, and recommended that the gate from the Boys' Playground be removed and the railings reinstated, but that the gate from the children's playground be allowed to remain. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved,

He also reported as to the bad condition of the Ground. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fill up the holes and have the ground rolled.

(b) Visitor—RESOLVED, That Councillor W. J. M. Dicks be appointed a Visitor of this Recreation Ground in addition to Gen. Thomas.

4—Gardens Superintendent—The Town Clerk reported that 106 applications had been received for this appointment. RESOLVED, That Councillors Dicks, Sawyer and E. L. Ward be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and to select candidates for interview by the Committee.

5—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.
Do.	St. Paul's Old Boys C. C.	Do. Do.
Do.	Young Men's League, Gas Green Sunday School C.C.	Monday Evenings.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Old Boys' C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Do.	St. James' Memorial Hall C.C.	One evening per week if Custodian can find accommodation.
Whaddon Road	Central School Old Boys' C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Do.	Wesley Sunday School C.C.	Do. Do.

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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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th April, 1928. Present—Councillors Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

6—Gardens Superintendent--(a) The **Sub-Committee** reported that they, met on the 13th inst. Present—Councillors Dicks, Sawyer and E. L. Ward. The Sub-Committee considered the 106 applications received for this appointment and recommended that the following five applicants be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee on the 17th inst., namely :—

E. J. Gooden, Parks Superintendent, Wallasey.

H. Graydon, Parks Superintendent, Workington.

D. Leuchars, Parks Superintendent, Bamford Hill Park, Birmingham

G. Stewart, Aston Park, Aston Manor, Birmingham.

T. S. Wells, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Harrogate.

The five candidates attended. RESOLVED, That Mr. David Leuchars, F.R.H.S. (now Parks Superintendent to the Oldbury Urban District Council) be appointed Gardens Superintendent at a salary of £250 per annum with house free of rent and rates subject to his passing medical examination for Superannuation Scheme, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

(b) Duties—RESOLVED, That the statement of duties to be carried out by the Gardens Superintendent now submitted be approved.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th April, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dunn, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During March 3,407 (against 2,392) ; daily average 126 (against 89). The attendance included boys from St. Mark's School, and girls from the Parish School.

Receipts—Sale of Permanent Catalogues 5s 6d ; Postcard Reproductions 4s, Collection Box £2 8s. 4d. ; Refunded Lighting Expenses 13s 9d. Total £3 11s. 7d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Paintings by Dutch and Flemish Masters was held from 7th February to 31st March. Expenses were £17 8s. 5d., of which £3 16s. 5d. was recovered from the Collection Box ; net cost £13 12s. 0d.

2—Donations—From Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez, 2 Staffordshire plates (with local views) RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor.

3—Needlework Pictures—RESOLVED, That the loan of five needlework pictures be accepted from Mrs. Harris with thanks.

4 —Offer of Picture—The Curator reported receipt of an offer for sale of a picture by W. J. Muller, from Mr. E. E. Rogers. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

5—Old Oak Water Pipe—The Curator reported offer from Mr. G. Wood, Jr., and was authorised to take steps to secure the specimen for the Museum.

6—Exhibition—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the holding of an Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists, October 15th to December 1st, 1928.

7—Electric Fire and Kettle—RESOLVED, That the purchase of an electric fire, £2 10s. 0d., and kettle, half cost 15s, be approved.

8—Shorthand-Typist—The Curator reported accident to Miss E. J. Parry, and was authorised to make temporary arrangements for carrying on her duties during her absence.

9—Whitsuntide Opening—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open on Whit-Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

JAMES STIR. WART,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th April, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Mann, H. W. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from the 24th March to 27th April, 1928. Interments 79 ; Grave Spaces sold 22 (First Position 2 ; Third Position 2 ; Fourth Position 18). Memorials fixed 14. New Inscriptions 11.

2—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and kerbing to graves of Ada E. Geddes ; William Cox and Mary A. Wright ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to graves of Mary F. Butcher ; and James Lane ; Memorial Scroll to grave of William Creed ; Memorial Headpiece and kerbing to graves of Annie Crook and Anna Baker ; Memorial Headstone to grave of Kate Baker ; Memorial Plinth and kerbing to grave of Larry Carter ; and kerbing to graves of A. C. Dodwell Alice E. Baker ; Frederick W. Record and Agnes M. Williams.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7752 to 7773 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

4—Cemetery Chapel—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders of Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons to replace the cross, which had fallen from the top of the Chapel, with a new cross and base for the sum of £13 10s. 0d., and also to fix a new cross on one of the entrance gate pillars for £2 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these tenders be accepted.

5—Entrance Gates—RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Oxy-Acetylene Welding & Smelting Works be instructed to re-hang the main entrance gates to the Cemetery.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee. held on Tuesday, 17th April, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor: Councillors Mann, Pates, Brig. Gen Thomas, Capt. Trye ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; and Mr. A. J. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report-Receipts £39 16s. 10d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 7,184 (last year 6,554); Lending Department 12,063 (last year 12,951) ; Juvenile Department 2,712 (last year 2,401). Total for month 22,859 (last year 21,006).

Replacements—During the month 50 volumes had been replaced,

Lectures—Under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association ; February 17th " Shelley." by Mr. Graeme M. Patterson, M.A., at tended by 52 persons ; March 2nd "Burns," by Mr. A. C. Mackenzie, M.A., attended by 67 persons ; March 16th " King Lear," by Mr. Graeme M. Patterson, M.A., attended by 42 persons.

Donations—Anon, (1 vol.) ; Library Committee, Washington, U.S.A. (2 vols.) ; Executors of the late Archdeacon Gardner (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. (1 vol.) ; Mrs. McArthur (approximately 500 vols.) ; Miss Penoyre (104 vols.) ; Miss Rudd (2 vols.) ; Miss Percival Smith (463 vols.); Mrs. Whitmore (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 12th inst. Present—Councillors Mann and Brig.-Gen. Thomas ; The Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair),

They recommended :—

(a) That 241 volumes (new books), published at £121 8s. 6d., be purchased at a cost of £82 16s. 3d.

(b) That the sum of £20 be spent on replacements.

(c) That the sum of £40 be spent on re-binding.

(d) That repairs to the stucco work on Jubilee Tower and ceiling in corridor be carried out.

(e) That Lambert Wicket Fittings, treadle actuated, be fixed to the two wickets at the entrance to the Lending Library. Cost £17, plus cost of fitting.

(f) That this Committee join with the Art Gallery Committee in the purchase of an electric kettle (half cost, 15s).

(g) The Librarian reported as to accident to Miss E. J. Parry, and he was authorised to engage a temporary assistant during her absence.

(h) That the wage of the Cataloguing assistant (Miss H. C. Wise) be advanced from 50s to 52s 6d per week.

(i) That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit-Monday.

(j) Read, letter from Mr. S. W. Robinson with regard to the Newsroom and racing news. The Sub-Committee recommend that further consideration be given to this matter with a view to abating the nuisance.

(k) That a portion of the roof light in the Newsroom be made to open to improve ventilation.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that with regard to (j) the racing news be obliterated by white paste-overs from four of the twenty-two daily newspapers taken, viz. : " Daily Chronicle," " Daily News," " Daily Telegraph," and " Morning Post."

3—Library Association Examinations—The Librarian reported application to hold a centre at the Public Library, 14th-19th May. RESOLVED, That this be arranged.

4—Joint Conference on Public Libraries—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Joint Conference of Branch and District Library Associations at Leamington Spa from 4th-7th May.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th April, 1928. Gen. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors

1--Unpaid Rates—Statements as to unpaid rates and voids were considered and dealt with by the Committee.

2—Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of the assessments of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That proposals be submitted for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st May, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Pruen, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £31,771 14s. 2d. Excused £75 6s. 8d. Irrecoverable £113 7s. 5d. Void £569 2s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £118 17s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 25th ult. Amount collected £17,682 0s. 5d Abatements £38 9s. 0d. Defaulters £8 11s. 5d. Voids £121 6s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £3,774 5s. 5d.

3—Poor Rate—Read, Final Report of Borough Treasurer dated 1st inst, on the collection of the Second of Instalment this rate. Amount collected £77,970 6s. 5d. Allowed to owners (851 7s. 4d. Excused on grounds of poverty £193 6s. 7d. Otherwise irrecoverable (1798 16s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £189 19s. 2d.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £400 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £650 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5-5 per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 5 per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to 0,015 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during March was 4,074, as compared with 2,765 for the corresponding month last year.

7—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions to Loans ;—

Date, 1928.	Purpose	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
24th April	For purchase of Woodlands Farm, etc.	£4,700	60 years.
do.	do. (Buildings)	£900	25 years.
25th April	For purchase of Land in High Street	£1,030	60 years.
26th April	For purchase of Arle Gardens, Tewkesbury Rd.	£1,800	10 years.

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8—Institute of Municipal Treasurers—Conference—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Taylor), and the Borough Treasurer be authorised to attend this Conference at Llandudno from 20th to 22nd June next.

9—Superannuation Fund--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a surplus of £5,533 19s. 11d. from the year's working of this fund ended 31st March, 1928. Since the commencement of the Scheme on the 1st April, 1925, the surplus in the Fund has reached £16,504 14s. 9d., of which amount £10,077 had been taken up on account of the Corporation loans at 4 per cent. RESOLVED, That the balance available be taken up by the Corporation for the various loans that will be required during the next few months.

(b) Mr. B. Nation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee. That Mr. B. Nation, who had resigned his appointment owing to defective eyesight, be paid a pension of

£69 10s, 8d., per annum as from the 1st September, 1928, calculated on his salary for the five years ended 1st September, 1928, on a non-contributory basis of 40 years' service,

(c) J. Tanner—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that J. Tanner be paid a pension of 11s 6dd, per week as from the 1st April, 1925, calculated on his wages for the five years ended 1st April, 1925 on a non-contributory basis of 32 years' service.

10—Borough Treasurer's Department—Staff—The Chairman handed to Mr. C. L. Smith the Intermediate Certificate of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants recently gained by him.

11—Report of Accounts Rota—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Welstead, The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st May, 1928

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 June, 1928, 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 elect an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Alderman Steel.
4. To appoint Returning Officer for the West Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Alderman Steel.
5. 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 THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
6. To appoint a Member of the Education Committee in place of Major W. Bell Haworth, resigned.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. To fill vacancies on **North, Central and East Wards Sub-Committee** caused by death of late Alderman Steel.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th May, 1928, at 3 p.m. Present:

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

Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, Mann, Miller, Moore. Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, C.B., C.S.I.. E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., Wheeler, M.B.E. and Yarnold.

Apologies — Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Bendall and Stewart ; and Councillor Dicks.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 2nd April, 1928 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-The Late Alderman Steel—Resolved, That the Council record their sincere regret at the death of Alderman Robert Steel who has been an honoured Member of the Council for nearly twenty-five years and desire to express their deep sympathy with his widow and 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, except the Minutes of the Council in Committee held on the 13th April, 1928.

Public Health Meeting held April 11

Housing Meeting held April 12

Slum Areas Clearance Meetings held April 24 & May 4

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Dunn and seconded by Councillor Moore : " That the Slum Areas' Clearance Committee be authorised to accept one of the three lowest tenders not exceeding £23,570 and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the amount of the tender accepted together with Architects fees and five per cent. for contingencies,

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 30

Street and Highway .. Meetings held April 2 and 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 20 and 27

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Sawyer : " That Minute No. 15 (a) be amended by omitting the words "and to have notices erected prohibiting paddling."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Dunn : " That Minute No..4 (c) be amended and that only out-of-pocket expenses be charged in lieu of the charge of £10" was withdrawn by the mover)

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 25

Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to accept a suitable tender for the building of a sub-station in Swindon Road and that a special Meeting of the Committee be held on May 10th for this purpose.

Water Meeting held April 11

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held April 4 and 24 and May 7

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Welstead : " That Minute No. 9 with regard to Petrol Licence 13 Promenade, be referred back for further consideration."

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. Humphrey Scott Plummer to purchase Southfield Farm partly in the Parish of Charlton Kings and partly in the Borough of Cheltenham comprising 117.896 acres together with 6.350 acres forming part of the Upper Pilford Estate at the price of £3,200 be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Contract for Sale on behalf of the Corporation and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

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Allotments Meeting held April 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 11

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 3 (a) with regard to gates from Naunton Park School playground to the Recreation Ground, be referred back for further consideration."

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 13

Burial Board Meeting held April 27

Public Library Meeting held April 17

Rating Meeting held April 30

Finance Meeting held May 1

RESOLVED, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer 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—Roadsweepers—Councillor J. F. Ward moved in accordance with notice : " That the roadsweepers employed by the Corporation he given an increase of wages." Councillor Sir Richard Wapshare seconded. An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That consideration of the motion be referred to the Street and Highway Committee " was carried on being put to the Meeting.

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 June, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1928. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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. :-7 Bath Terrace ; 57 Sun Street ; 9 St. Paul's Parade ; 5 Leicester Terrace—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Goulding's Garage, Lansdown Road ; 1 and 2 Napier Cottages, Ormond Place ; Stables, Plough Hotel, Ormond Place; The Riding School, Regent Street ; 1, 2, 3 and 4 Edward 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) Sandiwell, Gloucester Road.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require

amendment and alteration. He submitted 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 work specified within 28 days.

3—Insanitary Property—(a) 11 Marsh Lane ; 19 and 40 Albert Street, St. Peter's : 7, 8, 9 and 10 Swindon Place; .3 Garden Cottages, High Street ; 20 Grosvenor Terrace ; 5 Imperial Square ; 7, 9 and 11 Bath Terrace ; 8, 9a, 9b, 10, 11 and 12 Kew 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) 19, 20 and 45 Rutland Street.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses had not complied with the Notice served under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 and submitted three tenders for carrying out the necessary work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. J. Welch of £13 (being the lowest) be accepted.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 15 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 lb. of beef : 1 cwt 23 lbs. pork : 2 qrs, 7 lbs. mutton ; 5 tins greengages ; 2 tins lobster and 1 tin of sardines.

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

6—Overcrowding at 7 Edward Street.—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.

7-- Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1878—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Preston Jones of Rushbury Farm Depot, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk be granted.

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8—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the block of premises comprising the Plough Hotel Stables, Riding School, Parry's Stables, Regent Cottage and Dale, Forty & Co's Piano Factory had been found to be a rat infested area. RESOLVED, That Notices under Section 5 of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919 be served on the occupiers of the premises requiring them to take the necessary steps to abate the nuisance.

9—Nuisance from Smoke--The Sanitary Inspector reported that complaints had been received from residents in the vicinity of the Gas Works of the nuisance caused by the emission of black smoke

from the chimney and Report house of the Gas Works, Gloucester Road RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company calling their attention to this and to require the abatement of the nuisance.

10-50 Rutland Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a shed to be erected on the site of 50 Rutland Street over a public sewer RESOLVED, That permission be given to erect the building over the sewer subject to Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher entering into an Agreement to repay to the Corporation any additional cost entailed in opening the sewer should this at any time be necessary.

11—Public Lavatories, Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor reported that the half-inch lead pipe supplying the lavatories at Montpellier Walk and Montpellier Gardens and Lodge was badly corroded and did not give a sufficient supply of water. He estimated the cost of providing a new service at j30. RESOLVED, That a new service be provided and that half the cost be charged to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

12—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2 Butts Cottages, Lower Park Street and Cottage at rear of 213 High Street.—The Town Clerk reported that notices had been given to the Owners of the intention to make Demolition Orders Mrs. Taylor, the owner of and 2 Butts Cottages attended and made no objection to the order being made, in respect of her property, 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 have not been taken with all due diligence to make them so fit.

13 --Roads Improvement Act, 1925—The Town Clerk submitted notice received from the Gloucestershire County Council in regard to the prescribed building and improvement lines on the Cheltenham to Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That no objection be offered to the proposed lines.

14—Health Department—The Sanitary Inspector submitted applications from Mr. P. Duberley and Mrs. Gisborne on behalf of her son to be trained as Sanitary Inspectors in the Health Department. RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. P. Duberley be not entertained, and that the application of Mrs. Gisborne be adjourned until her son has passed the necessary entrance examination

15—River Chelt—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of repairing the banks of the Chelt adjoining the Central Depot.

(b) Rainow, Yorkleigh and Portmore Lodge—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of these houses, calling their attention to the banks of the Chelt adjoining their gardens which require repairing.

16—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present—Councillors Leigh James, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Valuation—The Chairman submitted of Hay, Straw, Acts of husbandry, etc., at the Farms, amounting to £660 16s. 10d. (including half share of stamp).

Meetings—RESOLVED, That meetings of the Sub-Committee be held in future as occasion arises and that the Sub-Committee inspect the farms on a date to be arranged with Mr. Rymer

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Farms' Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th May, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas and Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Sales of Houses—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser,	Price.
91 Byron Road	Miss M. Hobbs	£495.
7 Spenser Road	Mr. E. F. Pullen	£495.
40 Milton Road	Mr. H. C. Fry	£495.

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 Purchaser of No. 7 Spenser Road in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance not exceeding 90 per cent to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

2—Houses, Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the 8 houses unsold be placed on the books of local House Agents.

3—Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2510	Mr. F. Stock	Motor House, 74 Milton Road.
2512	Mrs. Macpherson	Cycle Shed, 67 Byron Road.
2513	Mr. A. W. Stabback	Cycle and tool shed, 113 Tennyson Road.
2514	Mr. W. J. Rogers	Motor House, 1 Brooklyn Road.
2515	Mr. A. F. Ryland	Motor House, 57 Byron Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2510, 2512 and 2515 be approved and that Plans Nos. 2513 and 2514 be disapproved

4—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Subsidy House, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That a provisional certificate for a subsidy of £40 be issued to Mr A. E. Lane in respect of a bungalow to be erected by

him in Gloucester Road for his own occupation containing 864 square feet and to be erected at a density of 4.99 to the acre, subject to his undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

(b) Read, circular 854 of 10th ult., from the Ministry of Health pointing out that in granting provisional certificates for houses to be erected by private enterprise, the gross cost of the house should be reduced by the amount of any reduction in the subsidy and the Town Clerk reported that effect had already been given to this circular.

5—Garden Prize Scheme—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.

6-33 Byron Road—RESOLVED, That this house be added to the list of houses to be redecorated.

7—Sports Ground, St. Marks—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Dr. F. W. Lawson, Chairman of the St. Marks Sports and Social Development Committee, stating that this Committee had been considering the laying out of grounds for tennis and cricket and ultimately the erection of a hall for social purposes on the Estate and asking the Corporation to sell to the Committee 2 acres of land for the purpose. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare lay-out of the remaining land on the Estate, and that the applicants be informed that as soon as this has been done the Committee will be prepared to consider the offer of a suitable site.

8—Benhall Cottage—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. J. Ebdon to purchase this cottage be not entertained.

9—Spenser Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for making up this road amounting to £2544 10s. 7d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £2545 for the cost of making up the road.

10—Fences, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to plant a hedge of Cupressus Macracapa to divide the gardens of the houses fronting Gloucester Road and Milton and Spenser Roads and also along the sides of the houses at the Gloucester Road end of Tennyson Road.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 9th May, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Gen. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair)

1---Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—(a) Davis' Land—The Committee reconsidered the tenders received for the erection of 68 houses on this site. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. H. Thompson & Sons, Ltd., of Grimsby of £23,565 be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to sanction to a loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for £25,097 for the cost of

the houses including Architects fees and 5 per cent for contingencies. RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 3 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 4th inst., be varied accordingly.

(b) Compensation to tenants—RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be appointed to settle the claims for compensation on behalf of the Corporation.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st May, 1928. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 21st inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 20th April, to 17th May, 1928, inclusive.

(b) Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 10th May, 1928, 751 loads (909 tons 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.) collected ; 746 loads consumed and 5 tipped away. Weight consumed 904 tons 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

3—Destructor Scrap—The Borough Surveyor submitted offers to take the scrap metal, etc, from the Destructor. RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Dixon, Stacey & Co., of 27s 6d per ton cast iron scrap, 15s for light iron scrap, 5s for wire bales and galvanised scrap and 23s 6d per ton for hydraulically compressed tin, be accepted and that a contract be entered into for one year on these terms.

4—Oriell Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Dr. MacFie had suggested that the 3 trees on the land outside Oriell Lodge should remain and that the paving should be extended to the wall without any fencing, but he now agreed to one of the trees which obstructed the footpath being removed. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Winchcomb Street—Widening—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Messrs. Lawleys Ltd., stating that any further suggestions for improving the footpath in Winchcomb Street should be made by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

6—Slab Factory—Account—A Statement of Account of the Slab Factory prepared by the Borough Treasurer for the year ending 31st March last, showing a surplus for the year of £797 17s. 6d., was submitted.

7—Asphalt Plant—(a) Account—A Statement of Account of the Asphalt Manufacture prepared by the Borough Treasurer for the period ending 31st March last, showing a surplus of £1224 7s. 2d., was submitted.

(b) Trailer—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of an additional trailer for use with this plant. RESOLVED, That the quotation of the Victory Motor Co., to supply this for £230 be accepted and that the cost be charged to the Asphalt Plant Account.

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8—Queen's Retreat Road at rear of West Side Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment the cost of the Private Works for this road amounting to £93 7s. 1d. (including supervision). 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 within one month of the service of demand.

9—Projecting Signs—(a) Lypiatt Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Son to fix a projecting sign outside "Whitthers Stores," Lypiatt Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. H. Millard & Son to fix a projecting sign outside "The Brown jug," Bath Road, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Promenade—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Secretary, Y.M.C.A., stating that the banner displayed outside their premises had now been removed.

10—Petrol Pumps—(a) Norwood Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Waghorne & Evans for permission to erect a petrol pump with swing arm over the pavement at their premises in Norwood Road, be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

(b) 21 Pittville Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher with regard to the notice served by the Corporation requiring the removal of this pump from the footpath. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision and require the removal of the pump.

11—Assistant Surveyor—Read, letter of 17th inst.. from Mr. E. Earp, enclosing medical certificate to the effect that he was unable to resume duty at the end of May as anticipated and advising a further month's treatment. RESOLVED, That he be granted a further month's leave of absence on half-pay.

12—E. Niblett—The Borough Surveyor reported that E. Niblett, who had been for 37 years in the employ of the Corporation, was no longer physically equal to his work, RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to place E. Niblett on superannuation.

13—Pedestrians to keep to the Left—Read, circular from the Corporation of Worcester, enclosing copy of resolution passed by their Council with regard to pedestrians keeping to the left and asking the Council to pass a similar resolution. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

14—Tree, Albion Street—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mr. C. Kinch asking that the tree in front of the Athletic Ground House should be pruned, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

15—Borough Surveyor's Department—Staff—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. B. Nation thanking the Council for the resolution passed by them on his retirement.

16—Upper Bath Street—Surface water Drain—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a new 9-inch surface water drain should be laid in this road for a length of about 270 yards with 4 manholes and 16 gullies at suitable intervals to replace the old 12-inch brick drain, at an estimated cost of £300. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

17—Road between Hatherley and Lypiatt Streets—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the proposed private improvement works to this road at £250. RESOLVED. That the work be not proceeded with.

18—Electricity Cables—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing 5½ miles of new electricity cables to be laid in Lansdown and other districts RESOLVED, That this be approved.

19—Tree, Oriel Road—Read, letter from Councillor Pates asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to remove the tree near the Ellenborough Hotel RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision. RESOLVED, also, That no application for the removal of a tree be reconsidered for a period of 12 months after it has been viewed and decided upon by the Committee.

20- Road Sweepers—Wages—The Committee considered reference from the Council meeting of the motion moved by councillor J. F. Ward to increase the road sweepers wages. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make no alteration in the rate of wages.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 11th May, 1928. Present—Alderman Bendall 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.
2487	Sharpe & Fisher, Messrs.	Store sheds, Rutland Street (Amended Plan).
2496	Billings, F. W.	Alterations and additions to Sherborne House, Promenade Terrace.
2500	Flower & Sons, Messrs.	Alterations to kitchen, Norwood Arms, Leckhampton Road.
2501	The Governors of the General Hospital.	Additions to Nurses' Quarters, General Hospital Sandford Road.
2502	Hall, H. F.	New road, off Moored Park Road.
2503	Woodward, Miss E.	Motor house, 12 Royal Crescent.
2504	Gloucestershire Dairy Co.	Alterations and additions, 2-3 Promenade.
2505	Holyoake, W. J.	Additions to garage, Casino Place.
2506	Thomas, F.	Motor garage, 8 Lansdown Place.
2507	Powell, G. H.	Motor house, Amherst, Lansdown Place.
2508	Rymer, G. P.	Motor house, Uplands, Malvern Road,

2509 Smith, T. W. Two garages, off Naunton Lane.
2511 Lane, A. E. Detached house, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2503, 2504, 2507, 2508 and 2511 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2496, 2500, 2501 and 2505 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 2487 be approved subject to the approval of the Public Health Committee ; and that Plans Nos. 2502, 2506 and 2509 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 21st May, 1928. Present—Councillors Mann and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Gen. Thomas in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2497	Dickins, C.	Four lock-up shops, High Street adjoining Belle Vue Hotel (Amended Plan).
2509	Smith, T. W.	Two garages off Naunton Lane (Amended Plan).
2516	Reed & Patterson, Messrs.	Proposed building line, Bath Road.
2517	Cheltenham Corporation	68 houses, Manser and Hudson Streets.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 2509 and 2517 be approved ; and that Plans Nos. 2497 and 2516 be disapproved.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th Mar, 1928, Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and H. W. Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—St. George's Square Bowling Green. Read, letter from the Chairman, Spa Bowling Club stating that his Club was unable to agree to re-decorate the exterior of the refreshment annexe and shed at the back of the pavilion, and to pay for the cost of removing the shrubs at the entrance. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-decorate the inside of the pavilion only.

2—Sandford Park.—(a) Gift of Lilies.—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Corporation be conveyed to Mr. W. N. for the gift of water lilies.

(b) Control.—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to delegate to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee the control and management of this Park, except that the lay-out and design of the proposed new entrance is High Street be left in the hands of this Committee.

3—Town Hall.—(a) North Gallery.—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Drake & Co. of £23 15s. 0d. for upholstering the seats in this gallery be accepted.

(b) re Mr. R. F. Fletcher.—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Mr. J. Baring Goodwin, Manager of Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. stating that it was proposed to arrange a benefit dance in aid of Mr. R. F. Fletcher, banjo player, to enable him to undergo an operation and asking for the free use of the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the free use of the large hall be granted for the benefit on a date to be arranged, subject to payment of lighting, heating and out-of-pocket expenses.

(c) British Undertakers Association.—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. E. W. Dicks, Secretary, Cheltenham Centre, British Undertakers Association, asking the Corporation to invite the Association to hold its Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1929. and to grant the free use of the Town Hall for the Conference. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they are unable to accede to the application.

(d) G.W.R. Board.—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Great Western Railway Co. asking for permission to erect a notice board on the railings at the corner of Imperial square. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Dog Show.—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Canine Society asking for the use of a ground for a Members' Show which it was proposed to hold on the 2nd August. RESOLVED, That the use of Pittville Gardens be granted for the Show, subject to the marquees being placed on the ground near Evesham Road, and to season ticket holders and residents being allowed free admission to the Gardens, the Society also to undertake to make good any damage that may be done to the Gardens.

5—Territorial Camps.—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the Chamber of Commerce asking the Corporation for concessions to be given to troops in uniform attending the territorial camps near Cheltenham for admission to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That no charge be made for admission to the Gardens.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21th May, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates and Welstead (Councillor Pates in the chair).

6—Promenade.—Fountain.—The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and stated that he had made arrangements for the loan of flood lights to experiment with the illumination of the fountain. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Pittville Gardens.—RESOLVED, That arrangements be made for the Military Band to play at Pittville Gardens on July 14th, on the occasion of the Olympic Water Polo Team Match.

8—Whit-Monday Fete.—RESOLVED, That an honorarium of £10 be made to the Spa Manager for his services as a Secretary of the Whit-Monday Fete as in previous years.

9—Town Hall.—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Branch of the Royal Life Boat Institution to place a collecting box permanently in the Town Hall be not granted.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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10—Alstone Baths—Swimming and Mired Bathing.—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Baths 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, be granted on the same terms as in previous years.

11 —Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee** —Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 1st and 15th inst

They recommended as follows :—(a) Town Hall.—Seating —That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the alterations to the seating of the balcony.

(b) Montpellier Gardens.—That the tender of Mrs. Eveleigh of 7s 6d per week for rights of catering at these Gardens be accepted.

(c) Organ Lectures.—That the offer of Mr. Dicks to give Organ Lectures to School Children be accepted and that these commence after the Whitsun Holidays on a date to be arranged and that no charge be made for the Hall.

(d) Sunday Evening Concerts,—That the Spa Manager be instructed to engage four policemen for the Sunday Evening Concerts as numerous complaints have been made by visitors and residents.

(e) Drawing Room.—Town Halt—That no charge be made for the Drawing Room for the meeting held on the 8th May by the Chamber of Commerce and Hospital Representatives. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th May, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dunn, Moore, Sir Richard Wapshare and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Bulk Supply—(a) Swindon Road Sub-Station — 4 tenders were received for the erection of this sub-station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £635 9s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) North Street Sub-Station—RESOLVED, That an offer of £100 be made to the Liberal Club for a site for a sub-station in North Street.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1928 Present: —Alderman Taylor: Councillors Dunn, Mann, Copt. Trye and Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

2—Copt Elm Road—Distribution Pillar—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council had consented to a larger distribution pillar being erected on the footpath in this road, to replace the existing pillar which was now too small, subject to a light being placed inside so as to indicate the position of the pillar. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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3—Sub-Station—(a) North Place—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Secretary, Liberal Club offering to it plot of land in North Place for a sub-station at the price of £175 subject to the Corporation paying the costs of conveyance and to no windows being placed in the wall of the proposed building overlooking their property. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

(b) Tenders—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept suitable tenders for the erection of sub-stations at North Place and Rowanfield Road.

4—Municipal Offices—The Borough Electrical Engineer outlined the alterations he proposed to make in the portion of the offices to be allowed for the Electricity Department in the plans prepared by the Borough Surveyor, RESOLVED, That this be generally approved.

5—Damage to Lamp Standards—Swindon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp standard opposite Marsh Lane in this road was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. J. Smith, and the Town Clerk reported he had made a claim for the damage amounting to £8 3s. 2d.

6—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 25th and 29th ult., and 3rd, 9th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.9, 462.2, 471.5, 472.0 and 462.0 B.Th.U, respectively and the pressure 4.6, 4.2, 4.6, 5.0 and 4.5 inches of water.

G. OWEN DUNN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th May, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Dunn 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	Average for corresponding period
	11th May, 1928	during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	280,000 gallons	323,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	660,000 “	925,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	109,000	109,000
Total	1,049,000	1,357,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th May, 1928.		14th May, 1927	
Hewletts		28,201,000 gallons		27,364,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29 ft. 6in.	87,100,000	30ft. 7in	93,014,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		116,786,000		121,998,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during April.

3—River Severn—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture inviting the attendance of representatives of the Corporation to a Meeting of Technical Officers to be held at the Shire Hall, Worcester, on the 23rd May to consider a further draft report on the pollution of the River Severn. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend the Meeting.

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4—Dowdeswell Waterworks—Pre-filters—The Borough Engineer reported that the Candy Filter Co suggested the desirability of further analyses of the water from the pre-filters at Dowdeswell in order to obtain comparative results between the two different sands now used RESOLVED, That the County Analyst be instructed to make a series of analyses.

5—Fishing—RESOLVED, That no one be allowed to fish with more than one rod at a time at Dowdeswell and Hewlett Reservoirs.

6—Woodlands Farm—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. C. E. Young to rent the sporting rights at Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands Farm. RESOLVED, That he be let the sporting rights for one year at a rent of £50 including rates.

7—Castle Barn and Home Farms—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter enclosing particulars of the above farms situate in the watershed of the Chelt which were for sale RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8—Extensions to Mains—(a) Mill Road—The Borough Engineer reported that a length of 20 yards of 3 inch main had been laid in Mill Road, Charlton Kings, £13 to cover cost, having been deposited by Mr. Cleevely in accordance, with the usual arrangement.

(b) Old Bath Road—The Borough Engineer also reported that a length of 70 yards of 3 inch main had been laid in a lane off Old Bath Road for the supply to a new house, £35 having been deposited by Messrs. J. D. Bendall & Sons. before the commencement of the work, in accordance with the usual arrangement.

9—Supply to Kinsham Read, letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, enquiring on what terms the Corporation would provide a supply of water to the hamlet of Kinsham, near Bredon. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Committee as to this.

10—Hydrants—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the list of Hydrants, numbering 1259 in Cheltenham and District, had been revised and brought up to date for the use of the Fire Brigade.

(b) Cheltenham Rural District Council—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 1st inst, from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, stating that no hydrants were required in their area, with the exception of two at Badgeworth.

11—Damage to Water Pillar—The Borough Engineer reported damage to a water pillar by a motor car, driven by Mr. A. Gerrard of Ross on the 26th ult., and he had received an offer of £1 in settlement of the claim for the damage. RESOLVED, That this be accepted

12—Leckhampton Reservoir—RESOLVED, That in lieu of the site at the junction of Church Road and Leckhampton Road, Mr. Shakspeare Shenton be offered a site on the wall of this reservoir for the erection of a hoarding on terms to be arranged.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 7th May, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Mann, Moore, Sawyer, Gen Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill Estate—Southfield Farm---Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Mr. H. Scott Plummer offering to purchase Southfield Farm together with 6.350 acres forming part of the Upper Pilford Estate at the price of £3,200. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept this offer.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor Councillors Dicks, Mann, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye ; Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

2---Diseases amongst Animals — Supt. Lane reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire, namely on 27th ult. at No. 8 Promenade Villas ; cause not apparent ; damage £100 and expenses £4 7s. 6d., and on 14th inst. at 31 Suffolk Parade ; cause accident in workshop ; damage £50 and expenses £3 3s. 0d.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of J. F. Clifford for licence No. 15 to be transferred to motor car No. AA4280 be granted.

(b) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Driver's Licences be granted to A. C. Hinton, A. G. Morton, S. Oakly, W. Pearce and W. W. Wells.

(c) Conductors—RESOLVED, That Conductor's Licences be granted to G. Ciller and T. E. Drinkwater.

(d) Omnibuses—RESOLVED, That the following additional Omnibus Licences be granted, namely :—

Name.	Route, etc,
E. Matthews	Cheltenham to Winchcombe reserve Omnibus.
Bristol Tramways Co.	For three reserve Omnibuses for Cheltenham to Stroud services.
National Omnibus and Transport Co.	For three reserve Omnibuses for their several services.
Rural England Motor Coaches	Three Omnibuses for their Gloucester, etc., to London services.
Black and White Motorways, Ltd.	13 Omnibuses-for their several services from and through Cheltenham to London.

5—Municipal Offices—(a) Alterations—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plans for the alterations to the Offices including Nos. 21 and 27 Promenade. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Sub-Committee to consider and report at the next meeting of the Council.

(b) Outside painting—The Borough Surveyor submitted 6 tenders for painting the outside of the Offices and Nos. 21 and 27 Promenade. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Griffiths Bros. of £258 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

6—Bunting—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain an additional supply of flags and bunting at a cost of not exceeding £25.

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7—Parking of Motors—(a) Montpellier Walk—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. stating that the owners and occupiers in this road were now prepared to consent to the inner road being used as a parking place for motors for a trial period of 6 months subject to the Corporation bearing a proportion of the cost of repairing and maintaining the roadway which was not to be taken over by the Corporation and also to no charge for parking being made to the public without the owners' consent. RESOLVED, That these terms be not agreed to.

(b) Promenade—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide the attendant at this parking place with a Uniform.

(c) Cambray—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Parking marked out with white lines.

(d) Lighting—Supt. Lane called attention to the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations, 1928 which empowered a chief officer of police to consent to the parking of vehicles without lights on part of a road set apart as a parking place, if satisfied that this is not ordinarily used for the passing and repassing of vehicles and is adequately lighted and asking for the views of the Committee as to

giving such consent in respect of the Parking Place. RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the lighting of cars parked should not be dispensed with.

8—Petrol Licence--(a) Promenade—The Committee reconsidered the application of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Car Mart Ltd. for a licence to store 600 gallons of petrol in two underground storage tanks connected to two interior pumps at No 13 Promenade, RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That licences to store petroleum in underground tanks be granted to :—Mr. E. R. Crabtree for 500 gallons at 62 Fairview Road ; The Gloucester Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society 500 gallons at Packing Station, Market Street and Messrs. Waghorne & Evans 500 gallons at their premises in Norwood Road,

9—Police Accounts—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee asking if the Corporation were willing to come to an agreement for the payment in the future of Police Reserves employed in the Borough. RESOLVED, That he be asked to submit draft of proposed Agreement.

10—**North, Central and East Wards Pensions Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Council (as the Local Pensions Committee) be recommended to appoint Mr. E. V. Phillips of 2 Berkeley Place and Mr. A. W. Smith of the Moors, Tewkesbury Road, members of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the death of the late Alderman Steel and Mr. H. W. Gill.

11—Floral Fete—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr. C. Cassidy thanking the Corporation for the sum of £50 granted for prizes for the Floral Fete to be held in June next which it was proposed to allocate for providing five cash prizes of £10 each for the following collections of Trade classes namely:—Cut Roses ; Hardy Perennials, plants and cut blooms, Cut Carnations ; Cut Sweet Peas and a rock or water garden. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—War Memorial—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs Banks of Bath for the name of her son, who was at Cheltenham College, to be placed on the War Memorial be not granted.

13—Unemployment Insurance Act—RESOLVED, That E. H. Tallboy (Abattoir Superintendent) and H. A. Hodson (Waterworks Mechanic) be placed on the Certificate of Exception, they having completed three years service on the 18th and 25th May respectively.

14—Leckhampton Hill Estate—Grazing on fields on top of hill—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Jones was un-willing to undertake to keep the buildings and fences in repair RESOLVED, That the proposed letting be not entered into.

15—All Saints Villas—RESOLVED, That this road be named Abbotts Road instead of All Saints Villas.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1928.

Present—The Deputy Mayor Councillors Sawyer and Capt. Trye (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

16 -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 6th prox., subject to satisfactory reports of all the motor vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, and to all repairs reported by the Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction, and that the licences for the cars not produced for inspection be not issued until the vehicles have been passed by this Committee.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th May, 1928. Present— Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waive and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that, after consulting the Chairman as instructed, the tender of Mr. M. Davis to prepare and sow the land, not let for allotments, with vetches, for £16 10s. 0d. had been accepted, and that the work had now been completed. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Additional Land—Switgate Piece—RESOLVED, That consideration of the purchase of this land be again adjourned

3—Prizes—RESOLVED, That the time for the close of entries for the Allotment Prizes Competition be extended until the end of May.

4---Inspection of Allotments—Read, Report of Inspections of Allotments from Messrs. Davies, Read and Hamblin. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the various allotments reported to require attention.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th May, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

Naunton Park—(a) Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. F. Read found it necessary to resign his post as Custodian of this Ground owing to ill health. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage a suitable man to fill his place.

(b) Organised Gaines—Read, application of Miss A. Hanson, Hon. Sec. Cheltenham United Girls Clubs, for accommodation at one of the Recreation Grounds for drill displays, country dancing, rounders, baseball, etc. RESOLVED, That they be offered accommodation at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground if the Caretaker can arrange this

(c) Gates—The Committee considered reference back from Council with regard to the gates made by the Education Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned

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2—Recreation Grounds—(a) flowers—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase three Ransome Motor Mowers, which were provided for in the Estimates.

(b) Refreshments--Read, application from Mr. R. Harding, for permission to sell sweets, etc., in the Recreation Grounds on the occasions of Band Concerts, School Sports, etc, RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

3--- Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain an " Ocean Wave " at a cost of £40, provided for in the Estimates.

4—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the swings, etc., in the Children's Playground locked at 9 p.m. each evening.

5-Pittville Gardens—(a) Byelaw re Dogs—Applications were received from Gen. Gordon and Col. Platt with reference to the byelaw requiring dogs to be on a lead, that residents on the Estate might be allowed to exercise their dogs in the Pittville Lawn Gardens and in the upper portion of the Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

(b) Memorial to the late Mrs Daubeny—Read, letter of 16th ult. from the Cheltenham Branch, Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals enclosing design of the Bird Table and Bath proposed to be erected as a memorial to the late Mrs. Daubeny in Pittville Gardens, RESOLVED, That the design be approved.

(c) Waterfowl—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. E. C. Curtis to give some wild ducks be accepted, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to him.

6—Playing Field, Swindon Road--RESOLVED, That this ground be opened on Weekdays after school hours until the usual time for closing and all day on Saturdays, and that Mr. Cook, Caretaker of St Peter's School be engaged to act as Custodian at a wage of 15s per week.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th March 1928. Present Councillor Dunn ; Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner ; Colonel Griffith ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

1---Curator's Report—Visits—During April 3,783 (against 3,881), open 24 days (against 25 days), daily average 158 (against 151).

Receipts—Exhibition Catalogues £1 18s. 6d. ; Permanent Catalogues 51- Collection Box £1 6s. 5d
Postcard Reproductions 9s 1d. Total £3 19s. 0d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Animal Studies by Mrs. Scott Langley, open from 4th April to 19th May, was visited by 5,700 persons, a daily average of 146. The expenditure and receipts exactly balanced, namely, £4 12s. 0d.

2—Annual Report, 1927-28—The Curator submitted Annual Report for the Art Gallery and Museum. RESOLVED, That it be approved, and copies sent to each Member of the Town Council.

3—Donations—From Mr. E. E. Holt-Evans, J.P., Tinder Box found in local cottage ; The Victoria Nursing Home, Mediaeval Rubbing Stone ; Mrs. F. L. Courroux, French Ivory Fan

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

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4—Loans—(a) Marble Statue of " Cupid " by John Gibson, R.A., from Lady Dixon Hartland

(b) 23 etchings by Rembrandt and other great Masters from Mrs. Clegg for a period of three weeks from 21st May. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

5—Loan—The Curator reported as to loan of Algernon Newton's " Dorset Landscape " at the close of the Royal Academy ; also Oils by Steer. Conder, Sargent, Whistler, and others from Mrs. Clegg. RESOLVED, That the arrangements be approved.

6—" The Limber "—The Curator reported that the bronze replica would be ready for delivery in the course of the coming Summer. RESOLVED, That consideration of its unveiling be deferred.

7—Adam Fire Grate—RESOLVED, That the offer of an Adam-pattern Fire Grate on sale for be not entertained

8—Skeleton of a Pony—RESOLVED, That the offer of the skeleton of a pony on sale for £5 be not entertained.

G. OWEN DUNN.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21th May, 1928. Present—Councillors Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from the 28th April to 24th May, 1928. Interments 46; Grave Spaces sold 40 (First Position 1 ; Fourth Position 9), Memorials fixed 10. New Inscriptions 9.

2—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, namely :—Memorial Cross and kerbing to graves of Louisa A. M. Dixon and John Sabson, Memorial Headstone and kerbing to grave of Caroline F. Harker, Frederick A. Love and Susan M. Green ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Edwin L. Healing ; Memorial Ledger to grave of Catherine A. Willis and kerbing to graves of William Haden, Walter Morse and Elizabeth M. Castledine.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7774 to 7783 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

4—Interments at Holidays—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. E. W. Dicks, Secretary. Cheltenham Centre, British Under-takers Association, asking if arrangements could be made for interments to be held on the day following Bank Holidays. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that if notices of interments are received by the first post on the Saturday preceding the Bank Holiday, the Superintendent will arrange for the funerals on the Tuesday after. RESOLVED, also, That the Superintendent be instructed to use his discretion in regard to notices received later than the first post.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th May, 1928 Present—Councillors Mann, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; The Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring; Dr. Davies ; and Messrs. C. E. Walsh and F. Vernal (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Receipts L8 5s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,179 (last year 4,555); Lending Department 11,081 (last year 10,983) ; Juvenile Department 2,211 (last year 2,007). Total for month 19,471 (last year 17,545)

Replacements—During the month 8 volumes had been replaced, 8th Annual Conference of Branch and District Library Associations—The Librarian reported as to this Conference which he had attended at Leamington from the 4th to the 7th May.

Donations- -Atlas Publishing Co. (1 pamph.) ; Mr. W. Blathwayt (1 vol.) ; The B.B.C. (1 pamph.), Messrs. Ed, J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (23 pamph.) ; Mrs. Cade (1 vol.) ; Canadian Government Trade Commissioner (4 pamph.) ; Great Western Railway Co. (1 vol.) ; Mr. E. E. Holt-Evans (9 vols.) ; Miss K. M. Horsfull (2 vols.) ; The Librarian (1 vol.) ; The Order of the Star (1 vol.) ; Secretary of State for India (1 vol.). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present—Councillors Mann and Brig.-Gen. Thomas ; The Rev, Canon Johnstone ; and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended (a) That 274 volumes (new books), published at £131 0s. 0d., be purchased at a cost of £70 0s. 7d.

- (b) That the sum of £40 be spent on replacements.
- (c) That the sum of £40 be spent on re-binding.
- (d) That (1) The offer of "One and All," monthly, gratis, from the Glos. and S. Worcs. Adult School Union, be accepted with thanks.
- (2) The offer of "The Star Review," monthly 11-, gratis, from the publishers, be declined with thanks.
- (3) "The Musical Times," monthly 6d., be added to the list of periodicals purchased.
- (e) That, in order to secure special discounts, a repeat order for one ton of Dusmo Sweeping Power be given, delivery and payment to be made for 5 cwt. consignments.
- (f) That (1) The wage of Miss E. L. Mason, Senior Assistant, be increased from 32s to 35s per week.
- (2) The wage of Miss A. E. Townsend, Junior Assistant, be increased from 12s 6d to 15s per week.
- (g) That a copy of the Annual Report for 1927-28 be circulated to each member of the Public Library Committee for approval at their meeting on the 15th inst.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that with regard to (g) the Annual Report be circulated to all members of the Town Council.

3 —Supply of Newspapers and Periodicals—RESOLVED, That tenders for this be invited from local newsagents in November next.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor and Councillor H. W. Thomas, (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of the assessments of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That proposals be submitted for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th May, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Pruen, E. L. Ward and Sir Richard Wapshare (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the first Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £15,825 9s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £101,993 7s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £3202 1s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £15,776 5s 1d.;

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £5,700 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 £3,700 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly

4—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £65 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5--National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during April was 3,876, as compared with 4,349 for the corresponding month last year.

6—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the Sanction to a Loan of £24,508 for the erection of houses on the Folly Lane Housing Site.

7— Superannuation Fund—(a) E. C. Niblett—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that E. C. Niblett be paid a pension of 16s per week as from the 7th June, calculated on his salary for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 37 years service, and that he be repaid his contributions with interest at 3 per cent., under Section 17 of the Act.

(b) W. Cook—The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Cook retired automatically on the 8th inst. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 15s 1d per week, calculated on his wages for the five years ended 8th inst., on a non-contributory basis of 38 years service.

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8—Reciprocal Investment of Reserve Fund—RESOLVED, That a further £5,000 of the Waterworks Reserve Fund be invested on reciprocal terms with another Corporation.

9—Workmens Compensation Insurance—The Borough Treasurer reported that this insurance expired on the 12th July. RESOLVED, That the insurance be continued for one year with the County Fire Office, Ltd., on the same terms as last year.

10—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 25th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) Councillor Dicks Miller The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 31st May, 1928 : Present: Councillors Dunn, Capt. Trye and Wheeler; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby, and Dr. Cardew. (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1. Proposed New Centre, St. Mark's. - Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a letter sent to the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association with regard to the recent visit of Dr. Creaser relative to the proposed establishment of a new Infant Welfare Centre at St. Mark's, and that they have decided to approve the establishment of a centre with fortnightly sessions for a period ending 31st March next, but the Ministry requested the Committee to consider the possibility of renting more convenient premises. Read, also, letter from the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association agreeing to open the centre fortnightly but stating that they had considered alternative accommodation but were of opinion that the Wesleyan Sunday School was the best suited for the purpose. Resolved, That the Corporation agree to make a grant for providing the centre estimated at £50. 6s. 0d. subject to the approval of the Ministry of health.

J. H. TRYE

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th June, 1928, 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 Dicks, 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., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., Wheeler, M.B.E. and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall and Councillor Dunn,

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th May, 1926 having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—The Late Alderman Steel—Read, letter of 19th ult., from Mrs. M. Steel, thanking the Council for the Resolution of sympathy with her, passed at the last Meeting of the Council.

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3—Election of an Alderman—The Members of the Council present, entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Mayor papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that Alfred Mann had been voted for and had received 16 votes. The Mayor

accordingly declared the said Alfred Mann to be elected an Alderman. The newly elected Alderman then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4—Assignment of Alderman to West Ward—Resolved, That Alderman Mann be appointed Returning Officer for the purposes of Ward Elections for the West Ward for the period ending 9th November, 1928.

5—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the undermentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held May 14

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Stewart and seconded by Councillor Pates: That Minute No. 11 with regard to Public Lavatories, Montpellier, be amended by omitting the words " and that half the cost be charged to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee" was lost)

Housing Meeting held May 15

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held May 9

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held May 31

Street and Highway Meeting held May 21

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 18 & 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 3 (c) with regard to the Conference of the British Undertakers Association be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 4 with regard to Dog Show, be referred back for further consideration " was not seconded)

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Stewart : " That Minute No. 2 (b) with regard to the control of Sandford Park be referred back for further consideration " was not seconded)

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held May 10 & 23.

Water .. Meeting held May 17

General Purposes and Watch Meetings 7, 22 & 23

Except that Minute No. 15 with regard to All Saints Villas, he referred back for further consideration.

Also subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Sir R. Wapshare : " That Minute No. 7 (d) with regard to lighting of vehicles in the Promenade Parking Place, be referred back for further consideration."

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Allotments Meeting held May 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 18

Burial Board Meeting held May 24

Public Library Meeting held May 15

Rating Meeting held May 23

Finance Meeting held May 25

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.

6—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. P. R. Clauss be appointed a Member of the Education Committee for a term of three years ending 4th June, 1931, in place of Major Bell Haworth, resigned.

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, 2nd July, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1928. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Ste-wart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Alderman Stewart 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. :-29 King Street ; 17 St. George's Street ; 31 Burton Street; 39 All Saints' Terrace ; and Nos. 1 to 10 Limekiln Row.—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 3 Whitehart Street.—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 (a) Suffolk Arms Hotel, Suffolk Road; Ingram House, North Place ; 46, 46a, 46b, 48 and 50 Duke Street ; 18 All Saints' Road ; Stables near White Lodge, Pittville ; 19 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road ; and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Victoria Parade.—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 and 2 Napier Cottages, Ormond Place; The Riding School, Regent Street ; and 1 to 4 Edward 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 work specified within 28 days.

4—Insanitary Property-6 Malvern View Villas ; 44 Montpellier Villas ; 9 Mapledene Terrace 11 Marsh Lane ; 14 Stoneville Street ; 31 Burton Street; 39 All Saints' Terrace ; 36 Townsend Street 17 St. George's Street ; 1 Elm Street ; and Nos. 1 to 10 Limekiln Row.—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—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of James Robert Dix of 14 Queen Street to be registered as a purveyor of milk be not granted.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 2 lbs. beef ; 2 qrs. 12 lbs. pork ; 9 lbs. salmon ; 2 tins corned beef ; 21 rabbits ; 62 chicken ; 2 geese and 2 ducks.

7—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—1 to 5 Elm Place, Swindon Road.—The Medical Officer of Health having made written representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the same be closed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders,

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8—House without sufficient Water Closet Accommodation—Marlborough Arms, Princes Street. — It appearing on the Report of the Sanitary Inspector that these premises were without sufficient water closet accommodation. RESOLVED, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the same.

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

10—Health Week—Read, circular of 1st inst., from Health Week Committee suggesting the Corporation should promote a Health Week. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

11—Ophthalmia Neonatorum—Puerperal Fever—The Town Clerk submitted regulations dated 25th ult., amending the principal regulations with regard to Ophthalmia Neonatorum and Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had notified the Medical practitioners of these regulations.

12—Abattoir—(a) Superintendent—Read, application from the Superintendent for an increase in salary, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the extensions have been carried out.

(b) Extension—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health stating that it was considered that some modification in the plans was desirable and suggesting that the Borough Engineer and Medical Officer of Health should attend at the Ministry and discuss the matter with Mr. Dawes, one of the Inspectors. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer and the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to attend as suggested.

13—Nuisance from Smoke Read, letter of 16th ult., from the Clerk to the Gas Company stating that every effort was being made to keep the discharge of smoke from the Chimney Report house, within bounds, and that any nuisance which was being caused would automatically abate with the change of the wind and weather. The Sanitary Inspector reported that further observations had been taken and a nuisance was still being caused by the emission of black smoke from the chimney and Report house at the Gas Works, Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Company requiring the abatement of the nuisance and that if the notice is not complied with, proceedings be taken against the Company to enforce compliance.

14—National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates at the 14th Annual Conference to be held in London. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed

15—River Chelt--RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimate of the cost of repairing the banks of the River Chelt at the rear of houses in St. George's Road.

16—Public Conveniences—(a) College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported damage by children and others at this Convenience and that it was necessary for the woman custodian to attend at frequent intervals during the day. RESOLVED, That her wages be increased to 10s per week.

(b) Clarence Parade—The Borough Surveyor also reported that considerable damage had been done to this Convenience.

17—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on 11th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James and E. L. Ward (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

Inspection of Farms—Reported Meeting to inspect farms on 6th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, E. L. Ward and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :—

Great Stockings—That no objection be made to the tenants proposal to take into Great Stockings a portion of the adjoining arable field and to lay same down to grass and also to fence off a portion of Rule Meadow and lay this down to grass.

Barn Farm House—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the grate at the farm house and also the pig sty wall and when necessary to repair the post and rail fence of side garden.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Farms' Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 12th June, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Sir R. Wapshare, J. F. Ward and Wheeler (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Sales of Houses—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
93 Byron Road	C. V. Hogg	£495.
47 Milton Road	C. V. Hogg	£495.
45 Milton Road	L. H. Smith	£495.
136 Tennyson Road ...	W. J. Griffin	£520.
139 Tennyson Road ...	A. J. Davey	£520.

RESOLVED, That the offers be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sales, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchasers of Nos. 45 Milton Road and 136 Tennyson 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,

2—Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following amended plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2513	A. W. Stabback	Cycle and Tool Shed, 131 Tennyson Road.
2514	W. J. Rogers	Motor House, 1 Brooklyn Road.

RESOLVED, That the Plans be approved, subject in the case of Plan No. 2514 to Mr. Rogers entering into an Agreement to repay to the Corporation any additional cost entailed in opening the manhole or sewer by reason of the erection of the building thereover.

3—New Houses—RESOLVED, That Messrs. Chatters, Smithson & Rainger be instructed to prepare designs for new houses to be erected along proposed new road from Spenser Road to Tennyson Road.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th June, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates and Welstead (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Hudson and Manger Streets—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for making up the road and drainage in these streets, amounting to £2,155 0s. 3d. for street work and £401 19s. 9d. for sewerage. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for £2,557 for the cost of these works.

2—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Davis' Land—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham & Wyatt enclosing claim for compensation from Mr. J. E. Davis. He offered to accept £1,100 subject to the following conditions.—(a) The Corporation to pay all claims of tenants for compensation and proportion of rents of allotments from 25th March to 25th May, 1928; (b) Interest on purchase money to be paid from the 25th May; (c) The Corporation to pay the Vendors Solicitors costs and expenses in connection with the sale and Conveyance and Surveyors' fees; (d) The Corporation to enter into a covenant with the Vendor and his son indemnifying them or the other owners for the time being of the properties known as Prospect Cottage, Prospect Villa and allotment land on the east side of Folly Lane from contributing to the cost of making up Folly Lane into a street or highway. other than as provided for in the Cheltenham Enclosure Award, or as an alternative the Vendor to enter into a covenant with the Corporation that should any of the said properties fronting Folly Lane to a depth of 150 feet be developed for building purposes, to contribute £1 per yard frontage towards the cost of making up the said lane into a street or highway; (e) The Corporation to fence off the land to be sold from adjoining land with an unclimbable iron fence not less than 5 feet in height. RESOLVED, That these conditions be not agreed to and that if necessary application be made for the appointment of an Official Arbitrator.

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The Committee also reconsidered the purchase of the remaining land on both sides of Folly Lane belonging to Mr. Davis containing approximately 8 acres and including Prospect Villa in the occupation of Mr. Davis and Prospect Cottage. and garden in the occupation of Mr. Trigg and also various outbuildings and producing a rental of £147 per annum, and which was valued by the District Valuer at £3,500, but Mr. Davis was now willing to sell this land at £3,400. The purchase of this property would make the Corporation owners of the land on both sides of Folly Lane and would avoid any question as to maintenance of the road and enable them to widen the road, now only 25ft. wide. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept Mr. Davis' offer to sell the remaining land for £3,400, the Corporation paying his Solicitors and Surveyors charges, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health to a loan. RESOLVED, Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,500 for the purchase of the whole of Mr. Davis' land (including £1100 for the piece of land in respect of which a Compulsory Order has been made) together with the sum required for the costs of Vendor's Solicitors and Surveyors charges and Stamp Duty.

3--Tenancy Agreements—The Town Clerk submitted 3 applications from tenants in Stanhope Street, Hudson Street and Manser Street for permission to take lodgers RESOLVED, That the tenants of two-bedroom houses be not allowed to take lodgers, but that the Medical Officer of Health be

authorised to grant such permission to tenants of three-bedroom houses where he is satisfied that this will not result in overcrowding.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 31st May, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Capt. Trye and Wheeler ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Willoughby, and Dr. Cardew (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1--Proposed New Centre, St. Marks—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a letter sent to the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association with regard to the recent visit of Dr. Creaser relative to the proposed establishment of a new Infant Welfare Centre at St. Mark's, and that they had decided to approve the establishment of a centre with fortnightly sessions for a period ending 31st March next, but the Ministry requested the Committee to consider the possibility of renting more convenient premises. Read, also, letter from the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association agreeing to open the centre fortnightly but stating that they had considered alternative accommodation but were of opinion that the Wesleyan Sunday School was the best suited for the purpose. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to make a grant for providing the centre estimated at £50 6s. 0d. subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th June, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann, Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—(a) The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 8th and 18th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

(b) RESOLVED, That Councillor Trye be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee.

2--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 18th May, to 13th June, 1928, inclusive.

(b) Refuse Collection and Disposal - During the four weeks ended 7th June, 1928 :--726 loads (782 tons 1 cwt.) collected ; 717 loads (772 tons 7 ½ cwts.) consumed and 9 loads tipped away. Weight consumed 904 tons 11 cwt.

3—Post Office Telegraphs--(a) Selkirk Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an overhead telegraphic line along this road with

one pole, be granted, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole if required.

(b) Road between Tivoli Road and Park Place—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an overhead line along this road with two poles, 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 base of the poles if required.

4—View Committee—Alderman Mann attended View Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th June, 1928. He recommended as follows (a) Roseville Cottage, Central Depot—That the necessary repairs to this cottage be carried out and also that a bath be provided.

(b) Millbrook Street—That consideration of Mr. A. W. Hornett's letter with regard to the bank and fence adjoining the River Chelt near " Brookville " be deferred until the meeting of the full Committee

(c) Waterloo Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for making up the foot-paths in this street by the abutting Owners.

(d) Gloucester Road—That Mr. Steward's application for the removal of a tree opposite the Wesleyan Church be not acceded to.

(e) Gloucester Road—That the tree near the garage entrance by " Freemont " be not removed.

(f) Bath Road—That consideration of Mr. T. Malvern's plan for the proposed bringing forward of Messrs. Reed & Patterson's showrooms be adjourned until the meeting of the Committee,

(g) Bath Street—That new footpath paving be laid on the south side of this street from Bath Road to Wellington Street.

(h) Albion Street—That the tree in front of Athletic Ground House complained of by Mr. C. Finch be pruned.

(i) Sherborne Place—That consideration of Mr. A. E. Wakefield's plan for a cycle and tool shed at No. 9 be left to the full Committee.

(j) Pittville Circus Road—That Mr. P. J. Miles' application for the removal of a tree outside " Strathdurn " be not acceded to.

(k) Pittville Lawn—That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended not to remove the tree near " Llynda " complained of by Mrs. Goodlake.

(l) Evesham Road—That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to have the tree in the hedgerow, opposite " Saxham Villa," which the freeman reported to be dangerous, removed.

(m) Clarence Square Garden—That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended not to remove the tree near the tennis court in these gardens.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

RESOLVED, also (a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the bank and fence of the portion of the land near " Brookville," Millbrook Street, from the cross fence to the Chelt Arch.

(c) That the plan for bringing forward Messrs. Reed & Pattersons showrooms in Bath Road be disapproved.

(d) That the plan for cycle and tool shed at No. 9 Sherborne Place be disapproved and that the site be viewed again

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5—High Street—Canopy—RESOLVED, That the amended plan of four lock-up shops submitted by Mr C. Dickens approved, subject to his entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk to maintain and keep the canopy in repair and to remove the same upon receiving notice from the Corporation requiring this.

6—Sandford Mill and Old Bath Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from the owner of the land at the corner of these roads to give up a piece of land for rounding off the corner, on the following terms, viz. :—(a) The Corporation to undertake the execution of the work necessary for rounding off the corner and to erect a suitable iron fence along the new line of frontage and make good any damage caused to the existing adjoining fences. (b) The land to be used only for the purpose of widening the roadway, and (c) The Corporation to pay Solicitors charges and Agents fees. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

7—Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor submitted 48 applications received for this appointment. RESOLVED, That Alderman Mann, Councillors Capt. Trye and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and to select applicants for interview by the Committee.

8—Town Planning Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Streater commenced his duties on the 30th ult. He had had the assistance of Mr. W. G. Neate during this period and found him satisfactory and he recommended that Mr. Neate be appointed Junior Town Planning Assistant. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted.

9—Resurfacing and Tarspraying—The Borough Surveyor reported that good progress had been made with the resurfacing of the roads with asphalt and tar spraying. The area resurfaced was 17,887 square yards and the area tarsprayed was 140,519 square yards.

10—Streamer across Colonnade—Read, application of 12th inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade in connection with the Floral Fete. RESOLVED, That permission be given for the streamer to be hung on the 25th and 26th inst., subject to the usual conditions.

11—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted 107 tenders from 20 firms for the supply of coal to be delivered to the Corporation's G.W.R. siding in each case from the 1st July, 1928 to 30th June, 1930. RESOLVED, That the following tenders be accepted, viz. :—(a) Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd, 70 tons Birch Coppice large at 24s 8d per ton, (b) Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., 300 tons of Cannop high delf rough small steam coal at 17s 1d per ton. (c) Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd., 20 tons of Birch

Coppice Baker's Nuts for Abattoir at 26s 9d per ton. (d) Messrs. Webb Bros, Ltd., 90 tons of Brynteg red vein anthracite at 31s 2d per ton and (e)

12—Petrol Pump, 21 Pittville Street—Read, further letters from Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., objecting to remove the pump from the kerb outside these premises. RESOLVED, That if the pump is not forthwith removed by Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the pump from the kerb.

13—National Safety First Association—Read, circular of 11th inst. from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at a Road Safety Congress to be held in October next, and also asking the Corporation to become a subscriber to the Association. RESOLVED, That no action be taken

14—Chair of Highway Engineering—Read, circular of 30th ult., from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers stating that arrangements had now been made to establish the Chair of Highway Engineering and asking the Corporation to subscribe towards the cost of the permanent establishment of the Chair, namely £30,000, and enclosing list of Local Authorities who had already subscribed. RESOLVED, That a subscription of £10 10s. 0d. be made.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 8th June, 1928. Present — Aldermen Mann and Stewart (Alderman Stewart 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.
2497	Dickins, C.	Four lock-up shops, High Street (Amended Plan).
2518	Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	New canopy over door, Bath Hotel, Albion Street.
2519	Campbell, E. M., Miss	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
2520	Chadwick, F. C., Mrs.	Motor house, St. Patricks, Old Bath Road.
2521	Reason, C. H.	Motor house, The Rowans, Shurdington Road.
2522	The United Womens Housing Association.	Internal alterations, Lisle House, Clarence Square.
2523	Cheltenham Corporation.	Electricity Sub-Station, Rowanfield Road.
2524	The Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co.	Electricity Bulk supply Sub-station, Hesters Way.
2525	Bellamy, W.	Motor house, 16 St. Paul's Street North
2526	Wakefield, A. E.	Cycle and tool shed, 9 Sherborne Place.
2527	Cheltenham Corporation.	38 houses, Spenser Road

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2519, 2520, 2523 and 2527 be approved ; that Plan No. 2524 be approved subject to the drainage being approved by the Borough Engineer ; that Plan No. 2497 be referred to the Street and Highway Committee ; that Plans Nos. 2518, 2521, 2522, 2525 and 2526 be disapproved, but that the site of Plan No. 2526 be viewed.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 18th June, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann and Stewart (Alderman Stewart 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.
2469	Irving, E. Madame	New dressing room, Irving Academy, Bath Road (Amended Plan).
2516	Reed & Patterson.	Proposed new building line, Bath Road.
2521	Reason, C. H.	Motor house, The Rowans, Shurdington Road (Amended Plan).
2522	The United Womens Housing Association.	Internal alterations to Lisle House, Clarence Square (Amended Plan).
2524	The Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co.	Drainage plan for Electricity Sub-Station, Hesters Way.
2525	Bellamy, W.	Motor house, 16 St. Paul's Street North (Amended Plan).
2526	Wakefield, A. E.	Cycles and tool shed, 9 Sherborne Place.
2528	Cheltenham Corporation.	Electricity Sub-Station, Swindon Road.
2529	Cheltenham Corporation.	Electricity Sub-Station, Westal Green, Lansdown Road.
2530	Trigg Bros.	Two semi-detached houses, Whaddon Road.
2531	Reason, C. H.	Alterations to stables and dwelling quarters, The Rowans, Moorend Park Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2469. 2521, 2524, 2525, 2529 and 2530 be approved ; that Plans Nos. 2522 and 2531 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2516 and 2526 be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th June, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Pruen, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. Shenton for permission to paint the inside of the glass roof with " Summer Cloud " be acceded to

2—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to change the locks on the entrance gates to these gardens and that a key be supplied to each member of this Committee.

3---Sandford Park—(a) High Street Entrance—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Shakspere Shenton's tenancy of the hoarding erected on the frontage to this land expired on the 4th inst., but he asked that the hoarding might be allowed to remain until the land was actually required, he paying the same rent and undertaking to remove the hoarding at any time on 24 hours notice. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Exhibition—The Committee considered letter received from the Royal Horticultural Society inviting the Corporation to enter exhibits at the International Exhibition of Garden Design, etc., to be held in London in October next. Read, also, letter from Mr. E. White of 24th ult. suggesting that two or three enlarged photographs and aerial photographs and coloured lantern slides would make the best exhibits. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Chairman and Councillors Dunn and Welstead be appointed a Sub-Committee to select photographs for display at the exhibition.

4—Town Hall--(a) British Undertakers Association—The Committee reconsidered letter from the local centre, British . Undertakers Association, asking the Corporation to invite this Association to hold its 1929 Conference in Cheltenham, RESOLVED, That the use of the Town Hall be offered for the Conference on dates to be arranged free of charge except for out-of-pocket expenses for lighting and cleaning.

(b) Orchestral Concerts—Read, letter from Mr. Lewis Hann asking for the use of the Town Hall for a series of three Orchestral Concerts for next season on the same terms as last year. RESOLVED, That the use of the Hall be granted on the same terms as last year, namely : that the Hall should be let at the usual charges, but that if there is a deficit on the Concerts the Council will favourably consider an application for reduction in the charge.

(c) Women's Medical Federation—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Dr. Grace Billings asking for the use of a room at the Town Hall from the 25th to 27th October next for a meeting of this Federation. RESOLVED, That the free use of the room required be granted, subject to payment of lighting, heating and cleaning and out-of-pocket expenses.

5—Pittville Gardens—(a) Whit-Monday Fete—Read, letter of 11th inst, from Messrs. Blunt Torr & Co., on behalf of Mr. R. M. W. Selby-Loundes asking the Corporation to prevent spent fireworks falling on his property. Read, also, letter from Col. Graham making a similar complaint. RESOLVED, That they be informed that steps will be taken on future occasions with a view to preventing this

(b) Dog Show—Read, letter from Cheltenham Canine Society stating that they had decided not to accept the offer of Pittville Gardens for a Dog Show on 2nd August,

6—Medical Baths—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Hon. Sec. National Citizens Union (Cheltenham Branch) enclosing resolution that they were of opinion that water and electricity

supplied to these Baths should be separately metered and that the cost thereof should be included in the Statement of accounts for the Medical Baths. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Medical Baths on Friday, 22nd June, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Sawyer and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

7—Medical Baths—The Committee inspected Oxford House and Carlton House adjoining the Medical Baths which were offered for sale. RESOLVED, That the purchase of these properties be not entertained.

8—Sandford Park—(a) High Street Entrance—The Committee considered the plan submitted by the Gardens Superintendent for the lay-out of this entrance. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to **Sandford Park Sub-Committee** with the addition of Councillors Pates and Sawyer for consideration and report.

9—Town Hall—(a) Chairs—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the maintenance of the chairs at the Town Hall for two years ending 31st March, 1930. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Lance & Co., of £132 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Ladies' Cloakroom—Read, letter from the United Services Club complaining of the inadequate accommodation at the Ladies' Cloakroom at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the right to sell chocolates and sweets from trays during the Band Concerts at these gardens be included in the Agreement with Mrs. Eveleigh for the catering rights for Montpellier Gardens on payment of an extra 1s per week.

11—Spa Medical Advisory Committee—RESOLVED, That Dr. Grace Billings and Dr. Davey be appointed members of this Committee.

12—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Recruiting Officer for reduced terms for slipper baths for recruits. RESOLVED, That a charge of 4d. per head be made for a minimum of 120 per annum.

(b) Open Air Bath—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have four dressing boxes erected for this bath as provided for in the estimates.

13—Report of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 12th inst.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Whit-Monday Fête—That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Messrs. G. H. and L. Phillips for their assistance on the occasion of the Whit-Monday Fête.

(b) Recreation Grounds—That the Military Bands play (weather permitting) at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the 12th July, Naunton Park Recreation Ground on the 2nd August and at the St. George's Square Bowling Green on a date to be arranged.

(c) Town Hall—That notices be placed in the Cloak Rooms at the Town Hall that the Corporation will not be responsible for loss of or damage to articles deposited in the Cloak Rooms.

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, 20th June, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann; Councillors Dunn, Moore and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Change of System—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to notify Electrical Contractors and consumers and the public generally that any apparatus installed must, where possible, be suitable for operating on a frequency of 50 or 100 cycles and the installation notified to the Corporation, otherwise the Corporation cannot be responsible for the cost of adapting such apparatus. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the assistance of local wiring contractors for the work of changing and adapting meters with the lower frequency and to make suitable arrangements with regard to payment for their assistance.

2—Extensions to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the two extensions to mains referred to in his report.

3—Bulk Supply—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with Mr. J. R. Brown for wayleave over field No. 198 for the purpose of laying an underground cable for the new bulk supply.

4—Annual Tenders—Tenders for the supply of cables, meters, transformers and coal for the ensuing 12 months were received and opened. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the tenders be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report, and that a special meeting of the Committee be held on the 26th inst., to consider the tenders.

5—Damage to Lamp Standard—Great Western Road—Read, letter from Mr. R. H. Summers offering the sum of £3 0s. 0d. in settlement of the claim for damage to this lamp standard. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted,

.6—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 24th ult., 1st, 6th, 13th and 19th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 463.1, 488.7, 475.9, 476.9 and 472.4 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 4.6, 4.6, 5.4, 5.0 and 5.0 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th June, 1928. Present :—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dunn, Moore and Capt. Trye (Councillor Moore in the chair).

7—Sub-Station, Rowanfield Road—Four tenders were received for the erection of this sub-station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Bellamy of £655 5s. 8d., being the lowest, be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

8—Annual Tenders—(a) Cables, Meters and Transformers—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the undermentioned tenders be accepted for the supply of cables, meters and transformers for the year ending 30th June, 1929.

Cables—British Insulated Cables, Ltd., at schedule prices,

Meters—Electrical Apparatus Co., Ltd., Metropolitan Vickers, Ltd., and Edison Swan Electric Co., for a minimum of 500 meters each.

Transformers—Ferranti, Ltd., £815 5s. 0d.

(b) Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted his report on the tenders received for the supply of coal together with reports of the Works Superintendent. RESOLVED, That 1,000 tons of 2-inch Eastern United coal at 15s 3dd. per ton be ordered from J. S. Nott, Cheltenham and 1,000 tons of Cannop Coal at 14s 10d. per ton from Messrs. Webb Bros., Cheltenham, and that further consideration of the tenders be deferred until a report on the use of these two coals is received from the Borough Electrical Engineer.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th June, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Pates and Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS,		
	For 30 days ended 11th June, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	209,000 gallons	283,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	527,000 "	756,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	85,000 "	103,000 "
Total	821,000	1,142,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th June, 1928.		11th June, 1927.	
Hewletts		22,314,000 gallons		25,050,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	25ft. 5in,	67,585,000 "	26ft. 5in.	72,178,000 "
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in,	945,000 "	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "
Total Storage		90,844,000		98,713,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during May.

3—Supply to Shops, High Street—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. C. Dickins proposed to build 4 lock-up shops in High Street adjoining the Belle Vue Hotel and as it would be inconvenient to provide a separate water service to each shop, he proposed to lay a three-quarter-inch service main along the rear and to supply each shop separately from this. RESOLVED, That the proposed joint service pipe be approved.

4—Dowdeswell Waterworks—Messrs. A. H. Wyatt, G. Wood, together with Mr. C. W. Welford and L. Twycross attended as a deputation from the Gas Company with regard to the deficiency in the supply of gas for the engines at the Dowdeswell pre-filters, and stated that the additional supply of gas required could be obtained either by installing a small gas holder or laying a larger main. They considered the most satisfactory course would be to lay a new 6-inch main for a distance of about 1,900 yards and would be prepared to recommend the Company to lay the main if the Corporation would undertake the excavation and filling in of the trench and subsequent re-instatement of the footpath and roads. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to consider and report as to the cost.

5—River Severn—The Medical Officer of Health attended and reported the proceedings of the Conference held at Worcester on the 23rd ult., with regard to the pollution of the River Severn.

6—Castle Barn and Home Farms—Reported Meeting on 7th inst. Present—Councillors Dunn, Pates and Sir R. Wapshare. The Committee inspected these farms which were offered for sale by Mr. Coxwell Rogers. RESOLVED, That the valuation of the District Valuer be obtained,

7—Salts Farm—It was reported that Mr. L. G. Dunn, the tenant of this farm had sub-let the house, contrary to the terms of his lease. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to him with reference thereto.

8—Woodlands Farm, etc.—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this Farm had now been completed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating the several tenancies of the property.

9—Supply to Cleeve Hill—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Clerk to the Winchcomb Rural District Council enquiring on what terms the Corporation would be willing to supply Cleeve Hill, and the Town Clerk reported that he had informed -him that if a supply was provided it would be necessary to lay a new main from the junction of Prestbury Road with Cemetery Road as far as Southam Bridge at which point a bulk supply could be delivered and from which point Winchcomb Rural District

Council would have to provide for pumping and distribution of the supply. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Winchcomb Rural District Council be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to give a bulk supply at a price to be arranged subject to their bearing the cost of the main.

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10—Supply to Kinsham —The Committee further considered application from the Tewkesbury Rural District Council for a supply of water to the hamlet of Kinsham, near Bredon. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to give a bulk supply on the same terms as the supply to Ashchurch, Pamington and Fiddington.

11—Charlton Kings—Water Chartres—Read. letter of 13th inst., from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking the Committee to meet the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of their Council to discuss the water charges for Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That they be invited to the next Meeting of the Committee.

12—Supply to Fiddlers Green Farm—Mr. H. R. Cock attended with regard to the outstanding account for water supplied to his son at Fiddlers Green Farm, the larger part of which was for water which had run to waste owing to a burst main. Mr. Cock offered to pay the amount owing for water since the repair of the leakage and to undertake for the future payment of the water. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Mr. Cock entering into an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk for the future supply.

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

G. OWEN DUNN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th June, 1928. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Mann and Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, 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) Sheep Scab Amendment Order, 1928—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, viz. :-28th May, 1928, Exeter Villa, Charlton Kings ; Cause—Defective fire place ; Damage about £12 ; Expenses £3 15s. 0d : 3rd June. 1928, Coppice, Hatherley Road ; Cause—Contact with railway embankment ; Expenses £2 16s. 0d. : 15th June, 1928, House, Overton Park Road, Fire apparently caused by boys Expenses £4 7s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Horse Fly—RESOLVED, That the application of Frank Herbert Wootton of 7 Hatherley Place, Cheltenham, for a Horse Fly Licence be granted. (b) Drivers—RESOLVED, That the application of Cyril Birt of 22 Upper Norwood Street, Cheltenham for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence, be granted.

4—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of the Montpellier Motor & Garage Co., Ltd., for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in a pump storage at their premises in Suffolk Road, be granted.

5—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the following applications for 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, MacFisheries Ltd. (2 Licences-84 and 372 High Street), W. T. Morris, Olive & Olive, F. Panter, and Miss F. M. Woodward.

6—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 & Sons, G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall, E. Webb and W. Yates.

7—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That C. P. G. Neate (Borough Treasurer's Department) be added to the Certificate of Exception, he having completed three years service on the 2nd inst.

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8—National Health Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That A. E. Stroud and A. Hill (Waterworks Department) be added to the list of exceptions under the National Health Insurance Acts.

9—Town Clerk's Department—Clerk—RESOLVED, That the salary of Mr. S. MacArthur be increased from 25s to £1 10s. 0d. per week.

10—Parking of Motors, Promenade—(a) Lighting—The Committee reconsidered the question of dispensing with the lighting of motor cars parked at this parking place. RESOLVED, That the Chief Constable be recommended to consent to the parking of vehicles without lights at this parking place and that the Town Clerk be instructed to have notices erected with regard thereto.

(b) RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, the Council be recommended to make an Order for one-way traffic and that all vehicles be required to enter the street from the northern end and to go out from the southern end.

11—Colonnade—Supt. Lane reported that it would facilitate the direction of traffic if a white line was painted across the High Street end of the Colonnade and the word " Stop." RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

12—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor submitted further amended plans for the alteration to the offices including Nos. 21 and 27 Promenade. RESOLVED, That they be approved as now submitted.

NOTE.—The plans can now be inspected by any Member of the Council before the Council Meeting. They also will be on view at the Council Meeting.

13—Leckhampton Hill Estate--(a) Southfield Farm—The Town Clerk reported that of this purchase by Mr. H. Scott Plummer had now been completed.

(b) Field 788—RESOLVED, That the tenancy of this field be let to Mr. H. Scott Plummer on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £12 10s. 0d. with an allowance of £3 as from the first half year's rent for putting fences in order.

(c) Land, west side of Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be requested to include the grass on this land in his next sale.

(d) Land, west side of Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That the farm buildings and fields Nos. 224, 239, 238, 258, 241, 222, 223, containing 72.702 acres be let to Mr. W. S. Jenner for a term of 5 years, at a rent of DO, tenant paying rates and keeping buildings and boundary fences in repair, the Corporation to carry out necessary repairs to the buildings and boundary fences which are thereafter to be kept in repair by the tenant.

14—All Saints Villas—The Town Clerk reported that he had circularised the owners and occupiers in All Saints Villas with regard to the proposal to call this road " Abbots Road," and they all agreed to this proposal. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to name the road, ' All Saints Villas Road."

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—North Ward Allotments Nos. 188 and 189—It was reported that the rent of these allotments was in arrear and they were not being cultivated and were overgrown with weeds RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenant one month's notice to quit.

2—Creamery Piece Allotment—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the boundary fences at these allotments repaired.

W. WELSTEAD, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—(a) Goldfish—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. Corbett to obtain some goldfish was accepted with thanks. RESOLVED, also, That these be put in the fountain basin and the pond in the Entrance.

(b) Turf--RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a supply of hoops for protecting the grass where necessary.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Boating rights—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst, from Mr. Healy asking ng for his tenancy of the boating rights, which expired in October, to be renewed for a period of five years on the sane terms. RESOLVED, That the application be-granted.

(b) Gate from Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the gate from the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to the Marle Hill Annexe be kept closed in accordance with the covenant entered into by the Council and that a notice with regard to this be placed at the Evesham Road entrance.

(c) Key—RESOLVED, That the application of Brig.-Gen. H. Hume of Glenfall Lodge, Pittville Circus for a key to these Gardens be not granted.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th June, 1928. Present--Alderman Stewart Councillor Dunn ; Colonel Griffith ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Dunn. Dunn in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During May 3,397 (against 3,213) ; daily average 126 (against 124). Included in these figures were classes from Barnwood School, Bourton-on-the-Water, and Bengeworth ; and a party of Girl Guides.

Receipts—Exhibition Catalogues £1 4s. 3d.; Permanent Catalogues 5s 6d; Collection Box £1 3s. 4d.; Reproductions 4s 11d. Total £2 18s. 0d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Water-colours by Miss FL Stuart Weir, R.O.I., R.B.A. May 22nd, and remains on view until July 14th.

23 Etchings by Great Masters had been lent by Mrs. Clegg from May 21st until 7th June.

"Gold Coast Review "—An illustrated article, 38 pp, had appeared therein, describing " The Stone the Gold Coast," now in the Cheltenham Museum, by Capt. R. P. Wild, F.G.S.

2—Donation—From the Artist's Sisters : Oil Painting, " The Little Cloisters, Gloucester," by F. D. Henwood, a native of Cheltenham,

RESOLVED, That the gift be accepted, and the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors

3—Loans—From Mrs. Littledale, 7 pieces of antique furniture, and 40 examples of rare Chinese Porcelain and until July 14th ; Mr. H. C. Moffatt, 6 examples of ornamental vessels with hand-wrought silver and silver-gilt mounts—until July 14th.

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

4—"The Limber"—The Curator reported that the bronze replica would be ready for delivery in the course of a month. RESOLVED, That it be placed on exhibition without an unveiling ceremony.

5—Prospective Exhibitions—RESOLVED,—That the Curator be authorised to arrange for exhibitions as follows :—

(a) Colour prints and photographic reproductions of the work of D. G. Rossetti—December, 1928.

(b) Water-colours by F. D. How—December, 1928.

(c) Oil Paintings and Water-colours by Mrs. Norris and Women Artists—early February to mid-March, 1929.

(d) The British Water-colour Society—May, 1929.

6—Electric Power Switch for Vacuum Cleaner in Museum—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to have a power plug installed in the Museum at a cost not exceeding £2 12s. 6d.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd June, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann and Stewart; Councillors Wheeler, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from the 25th May to 22nd June, 1928. Interments 60 ; Grave Spaces sold 10 (First Position 2, Third Position 1 ; Fourth Position 7). Memorials fixed 12. New Inscriptions 28.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7784 to 7793 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 Lionel W. Nicholson and Gratiana S. M. Pratt ; Memorial Scroll and kerbing to graves of Elizabeth Emerson and Robert R. Mackereth ; Memorial Headstone to grave of Fanny E. Tandy and Memorial kerbing to grave of Mary J. Hobbs.

4—Upkeep of graves maintained in perpetuity by Corporation—The Superintendent submitted list of graves maintained by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the upkeep of these graves for a period of 5 years.

5—Disposal of grass cut at Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that Mr. Denley, whose tenancy expired on the 29th September next, was not prepared to continue his tenancy, but that Mr. Birt was prepared to enter into an Agreement to take the grass for a period of 5 years at a rent of £10 per annum, this sum to include the tenancy of the 3-acre field at the north end of the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted on the following terms, namely :— Mr. Birt to clear the grass from the Cemetery within 24 hours after this has been cut by the Cemetery Staff and to assist in the raking and clearing of the grass and also to enter into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th June, 1928 Present—Aldermen Mann and Taylor ; Councillors Pates, H. W. Thomas, Yarnold and Welstead ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Alderman Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £8 18s. 6d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 7,245 (last year 3,983); Lending Department 11,236 (last year 10,475) ; Juvenile Department 1,799 (last year 1,812). Total for month 20,280 (last year 16,270).

Replacements—During the month 138 volumes had been replaced, Donations—Anon. (1 vol.) ; Anon, (2 vols) ; Mr. R. F. Beard (1 vol.) ; Town Clerk, Bexhill (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow (1 vol., 13 pamph.) ; Mr. E. G. Jellicoe (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. H. Knowles (1 vol.) ; Lt.-Colonel J. M. Mitchell, O.B.E., M.C., M.A. (1 vol.) ; Public Library, New York (1 pamph.) ; Sir Henry Lunn, Ltd. (3 pamph.) ; Town Clerk, Cheltenham (2 pamph.) ; Mr. C. Teal (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 Mann ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Alderman Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 199 volumes (new books), published at £96 4s. 9d., be purchased at a cost of £73 17s. 6d.

(b) That the sum of £40 be spent on replacements.

(c) That the sum of £40 be spent on re-binding. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th June, 1928. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Dicks and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Assessment of Railways—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. had claimed the deduction of 28 per cent. from their nett annual value made to Railways to arrive at the rateable value of the light railway in the Borough. RESOLVED, That this deduction be made.

2—Unpaid Rates—Four statements and letters as to unpaid rates were considered and dealt with by the Committee.

3—Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of assessments of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That proposals submitted for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th June, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1-- -General Rate-Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the first Instalment of this Rate, Amount collected £34,744 8s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £83,074 8s. 7d.

2—Water Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £7,510 12s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £11,406 12s, 1d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £300 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the continuance of Debentures amounting to £3,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £815 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during May was 6,516, as compared with 4,276 for the corresponding month last year.

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

Date, 1928.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
21st June ..	For making up Spenser Road ...	£2,164	20 years.
21st June	Do. ...	£381	30 years.

7-Superannuation Fund—(a) F. J. Stevens—RESOLVED, That F. J. Stevens, who had resigned owing to ill-health be paid a pension of 14s per week as from the 30th June calculated on his wages for the last 5 years on a non-contributory basis of 36 years service subject to the production of a Medical Certificate and that he be repaid his contributions with interest at 3 per cent under Section 17 of the Act.

(b) Gardens Superintendent—RESOLVED, That this appointment be designated an established post for the purposes of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 subject to the approval of the Minister of Health.

(c) Library Assistant--Read, letter from Mr. D. W. Herdman, suggesting that an additional female Assistant at the Library should be designated an established post under the Act. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

8--Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 26th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Moore and E. L. Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th, June, 1928.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on. MONDAY, the 2nd day of July, 1928, 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. Town Clerk to report Election of Councillor for Middle Ward.
4. To fill up vacancies on Committees.
5. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE and to determine Closing Order in respect of 4 Orchard Cottages. 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
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE
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COMMITTEE

4. 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, 2nd July, 1928, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Scott Langley, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Bendall and Mann and Councillor Wheeler, M.B.E.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th June, 1928 having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported that the election of a Councillor for the Middle Ward caused by the election of Councillor Mann to an Alderman had been duly held, and Mr. Lionel Scott Langley, being the only person nominated to fill the vacancy, had been duly elected and had made his declaration of acceptance of office.

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3—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor L. Scott Langley be appointed a Member of the following Committees to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Alderman Steel :—Education Committee, Burial Board Committee, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, Public Library Committee, Maternity and Child Welfare Committee. Rating Committee and the Delancey Hospital Trustees.

4—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Councillor W. J. M. Dicks to be his Deputy during the absence abroad of Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and it was resolved that such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

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 June 11

Resolved, also, That the Closing Order made by the Council on the 30th October, 1925 in respect of No. 4 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road, be determined, the house having now been rendered fit for human habitation.

Housing Meeting held June 12

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held June 19

Street and Highway Meeting held June 18

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 15 & 22.

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Dunn and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 13 (c) with regard to loss or damage to articles deposited in Cloak Room at Town Hall be referred back for further consideration."

Electricity and Lighting .. Meetings held June 20 & 26.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £39,562 being the estimated cost of cables, sub-station, switch gear and transformers for the new bulk supply, and that Minute No. 2 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 25th January last and confirmed by the Council on the 6th February last be varied accordingly.

Water Meeting held June 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 19

Resolved, also, That tenders be invited for the proposed alterations to the Municipal Offices.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. It with regard to white line, etc., Colonnade, be amended by substituting the word " Slow " for the word " Stop " was lost).

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Allotments Meeting held June 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 15

Burial Board Meeting held June 22

Public Library Meeting held June 12

Rating Meeting held June 25

Finance Meeting held June 26

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 Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 30th July, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Pruen and Gen. Thomas (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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. :-116 Tewkesbury Road ; 45 Lansdown Crescent ; 5 Weston Cottages, Russell Place; Southwood House, Bath Road ; 22, 24 and 26 Duke Street.—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at Geraldville, St. George's Street and 3 Stanhope Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. RESOLVED, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Tanner's Cottage, Arle ; Box Cottage, Arle Road ; Wood-bine Cottage, Tanner's Lane, Arle ; No. 63 High Street ; Dunholme, Pembridge House, Lindholm, Melrose House, Gonja, Elville, Toreland, Pallas, Belfont and Lyncourt, The Park.—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) Suffolk Arms, Suffolk Road ; Ingram House, North Place ; 46, 46a, 46b, 48 and 50 Duke Street ; 19 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road ; 1, 2 and 3 Victoria Parade, Victoria 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 requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

4—Insanitary Property-3 Garden Cottages, High Street ; 6 Stoneville Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5a St. George's Avenue; West Cottage, St. George's Avenue ; 210 High Street ; 8 New's Cottages ; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Kew Place ; and 61 Sun Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 1q. 141bs. beef ; 49lbs. pork, 40lbs. mutton ; 5 ¼ lbs. Prawns ; 28lbs. Smoked Haddock and 5 cases of pineapples.

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the renewed application of James Arthur Dix of 14 Queen Street to be registered as a purveyor of milk be granted on the understanding that the premises are not used for storing or selling milk.

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7—Houses unfit for Human Habitation -- (a) 1 to 5 Elm Place.--The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that these houses were so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. Mrs. Samuelson, the Owner, and Mr. H. F. Midwinter attended, RESOLVED, That the making of the Order be adjourned until the meeting of the Committee in October.

(b) 1 Limbrick Cottages—Demolition Order.—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be adjourned.

(c) 1 and 2 Albert Cottages, Russell Place.—The Medical Officer of Health made written representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owner of the intention to make Closing Orders.

8—Tivoli Road— Sewer --The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer in this road for a length of 75 yards from the Park and its continuation across the road for a distance of 17 yards was out of repair and required reconstruction, the cost of which, including necessary manholes, he estimated at £115. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE AND MEDICAL AND
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.**

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Thursday, 19th July, 1928, Present—Aldermen Mann, Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Pruen and Gen. Thomas ; Miss M. E. H. Knollys and Messrs. A. C. White and E. Bourne (Councillor Gen. Thomas in the chair).

1—Medical Officer of Health and School Attendance Officer—RESOLVED, That (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health) applications be invited by advertisement for these appointments at a salary of £850 per annum, the appointment to be subject to the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922 and to be terminable by three months notice in writing on either side. RESOLVED, also, That one-ninth of the salary be paid by the Local Education Authority. RESOLVED, also, That the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Stewart and Taylor and Councillors Pruen and Gen, Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications when received.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th July, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Gen. Thomas, Sir R. Wapshare and J. F. Ward (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Sale of House—(a) The following offer was reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
9 Spenser Road	W. H. Buck	£495.

RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance not exceeding 90 per cent to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

(b) A . J. Davey—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. A. J. Davey now desired to purchase No. 2 Spenser Road, for £495, instead of No. 139 Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that Minute No. 1 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

2—Sale of Land—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. J. A. P. Nidd to purchase a strip of land having a frontage of two feet adjoining the piece of land recently purchased by him on the west side of Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to sell the land to Mr. Nidd at £3 per foot subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health, That application be made to the Ministry for their consent to the sale, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

3—Houses, Kingsley Gardens—The Committee considered the question of letting these houses, which had been completed but had not yet been sold. RESOLVED, That the houses be let at a rent of £45 per annum exclusive of rates. RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee be held on the 17th inst., to select tenants for these houses from the list of applicants for 1926.

4—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—Bungalow, Swindon Road North—The Borough Surveyor submitted Final Certificate of completion of a bungalow erected in Swindon Road North by Mr. C. S. Brookes. The Town Clerk reported that a provisional certificate for a subsidy for £65 had been issued to Mr. Brookes on the 7th March, 1927, on condition that the building was completed by the 30th September, 1927. RESOLVED, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, That a reduced subsidy of £50 be paid to Mr. Brookes, subject to his undertaking to comply with the usual conditions.

5—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the **Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee** be held on the 19th inst, to inspect the gardens and award the prizes.

6-2 Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house to be allowed to transfer to a parlour type house be agreed to, subject to the Corporation being put to no expense with regard to the transfer.

7-44 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Forster, the tenant of this house, for permission to install a gas boiler, and for the Corporation to remove the existing boiler, be agreed to.

8-95 Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the occupier of this house, who had now agreed to purchase it, for the larder and bathroom ceilings to be whitened and for the sitting room to be redecorated. RESOLVED, That the ceilings of the larder and bathroom be whitened. as this should have been done when the house was redecorated before the contract for sale of the house was entered into.

9—Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
2544	E. Cole.	Garage, 3 Milton Road.
2548	E. H. Yeend	Garage, 27 Shakespeare Road.

RESOLVED, That the plans be approved, subject in the case of Plan No. 2548 to the garage being constructed of fireproof materials.

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10—New Houses—New Road from Spenser Road to Tennyson Road—Mr. Rainger submitted designs for houses to be erected along this road. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that he be requested to submit lay-out plan of the proposed houses with such modifications of the design submitted, as may be necessary to adapt these houses to the site. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the construction of the new road and that

Mr. S. Wasley be given notice terminating his tenancy of the portion of field No. 441 required for building.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Taylor in the chair),

1-39 Malvern Street—Read, letter from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles stating that the tenant of 37 Malvern Street had put a door in the fence opening on to the side way of this house. RESOLVED, That this be not allowed and that the owner be required to have the door closed up.

2—Folly Lane Housing Estate—(a) Boundary—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing a " give and take " line to straighten the boundary between the Creamery Piece Allotments of the Folly Lane Housing Estate. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Fencing—RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Malvern be instructed to have an iron fence 5 feet high erected along the boundary of the Creamery Piece Allotments and also a similar fence along the Southern boundary of the Estate.

3—Davis' Land—Tenants Compensation—A report was received from Mr. C. C. Castle recommending the amounts to be paid in settlement of the Tenants' claim for compensation amounting to a total of £65 12s. 5d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd July, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann; Councillors Gen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh and Mrs. D. H. Willoughby (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report--Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1928.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	28.1	18'0
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	20'0	15.8
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	32.8	26.8

2—Health Visitors Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1928 :—

No of Children on Register ..	2,528
“ Children Visited (Firsts)	166
“ (1 year and under) ...	871
“ (over 1 year)	694
“ Home Visits paid by Health 'Visitors	1,928
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	65
“ Un-notified Births discovered .	3
“ Children remitted to Hospital	5
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	31
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	65
“ Chicken-pox cases visited ...	9
” Measles cases visited ..	6
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter ...	28
New Orders	10
Orders discontinued during quarter . .	23
“continuing to coming quarter ..	15

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 49 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 19 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3--Umbilical Hernia—The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter he was writing to the Secretary of the District Nursing Association with regard to cases of minor umbilical hernia. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th July, 1928 Present—Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Engineering Assistant--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. L. Kenmir, one of the selected candidates for this position was unable to attend the meeting, but had seen the Borough Surveyor who had interviewed him on behalf of the Committee. Mr. C. B. Eck, another selected candidate had since withdrawn his application having secured another position. The following three candidates attended the meeting:—

H. N. Hughes, Engineering Assistant, Birmingham.

P. M. Spencer, Assistant to Borough and Water Engineer, Stafford.

C. N. Rees, Engineering and Surveying Assistant, Stoke-on-Trent.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. P. M. Spencer (Assistant to Borough and Water Engineer, Stafford) Engineering Assistant, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. B. Nation, on the terms advertised, namely :—At a salary of £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of to £300 per annum, subject to his contributing to the Superannuation Scheme of the Corporation, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

RESOLVED, also, That the Stafford Borough Council be requested to ascertain Mr. Spencer's transfer value in accordance with the rules under the Superannuation Act and to pay such amount to the Corporation.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

2—**Plans Sub-Committee**—(a) The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 6th and 16th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted. (b) Roderick House—Plan No. 2536—RESOLVED, That the plan be disapproved, and that in pursuance of Section 155 of the Public Health Act, 1875 any new building erected be required to be set back to the prescribed Building line shown on the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways —(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways' Department from the 14th June to 12th July, 1928, inclusive.

(b) Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 5th July, 1928 :-710 loads (712 tons 11 cwts collected ; 706 loads (708 tons 13 cwts.) consumed and 4 loads tipped away,

4—View Committee—The following Members attended a View Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th July, 1928 :-Alderman Mann, Councillors Sawyer and Capt. Trye (Capt. Trye in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) The Park—That the application of Mr. A. J. Unwin for the removal of a chestnut tree near the fence of Pallas be not granted

(b) Road from Promenade to Crescent Terrace—That two feet be taken from the footpath to widen this roadway and that the corners of the road be rounded off.

(c) Parish Churchyard Footpaths—That the Electricity and Lighting Committee be asked to contribute 314ths of the cost of resurfacing the footpaths.

(d) Brighton Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for the repair of this road by the abutting Owners.

(e) Bath Road—That a step be provided to the high footpath in this road between Bath Parade and Sandford Street.

(f) Bridge over River Chelt carrying Lower Destructor Road—That the offer of the Electricity and the Lighting Committee to contribute half the cost of repairing this bridge be accepted.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, except that (d) be adjourned.

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5--Post Office Telegraphs—(a) Hewlett Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an underground telegraphic line along and across Hewlett Road, be granted, and that the re-instatement of the trench be undertaken by the Corporation on the usual terms.

(b) Road between Park Place and Tivoli Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place a stay to pole in this road be granted, subject to the exact position of the stay being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

6—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. W. M. B. Rees, Highways' Super-intendent, for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £275 to £325 per annum.

7—Tenders for Coal—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. to Nixon's Navigation Smokeless Steam coal at 33s 4d per ton be accepted.

8—Petrol Pump, 21 Pittville Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had removed the petrol pump outside Messrs. Sharpe & Fishers premises.

9—Assistant Surveyor-- The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Earp the Assistant Surveyor resumed duty on the 4th instant after sick leave. RESOLVED, That a grant of £15 be made to Mr. I. C. Jenkins who had carried out Mr. Earp's duties during his absence.

10—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported as to an interview which Councillor Capt. Trye and he had on the 22nd ult. with the Ministry of Health with regard to the delapidated condition of the destructor. The Ministry suggested that before preparing a scheme the following methods should be considered :—(1) Reconstruction of Existing Furnaces with an overhead feed to deal with all the refuse, (2) Introduction of Screening Plant combined with Reconstruction of Furnaces in order to reduce the labour and give greater efficiency and (3) Abandonment of Destructor and Tipping of Refuse on low-lying dumps under sanitary rules drawn up by the Ministry. The Ministry also suggested that representatives of the Committee should visit Bradford where the 3rd process was in operation. RESOLVED, That Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold with the Borough Surveyor be asked to visit Bradford as suggested by the Ministry.

11—Leckhampton Depot—Rainbow Field " Vetches "—RESOLVED, That the offer of the vetches grown by the Allotments Committee at Rainbow Field for £25 be accepted.

12—Waterloo Street—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath in this road. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 to the Owners of the premises, fronting, adjoining or abutting upon parts of the said road 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 Borough Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and That the

expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

13—Road between Tivoli Place and Lansdown Place—Read, letter of 26th inst., from the Principal, Technical Schools, asking if the Corporation had any objection to a fence being placed across the entrance to this cul-de-sac near Lypiatt Terrace so as to prevent the nuisance occasioned by the misuse of this road. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

14—Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the grass and tar spray the footpath, etc., at the end of Cleeve View Terrace in this road.

15—Telephone Kiosks—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, asking for permission to erect telephone kiosks in (a) Leckhampton Road near railway bridge, (b) Clarence Road near Pittville Gates and (c) Tewkesbury Road near the Gas works. RESOLVED, That the application in respect of (a) and (b) be granted subject to the exact position of the kiosks being approved by the Borough Surveyor and that with regard to (c) consideration be adjourned for view.

16—Street Projections—(a) Albion Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. J. M. Smith & Sons to fix a projecting sign outside the Royal Hotel Vaults in this street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs Wood & Pimm for permission to fix projecting signs outside 96 Tewkesbury Road, 205 High Street and 2 Queen's Buildings, St. Mark's be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Inspections—RESOLVED, That the Street Inspector be asked to report each month to this Committee as to street projections erected without permission.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 6th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart and Councillors Gen, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Alderman Stewart 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.
2533	Martin, F.	Iron building, London Road.
2534	Parry, F.	Timber store building, Park Saw Mills, Gt. Norwood Street.
2535	Ashforth, J.	Additions to rear of Thornaby. St. George's Road,
2536	Ladies College Council.	Additions and alterations, Roderic House, Suffolk Square.
2537	Griffiths, Mrs. E.	Motor house, at rear of 15 Lansdown Place.
2538	Wilcox,	New porch to front door, 13 Upper Bath Street
2539	Haidon, R.	Motor house, Arnwood, Church Road, St. Mark's.
2540	Griffiths, P. F.	Motor house, Atworth, Eldorado Road.

2541	Hawkins, G. A.	Motor house, Shirley, Pittville Circus Road.
2542	Leopard, W. E.	Photographic Room, 46 Hayward's Road.
2543	Scott, A. G.	Motor house, Ravensgate, Charlton Lane.
2545	Giles, C.	Detached house, Moorend Park Road.
2546	Orton, C. J. S.	Motor house, Besselsleigh, Douro Road.
2547	Thompson, L. G.	Conservatory at rear of St. Chads, Old Bath Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2535, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2543 and 2545 be approved that Plans Nos. 2533, 2534, 2536, 2537, 2542, 2546 and 2547 be disapproved, but that the sites of Plans Nos. 2534 and 2537 be viewed.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 16th July, 1928, Present—Aldermen Mann and Stewart and Councillor Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye 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
2518	Original Brewery Co.	Canopy over door, Bath Hotel, Albion Street (amended plan).
2534	Parry, F.	Timber store building, Park saw mills, Gt. Norwood Street.
2536	Ladies College Council	Alterations and additions, Roderic House, Suffolk Square.
2537	Griffiths, E. Mrs.	Motor house at rear of 15 Lansdown Place.
2542	Leopard, W. E.	Photographic room addition to 46 Haywards Road (amended plan).
2546	Orton, C. J. S.	Motor house, Besselsleigh, Douro Road (amended plan).
2549	Wilson, C. A.	Additions and alterations to Motor house, Vivian Villa, Fairmount Road, St. Marks.
2550	Grundy, F. D.	Additions to Stradbally, Lansdown Road.
2551	Healing & Overbury	Conversion into offices and flat, Rodney Lodge, Rodney Road.
2552	Bruton, M.	Two semi-detached houses, Cleeve View Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2518, 2534, 2537, 2546, 2549 and 2552 be approved, that Plans Nos. 2542, 2550 and 2551 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that Plan No. 2536 be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart: Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens Exhibition—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 28th ult. They recommended that the tender of Aerofilms Ltd., of £15 15s. 0d. for taking aerial photographs of Sandford Park, be accepted, and also that 3 or 4 photographs of the parks be obtained from Messrs. Debenham, Longman & at £2 2s. 0d. each and also a few lantern slides, as recommended by Mr. Edward White, RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Pittville Gardens—Read, memorial from 52 residents on the Pittville Estate objecting to the use of these gardens for fetes. RESOLVED, That the memorialists be informed that their objection will be carefully considered when the arrangements for the Whit-Monday Fete next year come up for consideration.

3—Medical Baths—Shop—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of the shop adjoining these baths, for the front of this shop in Bath Road to be painted. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Town Hall—(a) Conferences—RESOLVED, That when Associations and Conventions etc., are invited to hold conferences in Cheltenham and are granted the use of the Town Hall, no charge be made for lighting, heating, cleaning and out of pocket expenses.

(b) National Union of Journalists—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. W. Ansell, Chairman of the Gloucestershire Branch of the National Union of Journalists, applying for the free use of the Pillar Room and adjoining Room at the Town Hall on the 28th, 29th (Good Friday), and 30th March, 1929 for the Annual Conference of this Union RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(c) Cloak Rooms—The Committee reconsidered their decision to place notices in the cloak rooms at the Town Hall as to liability for articles deposited there. RESOLVED, That notices be put up intimating that articles left in the cloak rooms are deposited at owners risk and the Corporation do not accept any liability in respect of loss or damage thereto.

(d) Flood Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and stated that the flood lighting equipment for illuminating the Town Hall could be purchased for £83, and the equipment necessary for flood lighting the Municipal Offices would cost £156 9s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase equipment for flood lighting the Town Hall at a cost of £83.

5—Band Concerts, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a statement of all receipts from the Band Concerts, Gardens, etc., to this Committee each month.

6—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, 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.

7—Sandford Park —(a) Band—RESOLVED, That arrangements be made for the Military Band to play in this Park on Wednesday, 1st August next.

(b) High Street Entrance—The Sandford Park Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 28th ult. They recommended that Mr. Edward White be asked to submit an amended design for laying-out the land as an entrance to the park at a cost not exceeding £1,500. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(c) Opening—The Town Clerk reported that the Duke of Beaufort, who would be accompanied by the Duchess, had consented to open the Park on Saturday, the 8th September next, and the Committee approved of the list of the invitations to be issued to attend the Opening Ceremony. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange for a Band for the occasion.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Miller, Pates, H. W. Thomas and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

8—Advertising—Read, letter from Messrs Radclyffe's offering an advertising space in the corridor of the Palmerston Restaurant, Old Broad Street. London, for 3 months for £1 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the space be taken for 3 months and that the Spa Manager be instructed to send a framed poster to put up in the corridor.

9—Town Hall—Conferences—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity and Lighting Committee had agreed not to charge this Committee for the electricity used at Conferences.

10—Municipal Offices—Organ—RESOLVED, That the gift of the organ by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burrow be recorded on the gift board at the Municipal Offices.

11-- Sandford Park—High Street Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. E. White agreeing to prepare design and layout of the High Street Entrance to be limited to a cost of £1,500 inclusive for a fee of 5 per cent. on the outlay and £2 10s. 0d. for each visit. RESOLVED, That these terms be agreed to and that Mr. White be instructed to proceed with the plans.

12—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the territorials at the training camps at Coberley be admitted to these baths at a reduced charge of 4d. including drawers and towel.

13—Reports of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 26th ult., and 10th inst

They recommended as follows :—Town Hall—Piano—That the tender of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. of £15 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) for repairing the Bechstein Grand Piano be accepted. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 18th July, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann and Taylor; Councillors Dunn, Moore, Capt.. Trye and Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Change of System—RESOLVED. That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their consent to a change of the system of supply of alternating current from single phase 100 cycles 200 volts to single and three phase 50 cycles 200 volts.

2—Flood Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee were recommending the Council to purchase the flood lighting equipment required for illuminating the Town Hall at a cost of £83. For an additional cost of £73 9s. 0d. equipment could be purchased which would with the equipment being purchased by the Town Improvement Committee, suffice to illuminate the Municipal Offices. RESOLVED, That this additional equipment be purchased.

3—Town Hall—Conferences—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee were recommending the Council to make no charge for electricity used at the Town Hall during Conferences. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to make no charge to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the energy supplied on the occasion of Conferences.

4—Parish Churchyard—Footpath—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay 75 per cent. of the cost of reinstating this footpath.

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5—Bulk Supply—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the Great Western Railway Co. in respect of the transmission line to be laid over the railway bridges in St. George's Road, Queen's Road and Leckhampton Road.

6—Electricity Works—Chelt Bridge—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay half the cost of repairing this bridge.

7—Sub-Stations—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Secretary, National Federation of Building Trade Operatives, Cheltenham Branch, stating that the fair wage clause was not being observed by Mr. Bellamy on his contracts for the erection of sub-stations in Swindon Road and Rowanfield Road. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Bellamy asking him for his observations.

8—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 29th ult., 5th and 17th inst, which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.4, 470.1 and 470.7 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.1, 4.8 and 4.8 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Pates (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 9th July, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	165,000 gallons	201,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	339,000 “	441,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	69,000	85,000
Total	573,000	727,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	9th July, 1928.		9th July, 1927.	
Hewletts		12,381,000 gallons		20,216,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	19ft. 3in.	41,829,000 “	21ft. 7in.	51,053,000
Leckhampton	3ft. 0in.	405,000	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		54,615,000		72,619,000

2-Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month June.

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3--Charlton Kings—Water Charges—Mr. W. S. F. Harris, Vice-chairman, and Mr. W. J. Forbes, Clerk, attended on behalf of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and asked that the water charges for their district should be reduced to the same rate as charged in the Borough. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the end of the current half year

4 --Extensions of Mains—(a) Gadshill Road—The Borough Engineer submitted an application from Mr. C. Dickins for an extension to the main in this road to supply two additional houses proposed to be built by him. RESOLVED, That the application be refused, as a constant supply could not be maintained

(b) Shurdington Road—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Mr. J. W. Brown of Harford, Shurdington Road, for an extension of the water main for 200 yards to be carried out at the cost of Mr. Brown, but such cost to be repaid by the Corporation as and when the water charges amount to 10 per cent. on the cost ; the amount re-payable in respect of the main laid by Major Rickerby and Major Harrison and the proposed extension to be pooled and divided between Mr. Brown, Major Rickerby and Major Harrison pro rata in the proportion of the amount paid by them respectively for the cost of the extension made by them. RESOLVED, That the Agreement be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

5—Mains in Croft Street, Moorend Street and Short Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the mains in Croft Street, Short Street and a portion of Moorend Street were only 11 inch and 2 inches diameter, and were nearly filled with corrosion, and recommended that a new 4 inch main be laid at an estimated cost of £500. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that he be instructed to have the work carried out.

6—Dowdeswell Waterworks—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that he estimated the cost of excavation and filling in the trench and subsequent re-instatement of the footpath and road, for the proposed new 6-inch gas main at £300. For an additional £128 two Crossley heavy oil engines could be installed, and against this extra cost there would be the value of the present gas engines, which he thought would realise at least £75. He estimated that there would be a saving of about £16 per annum in using oil instead of gas. The new engines would also be of slightly higher horsepower. RESOLVED, That Crossley oil engines be purchased and installed and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for offers for the gas engines.

(b) Prefilters—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a series of analyses of the water from the prefilters had been taken, which showed that the Bridport Sand was better than Leighton Buzzard Sand for filtering, and he recommended that Bridport Sand be used in future. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Salts Farm—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. L. G. Dunn of the 25th ult., with regard to subletting of the Farm house. RESOLVED, That the consideration be adjourned until the Committee have inspected the premises.

8—Woodlands Farm—Read, letter from Mr. S. Hobbs asking the Corporation to have the Farmhouse put in repair. RESOLVED, That consideration of this be adjourned.

9—Pollution of River Severn—The recommendations of the Meeting of Technical Officers held at the Shire Hall, Worcester, on the 23rd May last, were submitted. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Castle Barn and Home Farms—Read, Report of District Valuer upon his Valuation of these farms, which comprised altogether 583.253 acres, let at a rental of £598 4s. 0d., but subject to tithe amounting to £116. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate with Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter for the purchase of these farms.

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

G. OWEN DUNN,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th July, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann, Stewart and Taylor : Councillors Moore, Sawyer, Gen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

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

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order, No. 55—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order, relating to the declaration of a Foot and Mouth Disease Infected Area in the North, East and West Ridings of Yorkshire.

(c) Arsenical Dips for Sheep Scab—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 117 from the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to the removal of restrictions on the use of arsenical dips for Sheep Scab.

2--Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended an outbreak of fire at Oakhill, Charlton Kings, on the 24th June last, caused by defective grate. Damage slight. Expenses £3 16s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences--(a) Licences not taken up—The Town Clerk submitted list of licences not taken up. RESOLVED, That Supt. Lane be instructed to take proceedings against any persons plying for hire without Licences.

(b) Drivers—RESOLVED, That Drivers Licences be issued to S. Ernest Harding of 65 Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham and Vernon O. Lee of 20 Selkirk Street, Cheltenham,

(c) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the applications of J. Taylor and R. J. Payne for Licences Nos 13 and 12 to be transferred to Motor Cabs Nos. AD2455 and AD1472 respectively be granted.

4---Domestic Servants Registries—Read, Report of inspection of the Domestic Servants Registries in the Borough, which were all found to be satisfactory

5—Parking Place, Promenade—(a) One-way Traffic—The Town Clerk submitted draft of Order for one-way traffic at this Parking Place. RESOLVED, That this be approved and published accordingly.

(b) Read, Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce recommending that the spaces allotted for each car at this Parking Place be widened to make room for larger cars. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(c) Read, Report from the Parking Place Attendant as to a car belonging to G. Bateman parked for more than two hours contrary to the Regulations. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for breach of the regulations

6—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) Quarry—The Town Clerk reported that the " Wagon " quarry had been assessed at £80. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to appeal against this assessment.

(b) Land west side—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle stating that he had disposed of the mowing grass in the two fields at the back of the Leckhampton Reservoir for the sum of £7 10s. 0d.

7—Police Accounts—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee stating that they were unable to accept the Corporation's offer for the settlement of these accounts, and hoping that on further consideration of the matter the Corporation would agree to the accounts as submitted, but in the event of these not being accepted, the Standing Joint Committee propose to ask the Secretary of State to nominate some person to arbitrate in the matter. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply suggesting that the opinion of a Counsel to be agreed upon might be taken on the points in dispute.

8—Nursing Homes (Registration) Act, 1927—Read, letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the Council were unable to grant the application of the Corporation for the delegation to them of the powers under this Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Minister of Health against this decision.

9—Polling Stations—Read, circular of 6th inst., from the Home Office enclosing return indicating the estimated increase of each constituency consequent on the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act, 1928, and asking the Council to consider to what extent revision of the present Polling arrangements would be required in consequence of this increase. The estimated increase under the Act for Cheltenham would be 8,700 making an estimated total electorate of 34,965. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider any revision is at present required.

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10—Ex-Servicemen—Read, circular from the National Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Association asking the Corporation to support a resolution passed by the Association with regard to ex-servicemen. The resolution asked that steps should, be taken by the Government to bring the pensions of disabled ex-servicemen up to a living standard, or as an alternative where a pensioner has been out of employment for a period his pension should be immediately subsidised out of the huge surplus that is accumulating in the National Health Insurance Fund. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to support the resolution.

11—Loyal Order of the Moose—Read, letter from the Grand Secretary inviting the attendance of delegates to an Inter-national Fraternal Conference under the auspices of this Order to be held at Cardiff from the 29th July to 1st August.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that the crop of vetches at these allotments was nearly ready for cutting. RESOLVED, That these be offered to the Street and Highway Committee for the horses at the Depot at £25.

2—Creamery Piece Allotments------(a) Boundary—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing a "give and take" line to straighten the boundary between the Creamery Piece Allotments and the Folly Lane Building Estate. RESOLVED, That this be approved, subject to the consent of Mr. Baylis being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That the rents of allotments, affected by the new boundary, be adjusted accordingly.

(b) Allotment No. 36—RESOLVED, That this allotment be let to Mr. Alfred Grinham, who had agreed to pay the compensation for pig sties, etc., claimed by the outgoing tenant.

3—North Ward Allotments—(a) Nos. 188 and 189—The Town Clerk reported that the notice to quit given to the tenant of these allotments would expire on the 19th inst RESOLVED, That as soon as the notice to quit expires, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds cut down and that Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to act for the Corporation with regard to any claim for compensation made by the tenant.

(b) No. 175—Read, application from Mr. T. C. Ward, tenant of this allotment, for an allowance for cleaning the allotment. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

(c) Nos. 39 and 191—It was reported that the tenant of these allotments was giving them up in September. RESOLVED That No. 39 be let to Mr. T. Johnson and No. 191 to Mr. J. F. Ward, both of whom had agreed to pay the compensation claimed by the present tenant

4—Hall Road Allotments—A complaint was received from Mr. P. Barnfield, tenant of allotment No. 59, of the damage caused by Mr. Hicks' horses straying over these allotments, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Hicks asking him to have his fence repaired.

5—Allotment No. 18 Whaddon Lane (1920)—Read, complaint from the adjoining tenant of the condition of this allotment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenant notice terminating his tenancy of the allotment and also to take proceedings for recovery of the arrears of rent.

6—Whaddon Lane Allotments—Nos. 43 (new) and 54 (old)—Read, Report from Mr. W. J. Hamblin on the unsatisfactory condition of these allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants with regard thereto.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1928. Present Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, E. L. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—Gate from Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Committee reconsidered the closing of this gate and it was RESOLVED. That their previous decision be adhered to, especially in view of the recent narrow escape of a child from drowning in the lake.

(b) Bye-law re Dogs—Infringement—The Park Constable reported that Major Edwards had committed a breach of the byelaw requiring dogs to be on a leash. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform him that if any further infringement is reported proceedings will be taken under the byelaw.

2—Sandford Park—Read, letter from Mr. C. Bennett complaining of the rowdyism of youths in the children's playground at this Park. RESOLVED, That instructions be given to the Park Constable to

prevent this, and also That notice be put up that the swings and other equipment are only intended for the use of children under 14.

3—Trees—(a) Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mrs. E. S. Parker for the removal of a tree outside " Corinium " be adjourned for view.

(b) RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Street and Highway Committee with regard to tree near Llyndda, tree in the hedgerow Evesham Road opposite Saxham Villas and tree near the tennis court in Clarence Square Garden be approved.

4—Recreation Grounds—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That consideration of the applications for football pitches for the ensuing season be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th July, 1928 Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn and Scott Langley ; Major Cavenagh-Mainwaring ; and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During June 3,250 (against 3,739) ; daily average 125 (against 144). Included in these figures were three classes from the School of Arts and Crafts.

Receipts—Collection Box 12s 10d ; Exhibition Catalogues 10s 6d ; Permanent Catalogues 5s ; Refunded lighting expenses 13s ; Postcard Reproductions 6s 11d. Total £2 8s. 3d.

Gift by Miss Henwood—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Henwood for bearing the cost of repairs to the frame, etc., of the picture given by her last month.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Water-colours by Miss Stuart Weir closed on the 14th July, and was to be followed by an Exhibition of Studies " In and around Westminster" by J. W. Topham Vinall, N.S.A., F.R.S.A., on the 18th inst.

The examples of antique furniture were to remain on view for period about two months longer.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his Report on this Conference, held at Glasgow from the 2nd to 6th July, which was approved. He had been elected a member of the Circulating Art Exhibitions Committee of the Museums Association.

2—Church Congress Loan Exhibition—RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Curator to lend such objects as are desired from the Art Gallery and Museum.

3—Offer of Umbrella Handle—RESOLVED, That the offer of an early Victorian Umbrella Handle for £10 be not entertained.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th July, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann and Stewart ; Councillors K. W. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from the 23rd June to 20th July 1928. Interments 43 ; Grave Spaces sold 11 (First Position 2 ; Second Position 2 ; Fourth Position 7). Memorials fixed 7. New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7794 to 7804 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 Edgar Minett, George H. Pratley and Frederick B. Thornton, Memorial Headstone to grave of Laura S. Bonner ; Memorial Headpiece and kerbing to graves of Frederick A. Maisey and Frederick Sims ; Memorial Cross Bases and kerbing to graves of Eugenie M. Bankes and Martha J. Edden ; Memorial kerbing and posts to grave of Sarah A. rambling ; and Memorial kerbing to graves of Sarah E. Bubb, Charlotte Graham, Michael B. Pigg and Elizabeth Tranter.

4—Cemetery Chapel—The Superintendent reported as to the dangerous condition of the cross on the west end gable of the chapel and the Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for the provision of a new cross in bath stone. RESOLVED, That the tender of G. Boulton of £6 10s. 0d. for providing and fixing the cross be accepted.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillors Scott Langley ; Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye ; Dr. Davies ; and Messrs. E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Alderman Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts £12 0s. 11d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,078 (last year 3,408) ; Lending Department 11,536 (last year 10,123) ; Juvenile Department 2,033 (last year 1,727). Total for month 19,647 (last year 15,258).

Replacements—During the month 40 volumes had been replaced, and 71 volumes despatched to the Binder.

Chief Assistant—Mr. H. G. Fletcher had completed 12 months satisfactory service, and in accordance with the terms of his appointment his salary would advance forthwith from £160 to £170 per annum. Presentations—Miss L. F. Crawshay (£5 5s. 0d. for the purchase of a reference work) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co, Ltd. (9 pamphlets.) ; Rev. T. W. Fawthrop (16 vols.) ; Mr. B. C. Kennedy (3 vols) ; Messrs. W. Macdonald & Co, Ltd. (2 vols.) ; Ministry of Industries, Iceland (2 pamphlets.) ; Messrs. The Swiss Federal Railways (1 pamphlet.) ; Messrs. Henry Blacklock (2 covers),

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

2—Purchase of Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 174 vols., new books, published at £87 12s. 6d., be purchased for £50 4s. 1d. ; (b) That the sum of £40 be spent on replacements ; (c) That the sum of £40 be spent on re-binding.

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3—Offer of Periodicals—(a) That the offer of " New India," weekly, gratis, be declined with thanks.

(b) That the offer of " The National Temperance Quarterly," gratis, be accepted with thanks.

4 Report by the Chief Sanitary Inspector—RESOLVED, That this be referred to a Sub-Committee composed of the Chairman ; Alderman Taylor ; and Dr. R. Davies, with power to act in any matter which requires immediate action.

5—Timber RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to purchase timber to the value of £5 for the erection of rough shelving in the cellar.

6—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including Newspaper Room, be closed on August 6th.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd July, 1928. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Taylor; Councillors Gen. Thomas, H. W. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1- Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of assessments of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That proposals be submitted for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—Four statements and letters as to unpaid rates were considered and dealt with.

3—Remission of Rates—RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held on the 7th August to interview applicants for remission of rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th July, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Moore, Pruen, Welstead and Sir R. Wapshare (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—(General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the first Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £87,126 19s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £30,691 17s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £14,324 10s, 3d, Leaving outstanding £5,041 16s. 8d.

3—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received E7,100 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 £2,100 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased the following Corporation Stock. viz. £2,329 at 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. cum. div. equal to 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. RESOLVED, That the sum of £2,329 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.

5-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £50 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during June was 3,090, as compared with 3,191 for the corresponding month last year

7—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions to Loans :—

Date, 1928.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
16th July	For sewerage works, Folly Lane Housing Estate	£402	30 years.
16th July	For road works at Folly Lane Housing Estate	£2,155	20 years.

8—Reciprocal Investment of Waterworks Reserve Fund—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to arrange terms with the Reading Corporation for investment of the sum of £5,000 of the Waterworks Reserve Fund on a reciprocal loan.

9—Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922—(a) Gardens Superintendent—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the designation of the post of Gardens Superintendent as established for the purposes of the above act.

(b) G. Harme—The Borough Treasurer reported that G. Harme retired automatically on the 26th ult. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 10s per week calculated on his wages for the last 5 years on a non-contributory basis of 27 years service.

10—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 24th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Moore, Welstead and Sir R. Wapshare. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th August, 1928.

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 September, 1928, 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 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, 30th July, 1928, at 3 p.m. Present

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

Aldermen Mann, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, L. Scott Langley, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Bendall; Councillors Dicks, Sawyer and Wheeler, M.B.E.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly

Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd July, 1928 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 July 9
Joint Meeting of Public Health Committee and Medical and School Attendance Sub-Committee...	Meeting held July 19
Housing	Meeting held July 10

(An amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Dunn : " That Minute No. 3 with regard to Houses, Kingsley Gardens, be referred back" was lost)

Slum Areas Clearance	Meeting held July 17
Maternity and Child Welfare	Meeting held July 23
Street and Highway	Meetings held July 6 and 16

(Except Minute No. 2 (b))

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 6 with regard to the Highways Superintendent, be referred back for further consideration."

PLAN No. 2536—The Chairman reported that a deputation from the Ladies College had offered to recommend their Council to give a strip of land, part of the garden of Roderic House, as shown on the plan submitted for the widening of Suffolk Road, subject to the Corporation agreeing to rebuild the boundary wall 6 feet high on the garden level to the new line of frontage. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that plan No. 2536 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and on condition that the strip of land offered is given up.

Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held July 13 and 20
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held July 18
Water	" " 12
General Purposes and Watch	" " 17
Allotments	" " 9
Parks and Recreation Grounds	" 9
Art Gallery and Museum	" " 13
Burial Board	" " 20

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Public Library	Meeting held July 10
Rating	Meeting held July 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.

3—High Street—Streamer—Read, application of 30th inst., from the Hon. Treasurer, Withington Flower Show and Sports for permission to place a streamer across the High Street in connection with the Flower Show. Resolved, That permission be given for the streamer to be hung on the 10th and 11th August, subject to the usual conditions.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, 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, 3rd September, 1928.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 7th August, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Gen. Thomas and Sir Richard Wapshare (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Sale of House—(a) The following offer was reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price
3 Kingsley Gardens	Nurse F. A. Webb	£750.

RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health), That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser in a Mortgage to the Building Society for an advance not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and That the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th July, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Mann ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair)

1—Town Planning Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted map showing the area proposed to be included and the general principles to be included in the scheme together with explanatory report thereon. RESOLVED, That a meeting of the representatives of the several authorities affected by the scheme be held at an early date to consider the scheme.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th August, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 13th July to 16th August, 1928 (inclusive). Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 9th August, 1928, 861 loads (857 tons, 12 cwts.) collected ; 858 loads (854 tons, 15 cwts.) consumed and 3 loads tipped away.

3—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

4—Diversion of Heavy Traffic—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. E. A. Towell stating that he must withdraw the permission granted by him for two signs to be erected on the railings of 8 Raymond Terrace unless different signs other than those erected were fixed. RESOLVED, That Mr. Towell be informed that the Committee will consider what steps can be taken to provide alternative signs.

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5 -Street Projections (a) Report of Street Inspector—Read, Report of Street Inspector forwarding list of 34 signs erected without permission, three of which would be removed, and permission would be applied for the remainder to remain erected (b) Applications-Resolved, That the following applications for permission to erect signs be granted subject to their complying with the usual conditions :—

Name	Address.	No. of Signs.
Mrs. E. Smith —	St. Albans Café, Manchester Street	2
S. F. Robinson	The Spread Eagle Inn, High Street	1 lamp
E. W. & W. J. Moore	The Bath Road Coal Exchange ...	1
F. C. Baldwin	2 Royal Well Place ...	1 lamp
E. H. Stallard	423 High Street .	1
C. Barnett & Sons ..	2 Montpellier Street ..	1 lamp
John Fisher & Sons .	1a Regent Street . .	2
E. Knott & Co.	5a North Street — .	1
Taylor Bros.	Bennington Garage, Bennington Street ..	1
Jacobs & D'Rane ...	190 High Street	1

(c) Salem Chapel—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. E. J. Batstone on behalf of the Salem Baptist Church for permission to hang two direction signs, one on the electric lamp standard in the Promenade, near the South African War Memorial, and the other on the Clarence Street Lamp be granted so far as this Committee is concerned.

6—Post Office Telegraphs—Hales Road, Montpellier Street and Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department to place an underground telegraphic line along and across Hales Road, and along Montpellier Street and Hatherley Road be granted and that the reinstatement of the trenches be undertaken by the Corporation on the usual terms.

7—Trees—(a) 2 Pittville Villas—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. M. Hone for the tree opposite this house to be pruned, be granted.

(b) Promenade—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mr. F. W. Billings for the removal of a lime tree opposite Gloucester Lodge be adjourned for view.

(c) Hewlett Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mrs. Ricarde Seaver for a tree in front of her house, St. Margarets, Hewlett Road, to be pruned, be adjourned for view.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 20th August, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann and Councillor Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye 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.
2553	Brunt, S. H.	Motor house, Wilton House, Lansdown Road.
2554	Askew, Rev. F.	Motor house, Kinsham Villa, Gloucester Road.
2555	Stephens, H.	New sitting room addition, Eslington, Thirlestaine Road
2556	Perry, E. S.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
2557	Taylor, J. H.	One detached house, Naunton Lane.
2558	Bayley, L. W.	Alterations to 4 Little Promenade (Ormond Place).
2559	Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Garage, Dunalley Street,
2560	Hawkins, G. A.	Two semi-detached houses, Battledown Approach.
2561	Fuller, Mrs. M. E.,	Motor house, Portmore Lodge, St. George's Road.
2562	Wells, W. F.	Motor house, Denham Lodge, Lansdown Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2553, 2554, 2556, 2557, 2559, 2560 and 2561 be approved, that Plans Nos. 2555 and 2558 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plan No. 2562 be disapproved.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 7th August, 1928, Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dunn, Gen. Thomas and Sir Richard Wapshare (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—Remission of Rates—Applicants for remission of rates were interviewed, and their applications considered and dealt with.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th August, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Miller, Moore, E. L. Ward and Sir R. Wapshare (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst, on the collection of the first Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £106,565 10s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £11,253 6s 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September next Amount collected £16,769 15s. 1d Leaving outstanding £2,596 11s. 10d

3—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,800 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during July was 4,553, as compared with 3,872 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Reciprocal Investment of Reserve Funds—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had provisionally arranged with the Reading Corporation to invest £5,000 of the Waterworks Reserve Fund for a term of 5 years from the 14th September, 1928 and thereafter terminable on 6 months notice at 4 ½ per cent., and also at a later date a further sum of £5,000 of the Electricity Reserve Fund at 4 ½ per cent terminable at any time on 6 months notice. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Debentures.

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 28th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Miller. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th September, 1928.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of October, 1928, 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 and to pass formal Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme for the area comprising a portion of the Borough of Cheltenham, Charlton Kings Urban District Council and areas within the Rural Districts of Cheltenham, Northleach, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb as shown on the map prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

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

4. GLOUCESTER ROAD SCHOOL.-To authorise application for sanction to loan of £1,400 for purchase and lay out of land for playing field.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd September, 1928, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, L. Scott Langley, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. H. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., J. F. Ward and Welstead, K.S.G.,

Apologies— Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sendai], and Councillor Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th July, 1928 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 :—

Housing Meeting held August 7

Street and Highway Meetings held July 30 and August 20

Rating Meeting held August 7

Finance Meeting held August 8

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—The Late Sir James Tynte Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P.—Resolved, That the Council desire to record their deep regret at the death of the Right Honourable Sir James Tynte Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., the first honorary freeman of the Borough, twice Mayor of Cheltenham and member of Parliament for the Borough for the long period of 44 years and who throughout his long life showed a devoted interest in the welfare of the Borough and by his generosity and courtesy endeared himself to all classes of the inhabitants of Cheltenham and the Council also desire to express their sincere sympathy with his brother Colonel Arthur Agg-Gardner in his bereavement.

4-The Rector of Cheltenham.—Resolved, That the Council convey their hearty congratulations to the Rev. Canon H. A. Wilson, Rector of Cheltenham and Mayor's Chaplain on his forthcoming elevation to the Bishopric of Chelmsford.

5—Fallon Bequest.—Read letter of 30th ult., from Messrs. Bubb & Co, stating that by the will of the late Mrs. Fallon she bequeathed her picture of Lord Brouncker attributed to Sir Peter Lely to the Art Gallery and Museum and asking if the Corporation were prepared to accept this. Resolved, That this be referred to the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

6—Alderman Bendall.—Read, letter of 31st ult., from Mr. Alderman J. D. Bendall stating that owing to ill health he did not intend to seek re-election in November next.

7 -Montpellier Gardens.—Read, letter from the Secretary, Central Brotherhood asking the Corporation to grant permission for the use of the Proscenium at Montpellier Gardens for their Sunday afternoon meetings until the 30th September. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Resolved, That arrangements be made for an amplifier to be fitted up on the occasion of the opening of Sandford Park.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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, 1st October, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James, Moore, Pruen Gen, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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. :-9a, 9b, 11 and 12 Kew Place; 7 Ambrose Place ; 1 Pittville Lodge ; 20 St. George's Street ; and 7 Albert Street, St. Paul's.---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 6 Hereford Passage ; 9a Russell Place; 8 Victoria Place, Fairview ; 2 Brooksdale Cottages, Croft Street ; 3 Worcester Street ; 41 Duke Street and 7 St. George's Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. RESOLVED, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Lansdown Castle Stores ; 32 Montpellier Villas ; 7 and 8 Albert Street, St. Paul's ; 33 and 35 Russell Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Portland Cottages; and 65 Upper Park 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) Ingram House, North Place.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration.. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

(c) 7 Windsor Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had not complied with the Notice to carry out the works required. He submitted three tenders for the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. A. J. Hyett of £18 (being the lowest) be accepted.

4—Insanitary Property—(a) 7 Ambrose Place; Aireworth, Painswick Road; Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Andover Street ; 34 Malvern Street ; 1 Elm Gardens, Swindon Road ; Nos. 13, 13a, 14, 15,16 and 17 Russell Place ; and 44 Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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) 6 Belmont Terrace; 13 and 14 Cleaveland Street ; 17 Burton Street ; and 22 Stoneville Street.—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 five tenders for the works required. RESOLVED, That the following tenders (being the lowest in each case) be accepted :-6 Belmont

Terrace, Mr. W. Williams £14 14s. 6d. ; 13 and 14 Cleeve-land Street, Mr E. J. Welch £5 0s. 0d. ; 17 Burton Street, Mr. J. Jenkins £7 1s. 0d. ; and 22 Stoneville Street, Mr. J. Jenkins £2 2s. 0d.

(c) 19, 20 and 45 Rutland Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 14th 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. E. J. Welch at the cost of £13 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be asked to submit statement at the next Meeting with regard to the accounts due from the Owner of these houses in respect of other properties.

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5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 25 lbs. beef ; 3 qrs. 6 lbs. pork ; 3 tins corned beef ; 18 lbs. fish ; 42 lbs. cod ; 3 boxes kippers ; 28 lbs. dried haddock ; 1 box herrings ; 8 tins of fruit ; and 6 tins of milk.

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

7—Sewers—Ormond Place—The Borough Surveyor reported the recommendation of the Plans Sub-Committee to lay a sewer in Ormond Place. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and that the work be carried out.

8—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer—The Town Clerk reported that the terms of appointment had been approved by the Ministry of Health and he had advertised inviting applications to be sent in by the 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the following be appointed a Selection Sub-Committee, viz.: The Chairman ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and Pruen.

9—Disinfectants—Read, circular from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the regulations concerning the shape and labelling of bottles used for the sale of liquid poisons. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to see that these regulations are complied with in regard to disinfectants supplied by his department.

10—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Nos. 1 and 2 Albert Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health having made a representation that these houses were 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 Subsection (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 Owners and Occupiers.

(b) No. 1a Gloucester Place—RESOLVED, That an Order be made rescinding the Closing Order made by the Council on the 5th December, 1927, in respect of this house which had now been made fit for human habitation.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Moore, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Sales of Houses—The following offers were reported :—

Situation.	Name of Purchaser.	Price.
139 Tennyson Road	H. J. Flook	£520
2 Spenser Road	G. L. Keys	£495
3	M. Baskott	£495
6	H. J. Hibbard	£495
13	M. A. Bissett	£495
14	W. Beck	£495
8 Kingsley Gardens	Mr. and Mrs. March	£750

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 139 Tennyson Road, 2, 6 and 13 Spenser Road and 8 Kingsley Gardens in Mortgages 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.

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2—Housing etc., Act, 1923--Pilford Gardens—RESOLVED, That a Provisional Certificate for a subsidy of £50 be issued to Mr. C. W. Phillips in respect of a house to be erected by him in this road for his own occupation containing 940 super feet and to be erected at a density of 10.37 to the acre subject to his undertaking to comply with the usual conditions and to the approval of the Ministry of Health being obtained

3—Outbuildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the erection of sheds at 32 Tennyson Road and 11 Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved subject to the buildings being placed behind the houses,

4—Redecoration of Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Contractor had redecorated 120 houses, leaving about 28 to complete the contract.

5—Sale of Land—(a) Shakespeare Road—Read, letter from Mr. F. H. A. Pow, owner of 30 Shakespeare Road, offering to purchase the land at the rear of his house comprising about 500 sq. yards. Mr. Rainger reported that the sale of this land would not interfere with the development of the remaining land. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to report as to the value of the land.

6—Telephone Pole—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office for consent to place an additional stay to the telephone pole erected in the garden of 72 Milton Road be granted.

7—Garden Prize Scheme—The Sub-Committee reported the prizes awarded by them to the Owners and Tenants. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

8—Electricity Service Cables—Read, letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer that in future contracts it would be necessary to provide for the cost of the electric service cables as the loan for this work was now exhausted. RESOLVED, That this be provided for accordingly.

9—New Houses—(a) Rents—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement showing that the maximum rent chargeable for the 38 houses in course of erection under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1924, ascertained in accordance with the Rules under the Act was 11s a week. RESOLVED, That a rent of 10s per week be charged for the houses, tenants paying rates, etc.

(b) Mr. Rainger submitted model layout and sketch plans of houses to be erected along a new road from Spenser Road to Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that he be instructed to prepare plans and specifications of the houses.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th September, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1-38, 40 and 42 Malvern Street—Read, letter of 24th July, from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles offering this property, in respect of which a Closing Order and Demolition Order had been made, for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be instructed to value the property.

2—Tenancy Conditions—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles enquiring if there was any objection to tenants keeping rabbits RESOLVED, That no objection be made, provided the rabbits are kept at least 15 feet from the backs of the houses.

3-39 Malvern Street—Read, letter of 22nd July, from Mr. W. H. Littley, owner of 37 Malvern Street, asking to be allowed to use the entrance leading into the side passage of 37 Malvern Street for the removal of ashes, etc. and offering to pay an annual acknowledgement of 1s a year. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect and report on the matter.

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4-19 Hudson Street—Read, application from the tenant of this house asking to be allowed to transfer to another similar house on the estate. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to do so, subject to the Corporation not being put to any expense with regard to redecoration, etc.

5—Davis' Land—The Town Clerk submitted draft contract for the purchase of this property.. RESOLVED, That the same be approved as amended by the Committee.

6-42 Manser Street—Read, letter from the tenant of 42 Manser Street asking to be allowed to transfer into a two-bedroom house as two of her sons had left home. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7-Houses, Folly Lane—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Trades and Labour Council asking that the Contractors should be requested to employ Cheltenham men as far as practicable in preference to men residing outside the Borough, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Contractors with reference thereto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Stanhope Street—Applications were received from tenants in Stanhope Street for the provision of dividing fences in the larger blocks of houses, similar to those provided on the Hanover Street Estate. RESOLVED, That fences be provided at an estimated cost of £5.

9—Inspection—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report on his inspection of houses in Cobham Road, Elm Street, Maud's Elm Terrace and Malvern Street. His report showed that at Nos. 1 and 4 Maud's Elm Terrace the waste pipes had been deliberately damaged and at 15 Cobham Road a door had been forced and damaged. RESOLVED, That the tenants of these houses be informed that they must pay for making good this damage or they would be given notice to quit. RESOLVED, also, That the other defects reported be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillors Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 7th and 17th inst. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and adopted.

Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 17th August, 1928 to 13th September, 1928 (inclusive). Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th September, 1928, 668 loads (647 tons, 4 cwts.) collected, 644 loads (621 tons, 4 cwts.) consumed and 24 loads tipped away.

3—Street Projections—RESOLVED, That the following applications for permission to erect projecting signs be granted subject to the usual conditions, viz. :—

Name.	Address.	No. of Signs.
Lloyd & Gregory, Ltd.	418 The Strand	2
Miss D. E. James	69 High Street	2
W. Tapp	312 High Street	1
W. A. Woof, Ltd. ..	1 Regent Street	1

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4—Gloucester Road--(a) Post Office Telegraphs—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs to place an overhead telegraphic line with three poles along Gloucester Road, be granted, subject to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, to six

feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the poles if required, and to the poles being painted green.

(b) Footpath—Read, letter of 28th ult., from Mr. J. Spencer, complaining of the state of the footpath on the north side of Gloucester Road from Arle Court to Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for inspection and report.

5—Queens Road—(a) Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported that an electricity cable had been laid along the centre of the tar macadam footpath adjoining Cypher's Nursery in Queen's Road, and he recommended that this length of footpath should be paved similar to the footpath on either side, subject to the Electricity Department contributing the amount of reinstating their trench. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Trees—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mrs. C. Hislop asking that several trees in this road near Greswolde should be pruned. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

6—St. George's Parade—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor also reported that an electricity cable had been laid on the west footpath of this street, and in this case he recommended that as the existing paving stones were unsatisfactory it was desirable to provide new slabs. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Electricity Department be asked to lay the slabs at their cost.

7—Traffic Signs—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and consider as to the erection of direction signs in High Street at the end of Pittville Street and in Gloucester Road directing to Tewkesbury.

8—Oxford Passage—Councillor Yarnold suggested that a notice should be erected in this passage with the words "No way out for motors," RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

9—Bath Road—Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from Nazareth House to give up a piece of land at the corner of Bath Road and lane at the rear of Montpellier Terrace for rounding off the corner subject to the Corporation rebuilding the wall, removing the gates and relaying the entrance drive to Nazareth House. He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £80. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see if a modified improvement cannot be arranged at a less cost.

10--Refuse Destructor—The Committee considered report of the Sub-Committee on their inspections of the refuse disposal systems at Bradford, Brighouse, Royton, Bolton and Birmingham. The Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged for an experimental trial of the system of tipping the refuse as now used at Bradford. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Diversion of Heavy Traffic—The Borough Surveyor reported that on Tuesday, 11th September, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the corner of Sandford Mill and Old Bath Roads a census of traffic was taken. The total number of vehicles along Sandford Mill Road was 732 including 451 motor vehicles and at Old Bath Road 498 including 210 motor vehicles.

12—Westal Green Electricity Sub-Station—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was placing a three-foot footpath along the north and south sides of this Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 7th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Leigh James and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye 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.
2562	Wells, W. F.	Motor house, Denham Lodge, Lansdown Road.
2564	Phillips, C. W. and Messrs. Bendall & Sons.	Two semi-detached houses ; Pilford Gardens off Old Bath Road.
2565	Cheltenham Corporation	Electricity Sub-station, North Place.
2566	Pike, G. R. C.	Two semi-detached houses, Halland Road.
2567	Saunders, R. H.	Detached house, on proposed new road off Moorend Park Road.
2568	Rickerby & Co.	Conversion into flats, 15 Royal Crescent.
2569	Leishman & Copeland, Messrs.	Garages, Wellington Street.
2570	Gwillim, J.	Motor house, 31 Alstone Avenue.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2562, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2569 and 2570 be approved, and that Plan No. 2568 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th September, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye 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.
2573	Jackson, H.	Motor house, St. Auvergne, Queen's Road.
2574	Yolland, H. H.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
2575	Norton & Whitton	Additions to existing stores, 28a St. George's Place.
2576	Goulding, O. H.	Lock-up Garages, Lansdown Place Lane.
2577	Reed & Patterson, Messrs.	New show rooms, Bath Road.
2578	Griffiths, Mrs.	Motor house, Lydart, Priory Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2573, 2574 and 2576 be approved, but that in the case of Plan No. 2576, 9 inch exterior walls be required; that Plan No. 2575 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plan No. 2577 be approved, subject to the land in front of the building line being given up to form part of the public highway; and that Plan No. 2578 be disapproved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair),

1—Sandford Park—High Street Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan prepared by Mr. Edward White for the lay-out of the High Street Entrance to the Park. RESOLVED, That this plan be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the constructional work leaving the gardening lay-out to be carried out by direct labour.

2—Gardens Exhibition—The Town Clerk reported as to the photographs selected by Mr. Edward White for exhibition at the Gardens Exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

3— Advertising—Read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that the Great Western Railway Co. had agreed with the Chamber of Commerce to exhibit 500 posters at their stations without charge, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Winter Gardens—(a) Read, application of 15th inst., from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Canine Society for the free use of the Winter Garden Ground for a Dog Show to be held on the 17th October next, and for permission to erect a large marquee at the rear end of the Winter Garden and to screen the railings round the Winter Garden. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, subject to the Society undertaking to make good any damage caused to the turf, etc.

(b) Church Congress—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Church Congress to erect a tent on the gravel footpath or tennis court at the back of the Winter Garden for the period of the Church Congress Exhibition.

(c) Read, letter from the National Co-operative Mens Guild protesting against the enclosure of such a large area at the Winter Garden for chairs at the band concerts and asking the Committee to arrange for the position of the chairs at band performances so as to afford people not seated a better position than now provided. RESOLVED, That this be considered by the Concerts Sub-Committee when making arrangements for the concerts next season.

5—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of these baths be granted to the Cheltenham Schools Swimming Association on Friday, 21st inst., for their Annual Gala.

(b) Badminton—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Cheltenham Badminton Club applying for the use of the Alstone Baths for the season 1928-29. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant the use of the baths on the same terms as last year, commencing on the 13th October.

6—Town Hall—Pharmaceutical Conference—Read, letter of 2nd inst, from the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain enclosing resolution thanking the Corporation for the use of the Town Hall for their Conference.

(b) National Union of Teachers—Read, letter from Mr. A C. White of the Cheltenham Teachers Association stating that his Association had decided to repeat its invitation to the Executive to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in August, 1930, and asking for the free use of the Town Hall for the Conference. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write supporting this invitation to hold the Conference in Cheltenham.

7—Sunday Concerts—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended and submitted list of Sunday Concerts which had been arranged by the Concerts Sub-Committee. The average cost of each concert would not exceed £5 5s 0d. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st September, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dunn, Pruen, Sawyer, H. W. Thomas, E. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

8—Sandford Park—Read, letter from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton offering the gift of the film of the opening of Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That this be accepted with thanks.

9-1, 2 and 3 Vernon Place—Read, letter from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles offering this property for sale. RESOLVED. That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the property.

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10—Rates Booklet—Read, letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., offering to supply a booklet setting forth the details of expenditure of the money raised for rates for issue to ratepayers. They would supply 16,000 copies per annum free of charge, the cost being covered by local advertisements. The printed matter would be subject to the approval of the Corporation and the offer was subject to the condition that for a period of two years no other similar publication should be authorised by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

11—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 24th July, 28th August and 11th September were read.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Winter Orchestra—That a Celeste Piano be purchased for £12 10s. 0d.

(b) Town Hall—That the free use of the Card Room be granted on a date to be arranged to the Hospital Extension Fund Committee.

(c) Summer Bands—That Military Bands be engaged next season commencing on the 19th May until 8th September inclusive.

(d) Morning Concerts—That the offer of Mr. Horace Teague to supply an orchestra to play each morning at £12 10s 0d. per week be accepted.

(e) Hotel Accommodation—The Sub-Committee also reported that the hotels in Cheltenham were very full and they considered there was a need of additional hotel accommodation and they had instructed the Spa Manager to write to several London firms calling their attention to this.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved, except that with regard to (c) the commencement of the Summer Band Season be 2nd June instead of 19th May.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th September, 1928. Present :—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dunn, Moore, Sir R. Wapshare and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Sub-Stations—(a) North Place—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of the Committee he had obtained tenders for the erection of North Place Sub-Station, and had accepted the lowest tender, namely, that of Messrs. Morris & Sons of £1,112 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract.

2—Public Lighting—(a) Cambray—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to alterations to the footpath at the corner of Cambray and Bath Street it was necessary to remove the lamp post, and he had arranged with the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co., for a lamp to be fixed on the tramway standard on the other side of the road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Hale's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plan of the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

3—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 £98 8s. 9d.

4—Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to the illness of Mr. Smeeton, the Station Superintendent, and his Assistant, Mr. Muntzer, and as to the arrangements he had made for carrying on their work during their illnesses.

Fire Extinguishers—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase 12 Pyrene Fire Extinguishers.

5- St. George's Place—Stores—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received notification from Mrs Freeman of an increase in the rental for the Stores in St. George's Place from £35 to £52 per annum plus rates. RESOLVED, That the tenancy be continued at the increased rental.

6-Bulk Supply (a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the erection of the Bulk Supply Sub-Station in Hesters Way and the necessary switch gear was proceeding, but it would not be completed until February next, and the Shropshire Power Co. had arranged to give a temporary supply from Tewkesbury next month. He would therefore shortly be able to commence the change over to the new system of some of the consumers in the Lansdown District. The whole of the cables for the first part of the ring main, amounting to 12,900 yards had been completed, and the Sub- Stations at Martyns, Westal Green and Swindon Road were completed, and the erection of switch gear was proceeding at Westal Green and Martyns Sub-Stations.

(b) Martyns Supply—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms with Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., with regard to the alteration of plant necessitated by the change of system.

7—Wiring Rules—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Wiring Regulations of the Institution of Electrical Engineers adopted by the Corporation were revised last year and a Ninth Edition was issued in May, 1927. In May, this year, some new Regulations were added dealing with Radio Apparatus connected to public or private supply mains, and he recommended that the Corporation should now adopt the Ninth Edition of the Regulations together with the new Radio Regulations. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that these new Regulations be adopted

8—Accounts, 1927-28—The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1928 was submitted, showing a net surplus for the year of £7,405 17s. 9d., which with the balance brought forward from last year of £2,546 14s. 4d. gave a surplus for disposal of £9,952 12s. 1d. RESOLVED, That the accounts be approved, and the surplus allocated as follows:—Renewals Fund £3,000, Reserve Fund £5,000, Carried Forward £1,952 12s. 1d.

9—Direction Sign—Read, application from the Salem Chapel for permission to erect a direction sign on the lamp standard in the Promenade, near the South African War Memorial and one on the Clarence Street Lamp. RESOLVED, That permission be given to erect the sign on the lamp standard in the Promenade, subject to compliance with the usual conditions, but that the application in respect of the Clarence Lamp be not granted.

10—Gas Tests—Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 22nd and 30th July, 9th, 11th, 28th and 31st ult., 5th, 14th and 18th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 474.1, 474.0, 472.0, 471.54, 470.6, 471.15, 471.77, 473.25 and 472.3 B.Th.U., respectively, and the pressure 4.5, 5.4, 4.7, 5.1, 4.8, 5.4, 5.0, 5.3, and 5.1 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th September, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn, Moore, Pates and Sir Richard Wapshare (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 September, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	103,000 gallons	134,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	177,000	306,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	28,000	48,000 “
Total	308,000	488,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 10th September, 1928.	Contents	Depth 10th September, 1927.	Contents
Hewletts		8,864,000 gallons		17,876,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 7in.	22,923,000 “	15ft. 8in.	29,282,000 “
Leckhampton	Empty	9ft, 0in.	1,215,000 “
Total Storage		31,787,000 “		48,373,000 “

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of July,

3 —Trunk Main—Tewkesbury Road to Lansdown—The Borough Engineer submitted 32 tenders for laying new 9-inch main from Tewkesbury Road to Lansdown. The tenders were based upon a schedule of prices, and the actual amount would be ascertained on the completion of the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. A. Waddington & Sons of Sheffield of £5,147 be accepted subject to a formal contract and bond being entered into.

4—Dowdeswell Waterworks—(a) Pre-filters—The Borough Engineer reported that a test had been made to ascertain the actual horsepower of the existing engines and that it would be an advantage to get a slightly more powerful engine than that authorised at the last meeting of the Committee, and he submitted amended tender for two Crossley Heavy Oil Engines of 22 horse power of £532. The makers had now definitely agreed to make an allowance of £80 for the existing engines. RESOLVED, That the tender be accepted and that Minute No. 6 (a) passed at the last meeting of the Committee on the 30th July last, be varied accordingly.

(b) Fishing—RESOLVED, That the use of worms and gentles for fishing at the Dowdeswell Reservoir be not allowed,

5—Salts Farm—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell and that the farm be inspected.

6--Pollution of River Severn—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing recommendations on the draft report of the meeting of technical officers of local authorities held at Worcester on the 23rd May last. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

7—Supply to Cleeve Hill—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Winchcomb Rural District Council enquiring what charge the Corporation would make for water supplied in bulk to Cleeve Hill. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Corporation would be prepared to provide a bulk supply at a charge of 1s 3d. per 1,000 gallons.

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

9—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 the 29th inst., until the arrears are paid,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th September, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Mann and Stewart : Councillors Moore, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals— (a) Inspector—RESOLVED, That Supt. W. J. P. Goulner be appointed Inspector for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

(b) Anthrax Order, 1928—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order and circular which had been published as requested by the Ministry.

(c) Supt. Goulder reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2--Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847—RESOLVED, That Supt. W. J. P. Goulder be appointed Officer for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act and any Byelaws made thereunder, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

3—Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment—RESOLVED, That Supt. W. J. P. Goulder be appointed Hackney Carriage Inspector and Street Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution

4—Ex-Supt. Lane—RESOLVED, That the Committee record their appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Ex-Supt. W. J. Lane, who retired on the 1st inst.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) New Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Kenneth Reginald Payne of 2 Moreton Place, Charlton Kings for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of motor cab No. LA819 be granted.

(b) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the application of George William Young, G. W. Hawker and H. Taylor for transfers of Licences Nos 53, 33 and 64 to new Cabs purchased by them be granted.

(c) Drivers—RESOLVED, That the applications of C. Box, R. Taylor, H. Taylor, L. W. Browning, J. A. Wildsmith, K. R. Payne and R. J. Street for Drivers Licences, be granted.

(d) Conductors—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. H. Aston, T. S. Brownnett, L. Perry, and C. H. Barnfield for Conductors Licences, be granted.

6--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) Transfer of Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. P. A. Gray, for the licences to store petroleum now held by Mr. A. G. Weeks. to be transferred to him, be granted

7—Petroleum Act, 1928—Read, circular from the Home Office, enclosing copy of Petroleum Act, 1928, and calling attention to the provisions of this Act, and in particular to the sections which enabled local authorities to make byelaws regulating the appearance of petrol filling stations, and stating that a departmental committee had been appointed to frame model byelaws.

8—Shops Act, 1928—Read, circular from the Home Office calling attention to the provisions of the Shops Act, 1928, which repealed the Acts of 1920 and 1921, and made permanent provision for the general closing of shops (with certain exceptions) not later than 9 p.m. on one day in the week and not later than 8 p.m. on any other day of the week. 9—Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1928—The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1928, which provided that the speed of heavy motor cars not drawing a trailer should not exceed :—(a) If fitted with pneumatic tyres, twenty miles an hour.

(b) If fitted with tyres made of soft or elastic material, twelve miles an hour.

(c) If not fitted with either pneumatic tyres or tyres made of soft or elastic materials and the weight of the motor car unladen does not exceed 3 tons, and the registered weight of no axle thereof exceeds 6 tons, eight miles an hour ; and

(d) In any other case, five miles an hour.

10—Parking Places--Promenade—Read, letter from Miss Baddely and Miss Pitcher of the Imperial Rooms complaining that the one-way traffic Order had adversely affected their business and asking that the Order might be rescinded. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

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11—Regulation of Traffic—(a) London Road—Mr. Ed. J. Burrow attended and suggested that a one-way traffic Order should be made in respect of Sandford Mill Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a white line painted at the junction of the road and London Road and the word "slow."

(b) RESOLVED, That Supt. Goulder be asked to consider and report as to the desirability of making a one-way traffic Order in respect of Winchcomb Street, Pittville Street and North Place and that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

12—Taxi Office—Read, letter from Mr. L. W. Barnard asking on behalf of himself and the Royal Insurance Co., The Car Mart, The " Echo" Office, Mr. Bunting and Mr. J. H. Boulter that the taxi office should be removed to some other position. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration and report.

13—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fires :-16th September, 1928-3 Oriel Terrace. Cause—Flashing of electric wiring. 17th September, 1928—New Studland, Leckhampton Hill. Cause—Motor car on fire : damage slight.

14--Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) Land, West side Leckhampton Road—Read, letter from Mrs. Elwes offering £35 per acre for 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land adjoining the reservoir. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted and that this and adjoining pasture land be let to Mr. A. Byard on a yearly tenancy at £13 10s. 0d. per annum, Mr. Byard paying rates, etc.

(b) Trees—Councillor Sawyer reported that Mr. J. K. Bradbury had offered to provide 1,000 pine trees to be planted on the Estate. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Bradbury and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to the desirability and cost of planting the trees.

15—Unemployment—Read, letter from the Prime Minister urging employers to find additional employment for the unemployed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. Vizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1—Rainbow Piece—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that as the crop of vetches was more than could be consumed by Corporation horses the crop had been sold to Mr Parry of the Riding School for £10. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That arrangements be made to have the vacant portions of this field planted with oats and clover.

2—Inspection of Allotments—Read, report of inspection of allotments by Messrs. Davis, Reid and Hamblin. RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the various allotments reported to require attention.

(b) That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the tenants of Nos. 27, 160 and 161 North Ward Allotments ; 54 (old) East Ward ; 23, 33 and 49 Hall Road, terminating their tenancies.

3—Prizes—**The Prize Sub-Committee** reported that they had inspected the allotments and awarded the following prizes :—First Prize £2 0s. 0d. ; 3 allotments 15s each ; 2 allotments 13s each ; and 3 allotments 5s each.

4—North Ward Allotments 188 and 189—RESOLVED, That allotment 189 be divided into four portions and offered to the tenants of adjoining allotments Nos. 190-193, and that 188 be let as a separate allotment.

WALTER J. M. DICKS,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1928, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Sawyer, Gen, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Sandford Park--(a) Childrens' Convenience—RESOLVED, That a convenience be provided for the childrens playground in accordance with the plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor at an estimated cost of £150.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against any persons infringing the byelaw requiring dogs to be on a leash.

2—Whaddon Lane—(a) Trees—RESOLVED, That the alternate trees in the row of Italian Poplars on the Southern Boundary be removed and the remaining trees lopped.

(b) Fencing—RESOLVED, also, That provision be made in the next estimates for 70 yards of iron railings on the Southern Boundary.

3—Pittville Park—Assessment—The Town Clerk reported that the assessment of the Pittville Pump Room, Gardens and Premises had been reduced from £220 gross £180 rateable to £148 gross £120 rateable.

4—Trees----4 Pittville Terrace—Read, letter from Mrs. Skinner asking for the removal of tree in front of her house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

5--- -Recreation Grounds Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That the following applications for permission to play football be granted :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Days of Play.
Agg-Gardner St.	Gregory's Rugby F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“ “	St. Paul's Old Boys A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Rugby F.C.	Saturdays.
“ “	Naunton Park United	Saturdays.

“	“	Cheltenham Co-operative Employees A.F.C.	Wednesdays.
Whaddon Road		Central School Old Boys A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	“	Wesley Sunday School A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.

St. Mark's Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the application of the St. Mark's A.F.C. be refused as the ground is not yet ready for play.

NV. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th September, 1928. Present—Councillors Dunn, Scott Langley, Brig.-Gen. Thomas and Capt. Trye, Col. J. C. Griffith ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During July and August 7,830 (against 10,705) ; daily average 146 (against 202). Included in these figures was a party of lady visitors (38) to the Electrical Contractors' Conference.

Receipts for July and August—Sale of Catalogues £1 14s. 6d. ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues £1 1s. 6d. ; Collection Box £2 13s. 4d. ; Postcard Reproductions £1 1s. 8d. ; Catalogue of "Rock Specimens" 6d. Total £6 10s. 6d.

Exhibitions—(a) Oil Paintings and Colour Drawing by Miss H. Stuart Weir, 22nd May-14th July. (Visitors 5,759). Proceeds £2 8s. 7d. ; expenses £7 0s. 10d.

(b) Oil Paintings, Water-colours and Pastels "In and Around Westminster" by J. W. Topham Vinall, 18th July-12th September. (Visitors 7,987). Proceeds £5 4s. 10d. ; expenses £7 12s. 11d.

(c) "A Dorset Landscape" by Algernon Newton, was exhibited 23rd August-12th September, through the kindness of Mrs. Clegg, the owner.

(d) An Exhibition of Medici Prints, opening on 15th inst., was to remain on view until October 12th,

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2—Donations—From Mr. L. A. Lyall, Small Cup of fine Chinese Porcelain, K'Ang Hsi period ; Brig.-General P. J. Miles, C.B., Chinese Executioner's Sword (Boxer period) ; Mr. H. E. Norris, Little Grebe (Glos. specimen) ; Mr. W. Palmer, 2 Stills used for over 100 years in Cheltenham ; Mr. George Wood, Junr., Wooden Water Pipe from Haselton, Glos.

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

3—Accident to Art Gallery Attendant—The Curator reported that Mr. C. L. Jackson had been injured through a packing case falling on him on Wednesday, 12th inst., whilst carrying out his duties.

4—The Fallon Bequest--The Curator reported bequest of the late Mrs. Fallon, "Ben Rhydding" Cheltenham, of an Oil Portrait of Viscount Brouncker, attributed to Sir Peter Lely. RESOLVED, That the bequest be accepted, and the thanks of the Committee conveyed to the Executors.

5—Coloured Print of First Cheltenham Post Office—The Curator submitted this print, offered by Messrs. Whitcombe for £2 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the print be purchased for the sum named.

6—Visit of Dr. Schneider—The Curator reported as to the visit of Dr. H. Schneider, Assistant Director of the Royal Picture Gallery, Hague, on 13th July, and gave details of that gentleman's expert opinion upon the collection of Dutch pictures in the Gallery. Dr. Schneider recommended that certain of the Little Masters in the collection be re-varnished. RESOLVED, That this advice be acted upon, and that the Curator be authorised to ask Mr. Tanner to treat Metsu's "Woman with Jug filling Old Man's Glass" forthwith.

7—Letter from Major Longden—The Curator read letter from Major A. A. Longden, D.S.O., Secretary General, Exhibition of Dutch Art, Royal Academy, 1929, asking for photographs of four of the Dutch Masters in Cheltenham Art Gallery, and reported that he had supplied the photographs in question. RESOLVED, That his action be confirmed.

8—Prospective Exhibitions—RESOLVED, (a) That the Museums Association Sculpture Exhibition, offered for December, be not entertained.

(b) That the Curator be authorised to arrange, when convenient, a display by the Professional Photographers' Association.

(c) That the Curator also be authorised to show pictures by the late Robert Fowler, R.I., and by Augustus W. Enness, R.B.A.

G. OWEN DUNN,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st September, 1928. Present—Aldermen Mann and Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley, H. W. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from the 21st July to 21st September, 1928. Interments 78 ; Grave Spaces sold 23 (First Position 5 ; Third Position 4 ; Fourth Position 14). Memorials fixed 27. New Inscriptions 16.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7805 to 7843 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Grave Spaces Nos. 10011 P. and 1834 A.1.—Read, letters from Mr. A. T. Gray and Miss H. E. C. Grounds asking the Corporation to take back these Grave Spaces Nos. 10011 P. and 1834 A.1. respectively, which were not required, and to refund the fees paid for same. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

4 —Assessment of Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that on appeal to the Assessment Committee the Assessment of the Cemetery had been reduced from £220 Rateable to £56 Rateable. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Disposal of Grass cut at Cemetery—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement to be entered into with Mr. Birt for the grass cut at the Cemetery and also for the 3 acre field. RESOLVED, That this be approved as settled by the Committee.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Pates, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold; Messrs. A. Miles, E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. R. Walsh (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report July and August—Receipts £24 17s 8d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 14,116 (last year 9,205) ; Lending Department 21,820 (last year 19,910) ; Juvenile Department 3,564 (last year 3,319). Total 39,500 (last year 32,434).

Replacements-388 volumes had been replaced.

Sanitary Work—The Sub-Committee (composed of Alderman Mann and Taylor ; and Dr. Davies) at their Meeting on 27th July recommended that alterations as outlined by the Chief Sanitary Inspector be carried out, of the three quotations received, that of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Son in the sum of £55 5s. 0d., including £10 for contingencies, had been accepted.

Wicket Gates—The work of fixing wicket gates at the entrance and exit of the Lending Library had been completed, and these were working satisfactorily.

Presentations—Anonymous (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., (35 pamph.) ; Miss M. Cant (12 vols.) ; College of Preceptors (1 vol.) ; Executors of the late Archdeacon Gardner (1 vol.) ; L. M. & S. Railway Co. (1 vol.) ; Mr. T. Hannam-Clark (1 vol.) ; High Commissioner, Union of S. Africa (1 vol.) ; Mrs. A. J. Larkcom (1 vol.) ; Miss M. H. Mackie (2 vols.) ; Mr. H. H. Martyn (2 vols.) ; Miss E. M. Munn (19 vols.) ; Mr. C. C. Osborne (1 vol.) ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Steel (34 vols.) ; Theosophical Society in England (3 vols.).

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

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. Present—Rev. Canon Johnstone; Messrs, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Rev. Canon Johnstone in the chair).

They recommended :--

(a) That 159 volumes (new books), published at £91 15s. 8d., be purchased at a cost of £48 9s. 6d.

(b) That the sum of £20 be spent on replacements.

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on re-binding.

(d) That the Librarian be authorised to purchase a stool, with a back rest, for shorthand-typist at a cost not exceeding £3.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th September, 1928. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Stewart; Councillors Gen. Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That proposals be submitted for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928—The Town Clerk reported as to the provisions of this Act, and that he had circularised all the factories and workshops in the Town drawing attention to the Act. The District Valuer had been appointed to consider claims on behalf of the Government and desired that the claims should be dealt with as soon as possible. RESOLVED, That a special Meeting of the Committee be held as soon as a sufficient number of claims are received.

3—Rates Department—The Rating and Valuation Officers reported as to the necessity of engaging a Junior Clerk in their department. RESOLVED, That A. Webb be appointed Junior Clerk at a salary of £1 per week.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th September, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Pruen, E. L. Ward and Sir R. Wapshare (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1 --General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the first Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £111,125 5s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,693 11s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £17,929 6s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £667 5s. 5d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,835 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 £10,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Saving Certificates sold during August was 3,744 as compared with 2,585 for the corresponding month last year.

5-4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 4 ¾ per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £130 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that T. Nelder and G. Bowstead had retired automatically. RESOLVED, They be paid pensions of 13s 4d and 11s 3d per week respectively calculated on their wages for the last 5 years on a non-contributory basis of 36 and 30 years service respectively.

7—Reciprocal Investment of Reserve Funds—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had provisionally arranged to lend the Reading Corporation as an investment of Reserve Fund a further £5,000 at 4 ½ per cent., repayable at any time by 6 months notice and to borrow a like sum on the same terms from the Reading Corporation under sanction of the Electricity Commissioners dated 28th June, 1927. RESOLVED, That the provisional arrangement be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to a debenture to be issued to the Reading Corporation.

5—Rates Booklet—Read, letter from Messrs E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., offering to supply a Rates Booklet setting out the details of the use made of the money raised by rates to be issued to ratepayers. They were prepared to supply 16,000 handbooks per annum for 2 years free of charge subject to its being the only publication of its class authorised by the Corporation during the period of 2 years. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to the copy being submitted to and approved by the Borough Treasurer.

9-18 Grosvenor Street—The Town Clerk reported that the suns of £46 16s. 0d. with 5 per cent. interest as from the 5th October, 1924, was due in respect of this property in respect of sanitary work carried out under Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, and Section 10 of the Housing, etc., Act, 1923, in respect of which an order had been made on the 25th October, 1924, for payment thereof by monthly instalments within a period of two years. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the statutory powers conferred on the Council by the Housing Acts, 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.

10—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 24th inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillors Sir H. Wapshare and E. L. Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 25th October, 1928.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 29th day of October, 1928, 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 and to consider application from the Great Western Railway Co. for three Omnibus Licences for service from Cheltenham to Oxford and necessary Drivers' Licences. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

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THE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PI PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. COUNCILLOR PRUEN TO MOVE :—That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to consider the desirability of applying for an Order in Council for the sub-division of the existing Wards and the consequent enlargement of the Council.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st October, 1928, at 3 p.m. Present;

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

Aldermen Mann, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, O.B.E., Leigh James, L. Scott Langley, Miller, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G. and Yarnold.

Apologies— Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H. W. Thomas and Wheeler, M.B.E.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd September, 1928 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—The Late Sir James Tynte Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P.—Read, letter of 7th ult., from Col. A. Agg-Gardner thanking the Corporation for the Resolution of sympathy with him, passed at the last meeting of the Council.

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3—The Rector of Cheltenham—Read, letter of 6th ult., from Canon H. A. Wilson, thanking the Council for the Resolution of congratulation to him, on - his elevation to the Bishopric of Chelmsford.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held September 10

Resolved, also, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground and examine the drains of number 171 High Street under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

Housing Meeting held September 11

Slum Areas Clearance Meeting held September 18

Street and Highway Meeting held September 17

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held September 14 and 21

Subject to an amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Pruen " That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be authorised to engage - a band for Whit-Sunday and Whit-Monday, 1929."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pates and seconded by Councillor Miller " That the engagement of Military Bands commence on the 19th May and that Minute No. be varied accordingly " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 19

Water Meeting held September 13

General Purposes and Watch .. Meeting held September 18

Allotments Meeting held September 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 14

Burial Board Meeting held September 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Dunn " That Minute No. 3 with regard to Grave Spaces 10011 P. and 1834 A.1. be referred back for further consideration " was withdrawn by the mover.

Public Library Meeting held September 11

Rating Meeting held September 24

Finance • Meeting held September 24

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—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme—Resolved, That the Council, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Town Planning Act, 1925 hereby decide to prepare the above Town Planning Scheme with reference to an area situate partly within the Borough of Cheltenham and partly within the Urban District of Charlton Kings and partly in the Rural Districts of Cheltenham, Northleach, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb respectively and enclosed within the inner edge of the blue border on a map now produced to the Council and marked and certified by their Town Clerk under his hand dated the 1st October, 1928, as Map No. 1, but excluding the portion of the said Borough hatched on the said map and the Council hereby direct that a formal application be made to the Ministry of Health to approve this resolution.

6—Gloucester Road Schools—Playing Field' Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1400 for the cost of purchasing and laying out land adjoining the Gloucester Road Schools as a playing field, including cost of fencing, compensation and conveyancing charges.

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, 29th October, 1928.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th October, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Gen. Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Gen. Thomas 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. :---21 Dunalley Parade ; 20, 22, 26 and 70 Duke Street ; 6 and 7 Clare Place ; and 6 Leicester Terrace..—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 14 Casino Place and 13 Exmouth Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. RESOLVED, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 7 Brunswick Street ; 396 High Street ; 3 and 4 Castle Terrace ; The Ingle, Lansdown Road ; Cheltenham Original Brewery, St. Margaret's Road: Tivoli Gardens, Tivoli 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) 7 and 8 Albert Street, St. Paul's ; 33 and 35 Russell Street 65 Upper Park Street ; Lansdown Castle Stores ; 171 High Street —The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

4—Insanitary Property-1 to 10, 14, 15 and 16 Clare Place; 17 and 25 Bath Terrace; 8 Leicester Terrace ; 20 Hatherley Street ; 5, 61 and 70 Duke Street ; 1 and 2 Morgans Cottages, Duke Street ; 21 Dunalley Parade ; 32 St. James's Street ; and 3 Burton Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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—Notice not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring abatement of Nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, and want of ash receptacles, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

6--Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 7, 8 and 9a Russell Place ; 32a and 32b Fairview Street ; and 1 Elm Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having made written representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and recommended that the same be closed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Notice be given to the Owners of the intention to make Closing Orders.

(b) 1 to 5 Elm Place.—RESOLVED, That it appearing to the Council that these 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 Subsection (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 Owners and Occupiers.

(c) Cottage at rear of 213 High Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises in respect of Inch a Demolition Order was made on the 4th June last, were in a ruinous condition and should be demolished. RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for the demolition thereof, and purchase of materials.

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7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of T. E. Sims of 26 Upper Bath Road to be registered as a purveyor of milk on the completion of necessary alterations and additions to his premises be granted.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.,--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 qr. 21 lbs. beef 10 lbs. mutton ; and 2 qrs. 1 lb. pork.

9--Royal Sanitary Institution and Sanitary Inspectors' Conference—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the proceedings of the Congress held in Plymouth and the Sanitary Inspectors' Conference held at Leicester in September.

10—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919— The proposals of the Sanitary Inspector for a Rat Week commencing on the 5th November were submitted and approved.

11—Shakespeare Inn, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were without sufficient urinals. RESOLVED, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act), 1907, requiring the Owners of the premises to provide sufficient urinals.

12—Chelt Bank--- The Borough Surveyor reported that the bank at the rear of Rainow, St. George's Road, was giving way and he recommended that the bank should be underpinned to prevent further slipping in accordance with the plan and specification submitted at an estimated cost of £260. The bank had been inspected by the Committee and at a meeting on the 25th ult., with Mr. W. H. Stucke the Owner of Rainow it was agreed without prejudice or admission of liability on either side to carry out the plan and estimate submitted by the Borough Surveyor towards the cost of which Mr Stucke had agreed to contribute £130. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

13—Public Conveniences—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Tissue Advertisers Co., Ltd., to supply the toilet paper required by the Corporation for public conveniences free of charge, subject to the right of the Company to advertise on one side of the paper, printed in antiseptic ink. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign form of Agreement on behalf of the Corporation, including condition that the quality of paper should be approved by the Corporation, and that only advertisements approved by the Corporation should be permitted.

14—Hayden Farm—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign on behalf of the Corporation agreements for wayleaves for 7 poles to be erected by the Shropshire etc. Power Co., Ltd., for carrying high pressure cables across the Hayden Sewage Farm and 3 poles at Barn Farm for an annual payment of 2s per pole also that permission be granted to the Company to remove one elm tree and six saplings at Hayden Farm on payment of a sum of £3 10s. 0d. as compensation, the trees to be felled by the Company, the timber and brushwood to remain the property of the Corporation.

15—Russell Street—Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer at the rear of the north side of this street was defective and he recommended that this should be reconstructed at an estimated cost of £60. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

16—Pollutions of Rivers—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 922 of 21st ult., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the Report of the Joint Advisory Committee on pollutions of rivers and streams

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dicks, Pruen, Leigh James, Gen. Thomas and Yarnold. Alderman Taylor, Chairman of the Medical and School Attendance Sub-Committee also attended (Councillor Gen. Thomas in the chair).

17—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer—The **Selection Sub-Committee** reported that 44 applications were received for this appointment and that they had selected the following candidates for interview by this Committee :—

W. E. FITZGERALD, M. C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Southport.
F. G. FOSTER, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., M.D., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Birkenhead.
G. LILICO, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, West Hartlepool.
D. E. MORLEY, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, St. Helens.
J. V. A. SIMPSON, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Torquay.
R. H. VERCOE, D.P.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., B.A., Medical Officer of Health, Chelmsford.
A. H. WEAR, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Derbyshire County Council.

The selected candidates were interviewed by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health) to appoint Dr. D. E. Morley, Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer for the Borough of Cheltenham as from the 1st April 1929, at a salary of £850 per annum in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1926, and the Public Health (Officers') Act, 1921, and subject to the provisions of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

H. M. THOMAS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Dicks, Pates, Gen. Thomas and Sir Richard Wapshare (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1--Outbuildings—(a) 11 Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan for the erection of a shed at the side of this house. RESOLVED, That this be approved, subject to a fence

being erected to screen the shed from the road and that Minute No. 3 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 11th ult., be varied accordingly.

(b) 7 Spenser Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the owner of this house to erect a garage at this house be granted.

2—Shakespeare Road—Damage to tree—The Borough Surveyor reported damage to a tree outside No. 15 Shakespeare Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if sufficient evidence is available.

3—New Houses—(a) Mr. Rainger submitted plans of three types of houses to be erected along the new road to be laid out from Spenser Road to Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the erection of the houses.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the construction and drainage of this proposed new road at a cost of £3,100. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost of this work.

4—Housing, etc., Act, 1923—(a) Period—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Health agreeing to the extension of the period for the completion of houses by private enterprise up to the 31st March next.

(b) Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted final certificates of completion of a detached bungalow in this road erected by Mr. A. E. Lane, and of a house in Gloucester Road for Mr. W. H. W. Drew. RESOLVED, That subsidies of £40 and £50 respectively be paid subject to their undertaking to comply with the conditions made.

5—Selection of Tenants—Read, letters from Messrs. P. G. Tolley, E. H. Light, F. Plenty, W. H. Ford, L. Willis and N. Lewis asking for houses to be allocated to them. RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 18th inst., to review the applications received.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th October, 1928 Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Pates, Sir R. Wapshare and J. F. Ward. (Councillor Dicks in the chair)

7--Selection of Tenants—(a) The Committee considered the applications received for houses and revised the list of selected tenants.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Slums Areas Clearance Committee be recommended to grant Mr. Lawrence of 41 Rutland Street, a two-bedroom house at the earliest possible date.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

SLUM AREAS CLEARANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th October, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates, Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Dicks in the chair).

1-2 Hudson Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the tenant of this house to erect a cycle and tool shed at the bottom of the garden of this house. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

2-38, 40 and 42 Malvern Street—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer valued the sites of these houses including value of building materials thereon at £60. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the property for this sum.

3—Inspection—The Committee further considered the report submitted by the Sanitary Inspector of the houses under the control of this Committee. RESOLVED, That these houses be inspected by Members of this Committee.

4-39 Malvern Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he did not see any objection to granting Mr. W. H. Littlely, owner of 37 Malvern Street, permission to use the entrance leading into the side passage of 39 Malvern Street for removal of ashes, etc. on payment of an annual acknowledgement of 1s per year, provided that the gate is kept in good repair, with latch and fastening. RESOLVED, That a wayleave be given on these terms.

5—Folly Lane Housing Site—(a) The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract with Mr Davis for the purchase of this land on both sides of Folly Lane. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee.

(b) Lay-out—RESOLVED, That Mr Malvern be instructed to prepare lay-out plan for new houses to be erected on the piece of land on the east side of Folly Lane, fronting to Folly Lane and St. Paul's Road.

6-25 Manser Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house, for permission to paper the sitting room and bedrooms be granted.

7—Selection of Tenants—The Committee received eight letters from applicants asking for houses. RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held to review all the applications received.

8-Hanover Street Houses—Mr. Malvern submitted final accounts of Messrs. Reynolds, Harries & Co. contract together with list of defects. Messrs. Reynolds, Harries & Co offered the sum of £100 to be deducted from their retention moneys for the estimated cost of distempering required to the houses, but which it was not desirable should be done at the present time, and Mr. Malvern recommended that this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the balance of the retention money be paid to Messrs. Reynold's, Harries & Co.

9—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to a Conference to be held at Buxton from the 23rd to 26th November. RESOLVED, That Councillor Dicks and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend.

WALTER J. M. DICKS, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd October, 1928. Present—Councillors Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th Sept. 1928. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers
At Baker Street (10 Meetings)	29.1	23.0
At Clare Street (9 Meetings)	19.7	14.6
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	34.6	32.5

St. Mark's Infant Welfare Centre—This centre was opened on the 26th September when 31 mothers attended, 17 of which were transferred from other centres in the town, and 14 were new mothers. Dr. Taylor was elected by the Committee to be Medical Officer for the Centre.

2—Health Visitors Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1928 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,538
Children Visited (Firsts) ...	148
“ “ (1 year and under) ...	862
“ “ (over 1 year)	496
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,583
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	43
“ Un-notified Births discovered	5
“ Children remitted to Hospital	11
“ Ante-natal cases visited	21
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	1
“ Chicken-pox cases visited ..	9
“ Measles cases visited	13
“ Cases reported to N.S.P C.C.	2

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	14
New Orders	10
Orders discontinued during quarter	10
“ continuing to coming quarter	14

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 16 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 8 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

3—Estimates, 1928-29, 1929-30—The estimate of expenditure for the second half of the year 1928-29 and for the year 1929-30 was considered and approved. The total estimate 1928-29 is £894., and the estimate for 1929-30 £933

4—Winter School for Health Visitors—Read, circular of 3rd 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 7th January next. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

5—Umbilical Hernia—The Medical Officer of Health submitted correspondence with Drs. Hugh Powell and R. Park with regard to cases of minor Umbilical Hernia. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Drs. Hugh Powell, R. Park, B. Taylor and Grace Stewart Billings and Mrs. Mellersh, Capt. Trye and the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to investigate the cases.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th October, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 5th and 15th 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 14th September to 11th October, 1928 (inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 6th October, 1928, 682 loads (754 tons, 6 cwts.) collected, 483 loads (524 tons, 9 cwts.) consumed and 199 loads tipped away.

3—View Committee --Reported Meeting on the 10th inst. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillors Sawyer, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Capt. Trye in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the tree outside Gloucester Lodge and Sherborne House, complained of by Mr. F. W. Billings, be pruned.

(b) Montpellier Grove—That the owner of " Stoneways " be allowed to pave the footpath adjoining this house and that the Corporation remove the grass on the footpath at this point but that no gravelling be done.

(c) Glencairn Park Road—That consideration of removing alternate trees in this road be referred to the View Committee.

(d) Queens Road—That as the abutting owners are liable for paving the footpath adjoining Messrs. Cyphers Nurseries, this work be postponed and that the Electricity Committee be asked to reinstate their trench.

(e) Grafton Road—That the footpath at St. Phillip's Terrace side of road from Shurdington Road to Brandon Road be paved with slabs.

(f) Leckhampton Road—That the trees outside " Wellington " complained of by Mr. H. Robeson be pruned.

(g) Bath Road—That the carriageway be made up to the level of the Light Railway and that the cost be charged to the Company.

(h) London Road—That a notice be given to Mr. F. Martin to show cause why the buildings being erected by him should not be removed.

(i) Hewlett Road—That two trees near " St. Margaret's " complained of by Mrs Seaver be pruned.

(j) Pittville Villas—That the application of Mrs. Barker and Mr. P. H. Comely for a tree by Nos. 6 and 7 Pittville Villas to be removed, be not granted

(k) Prestbury and Whaddon Roads—That the new tree at the corner of these roads be set farther back from the kerb and that the footpath be gravelled.

(l) Prestbury Road—That the application of Mr. L. G. Eaton for a tree outside " Segrave" to be removed be granted.

(m) Tewkesbury Road—That the Post Office Telegraphs Department be allowed to erect a telephone kiosk near the water trough in this road, subject to the exact position being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

(n) Promenade—Taxi Office—That Mr. L. W. Barnard be asked to allow this office to be placed in the garden at the rear of No. 14 Promenade.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Westal Green—Fountain—The View Committee recommended that the fountain should be removed and the Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of doing this amounting to £70.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Ed. White be asked whether he considers the fountain suitable for Sandford Park.

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5—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the following applications for permission to erect projecting signs be granted subject to the usual conditions, viz. :—

Name.	Address.	No. of Signs.
T. S. Meredith	4 Duke Street ..	1
L. Smeeton	222 High Street	1
D. M. Richardson	4 Hewlett Road	1
A. V. C. Paynter	317 High Street	2
K. Jenner ...	217 High Street	1
C. Norris	16 and 17 Ambrose Street	1
J. B. Griffiths	81 Winchcomb Street ...	1

(b) 301 and 302 High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs, Gardner & Son for permission to erect a projecting sign outside their premises be adjourned for view.

(c) Report of Street Inspector—Read, Report of Street Inspector forwarding further list of 25 signs erected without permission, one of which would be removed, and twenty-four would apply for permission.

6—Ark Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the arrangements with the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee with regard to retaining Mr. Hawker's services jointly for the Parks and Recreation Grounds and Street and Highway Committees. The Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee had agreed to pay £1 a week towards his wages of £2 10s. 0d. and he recommended that the Street and Highway Committee should pay the balance for his work in superintending the excavation of sand, which had been found under the site, and also acting as caretaker of the Asphalt plant and Destructor Works. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

7—Ash Collection—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Mr. F. W. Jones of Cardiff, offering a Fordson Tractor and a 5 ton Eagle Trailer at about half the original cost. RESOLVED, That Councillors Pates and Capt. Trye and the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect these and that they be authorised to purchase the vehicles at a cost of approximately £400, if they consider they are satisfactory.

8—Asphalt Works—Siding—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was negotiating with the L.M.S. Railway Co. to extend their siding adjoining the Asphalt Plant. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Corporation agree to give up a strip of land at Arle Gardens for the construction of a siding.

9—Post Office Telegraphs—Lane between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department to place underground and overhead (one pole) telegraphic lines along the lane between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street, be granted, and that the reinstatement of the trench be undertaken by the Corporation on the usual terms, and 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.

10—Naunton Pieces—Read, letter of 21st inst., from Messrs. Young & Gilling enclosing letter from Mr. A. Weldon, who had recently purchased the above land, together with plan showing lay-out of proposed new road through the centre of the land and offering to give up a piece of land for making the Minnow Ditch footpath into a road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Rev. A. Pattie and Rev. L. Davison for the use of the field on the west side of Brooklyn Road for the joint use of the football club of the Primitive Methodist and United Methodist Churches Sunday Schools on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. RESOLVED, That the field be let to them on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at a nominal rent of £1 1s. 0d. for the season subject to any damage done to the railings being made good.

12—Bath Road—Footpath—Read, letter from Mrs. Lansdown complaining of the state of the footpath from Oriel Road to Montpellier Drive. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

13—Tip—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Lease from Mr. T. W. Smith of land adjoining the Great Western Railway near Naunton Lane for a term of 5 years for use as a tip, rent free, all refuse to be covered with soil and sown with grass seed and deposited so as to raise the level of the ground as provided in the Lease. The Lease to be terminable by the Corporation by 3 months notice if the level of the ground has been raised as provided before the expiration of the term.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 5th October, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart Councillors Dicks and Leigh James (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.
2578	Griffiths, Mrs.	Motor house, Lydart, Priory Street (Amended Plan).
2579	Gilby, A. J.	Motor house, 1 Bayshill Lawn, Parabola Road.
2580	Smith, T. W.	Motor house, Churchill Road.
2581	Smith, T. W.	Cattle shelter, off Naunton Lane.
2582	Downe, W. M. Lt.-Col.	Motor house, Moorend Park Road
2583	Wilson, C. A.	Motor house, Bramhope, Eldorado Crescent.
2584	Wilson, C. A., Mrs.	Detached house, Libertus Road.
2585	Gloucester Co-operative Society	Additions to branch premises (Warehouse and Milk Depot) 237 High Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2578, 2579, 2582, 2583 and 2584 be approved, that Plan No 2585 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 2580 and 2581 be disapproved.

WALTER J. M. DICKS. Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 15th October, 1928. Present—Councillors Leigh James and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye 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.
2580	Smith, T. W.	Motor house, Churchill Road (Amended Plan).
2581	Do.	Cattle shelter, off Naunton Lane (Amended Plan).
2586	Do	Motor house, 6 Queen's Villas, Queen's Road.
2587	Taylor, F. M.	Studio and Garage, Kemerton Lodge, Tivoli Road.

2588	Dennis, C.	Tea room and petrol filling station, Gloucester Road.
2589	Vernall F.	Extensions, Rodney Hotel, Rodney Place.
2590	Baylis, N.	Additions to Tel-el-Kebir, Commercial Street.
2591	Rees, Mrs. L.	Motor house, Saxham, Evesham Road.
2592	Hawkins, G. A.	New Flat over stores,, Liverpool Place
2593	Martin, F.	Extension of Garage, 11 Oxford Place.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 2580, 2581, 2586, 2587 and 2591 be approved ; that Plan No. 2590 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plans Nos. 2588, 2589, 2592 and 2593 be disapproved.

3—Contravention of Byelaws-5 Lansdown Crescent—It was reported that the Owner of 5 Lansdown Crescent was converting the premises into flats without plans having been submitted to and approved by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That Notice be given to the Owner to show cause why the work should not be removed or altered as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th October, 1928, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer, P. L. Ward and Welstead (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Garden—Walnut Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted recommendation by the Custodian of this Garden for the removal of the old walnut trees. RESOLVED, That the treeman be instructed to inspect and report,

2—Sandford Park—High Street Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst., from Mr. E. White asking that the site for the new entrance to Sandford Park should be cleared. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

3—Town Hall—(a) Catering—The Town Clerk reported that no satisfactory tenders had been received for the Catering, and a temporary arrangement had been made with the approval of the Chairman, for Mrs. Loud to act as Manageress at a salary of 35s per week, and for hire of the equipment and supply of cakes, etc., to be obtained from the Cadena Café Co. RESOLVED, That the arrangements be approved and that a statement of the receipts and expenditure be submitted at the end of four weeks for further consideration.

(b) Sunday Concerts—(i) Dance Band Shell—RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to have this shell removed for the Sunday Evening Concerts,

(ii) Organ Controller—RESOLVED, That Mr. A. D. Cole be paid an honorarium of £35 for the period ending 1st October, 1929 for his services as organ controller including his work in arranging the Sunday Concerts.

4—Winter Gardens—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and Gloucester Canine Society stating that they had arranged with the Church Congress to rent the temporary building at the side of the Winter Garden in connection with their Dog Show to be held on the 17th inst. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

5—Advertising—RESOLVED, That the offer of the Globe Advertising Co. Ltd. to exhibit at their Road Motor Passenger Service Office at Bush House, Aldwych a framed picture of Cheltenham be accepted and that the Spa Manager be instructed to send a suitable picture.

6—Rates Booklet—Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. submitted specimen cover for proposed rates booklet. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7-1, 2 and 3 Vernon Place—Read, letter of 19th ult., from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles offering these Cottages for sale. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the purchase of the same at the price offered.

8—St. George's Square—Bowling Green—Read, letter of 13th ult., from Mr. J. H. Evans, Chairman of the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club with regard to the condition of the turf of the bowling green. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the Club that they are under covenant to keep the turf in good condition and from time to time to apply thereto artificial manure or such other dressings as may be required to maintain the turf in proper condition and to take all other necessary steps to keep the bowling green in condition as a first class bowling green, and also to renew any turf which may become damaged or perished, and that the Committee had ascertained that other greens laid with the same turf prior to this green were still in good condition.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Dunn, Pates and Welstead (Councillor Pates in Me chair).

9—Town Hall—Catering—The Spa Manager submitted list of equipment and utensils sufficient for 150 guests offered by the Cadena Cafe Co. RESOLVED, That an over of £25 be made for this equipment.

(b) Chairs, etc.—RESOLVED, That Councillor Pates be authorised to purchase 250 chairs at an auction sale of the late Mr. Walker's stock and also 50 small tables.

10—Sunday Concerts—Spa Manager—RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be paid an honorarium of £20 for his work in connection with the Sunday Evening Concerts at the Town Hall during the winter season.

11—Advertising—RESOLVED, That the offer of Radclyffe's Ltd., to exhibit the Cheltenham Poster in the Palmerston Restaurant for a further 9 months at the reduced charge of £3 10s. 0d. be accepted.

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1—Report of **Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 9th inst., were read.

They recommended as follows :- Town Hall—Catering—That doors be fixed to enclose the space underneath the counter in the Buffet Room for storage of catering materials at the Town Hall.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation is approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th October, 1928. Present — Alderman Mann; Councillors Dunn, Moore, Capt. Trye and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Shropshire Power Co. had now intimated that they would commence to give a supply on the 26th inst.

2—Change of System—(a) Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing formal Consent to the alteration in the frequency of the supply.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimate of the expenditure in changing transformers and consumers' apparatus due to the change of frequency amounting to £37,484, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their sanction to a loan for this amount.

3—Supply to Contractors—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application suggesting that a special rate should be charged to contractors for demonstration purposes. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

4—Public Lighting—(a) Upper Norwood Street—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to contribute one-quarter of the cost of reinstating this footpath along which a public lighting cable was laid about seven years ago.

(b) Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the lamps at the entrance to the Town Hall should be lighted during the winter months whether the hall is engaged or not, and also as to the lighting of the Promenade. RESOLVED, That consideration of the lighting at the entrance to the Town Hall be adjourned for view.

5—Sub-Stations—(a) Evesham House—RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for the erection of this sub-station and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to accept a favourable tender.

6—Station Superintendent—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr E. E. Smeeton, Station Superintendent, died on the 2nd inst. RESOLVED, That the sympathy of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Smeeton in the great loss sustained by her.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that he had advertised for a new Superintendent at the scale salary. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Electrical Research—Read, circular of 21st inst., from the asking the Corporation to subscribe to the Electrical Research Association. RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of £2 2s. 0d. be made to the Association, subject to the consent of the Electricity Commissioners and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their consent to this.

8—Lamp Standard—RESOLVED, That the application of the Spiritualist Society for permission to erect a direction sign on the lamp standard in High Street, opposite Bennington Street, directing to the Spiritualist Church, be granted subject to the sign not projecting over the roadway and to the usual conditions.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the quarter ended 29th September, 1928 which showed the average calorific value to be 472.1 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 18th and 27th ult., 9th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.3, 472.1, 483.8 and 481.15 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.1, 5.1, 5.3 and 5.3 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th October, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart: Councillors Dunn, Moore, Pates and Sir Richard Wapshare (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 8th October, 1928.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	94,000 gallons	193,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	134,000 „	617,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	37,000	56,000
Total	265,000	866,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th October, 1928.		8th October, 1927.	
Hewletts		8,174,000 gallons		25,311,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	11ft. 0in.	15,955,000 “	25ft 8in.	68,721,000 “
Leckhampton	Empty		10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		24,129,000		95,382,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of September.

3—Salts Farm—The Committee inspected the farmhouse which had been sublet by the tenant contrary to the covenant in his agreement RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the subletting provided that arrangements are made by Mr. Dunn to have the garden kept properly cultivated.

4--Ashchurch Water Supply—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 28th July and 27th ult., from the Surveyor to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council enquiring when the new 6-inch main would be laid in Ashchurch Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out and that the cost be defrayed out of Revenue Account and that Minute No. 5 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 13th October last, be varied accordingly.

5--Sandford Park Fountain—RESOLVED, That a small tank and supply of water be provided for the fountain in Sandford Park

6—Castle Barn and Home Farms—RESOLVED, That (subject to the Committee being satisfied in regard to the tenancies of the farms) the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into a contract on behalf of the Corporation for the purchase of the Castle Barn and Home Farms, comprising altogether 583 acres, including the farmhouses and buildings belonging thereto at the price of £11,000, the contract to be made subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained to a loan for the purchase money and to include a covenant by the owner in respect of Rossley Manor Farm binding himself and his successors in title that the property should not be used for any purpose which might in any way directly or indirectly lead to contamination of the watershed.

7---Fish—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised at the proper season to purchase 1000 brown trout for the Reservoirs at Hewletts and Dowdeswell at a cost not exceeding £30.

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 Tuesday, 16th October, 1928. Present—The Mayor: Alderman Stewart : Councillors Dicks, Moore, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

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

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Foot and Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Orders relating to the outbreak near Bristol.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of H. Taylor for licence No. 64 to be transferred to motor cab BL 2192, be granted

Driver—RESOLVED, That a driver's licence be issued to W. H. Thick.

3--Omnibus Licences—(a) Read, letter from the Pioneer Motor Services stating that they proposed to start an omnibus service from Birmingham to Weymouth and Bournemouth and applying for four licences to enable them to pick up and set down passengers in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the

application be granted subject to the route through Cheltenham and list of fares being approved by the Committee.

(b) Read, also, application from Elliot Brothers (Bournemouth) Ltd., stating that they proposed to run an omnibus service from Bournemouth to Salisbury, Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Coventry and Birmingham, and applying for 24 licences to enable them to pick up and set down passengers in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the application be granted on the same terms as the above application.

4- Regulation of Traffic—Supt. Goulder reported that observations had been made as to the traffic in Winchcomb Street, Pittville Street and North Place and it appeared that a one-way traffic Order was not needed at the present time. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

5—Hackney Carriage Fares—RESOLVED, That consideration of the Hackney Carriage Fares in force in the Borough be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and that in the meantime the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners Association and obtain their views as to reducing the fares.

6—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Councillor Gen. Thomas be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee.

7—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 3rd inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Knowsley House, St. Pauls, caused by defective gas fitting, damage slight, expenses £3 15s. 0d. Also on the 12th inst. to a serious fire at the Plough Hotel Yard, details of which he would report at the next meeting of the Committee. In connection with this fire he submitted a letter received from Messrs. H. E. Steel Ltd thanking the Brigade for their prompt attendance and manner in which the fire was extinguished.

8—Municipal Offices—The Town Clerk reported that the Promenade Club had obtained other premises and would be vacating their present premises sometime in November, RESOLVED, That they be released from their tenancy on the date they vacate 21 Promenade, subject to any claim there may be for dilapidations under the covenants in the lease.

9—Police Reserve—Councillor Capt. Trye reported that at a meeting of the Standing Joint Committee it was decided to include the sum of £300 in next year's estimates for the establishment of a Third Police Reserve, and that he had pointed out to the Committee that the Cheltenham Corporation had not been consulted in the matter and would not be liable, except by agreement, for payment of any share of this extra cost. RESOLVED, That Councillor Capt. Trye's action be approved.

10—Rating of Land Values—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Town Clerk, Sheffield, enclosing report of the Sheffield City Council on Rating of Land Values. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

11—Leckhampton Hill Estate—Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted his report and estimate of the cost of planting the thousand pine trees offered by Mr. J. K. Bradbury. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

12- Parking Place, Promenade--(a) Read, further letter from Miss G. Pitcher of the Rainbow Shop, again asking that the one-way traffic order should be rescinded as it seriously affected her business. RESOLVED, That the previous decision of the Committee be adhered to.

(b) Attendant—RESOLVED, That the attendant of this Parking Place be given a half-day's holiday on Wednesdays in each week and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for a man to be on duty on those afternoons.

13--Town Clerk's Department—Typewriter—RESOLVED, That an Underwood silent model typewriter be purchased for the Town Clerk's Department to replace an old machine to be taken in part exchange at a net cost of £18 10s. 0d.

14 -- Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co.- -Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. H. J. McCormick with regard to the tramway fares, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the application for the continuance of the Increase of Charges Order is received.

15—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Miss F. J. Barrett and Messrs. Edwards and Marshall to store 500 gallons in a pump storage at the Tourist Garage, High Street, and 500 gallons in a pump storage at 30 Winchcomb Street, respectively, be granted.

16—Naming of Roads—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, That the proposed new road from Gloucester and Spenser Roads running towards Brooklyn Road be named "Kipling Road," and that the short road connecting this new road with Tennyson Road be named "Shelley Road," and also that the cul-de-sac on the North side of Spenser Road be named "Spenser Avenue."

(b) RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the Slum Areas Clearance Committee, That Stanhope Street be re-named "Hope Street."

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th October, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Sawyer, Gen Thomas, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, J. Waive and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field—The Committee further considered the question of the cultivation of the unlet portion of this field. RESOLVED, That before arranging to have this sown with oats and clover, an advertisement be issued inviting applications for allotments at a rent of 10s a chain.

2—Inspection of Allotments—(a) 27 North Ward and 49 Hall Road—RESOLVED, That the notices to quit given to the tenants of allotments Nos. 27 North Ward and 49 Hall Road be withdrawn, but that notice to quit be given to the tenant of allotment No. 26 North Ward. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the tenant of allotments Nos. 160 and 161 North Ward, who had been given notice to quit, to be allowed to retain No. 161 be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That allotment No. 54 Whaddon Lane (old), which becomes vacant on the 25th March next be let to Mr. Hamblin.

(b) RESOLVED, That Mr. J. Pounsett be asked to undertake the inspection of the allotments in the North Ward,

3-- 13 Baglins Piece—RESOLVED, That this allotment given up by Mr. Johnson be let to Mr. W. G. Hancock.

W. WELSTEAD,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th October, 1928. Present—Councillors Dicks, Sawyer, Gen. Thomas, J. F. Ward, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair)

1—Sandford Park—(a) Plants—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Littledale had presented about 200 iris plants, and Mr. J. L. Goss an aralia plant for this park. RESOLVED. That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to them.

(b) Goldfish—The Borough Surveyor reported that the goldfish promised had now been delivered.

(c) Lily Pond—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a dwarf fence should be provided to protect turf round this pond. RESOLVED, That provision for this be made in next year's estimates.

(d) Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Bath Stone Firm had examined the stone work of the fountain and reported that in their opinion what was thought to be a defect in the stone was a natural vein, and that the stone was quite sound. Mr. Unwin, therefore, proposed to settle with the contractors who had agreed to give a guarantee to make good any defect which might show itself in the fountain within the next 12 months RESOLVED, That this be approved.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that the supply of water to the fountain from the Chelt was unsatisfactory as it caused considerable discolouration of the stone, and it was desirable to provide a supply of Corporation water. RESOLVED, That the Water Committee be asked to provide this

(e) Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had repeatedly written to the Contractors urging them to give attention to the work, without result, and he was of opinion that they were neglecting and delaying the work, and he proposed to give them notice in accordance with the provisions of the Contract with a view to taking the work out of their hands. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Promenade Long Garden—The Gardens Superintendent submitted report and plan of the alterations he recommended should be made in this Garden. He proposed to remove the box edging and to replace the paths with turf, and to alter the flower beds as shown on the plan. The estimated cost of the alterations would be £30. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the work put in hand.

3—Pittville Gardens—The Gardens Superintendent also recommended the removal of certain trees and planting of other trees in these Gardens. RESOLVED, That consideration of these proposals be adjourned for view.

4—Gardens Exhibition —RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend the Gardens Exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society.

5—Naunton Park—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. F. Reid, who had intimated his intention to resign his post as Custodian on the ground of ill health, had now recovered his health and wished to continue RESOLVED, That the withdrawal of his resignation be agreed to, and that a man be engaged to relieve him on one day each week, as in the case of the other Recreation Grounds.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the portion of the ground hitherto used as a garden by the Custodian, levelled and added to the Recreation Ground.

6—Ark Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that part of these gardens including the glass houses could be used as a nursery garden for propagating plants for the various gardens, and that part of Mr. Hawker's time could be employed in looking after these, and he recommended that his services should be retained jointly by this Committee and the Street and Highway Committee, and that this Committee should pay £1 a week towards his wages of £2 10s. 0d., the Street and Highway Committee contributing the balance, and allowing him to occupy the cottage. RESOLVED, That this be approved as far as this Committee is concerned.

7—Grammar School Playing Fields—RESOLVED, That the Governors of the Grammar School be asked to consider the possibility of arranging for the opening of their playing fields for the use of their scholars during the school holidays.

8—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the application of the All Saints Wednesday Football Club for permission to play football at this Recreation Ground on Wednesday afternoons during the coming season. be granted.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th October, 1928. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dunn. Brig.-Gen. Thomas and cot. Trye; Col. J. C. Griffith; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Dunn in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During September 3,151 (against 3,667) ; daily average 127 (against 141). Included in these figures was a class of girls from St. John's School.

Receipts—Sale of Catalogues £1 4s. 3d. ; Sale of Permanent Catalogues 10s ; Collection Box 18s 10d ; Postcards 5s 7d ; Catalogue of "Rock Specimens" 6d. ; Refunded Insurance 17s 9d. Total £3 16s, 11d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Medici Prints closed on the 12th inst., to be followed by the 9th Annual Exhibition of Paintings, Prints and Sculpture by the Cheltenham Group of Artists on 15th October.

Church Congress Loan Exhibition—The Curator reported as to the results of this Exhibition of which he had been acting as Hon Secretary.

2--Donations—From Lt -Colonel J. F. Tarrant, Photograph of Miss Dorothea Beale ; Mr. Shakspeare Shenton, Film of the Opening of Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Loans—From Capt. and Mrs. Brodie, 7 Oil Paintings; Mr. Owen Evan-Thomas, Collection of "Treen" ; Dean and Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral, 12 panels of Stained Glass from Prinknash Park ; Mr. John Jennings, Miscellaneous Objects ; Councillor Capt. J. H. Trye, Great Seal of England (Geo. III.). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

4—Art Gallery Attendant—RESOLVED, That the wage of C.C.L. Jackson be increased from 40s to 45s per week, as from November 14th, as per scale.

G. O. W. DUNN,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1928. Present Councillors Scott Langley, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1-- Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent from the 22nd September to 19th October, 1928. Interments 45 ; Grave Spaces sold 16 (First Position 1 ; Second Position 1 ; Third Position 3 ; Fourth Position 11). Memorials fixed 12. New Inscriptions 6.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 7844 to 7859 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3--Designs—RESOLVED, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Jane Stephenson, Ellen S. Little, Ann Hunt and Frederick T. Cook ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Alfred Trollope, Charles Marshall and Arthur C. Benwell ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to graves of John Millington and Amelia Darke ; Memorial Block and Kerbing to grave of John H. Bibbins ; Memorial Book and Kerbing to grave of Howard Green ; Memorial Ridge and Plinth to grave of Mary M. Addison and Kerbing to graves of Joseph Bushfield, Emma L. Lipscomb, Edward Parker, Frederick Welch, George Mathews, John Playle, Sarah A. Davis and Sarah L. Frost.

4—Grave Space 1834 A.1—The Committee reconsidered their decision with regard to the repurchasing of grave space 1634 A.1. from Miss H. E. C. Grounds RESOLVED, That, having regard to the situation of the space the Committee agree to take it back and refund the fees paid to Miss Grounds and that Minute No. 3 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 21st September last be varied accordingly.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1928. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillors Pates and Trye ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. A. Miles, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Alderman Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—September—Receipts £8 3s, 1d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 8,011 (last year 4,710); Lending Department 11,630 (last year 10,332) ; Juvenile Department 2,091 (last year 1,599). Total 21,732 (last year 16,641).

Replacements—During the month 74 volumes had been replaced, and 493 volumes returned from the binder and placed in circulation.

Bibliographies—Reading lists of the resources of the Library had been compiled and issued to those following the University Extension Course of Lectures, and the series organised by the Bayshill Adult School.

Presentations—Miss A. Andrews (1 vol.) ; Mr. R. H. Bagnall-Oakley (38 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow (9 pamph.) ; Miss Morrison (11 vols.) ; Oxford University Press (2 vols) ; Mr. J. S. Pickering (1 vol.) ; Town and County Directories (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 4th inst. Present—Alderman Mann ; Councillor Brig.-Gen. Thomas, and Mr. C. E. Walsh (Alderman Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That 133 volumes (new books), published at £59 17s. 6d., be purchased at a cost of £43 3s 0d.

(b) That the sum of £20 be spent on replacements.

(c) That the sum of £40 be spent on re-binding.

(d) That the following periodicals be added to those in Reference Department :—" Journal of Philosophical Studies." quarterly 316 ; "Apollo," monthly 216 ; "Scribner's" monthly 2s,

(e) That the offer of "The Creative Adventure," bi-monthly 2s, gratis, be declined with thanks.

(f) That the Librarian's proposed arrangements for the forthcoming Lecture Session, 1928-29, be approved.

(g) NATIONAL BOOK COUNCIL—That the invitation extended to the Librarian to attend the Annual Meeting of the National Book Council on the 10th inst be accepted.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Fire Extinguishers—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's purchase of 2 Minimax Fire Extinguishers at a reduced price of £2 15s 0d. each be confirmed.

A. MANN, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd October, 1928. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors Dicks and Gen. Thomas (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That proposals be submitted for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Representation of the People Acts—RESOLVED, That the Registration Officer be authorised to engage any additional canvassers required for the 1929 Register of Electors and also that a clerk be engaged to address forms to be left by the canvassers at every house in the Borough and Charlton Kings.

3—Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday the 31st inst. to consider claims received under this Act.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1928. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Dicks, Miller, Moore, Pruen, Sir R. Wapshare and Welstead (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £11,228 9s. 7d. Allowed to owners £859 9s. 11d. Voids £1,868 18s. 1d. Excused £220 2s. 5d. Irrecoverable £2,560 2s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £457 18s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 29th September last. Amount collected £18,225 11s. 1d. Abatements £106 14s. 1d. Voids £103 15s. 0d. Defaulters £2 17s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £3,992 10s. 9d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £11,850 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 £1,200 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during September was 3,923 as compared with 5,505 for the corresponding month last year.

5-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £100 had been received for periods varying from 5 to 10 years and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6-Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased £3,122 4s. 2d. Corporation Stock. RESOLVED, That the sum of £3,122 4s. 2d. 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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7—Superannuation--- (a) The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a surplus of £6,132 from the half year's working of this fund from the 1st April to 30th September, 1928. RESOLVED, That this be allocated to the loans for the purchase of land in High Street and for making up roads in Folly Lane and Spenser Road.

(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, 1929.

(c) Engineering Assistant—The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable by the Stafford Corporation on account of Mr. P. M. Spencer, ascertained in accordance with the rules under the act amounted to £68 2s. 11d.

(d) G. H. Beard—The Borough Treasurer reported that George Henry Beard had retired under the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 11s 7d per week calculated on his wages for the last 5 years on a non-contributory basis of 32 years service.

8—Rate Booklet—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. enclosing proof of the proposed Rate Booklet. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd, be asked to furnish proofs of the Booklet to each member of the Committee.

9—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present : Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillors Miller and Moore The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 5th November, 1928.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of November, 1928, 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 elect three Aldermen.
4. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
5. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
6. To appoint Committees.
7. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To appoint a representative of the Managers of Non-Provided Schools and of persons acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools, etc., and a woman having experience in education to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of The Rev. W. E. Beck, Mr. G. Blagg and Mrs. E. M. Pruen. Communications by the Mayor.

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. To Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of the Local Pension Committee, the Public Health, Street and Highway 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, 29th October, 1928, at 3 p.m.

Present:

The Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. :- Aldermen Mann, Stewart and Taylor ; Councillors: Dick-Dunn, O.B.E, Leigh James, L. Scott Langley, Moore, Pates, Pruen,

Sawyer, Brig.-Gen. li. M. Thomas, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Welstead, K.S.G., Wheeler, M.B.E. and Yarnold.

1 —Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st October, 1928 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.

2-South Ward—Resolved, That Alderman Mann be assigned for the purpose of the Ward Election on the 1st November next, to the South Ward, during the temporary absence of Alderman Clara F: Winterbotham.

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 :—

Water ... Meeting held October 11

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE held on the 6th November, 1928, to be submitted for approval at the Statutory quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 9th November, 1928.

AT A MEETING of the Council in Committee held on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, PRESENT: The Mayor (in the Chair); Aldermen Mann, Stewart, and Taylor; Councillors Allen, Dunn, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Moore, rates, Pruen, Salim Smith, General Thomas, H. W. Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Wheeler and Yarnold.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR REFORM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, etc. The Committee considered the proposals of the Government for reform in Local Government and in the financial relations between the Exchequer and Local Authorities as explained in the White Paper Cmd. 3134 and also report of the Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations and Actuaries appointed by them on the proposals. RESOLVED, That this Council considers that the whole of the loss. due to de-rating in any year should be made good to each Authority, and is strongly opposed to the whole of the proposals regarding the transfer the Rural roads and Poor Law to the County Councils and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ministry of Health and to the Borough Member.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held October 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Gen. Thomas and seconded by Councillor Sir R. Wapshare " That Minute No. 13 with regard to typewriter, Town Clerk's Department, be referred back for further consideration."

Resolved, also, That the application of the Great Western Railway for three Omnibus Licences and four Drivers Licences for their service from Cheltenham to Oxford, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

The Mayor having left the meeting it was Resolved, That Councillor Dicks take the chair.

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held October 12 and 19

Burial Board Meeting held October 19

Public Health ... Meetings held October 8 and 9

Resolved, also, That (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health) the Council appoint Dr. D. E. Morley, Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer for the Borough of Cheltenham, as from the 1st April, 1929, at a salary of 1850 per annum, in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926, and the Public Health (Officers') Act, 1921 and subject to the provisions of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, and subject to his entering into an Agreement in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Health. The Appointment is subject to the condition that at least three months' notice in writing shall be given by Dr. Morley before resigning his office.

Housing ... Meetings held October 9 and 18

Resolved, also, That the offer of W. L. Godwin to purchase No. 7 Spenser Avenue at £495 be accepted (subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health) and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale and that the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser in a Mortgage for an advance not exceeding 90 per cent. of the purchase money to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance and Mortgage.

Slum Areas Clearance ... Meeting held October 16

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 5 (b) with regard to the Lay-out of Folly Lane Housing Site be referred back for further consideration " was withdrawn by the mover).

Maternity and Child Welfare... Meeting held October 22

Street and Highway Meeting held October 15

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 4 with regard to fountain, Westal Green, be referred back for further consideration was lost).

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Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held October 17

Resolved, also, That the Council deeply regret the sad death of Mr. J. H. Stephens through an accident on the 23rd October, 1928, and desire to convey to his parents their sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

Allotments	Meeting held October 8
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held October 8
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held October 12

Public Library
Rating
Finance

Meeting held October 9
Meeting held October 22
Meeting held October 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.

4-Gloucester Road Schools—Tudor Cottage-Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Cheltenham Civic society, protesting against the demolition of the old black and white cottage on this land. Resolved, That no action be taken as far as the Council is concerned.

5-Enlargement of Council—Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to consider the desirability of applying for an Order in Council for the sub-division of the existing Wards and the consequent enlargement of the Council.

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CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.