

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 6th November, 1930.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Statutory **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 10th day of November, 1930, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON**, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Election of Councillors—Town Clerk to report Election on 1st November.
2. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
3. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
4. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
5. To appoint Committees.
6. DELANCEY TRUSTEES-To appoint representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Aldermen Margrett and Stewart Drs. R. Davies and G. A. Cardew.
7. To accept tenders for erection of houses at St. Mark's Housing Estate and for construction of road off Folly Lane.
8. Communications by the Mayor.

N.B.—Robes and Orders will be worn.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting, the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read Minutes of last Meeting.
2. To Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 31st October, 1930, 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 Moore, Stewart and Taylor Councillors Allen, Dunn, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, Pates, Pruen, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.S.I., E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

Apology-An Apology for absence was received from Alderman Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th October, 1930, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held October 7

Resolved, also, That the application for consent to establish the trade of a Fish Frier at No. 26 Manchester Street be not granted.

Housing ... Meetings held October 8 & 23

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That the first two Resolutions in Minute No. 12 (a) be not approved." Moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Alderman Stewart : " That the tender of Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell at £19,826 3s. 8d. (including plastering) for the erection of the houses be accepted, and also that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £21,114 for the cost of the houses including Architects' fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies."

Moved by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 1, paragraphs 3 and 4 with reference to the St. Paul's Street (South) and Lime Kiln Row Clearance Area be referred back."

Street and Highway Meeting held October 13

Maternity and Child Welfare 20

Town Planning Meetings held 9 & 23

Town Improvement and Spa 10 & 17

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 15

Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an undertaking to the Great Western Railway Company in respect of the laying of a cable over the railway bridge near Cheltenham Racecourse Station.

Water Meeting held October 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 14

Allotments Meeting held October 7

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 7

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held October 10

Burial Board Meeting held October 17

Public Library Meeting held October 9

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Allen : " That Minute No. 7 with reference to betting news be amended and that two further copies of the ' Echo ' be purchased and headed ' For Sporting Readers Only ' " was lost)

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Rating Meeting held October 20

Finance Meeting held October 21

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3-Education Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. E. Bourne be reappointed Members of the Education Committee, being persons acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools, etc., Also, That Mrs. E. Marshall be appointed a Member of the Education Committee as a Representative of the Grammar School Governors ; Also, That Mr. A. G. Dye be appointed a Member of the Education Committee as Representing the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, and that all the above appointments be for a term of three years expiring on the 31st October, 1933. Resolved, also, That Mr. A. C. White be appointed a Member of the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 31st October, 1933 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A. J. Miles.

4—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Moore and Mr. J. Waghorne be reappointed Cleeve Common Conservators for a term of three years from the 31st October, 1930.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, That the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company Ltd. for six special licences for omnibuses to ply for hire in Cheltenham in connection with the Races on the 12th and 13th prox. be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th, November, 1930.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE'S, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of December, 1930, 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 Statutory Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING 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. CHELTENHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL—To appoint three Grammar School Governors to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Margrett and Mr. H. N. Winterbotham.
5. COUNCILLOR CAPT. TRYE TO MOVE : "That before any person shall be deemed eligible to have his or her name entered as an applicant for tenancy of a Corporation house the person must have been a resident in or employed in the Borough for the previous six months.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 10th November, 1930, at 12 noon. Present

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

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Wheeler, M.B.E.

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. William Nassau Weech 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. Mr. Percy Tyler Smith for the West Ward and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

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Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, be and he is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year. The Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

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

4—Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Honorary Freeman of the Borough for the able and impartial and hospitable manner in which he has carried out the duties of Mayor for the past four years which period with the previous term of Office of three years completes seven years service as Mayor.

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

Alderman Margrett	North Ward.
“ Stewart	Central Ward.
“ Taylor ...	East Ward.
“ Clara Frances Winterbotham	South Ward.
“ Sawyer	Middle Ward
“ Moore...	West Ward.

6—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 31st October, 1930, 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.

7—Appointment and Duties of Committees—**Public Health Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :— Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore and Stewart Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite,

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E. L. Ward, 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 (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 1930, 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, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49, and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129, and Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing Act, 1930.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the Byelaws 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.

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

Housing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold, 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.

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Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year to carry out all duties connected with Maternity and Child Welfare—Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Langley, Lipson, Miller, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. Lewis Grist, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh and Miss Ratcliffe.

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 Sawyer ; Councillors Langley, Lipson, Pates, Thomas, 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, 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 Byelaws 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.

Town Planning Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year :— Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—

To examine and report upon all plans for new Streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the Byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other Sanitary matters).

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To deal with the Town Planning Scheme and under the Housing and Town Planning Acts. 1909-1925, and to enforce the provisions of the following Acts so far as regards new streets and buildings : Public Health Acts, The Public Health (Building in Streets) Act. 18588. The Cheltenham Improvement Acts. 1852 and The Roads Improvement Act, 1925 and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other Sanitary matters): and to consider and deal with all plans of new streets and buildings submitted including plans of outbuildings on the several Corporation Housing Estates.

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 :—Aldermen Margrett. Stewart and Sawyer : Councillors Allen, Miller, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite. E. L. Ward and Weech, 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 Byelaws 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 Pump Room.

To manage and control Entertainments undertaken by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a Band. To consider and report upon any matters in connection with the Spa development.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor -; Aldermen Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Langley, Lipson, Captain Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward 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 :—Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Sawyer and Stewart Councillors Dr. Hayward, Langley, Pates, and Selim Smith, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1875 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

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

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

Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Sawyer Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech 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), the Promenade Long Garden and the Recreation Grounds, and to enforce the provisions of the Byelaws 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 :—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward. P. T. Smith, Selim Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold. Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Wizard, J. Waine and E. M. Yeend (representing the interests of occupiers of allotments), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts.

Rating committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Rating Committee for the ensuing year :— The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Langley, Thomas. E. L. Ward and Yarnold, 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 :—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Langley, Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward, 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 :—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Langley, Miller, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward, 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.

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Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year:—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Lipson, Pates, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Captain Trye, E. L. Ward, Weech, Wheeler and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers, C. E. Walsh, B.A. and F. Vernall, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year:—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett and Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Langley, Captain Trye and Weech ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. C. R. Mapp and F. B. de Sausmarez, J.P., 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, 1931, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

8—**Education Committee—**Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed Members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Leigh James, Lipson, Pruen, Selim Smith, Capt. Trye, J. F. Ward, Weech, Wheeler and Yarnold.

9—**Trustees of Delancey Hospital**—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Stewart ; Drs. R. Davies and G. A. Cardew be re-appointed representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1933.

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10—Death of Mr. T. Malvern—Resolved, That the Council record their deep regret at the death of Mr. Thomas Malvern, L.R.I.B.A., and their sincere sympathy with his widow and daughter in their great bereavement.

11—St. Mark's Estate—Tenders for Houses—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. Drew amounting to £17,994 2s. 6d. (being the lowest tender of 18 tenders received) be accepted for the erection of 30 superior and 18 cheaper non-parlour type houses on the extensions of Shakespeare Road and Shelley Road and the cul-de-sac therefrom subject to sanction to loan being obtained and to formal contract being entered into. Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £19,163 for the construction of the houses including architect's fees and 5 per cent. for contingencies. Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the houses for the purposes of the subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. Also, That the Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Sub-section 1 of Section 3 of the above mentioned Act will be complied with in regard to the houses.

P. P. TAYLOR, 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, 1st December, 1930.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1930. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold.

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

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-27 Rutland Street and Cottage 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.

3--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Cheltenham Shopfitting Co., St. James's Square ; Banbury Hotel, Manchester Street ; 14 Rotunda Terrace ; and 14 to 22 Corpus 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) 50 and 52 Union Street—Read, letter from the Owner of these premises offering to pay for the drainage expenses amounting to £18 15s. 0d. by instalments of £1 a month. 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 paid by annual instalments within a period not exceeding 2 years with interest at the rate of £5 per centum per annum.

(c) 10 to 22 All Saints' Road—The Sanitary Inspector submitted apportionment made by the Surveyor between the Owners of the cost amounting to £72 3s. 0d., of the drainage work at these premises. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and that an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses and that notice of the apportionment be served on the Owners and demand for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 ½ lbs. Beef ; 3 cwt. Pork ; 1 cwt, 22 lbs. Mutton ; 3 qrs. Fish ; 12 lbs. Fowls ; 6 ½ lbs. Rabbits ; and 4 ½ lbs. Tinned Foods.

5—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices arising from want of ash receptacles, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance-

6—Milk and Dairies Order—RESOLVED, That the applications of Lewis Murray Pearman of Black Hedge Dairy, Leckhampton Road, and Joseph Walter Peart of Malvern Dairy, 1 Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road to be registered as purveyors of milk be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order

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7—Insanitary Property-16 Tivoli Street and 5 Hewlett Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 11th June and 8th July last respectively the Sanitary work required at these premises had now been executed by Messrs. W. T. Pates & Sons and Mr. H. Anderson at a cost of £27 10s. 0d. and £21 2s. 0d. respectively. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owners for payment of these expenses.

8—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice Evans in respect of "The Shamrock," Grove Street, "The Nelson," High Street and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street ; Michele and Ada Fortucci in respect of Rowton House, Grove Street ; Alphonse Auguste Meulbruck in respect of Cumberland Villa and Ellen Meulbruck in respect of 4 Grove Street, for renewal of their registration as Common Lodging House Keepers. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected these places and found them satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the registration be renewed up to the 9th November, 1931.

9—Notification of Chicken-Pox—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the present time was a suitable opportunity to discontinue requiring Medical Practitioners to notify cases of Chicken-Pox.

RESOLVED, That this be agree to and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to inform Medical Practitioners accordingly.

10—Housing Programme—Read, Circular of the 31st inst., from the Ministry of Health in regard to the statement to be furnished by the Council giving the proposals in regard to the Housing Programme during the next five years. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Housing Committee.

11—Salaries of Medical Staffs—Read, Circular of the 7th ult., from the Town Clerk, Wigan, enclosing resolutions passed by his Council protesting against the demands of the British Medical Association for further increases in salaries of members of the Medical Staffs. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 4 and 5 Elm Street ; 11 Grafton Street ; and 9 and 9a Russell Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the first mentioned 4 houses had now been rendered fit for human habitation, and No. 9a Russell Place had been demolished. RESOLVED, That Orders be now made determining the Closing Orders made on the 7th May, 1928, 8th April, 1930, 6th July, 1929, and 1st January, 1929 respectively and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

(b) 30 Winchcombe Street ; 20 Montpellier Villas ; Lauriston House, North Place ; 10 Rotunda Terrace ; 2 Sussex Villas, Clarence Road ; and Hereford House, Suffolk Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement dwellings of these houses which did not comply with the regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts, RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit and also that notice be served upon the persons having control of the houses, owners thereof and mortgagees, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the parts of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or a future user thereof will be considered by the Council when any of the above-mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Old School Houses, Arle—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned dwelling houses are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notice be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owner that the condition of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 11th January, 1931.

(d) 14 Bennington Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Closing Order made in respect of these premises had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the enforcement of the Order and the eviction of the tenant.

13—Pembroke Lodge, St. George's Road—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from Mr. W. J. Geeves stating that he would connect the drainage from his garden manhole to the manhole in the road if the flooding of his premises recurred after the sewer in St. George's Road had been enlarged by the

Corporation. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Corporation are only prepared to enlarge the sewer on his undertaking to connect his drainage thereto on completion thereof.

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14—Lavatory Accommodation—(a) Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the provision of a Ladies' Lavatory at the Town Hall adjoining the present Mens' Lavatory. The plan provided for a separate entrance to the Lavatory from the drive leading to the Winter Garden, at the side of the Town Hall, and for the gates to be moved further along this drive, so that the lavatory could remain open when the Winter Garden and the Town Hall were closed. He estimated the cost of this work at £450. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £450 for the cost.

(b) Clarence Parade--The Borough Surveyor suggested that more prominent direction signs should be erected directing to this lavatory. RESOLVED, That direction signs be fixed on the lamp standard in the Promenade opposite Messrs. Martin & Co.'s premises and also to other suitable lamp standards in the vicinity subject to the approval of the Electricity Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Bristol Tramways Co., and the Cheltenham Traction Co. be asked to exhibit notices in their Omnibuses drawing attention to the situation of the convenience.

15—Fairview District Re-Sewerage Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted claim from Mr. J. Collins for £41 for compensation in connection with the re-sewering work at his premises at 56 Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk.

16—Park Place District—Flooding—The Borough Surveyor submitted a further report in regard to the flooding of the houses in Park Place and neighbourhood caused by the sur-charging of the sewers during abnormally heavy rainfall, which supplemented the particulars given in his report made in December, 1924. He was still of opinion that the most satisfactory method of remedying the flooding was the same as recommended in his previous report namely :—To provide a complete system of surface water drainage for the South-Eastern district at a cost which he approximately estimated at £17,600, exclusive of compensation for crossing private land. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates of surface water drainage with a view to application being made for a grant in aid from the Unemployment Grants Committee, and including the reconstruction of the sewer along the Borough boundary from Shurdington Road to a point near Hatherley Road also a branch sewer therefrom between Shurdington Road and The Park.

17—Smoke Nuisance—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in connection with complaints received in July last, Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., and the United Chemists Association Ltd., had installed smoke consumers to their boilers which were giving good results in regard to the emission of smoke, and that there had been no complaints in the vicinity of these works since the installation of the new plants. Messrs. Crooks Laundry in Croft Street were also installing a smoke consumer which would be fitted within the next month.

18—Rat Infestation—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the Ministry of Health with copy letter from Mr. A. Pittaway of Norman, Tivoli Lane, complaining that his premises were infested with rats and asking for the Committee's observations thereon. Read, also, Report of the Sanitary Inspector of the

steps taken by him in regard to this complaint. RESOLVED, That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

19—Royal Institute of Public Health—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Congress of the Institute to be held at Frankfurt-on-Main at Whitsuntide next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dr. **At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th November, 1930.** Hayward, Leigh James, Pates, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

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

2—**Sub-Committees**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, The Mayor and Councillors Leigh James, Dr. Hayward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold be appointed the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee, and that The Chairman, The Mayor and Councillors Dr. Hayward, Waite and J. F. Ward be appointed the Gardens Prize Scheme Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3--74 Manser Street--RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to erect a sign advertising his trade be not granted, but that he be authorised to place a small plate or board on the front gate.

4-13 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to erect double gates to provide entrance for his motor car be granted.

5—Housing Programme—The Town Clerk submitted circular 1153 of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Health in regard to the statement required by Section 25 of the Act to be made by the Council before the 31st December next as to the provision of New Houses for the working Classes during the next 5 years.

6—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 7th inst Present—Councillors Pates (in the chair), J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) 20 Milton Road—That Mr. Rainger be asked to inspect and report as to this house, which the tenant complained was damp.

(b) Malvern Street—That the Sanitary Inspector be asked to inspect and report as to the need of an additional rain water pipe for the property in this street as suggested by the Housing Manager.

(c) 57 Malvern Street—That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate for the provision of a gate to the passage at the side of this house.

(d) St. Mark's Houses -That the Borough Surveyor be asked to arrange for the clearing of the gutters of the houses as and when required.

(e) Spenser Avenue—That Mr. Rainger be asked to inspect and report as to the complaints of the tenants of the rain water coming in under the doors of the houses in this road.

(f) Hudson Street and Hanover Parade—The Housing Manager recommended that strips should be placed across the ceilings of several houses in Hudson Street and Hanover Parade. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

7—St. Paul's Street (South) and Lime Kiln Row Clearance Area—(a) RESOLVED, That this Council upon consideration of an Official Representation by the Medical Officer of Health under the provision of Section 1 of the Housing Act, 1930 and of other information in their possession being satisfied as respects the undermentioned area set out in the Schedule to such representation and defined and coloured pink on the map prepared by the Borough Surveyor

(1) That the dwelling houses in the said area are by reason of disrepair or sanitary defects unfit for human habitation or are by reason of their bad arrangement or the narrowness or bad arrangement of the streets, dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the said area, and that the other buildings in the said area are for a like reason dangerous or injurious to the health of the said inhabitants.

(2) That the most satisfactory method of dealing with the conditions in the said area is the demolition of all the buildings in such area.

(3) That in so far as suitable accommodation available for persons of the working classes who would be displaced by the clearance of the said area does not already exist the Council can provide or secure the provision of such accommodation in accordance with the requirements of Section 1 of the said Act, and

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(4) That the resources of the Council are sufficient for the purpose of carrying into effect this resolution.

do hereby declare the area so defined in the said representation to be a Clearance Area, that is to say an area to be cleared of all buildings in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and undertake to carry out or to secure the carrying out of such re-housing operations within such period as the Minister of Health may consider to be reasonably necessary.

THE AREA ABOVE REFERRED TO.

An area comprising the dwelling houses and premises known as Nos. 1 to 4 St. Paul's Terrace ; Nos. 1 to 8 and 10 to 16 and Vine Cottage, all in St. Paul's Street (South) and Nos. 1 to 10 Lime Kiln Row and the dwelling house facing Swindon Road N0d. 2 Regent Place and the shop and buildings called No. 3 Regent Place

8—Sanitary Earthenware—Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from the Chairman of the British Pottery Manufacturers Federation asking the Council to require the installation of Sanitary Earthenware of

British manufacture in all their houses about to be erected. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Architects.

9-28, 30 and 32 Kipling Road—Read, application from the tenants and owners of these houses for the enlargement of their back gardens. Mr. Rainger reported that this could only be done by omitting one of the proposed houses in Shelley Road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted

10—Unemployment Scheme—Extension of Brooklyn Road and Construction of New Roads—Read, letter of 29th October from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that, if approved, the grant for the work of roadmaking and sewerage carried out definitely in advance of the time at which such work would be carried out in the ordinary course of development would be 50 per cent. of the interest for 15 years or for the period of the loan, whichever is the less. With regard to land the usual practice was to allow not exceeding 10 per cent. of the total cost of the work and land required for the scheme to rank for grant. Any grant would be subject to the condition that if any housing subsidy becomes payable in respect of houses built thereon the due proportion of the Committee's grant would cease one year before the first year's housing subsidy became payable.

Read, also, letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health that in the proposed lay-out of the extensions of Shelley Road and Shakespeare Road, it was considered that the most economical use of the road frontages had not been made and that with regard to the extension of Brooklyn Road the cost in excess of a road of byelaw width could not be charged to the Housing Account and that it would be necessary to apportion the cost as between Housing and the Public Health Act, 1875 and apply for a loan under the Public Health Act, 1875 for the excess cost of the road above a byelaw width. The Ministry also pointed out that no section of the accelerated work should be completed which could be more economically completed after the buildings were erected, e.g. footpaths and road finishing.

Mr. Rainger submitted a revised plan of layout which would enable an additional 8 houses to be erected on the Shelley Road extension RESOLVED, That this be approved and the revised plan submitted to the Ministry of Health, RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit apportionment of the cost of the Brooklyn Road extension as between a Byelaw-width and the extra width and also a revised estimate for the construction of Shelley Road, etc., based on the new lay-out.

RESOLVED, also, That the 8 additional houses which can be erected in Shelley Road on the revised lay-out be included in Mr. Drew's Contract increasing the amount pro rata for the additional houses to £21,103 4s. 7d. and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £22,474 for the total cost of the houses to be erected including 5 per cent. for contingencies and Architects' fees instead of £19,163 as authorised at the Meeting of the Council on the 9th inst.

Additional Land—RESOLVED, That with a view to considering the desirability of purchasing a larger area of land than the 10.1 acres previously decided on the Borough Surveyor and Mr. Rainger be asked to submit a lay-out plan.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith and J. F. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

11—Housing Programme—The Committee further considered circular 1153 of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Health with regard to the statement to be made to the Ministry in pursuance of Section 25 (2) of the Housing Act, 1930, of the steps proposed to be taken for dealing with Housing conditions in the Borough and for providing new housing accommodation, for the quinquennial period ending December, 1935. RESOLVED, That the Statement (a copy of which accompanies the Minutes) be submitted to the Ministry.

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12—Unemployment Scheme—Extension of Brooklyn Road, etc.—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had apportioned the estimated cost of the extension of Brooklyn Road as between Housing and Public Health Act, 1875 as follows:—

Housing ... Roads £10,935 Sewers £694 Total £11,629.

Public Health Roads £2,462.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that the estimated cost of constructing the Shakespeare Road and Shelley Road extensions and cul-de-sac off Shelley Road on the revised lay-out at £4,232.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £11,629 for roads and sewers in respect of Housing and also to a loan for the balance of £2,462 under the Public Health Act, 1875.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,232 for the construction of the Shakespeare Road and Shelley Road extensions, etc., instead of £4,078 as previously authorised.

13—Architect—RESOLVED, That the question of appointing an Architect for the current contracts and for the contract for the houses in Plough Gardens be considered at the next Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 9th December.

14-4 to 7 Elm Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that as authorised by the Committee the front walls of these houses had been cement rendered at an additional cost of £29. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

15—Hudson Street —The Sanitary Inspector reported that the stopper of the cleansing eye of drain intercepting traps in Hudson Street had become blocked and he had therefore had the drains opened up and special lever stoppers fitted which would not dislodge, at a cost of £.5 10s. 0d. He recommended that in future contracts these special lever stoppers should be specified. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

NOTE-The total number of Houses provided is as follows

Site.	Act.	No. of			No. Unsold not yet Completed.
		Houses.	No. Sold.	No. Let	
St. Mark's	1919	160	8	152	—
“	1923	164	152	12	—
“	1924	130	29	101	—
“	without subsidy	16	5	11	—
St. Paul's	1924	215	—	215	—
Cobham Road	1924	15	—	15	—
Stanhope Street					
Improvement Scheme:— Under Scheme		52	—	52	—
“ 1924 Act ...		16	—	16	—
Old Houses retained		9	—	9	—
Malvern Street					
(on site of 3 old houses)	1924	2	—	2	—
Whaddon Avenue ...	1924	91	2	89	—
Pilley Crescent ...		1924	<u>102</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>48</u>
		972	197	722	53

A Contract has just been entered into for 63 houses in Folly Lane and tenders have been accepted for 56 additional houses at St. Mark's making the number of houses to be provided 1091. In addition to above, 11 houses in Elm Street, Russell Street and Rutland Street have been purchased for re-conditioning.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1930 Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Sawyer ; Councillors Langley, Lipson, Pates, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold.

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

2—**Requisitions Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Langley, Pates and Yarnold be appointed members of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor reported that the measurement of the areas in connection with reinstatement of the carriageways on the Leckhampton and Prestbury Routes after the removal of the tram lines had been agreed with the Traction Co., and payment had been made as follows :—

Leckhampton Route .., 10,519 square yards £2,892 14s. 6d.

Prestbury Route 3,580 “ “ £984 10s. 0d.

4—Tivoli Post Office—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. E. A. Rudge for permission to fix a grating in the footpath outside these premises be adjourned for view.

5—St. George's Road and Montpellier Street—Read, letter of 16th ult., from the Secretary Ladies' College, asking the Corporation to give permission for the words "No Parking" to be painted on the roadway on either side of the College main entrance in St. George's Road and on the road at the corner of Montpellier Street and St. George's Road and also asking for traffic notices similar to those erected near the Cheltenham College to be fixed, RESOLVED, That the proposal to paint the words - No Parking" on the roads referred to be not approved but that the Borough Surveyor be asked to arrange for suitable traffic signs to be erected near the College.

6—Cemetery Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans for the widening of Cemetery Road which had now been submitted to the County Surveyor, who considered that the smaller scheme for widening the narrow portion of the road only was all that was necessary at present. RESOLVED, That the narrow portion of the road be widened to be the same width as the other parts of the road,

7-334, High Street—RESOLVED, That notice be given to the owner under Section 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, requiring him to put the cellar grating in the footpath in proper order and that in default the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done and that the cost be recovered from the owner,

8—Warning Signs—RESOLVED, That the offer of the Royal Automobile Club to provide warning signs and posts as approved by the Ministry of Transport be accepted and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to write to the Club as and when such signs are required.

9—Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Wagon Repairs Ltd., advising that the maintenance Contract which would expire in July, 1934 should be renewed so as to continue in force until December, 1938, on the same terms as existing Contract. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Church Walk—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan and application for a chute in Church Walk to give access to the premises of "The Famous." RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to an undertaking being given under Section 191 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to keep the chute and cover thereof in order and remove the same and restore the footpath when required by the Corporation on three months' notice and to be responsible for any accidents caused by the existence of the chute and cover.

11—Refuse Collection—Hyde Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Mr. 5, Workman and Mr. F. E. Faulkner the owner and tenant of a piece of land in Hyde Road agreeing to the land being used as a refuse tip. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site was a convenient place for tipping and there was a good road to the site, RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

12—Private Improvement Works—Waterloo Street—The Town Clerk reported that before Notices to pave were served a search of the records back to 1877 showed that the owners had not been called upon to pave during that period and in the Street Register it was stated that the owners were liable to pave, so that it appeared that the asphalt pavement must have been done at the cost of the Corporation, but on making a further exhaustive search with a view to giving positive evidence of this, he had found that the path had been asphalted in 1869 at the owners' cost and in these

circumstances, he had withdrawn the Summonses. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the owners who had already paid be refunded the amounts paid by them.

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13—Streamer across Colonnade—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Monro Briggs for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade for 2 days advertising the Bazaar and Christmas Carnival in aid of the Y.M.C.A. be granted subject to the usual conditions.

14—Notice Boards—Read, letters of 31st ult., from the "Gloucestershire Echo" and "Evening World" that they had given instructions that the Council's requirements in regard to newspaper boards must be complied with.

15—Diversion of Traffic—The Committee further considered the letter from Major H. H. Hardy of the 14th June last suggesting diversion of traffic along Suffolk Road and Thirlestaine Road instead of Montpellier Terrace and Sandford Road. Read, also, letters from Mrs. Helen Gibson, Brig.-Gen. Ramsay and Mr. Duncan Webb complaining of the traffic along Montpellier Terrace. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect notices in suitable positions with a view to directing through traffic from Gloucester to London along Andover Road, Suffolk Road and Thirlestaine Road instead of along Montpellier Terrace and Sandford Road.

16—Petrol Filling Stations— Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Home Office that consideration of these Byelaws would be facilitated by a discussion between a representative of the Department and the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be authorised to interview the Home Office as requested.

17—Advertisements (Regulation) Acts, 1907-1925—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Home Office with their observations on the draft byelaws submitted for approval. RESOLVED, That the Home Office be asked to discuss these byelaws with the Representatives of the Corporation at the interview, to be arranged under the preceding minute.

18—Street Projections—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Manager of the Plough Hotel for permission to erect a Flag Staff at the front of their premises for the purpose of hanging an advertising flag be adjourned for view

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of H. Edwards, S. E. Tidd, H. Messenger and E. A. Rudge for permission to place projecting signs at 25 Pittville Street, 7 Hewlett Street, Banbury Hotel, Manchester Street, and Tivoli Post Office respectively be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions

19—Naunton Parade--Read, letter of 28th ult., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., that in 1913 when this road was repaired at the cost of the abutting owners the specification provided for the work to be carried out in such a manner that it might be taken over by the Corporation but the road had never been so taken over. RESOLVED, That the Statutory Notices be given with a view to the roadway being taken over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

20—View Committee—The View Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. Present—Councillor Capt. Trye (in the chair) and Councillor Thomas. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Hereford Place—That Mr. Edward Dayus, owner of the workshop adjoining the land of the Corporation be given a right of way 12ft. wide from Hereford Place on the South side of the Corporation land, upon entering into an agreement to pay a yearly acknowledgment of 1s- and that two boundary stones with the words "Cheltenham Corporation" cut. in be fixed at two corners of the land.

(b) Gloucester Road—That none of the 12 trees complained of in Mr. F. C. Hellings' letter to Councillor P. T. Smith be removed.

(c) Queen's Road—That the footpath on East side adjoining Cypher's Nurseries complained of in Mr. F. C. Hellings' letter to Councillor P. T. Smith be paved and the cost charged to Main Roads Account

(d) Gloucester Road—That the footpath referred to in the Memorial from tenants of Nos. 1 to 7 Lansdown Cottages be gravelled and tar sprayed.

(e) Gloucester Road—That the defective footpath from Church Road to Tennyson Road be gravelled and tar sprayed.

(f) Leckhampton Fields—That notice under Section 3 of the Barbed Wire Act, 1893, be given to the owners to remove the barbed wire along the fence adjoining the footpath.

(g) Pittville Circus Road—That the previous decision not to remove trees referred to in Brig.-Gen. Miles' letter be adhered to.

(h) Prestbury Road—That direction signs (to Evesham, Winchcombe and Broadway) be fixed on fences in this road as suggested by Mr. C. J. Sawyer.

(i) Upper Park Street—That the carriageway complained of in Councillor Pates' letter be tarsprayed and gritted with large material.

(j) Pittville Circus Road—That the suggestion of Brig.-Gen. Miles that the footpath in this road be paved, be not adopted at present. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

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21—Lamp at junction of Montpellier Street and Queen's Parade—The Committee considered the re-erection of the lamp and island recently knocked down at the junction of these roads. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark out on the road the proposed site for an Island Refuge and traffic direction sign.

22—Pittville Circus and Prestbury Road Island Lamp—The Committee further considered the proposed removal of this lamp by the Electricity Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view and that the question of providing a Refuge and traffic direction sign be also considered.

23—Rosehill Street—The Committee considered complaint of Councillor Pates in regard to the footpath in this road, which had not yet been paved at the cost of the adjoining owners. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have some ashes placed on the footpath.

24—Winchcomb Street--The Borough Surveyor reported damage to the paving in this street by an omnibus belonging to the Cheltenham District Traction Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage estimated at £1 5s 0d.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1930. Present—Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Weech and Mrs. E. C. Gurney.

1—Chairman--It was RESOLVED, That Councillor Leigh James be appointed chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th November, 1930. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor E. L. Ward be appointed chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1822	Townley, H. E. C.	New kitchen, South View, Princes Road, Tivoli.
3038	Lloyd, H. B.	Motor House, Meadowland, College Road.
3050	Colson, L. H.	Motor House, Lansdown Lea, Lansdown Road.
3056	Christian Alliance of Women and Girls	New Lavatory, 24 Cambray Place.
3057	Elliot, H. A. T.	Canopy in front of Shop, Shurdington Road.
3058	Lawrence, W. J.	Lock-up Garages, Haywards Road.
3059	Morris, Mrs.	Motor House, Marston, Parabola Road.
3060	Burrows, Mrs. C. F.	Motor House, Beechcroft, Gloucester Road,
3061	Bastin, F. H.	Extension of Workshop, Winchcomb Street,
3062	Paragon Laundries, Ltd,	New Packing Room addition, Paragon Laundry, Hatherley Road.
3063	Reason, C. H.	Motor House, Ablington, Lansdown Road.
3064	Harford, J.	Tool Shed, 62 Kipling Road,
3065	Marsh, H. R.	Shed for Dog, 37 Hope Street.
3067	Messrs. Flower & Sons, Stratford-on-Avon.	Internal Alterations, Garricks Head Inn, Bath Street (Preliminary Plan).
3068	Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons	New frontage line, Regent Street (Preliminary Plan).
3069	Bullock, F. C.	Motor House, Deerhurst, Portland Street.

3070	Davies, W.	Shed for Workshop, 74 Manser Street.
3071	Pitman, W.	Motor House, 13 Kingsley Gardens, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3050, 3059, 3061, 3064, 3065 and 3067 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1822, 3056 and 3062 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 3060, 3063, 3069 and 3071 be approved subject to entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3057 be approved subject to an undertaking being given under Section 191 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 to remove the Canopy if and when required ; That Plan No. 3058 be approved subject to an undertaking being given to set back the building behind the building line.(when prescribed) if and when required ; That Plan No. 3068 be approved subject to the corner being rounded off similar to the one on the other side of Ormond Place ; That Plan No. 3070 be approved subject to the approval of the Housing Committee ; and That Plan No. 3038 be disapproved.

3—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No. of Plan,	Name.	Description
171	Pearce, G.	Garage, Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury.
172	Emlyn, Dr. A.	Bungalow, Charlton Common.
173	Thomas, G. A.	Garage, Hewens Farm, Haywards Lane, Charlton Kings.
174	Charlton Kings Brotherhood	Hall, Junction School Road and Lyefield Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 171 be approved ; That Plan No. 173 be approved subject to an undertaking from the owner to remove the building when called upon to do so ; and That Plans Nos. 172 and 174 be disapproved.

4—Preliminary Statement—The Borough Surveyor submitted the Preliminary Statement together with Map No. 2, RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 24th inst., to consider these.

5—Little Theatre, Bath Road—Read, letters from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeaman and Alderman Moore, complaining of the recurrence of stamping noises, etc., from this building, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Madam Irving calling her attention to the matter. Read, also, letter of the 4th inst. from Madam Irving. Madam Irving attended the Committee and stated that the building was never used after 7 p.m. at night except on four occasions during the year, when a close of term concert was given by the students, and that the only music that had been used in this Theatre for some considerable time was a piano. and that if any of the residents in Montpellier Grove were seriously ill, she would always be pleased to make temporary arrangements for the gymnastics and rhythmic dancing to be held in her house. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

6—London to South Wales Trunk Road—The Town Clerk reported that when this matter was brought before the County Council in February last, the County Council were unable to consider the construction of the road during the coming financial year. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council asking that the cost of the construction of this road should be included in the estimate for the next financial year

7—Aerodrome—The Chairman reported further interview which he, Capt. Trye, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor had had with the representatives of the Gloucester Corporation and also representatives of the Gloucester Aircraft Company and that it had been arranged for representatives of the two Corporations to visit the Bristol Airport.

8—St. Margaret's—Motor Coach Station—The Committee considered letter of the 29th ult., from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen asking for the approval of the Council to the use of the above property for a motor coach station for the Black and White Motorways. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the General Manager of the Black and White Motorways be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th November, 1930. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, and E. L. Ward; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name..	Description,
3072	Messrs, Baines & Co. (Boynton)	Alterations, 384 High Street.
3073	McArthur, D.	Cycle Shed, 88 Whaddon Avenue.
3074	Board, R.	Cycle Shed, 21 Shakespeare Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3073 and 3074 be approved ; and That Plan No. 3072 be disapproved.

10—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
175	Baylis, C.	Alterations to Store Shed, Bishop's Cleeve.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 175 be approved.

11—St. Margaret's—Motor Coach Station—Mr. Lapper, the General Manager of the Black and White Motorways Ltd., attended and submitted to the Committee a list of the proposed routes to be taken by the Motor Coaches to and from their proposed Motor Coach Station at St. Margaret's. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve in principle the construction of a Motor Coach Station at these premises,

12—Aerodrome—The Chairman reported that he and Capt. Trye with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor, and representatives of the Gloucester Corporation visited the Bristol Airport on the 15th inst., and submitted particulars of the cost and construction and management of the Bristol Airport.

13—Regional Town Planning Scheme--Councillor Capt. Trye reported the proceedings of the Meeting of the Regional Town Planning Committee who asked that the Corporation contribute £50 per annum for three years, and it was reported that the Gloucester Corporation had agreed to contribute £75 per annum for three years. RESOLVED, That under the circumstances the Council be recommended to contribute £50 per annum for three years and that Minute No. 6 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 10th April last be varied accordingly.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th November, 1930. Present—Aldermen Stewart Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Brig.-Gen. McCalmont, Messrs. A. Yiend and A. Wiggett (Councillor B. L. Ward in the Chair),

14—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
176	Pownall, Miss P.	Shed, The Hut, Southam.
177	Williams, H. J.	Greenhouse and Sheds, Sheldon Nurseries, Tewkesbury Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 176 and 177 be approved.

(b) Plan No. 172—The Committee further considered the plan submitted by Dr. A. Emlyn for a bungalow on land adjoining Charlton Common, and Messrs, Blake and Waterson of Messrs. Heath and Eckersall attended the Committee and claimed a right of access to the roadway on Charlton Common. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Dr. Hayward and Capt. Trye and Mr. W. S. F. Harris be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the site and report to the Committee.

15—Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2 -The Committee considered the Preliminary Statement. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Particulars be revised as now suggested by the Committee.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1930. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart; Councillors Pates, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech.

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

2—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Thomas, Weech and Waite be appointed the Concerts Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Visitors—RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the ensuing year :—

Montpellier Baths	Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Thomas.
Montpellier Gardens	Councillors Pruen and Thomas.
Town Hall and Winter Gardens	Alderman Stewart and Councillor Pates.
Alstone Baths	Alderman Stewart and Councillor Allen.

4—Spa Development Scheme---(a) Read, letter of 31st ult., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce forwarding the following Resolution which was passed by the Chamber on the 7th October :—

" The Chamber suggests that the Town Council proceed to obtain detailed plans and quantities in order to ascertain the precise cost, etc., of the proposed Scheme "

(b) Read, also, letter of 12th inst., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce enclosing reports of the Sub' Committee appointed to consider the Spa Scheme in detail and also report of the Council of the Chamber which had been adopted by the Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

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5—Aviation Day—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Associated Newspapers Ltd., suggesting that the Corporation should allocate one day of their "Civic " week to Aviation Day in which case they would be prepared to co-operate with the Corporation in organising and arranging the day
RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

6—Town Hall---(a) The Borough Surveyor reported damage to the gate at the side entrance of the Town Flail by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Georges Ltd., and the Town Clerk reported that the General Accident Insurance Co., had paid £1 half the cost of making good the damage in accordance with the Halving Agreement.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and District Christmas Relief Fund Committee for the free use of the Town Hall on the 27th November for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Funds be granted subject to payment of the cost of lighting.

7—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fête—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from Secretary of the Floral Fete Committee that they wished to change the dates of the Floral Fete to the 1st and 2nd July instead of the 24th and 25th June as previously sanctioned. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club that the Club could not possibly afford to pay a larger rent than £40. Mr J. H. Evans attended and supported the application, and stated that he was prepared to guarantee the rent offered.
RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend the Council to renew the Lease of the Green and Club

Pavilion for a term of three years at the reduced rent of £40 per annum subject to the conditions as to maintenance of the Bowling Green, etc., as in the existing Lease,

9—Summer Band—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mrs. Claude Conder complaining of the nuisance caused to her by the Band playing in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to make other arrangements.

10—Illustrated Guide—Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Bisset attended and proposed that the Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce should combine again in issuing a guide for the next two years. 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 2 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) Alderman Sawyer and Councillors Thomas and Weech and the Spa Manager be appointed as the representatives of the Corporation.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st November, 1930. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward.

11—Montpellier Gardens--(a) Putting Course—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the fencing for enclosing the putting course. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., of £31 0s, 8d. being the lowest be accepted.

(b) Pavilion—Read, letter of the 10th inst, from Mr. Rex Burchell that he proposed to open his concert parties on the 1st May next and continue for a definite period of 17 weeks and thereafter on a weekly tenancy so long as the weather etc., warranted, and asking for an option for the 1932 season RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, provided the notice of intention to exercise such option is given by the 31st October, 1931.

12—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Messrs. Dicks & Sons Ltd., that two large trees on the corner of this ground behind the pavilion were a nuisance on account of the falling leaves and through boys throwing stones at the horse chestnuts, and asking if these could be removed. They would be pleased to make a reasonable donation towards the cost of flowers for making the corner attractive. RESOLVED, That Councillors Waite and E. L. Ward be asked to view the trees and report to the Committee.

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13—Town Hall—Read, application from Mr. T. Kenneth Waite that the National Association of Goldsmiths had decided to hold their 1931 Conference in Cheltenham from the 1st to the 5th June, and asking for the free use of the Supper Room for the five days and the large hall for one evening for the Conference. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

14—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 21st October and the 15th November.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Popular Concerts—That the Spa Manager be instructed to have complimentary tickets printed and distributed to the various business houses with a view to getting some of the young people in the town to attend.

(b) Sunday Concerts—(i) That the Spa Manager be instructed to have notice boards fixed on the trees in the Promenade advertising these concerts.

(ii) That local conductors be asked to engage at least 4 of the morning orchestra for these concerts as arranged with Mr. Teague.

(iii) That the Spa Manager be instructed to send advanced copies of the Programmes to all the Hotels

(iv) The Sub-Committee considered the statement of the Borough Treasurer which showed a net loss of £51 17s. 9d. on the first six Sunday Concerts and recommended that if the Concerts did not show an improvement by the end of the year, the Committee should consider the advisability of discontinuing these.

(v) That Mr. Fielding's Band be engaged for the Sunday Concerts on the 7th and 28th December.

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

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1930. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley and Capt. Try.

1—Chairman—It was RESOLVED, That Alderman Moore be appointed chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Wednesday, 19th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Langley, Capt. Trye and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Extension of Main to Uckington—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Post Office would shortly be laying a new duct from Ark Gardens, Tewkesbury Road to the Cross Hands Inn and as it was proposed in the near future to extend the supply to Uckington it was desirable to lay the cables in the same trench as the Post Office ducts which would save some expense and avoid re-opening the ground. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the Post Office agreeing to bear a fair proportion of the cost of the trench.

3—Public Lighting-(a) Leckhampton Road and Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the central lighting of the Leckhampton Road from the foot of the hill to the Norwood Arms had now been completed. It had now been suggested that the centre lighting should be continued from the Norwood Arms to Oriol Road and as the Traction Company were shortly proposing to remove the tramway standards it was desirable to consider the matter before these were removed. He was of opinion that the necessary overhead wires would be more conspicuous in this part of the road than in Leckhampton Road owing to absence of trees. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to submit an estimate for central lighting of the road utilising the tramway standards but providing for underground cables.

(b) Montpellier Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the lamp post in the centre of this road was knocked down by a motor car on the 8th inst. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to re-erect the lamp on the footpath in front of Messrs. Fildes premises and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

(c) RESOLVED, That consideration of the further memorial from residents in Coltham Terrace and letter from Mr. E. Vaughan Phillips as to the lighting of Berkeley Place be adjourned for view. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee view the lighting at the bottom of Leckhampton Road where it is suggested an additional lamp is required.

RESOLVED, also, That a View Meeting of the Committee be held on the 4th December to inspect the lighting in the several parts of the town in respect of which complaints have been received.

4—Extension to Main—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension of main referred to in his report on the terms now approved by this Committee.

5—Charlton Kings—Exhibition—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. E. J. Fear, one of the local registered Contractors, was arranging to hold a small Electrical Exhibition in St. Mary's Hall, Charlton Kings on the 27th, 28th and 29th Inst., and that he proposed to supply the energy at a nominal rate RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Supply to Rural Areas—Bishops Cleave and Woodmancote--The Town Clerk reported that consents to the proposed overhead lines to supply these districts had been obtained from the Winchcombe Rural District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

7—St. Stephen's Church—Switch pillar—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the Rev. A. E. Addenbrooke, for the right to erect and maintain an electric switch pillar on land adjoining St. Stephen's Church subject to payment of an annual acknowledgement of 1s per annum.

8—Albion Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Sub-station on the Athletic Ground would be ready during the Spring and that as from that time the basement of the premises of the Cheltenham Ice and Cold Storage Ltd., would not be required RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give six months' notice terminating the tenancy of these premises.

9—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Corner of Fairview Road and Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that the FIR Motor Policies had agreed to enter into an Agreement for the settlement

of this claim and future claims on a halving basis. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

(b) Swindon Road (?North)---Read, report of Superintendent Goulder of wilful damage to an electric street lamp by a boy named Charles Iles aged 12 years. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Goulder be instructed to take proceedings unless the cost of making good the damage estimated at 5s is paid for by the parents.

10—Gas Tests---Read, reports of Gas tests made on the 16th, 22nd and 29th ult., and 4th, 9th and 14th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 473.8, 476.9, 478.2, 475.7, 483.1 and 471.2 B.Th.U., respectively, and the pressure 5.4, 5.2, 5.4, 5.3, 6.4 and 5.4 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1930. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley and Selim Smith.

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

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th November, 1930. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Hayward, Langley and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 17th November, 1930.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	155,000 gallons	107,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	601,000 „	488,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	42,000	28,000
Total	798,000	623,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	17th November, 1930.		17th November, 1929.	
Hewletts		9,131,000 gallons		18,613,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	22ft. 6ins.	54,854,000 “	15ft. 6ins.	28,757,000 “
Leckhampton	7ft. 0ins,	945,000 “	8ft. 0ins.	1,080,000 “
Total Storage		64,930,000		48,450,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of October.

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that 25 Contractors had submitted Schemes for additional Pumping Plant at Tewkesbury, and Schemes for mechanical filters had been received from two firms. He thought that it was desirable that he should interview a representative of the Ministry of Health to discuss the proposed Scheme, RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman Moore and Councillors Dr. Hayward and Scott Langley be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report on the tenders received and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to interview the Ministry of Health as suggested.

4—Dowdeswell Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that on the 8th inst., a motor car had damaged the wall of the Reservoir to the extent of 8s 4d., and the Town Clerk reported that the Motor Union Insurance Co had offered to settle the claim on a halving basis. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

5—Castle Barn Farm—Read, letter of 11th inst., from Mr. T. Roberts, the tenant of this farm, complaining of the condition of the fence round Lineover Wood and the stone wall dividing the pasture ground known as Pheasant Piece from the arable ground, which was continually being knocked down by the Hunt. The kitchen grate in the Farmhouse was unsatisfactory and he also asked the Corporation to erect a Dutch Barn on the Farm. Read, also, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle, that the repairs to the fencing round Lineover Wood should be done by the Corporation, but he would inspect and report further as to this. With regard to the gaps in the wall in Pheasant Piece he had pointed out to the tenant that this was a tenant's liability. He recommended that a new kitchen grate be provided as the old grate was worn out, but he could not recommend the provision of a Dutch Barn unless the tenant was prepared to pay 10 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay, which he was not willing to do. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to provide a new kitchen grate.

6—River Severn Development Association—RESOLVED, That Alderman Moore be appointed the Council's representative on this Association in place of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Wapshare.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and J. F. Ward,

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

2—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; and Councillors Leigh James and Capt. Trye be appointed the Market Sub-Committee for the ensuing year,

3—Fire Brigade—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chairman ; Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; and Councillor Thomas be appointed the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** for the ensuing year.

(b) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade were called to an outbreak of fire on the 13th inst., to a motor car in Sandford Road.

4—Athletic Ground—Grandstand—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Rugby Football Club had asked the Corporation to permit the Club to let the spaces on the Grandstand for advertisements, the receipts from the advertisements to be halved between the Corporation and the Club. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee previously appointed be asked to inspect the suggested positions for the advertisements and report to the Committee.

5—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Goulder reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever at Six Chimney Lane, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Animals (Importation) Order of 1930—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 13th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing copies of this Order which consolidated and amended in certain minor respects the Foreign Animals Order of 1930, and its amending Orders, and the Foreign Animals (Quarantine) Order of 1906, all of which had been revoked. The Ministry did not consider it necessary for the Local Authority to publish the Order.

6—Omnibus Licences—(a) Cheltenham to Evesham—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from Mr. R. Lunn that his clients, Messrs. G. H. Grail and S. H. Joiner trading as the Stratford-upon-Avon Blue Bus Co. had purchased the business and eight omnibuses of Mr. Frank Martin and asking the Council to transfer the licences held by Mr. Martin to his clients. It was desired to substitute the two omnibuses Nos. RA1931 and DF2319 by two Thornycroft twenty-seater omnibuses Nos. UT411 and NR9527. Mr. Lunn and Mr. Joiner attended the Committee in support of their application. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to satisfactory reports on the two Thornycroft omnibuses being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector,

(b) Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., renewing their application for four Omnibus Licences to operate a service between Cheltenham and Evesham. Mr. Pittard and Mr. W. G. Green attended on behalf of the Company in support of the application and Mr. Lunn opposed the grant of the application on the ground that the needs of the traffic were sufficiently served by the existing service. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the International Express Services Ltd. for four Drivers Licences for their Bristol to Newcastle service be granted.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham District Traction Co., for Conductors Licences in respect of G. A. W. Fits, C. H. W. Tye and L. Carter be granted subject to these being approved by Supt. Goulder.

7—Market—The Committee further considered the application of Mr. C. C. Castle for a reduction in the charges for the use of the Market. The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement as to the receipts received by Mr. Castle during the past four years together with particulars of his weekly expenses, RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend that the Council agree to accept a fixed annual payment of £50 from Mr Castle for the three years ending 1932 subject to Mr. Castle paying the arrears of £96 3s 0d. due in respect of the past four years.

8—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. A. W. Eddison for the transfer of the two petrol licences held by Miss M. H. Ogilvie in respect of Langton Garage, Montpellier Terrace, which he had now purchased, be granted and that as these licences were only issued on the 5th ult., only half the ordinary fee be made for the transfer.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted list of licences to store petroleum and carbide which had not been taken up. RESOLVED, That the Petroleum Inspector be instructed to inspect and report whether any of these Stores were being used with a view to proceedings being taken.

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9—Census, 1931—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had written to the various colleges and schools asking them to arrange if possible for the Summer term to begin so that the schools would be assembled on the 26th April next, which had been fixed for the Census, and pointed out to them that the Exchequer Grant under the Government Act, 1929 was based on population. He now submitted letters from the Bursar of the College, the Secretary of the Ladies' College and the Principal of Dean Close School stating that it was not practicable to make any alteration in the Easter holidays so as to begin the summer term as proposed. Read, also, letters from the Bursar of the Grammar Schools and Principal of the Training College and the Education Secretary that their Schools would be assembled on the date of the Census.

Read, also, letter from the Registrar General that it was not practicable to vary the date fixed for the Census, but that the questions respecting the proper basis for the estimation of local populations under the Local Government Act, 1929, were receiving consideration.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write again to the Bursar of the College and Secretary of the Ladies' College and Principal of Dean Close School asking their respective Councils to reconsider the matter in view of its importance to the Town,

10—Parking Places—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce making suggestions with a view to the provision of additional parking places, and also suggesting that in streets in the centre of the Town, vehicles be only permitted to pull up on alternate sides of the road on alternate days, Mr. H. W. Bennett attended on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to support these suggestions. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Notice of the intention to make an Order under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, authorising the use as a parking place for private motor cars, of Vittoria Walk (West side) from a point near its junction with

Oriel Road to 1 Vittoria Walk, a distance of about 166 yards (including the entrance to Wolseley House).

11—Local Employment Committee—Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from the Divisional Controller, Ministry of Labour, that it was proposed to reappoint the Local Employment Committee, which had been established to advise and assist in connection with the work of the Cheltenham Employment Exchange for a fourth term of office, and asking the Committee to nominate two representatives to serve on that Committee, one of which it was suggested should represent the Education Committee
RESOLVED, That Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed the Council's representative and that Councillor Weech be appointed as representing the Education Committee.

12—Education (School Attendance) Bill, 1930—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Town Clerk, Bedford, asking the Council to support the following resolutions passed by the Bedford Town Council :—

(1) That this Council desires to register its strong objection to the Government's Education (School Attendance) Bill on the following grounds

(2) That attendance at School after the present leaving age of 14 should be permissive, not compulsory. That the proposed Maintenance Grants to parents are wrong in principle, will be difficult to assess and vexatious in operation.

(3) That the Act will impose heavy new burdens upon Ratepayers and Taxpayers which, particularly in the present state of Industry and Trade will be a further hindrance to recovery and will accentuate its difficulties, thereby tending to increase unemployment rather than relieve it.

RESOLVED, That the Council support the resolutions and that a copy be sent to the Prime Minister, The Minister of Education and the Borough Member,

13—Noisy Aircraft—Read, Circular of the 14th inst., from the Town Clerk, Eastbourne asking the Council to support the resolution passed by his Council, that in the interests of the public and more especially inmates of hospitals and nursing homes that there should be general legislation dealing with the nuisance arising from noisy aircraft. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

14—Rodney Road—Re-numbering—Read, letter of the 21st inst., from Mr. E. Turner drawing attention to the inconvenience of the numbering of Rodney Road in which there were several Terraces and several Places, each with a different set of numbers. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan for re-numbering this road.

15—Shops Acts—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received of contravention of the Shops Acts at three grocers shops. RESOLVED, That the Shops Acts Inspector be instructed to keep these premises under observation and report any contravention of the Acts.

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16 --Marle Hill House—Read, letter from Messrs. McLaren and Jeens offering the whole of the Marle Hill House Estate for the sum of £6,500. The property comprises Marle Hill House and garden, cottage and outbuildings and land, extending from Evesham Road to Tommy Taylor's Lane, comprising in the whole 41 a. 3 r. 3 p, and having a frontage to Evesham Road of 850 ft. The property

is subject to an apportioned tithe rent charge of £12 8s. 2d and Land Tax £4 14s. 9d. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into a provisional Contract for the purchase of the property subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained to a loan for the purchase money. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £6,565 for the purchase money and stamp duty.

17—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That these offices be closed for the Christmas Holidays on the 25th, 26th and 27th December

18—Finance Committee of the Gloucester Standing Joint Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Pruen be appointed the Council's representative of this Committee in the place of The Mayor, who was now an ex-officio member of that Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selina Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Waine and Yeend

1—Chairman---RESOLVED, That Councillor J. F. Ward be appointed chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

North Ward ... Councillor Yarnold and Mr. F. Vizard.

East Ward “ Selim Smith and Mr. E. M. Yeend.

South Ward “ Dr. Hayward and Mr. Clarkson.

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

3—Rainbow Field Allotments—Read, letter from Mr. A. J. Bendy, complaining of the condition of the hedge between his property and these allotments. RESOLVED, That Mr. Clarkson be requested to inspect this and report to the next Meeting.

4— Allotments Letting—RESOLVED, That Allotments Nos. 17 Baglins Piece, 123 Crab Tree Piece and 5 Gappers Field be let to Mr. S. F. Brewer, Mr. J. Bayless and Mr. E. J. Lewis respectively.

5— Allotment No. 2 Sandford Mead—The Town Clerk reported that this allotment, containing one chain, was now vacant, and he had received a letter from the next applicant on the waiting list asking for half a chain. RESOLVED, That he be let half the Allotment if it can be conveniently divided into two half chains

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Sawyer Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold.

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

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

Agg-Gardner Councillors J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

Naunton Park “ Dr. Hayward and Selim Smith.

Whaddon Road Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Waite.

Sandford Park Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Selim Smith,

3—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Education Secretary had applied for goal posts to be erected at this ground for the school organised games. RESOLVED, That permission be given for the Education Committee to erect goal posts at their own cost.

(b) Tennis Courts—Read, letter from the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club asking the Committee to grant them the use of the Tennis Courts for the 1931 season. RESOLVED, That the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club be granted the use of these courts on the same terms as last season.

4—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—The Parks Superintendent reported that the Charlton Kings and Prestbury Schools were not using this ground for organised games as reported at the last meeting, but the ground was used for home and away inter-school matches. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Custodian—Read, letter from Mrs. L. M. Grinnell complaining of the custodian at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, RESOLVED, That the Custodian be asked to submit a report thereon,

W. SAWYER

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1930. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillor Weech ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp.

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

2—Curator's Report—Visits—During October 3,473 (against 3,686), including a class of 16 girls from Tewkesbury High School

Receipts—Collection Box, Catalogues, etc., £4 0s. 10d.

Voluntary Assistance—The Curator wished to acknowledge the helpfulness of Dr. Oliver H. Wild in the ornithological section, and the great assistance of Captain R. P. Wild, F.G.S. in much detail work in the Museum.

RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to discard stuffed specimens of birds which had been replaced by good examples given by Dr. Wild and others.

Electric Light—The installation in the four northern rooms and corridor had been completed.

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3—Donations—From Mr. A. W. Bryant, Bullet Mould and bullets used by the Volunteer Forces (British Army) c.1865 ; Mr. C. I. Gardiner, Snuffers ; Rev. A. A. Headley, 3 Local Tokens, 55 English Silver Coins, 1461-1912, also Silver and Bronze Commemoration Medals of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, 1897 ; Mr. Frank Jones, Gloucester Old Bank Notes for £1 and guinea, 1814 ; Mr. F. C. Morgan, Harvester's Cider Barrel, 19th century ; Mr. H. E. Norris, Night Jar and Golden Crested Wren ; Mrs. E. A. Wilson, 7 Water Colour, Pencil and Wash Drawings by the late Dr. Edward Adrian Wilson, Ice Pick, Doulton Plate, and Sledge used on the Antarctic " Discovery " Expedition, 1901-4 Family of the late Dr. E. T. Wilson, Collection of Cotswold Flints, late Dr. E. T. Wilson's Notebooks, Photographs of West Tump Excavations, Roman Pottery Vase from Chedworth ; Miss Ida Wilson, 2 examples of Cranham Pottery and one example of Truro Pottery, 19th century ; Rev. J. V. Wilson, Raised Map of Jerusalem.

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

4—Loan—From Colonel E. B. Wilson, Portrait of Dr. E. T. Wilson, by Alfred U. Soord, 1910 ; Portrait of Mrs. Mary A. Wilson (1842-1930), by Alfred U. Soord, 1913.

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

5—Lady Lever Art Gallery—The Curator reported the receipt of three finely illustrated volumes on the collections of this Gallery at Port Sunlight, published at 17 gns. (of which only 200 copies were printed), as a gift from the Trustees. RESOLVED That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors, and that the volumes be transferred to the Library Committee.

6—Subscriptions—The Curator suggested the formation of a Fund to be reserved for the purchase of pictures, specimens, or equipment, under the title of " Friends of the Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum." RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the proceeds of the Collection Box be added to this Fund.

7—Art Gallery Catalogue—RESOLVED, That the tender of the Alcuin Press of £22 for 1,000 copies of this catalogue be accepted.

8—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That 63 frames illustrating the History of Printing be obtained on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, and that during February and March next the Permanent Collection be exhibited.

9—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on 25th, 26th and 27th December (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

CLARA. F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st November, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley, Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold.

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

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 18th October to the 21st November, 1930 Interments 60 ; Grave Spaces sold 29 (First Position 2, Second Position 6, Fourth Position 21) ; Memorials fixed 16 ; New Inscriptions 12.

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3—Grants of Grave Spaces-RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8290 to 8318 of the exclusive right of burial in the referred to therein.

4—Cemetery Lodge-The Surveyor submitted estimate of for internal renovations of the Lodge, which Was provided for in the current estimates. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have these carried out.

5—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved viz :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Marjory Gray, Findlater Calder, Christopher John Phillips, Anne Kenney Herbert and Daphne Mary Eales, Memorial Headstone, and Kerbing to grave of Bessie Finlayson ; Memorial Cross and Base to grave of Harry. Bastin and Margaret Annie Bastin ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Eliza A. Cook and Thomas E. Jenkins, and Thomas Herring ; Memorial Block and Kerbing to grave of Minnie Bathe ; Memorial Headstone to grave of Charles Williams ; Kerbing and Post to graves of Stanley Evans, Frederick Slatter and Mabel Slatter, and Hannah Herbert ;Hid William Hambling Herbert ; Kerbing to graves of Francis Evans, Margaret M. Dore and Sophia Jane Williams,

HENRY T. YARNOLD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th November, 1930, Present—Councillors Lipson, Pates, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Weech, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh.

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

2—Librarian's Report—Receipts 5s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,652 (last year 7,792) ; Lending Department 18,497 (last year 15,899) ; Junior Department 5,561 (last year 2,736). Total for month 29,710 (last year 26,427).

Replacements—During the month 9 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given :—

20th Oct. Rev. E. C. Hanson, " A Peep into Mediaeval England." (Attendance 183).

24th Oct. Mr. P. H. Jowett, " Recent Developments in Painting." (Attendance 116).

3rd Nov. Mr. G. S. Francis, " Some Social Consequences of Electrical Development." (Attendance 102).

Staff—It was reported that the Janitor (F. D. W. Smith) had been absent owing to illness since October 21st. The Librarian had engaged Mrs. Whitlock at 25s per week for temporary relief. Miss Townsend (Junior Assistant) had been absent from October 20th to November 10th, when Miss C. Ringham had acted as temporary relief. RESOLVED, That the Librarian's arrangements be confirmed.

Donations—Anonymous (2 vols.) ; Miss Clare Benedict (2 vols.) ; Mr. A. W. Bryant (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (14 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (37 pamph.) ; Trustees of the British Museum (1 vol.) ; Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees (1 vol.) ; Miss R. Denis-Browne (1 vol.), Merchant 'Venturers' Technical College (1 vol.) ; Theosophical Society (1 vol.) ; Lady Thiselton Dyer (1 pamph.) ; Executors of the late Mrs. E. T. Wilson (14 vols.)

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

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3—Books--RESOLVED, (a) That three volumes be purchased out of the Todd Bequest at a cost of £2 5s. 0d.

(b) That 73 vols., published at £28 3s. 0d. be purchased for £18 18s. 9d.

(c) That the sum of £35 be spent on Binding.

(d) That the sum of £10 be spent on Replacements.

4—Bookmarks--RESOLVED, That the offer of Hearn's Advertising Service Ltd., to supply 20,000 bookmarks per annum for three years, plus a grant of £35 spread over that period, be accepted, on condition that the advertisements thereon be approved by the Librarian.

5—Periodical RESOLVED, That " The Round Table " be purchased for 5s quarterly,

6—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on December 25th, 26th and 27th (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

7—Structural Alterations—RESOLVED, That the Mayor ; the Chairman ; Councillors P. T. Smith and E. L. Ward be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider what steps, if any, can be taken to increase the amount of floor space in the Adult Lending Library.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1930. Present—Aldermen Moore and Sawyer; and Councillor Scott Langley.

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

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; and Councillor Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Proposals—The Committee considered the proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

3—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed the Bailiff in regard to several persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of rates and gave instructions in some cases for the Bailiff to execute warrants to distrain.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th November, 1930. Present—Alderman Moore and Councillor Scott Langley.

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

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th November, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £34,051 3s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £91,063 12s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1931. Amount collected £6,299 5s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £13,792 14s. 4d.

3—Housing Bonds—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £635 had been received for 4 ¾ per cent, Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted General Housing Memorandum No. 66 of the 27th ult., from the Ministry of Health, that the Treasury had decided that the rate of interest on local bonds issued after the 27th ult. shall be 4 ¾ per cent. per annum.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during October was 4,788 as compared with 4,303 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Leigh James.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £150 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

7—Borough Treasurer's Department--Staff—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. E. C. Cornock would be transferred from the Rates Office to his Department to be in charge of the new Cash Register in the Electricity Showroom and that consequent on the increase of work in the Department a re-arrangement of the staff was necessary. He considered that the internal audit should be continuous, which would require an additional audit clerk, and he recommended the appointment of a clerk at a salary of £150 rising by annual increments of £10 to £180 per annum. He also recommended that in view of the re-arrangement of the duties. etc., of the staff that the following increases in salary be granted to the undermentioned members of the staff :—

	Present Salary.		Suggested Salary.		Increments.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
First Assistant (C. L. Smith) ...	210	-	220	220	--	250	10 0 0
Internal Audit Clerk (C. P. G. Neat)	170	-	180	180	--	200	10 0 0
Ledger Clerk (R. Browning)	84	10 0-	104	91	—	117	8 13 4
Junior Clerk (D. MacArthur) ...	52			65	—	78	6 10 0
Insurance Clerk and Collector (A. G. Waite) ...	78			78	—	91	6 10 0
Office Boy (W. J. Morrell)	26			39			

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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8—Superannuation—(a) Building Inspector—RESOLVED, That on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, that in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 the services of H. J. Holbourne be extended up to the 13th January, 1932.

(b) L. I. S. Rider—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Transfer Value payable to the Brentford and Chiswick Urban District Council, in respect of Miss Rider ascertained in accordance with the Act amounted to £52 9s. 2d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that E. Stew (Cooker Superintendent) in the Electricity Department had resigned and was entitled to a refund of his contributions under the Act amounting to £41. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

9-16 Tivoli Street—The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £14 18s. 4d. was still due in respect of this property in respect of Sanitary work carried out under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923 and 1925, and that further work had now been carried out under Section 3 of the Housing Acts, 1925 and 1930 at a cost of £27 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the statutory powers conferred on the Council by the Housing Act., 1925, 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.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st January, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council. to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th, day of January, 1931, 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 Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

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

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Thursday, 27th November, 1930, at 3 p.m. Present;

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, and Stewart Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley. Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith. Thomas. Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

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

1—Spa Development Scheme—It was moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Sawyer : That the Council resolve itself into a Committee for the consideration of the Scheme.- The motion was lost by 11 votes to 10. It was moved by Alderman Stewart and seconded by the Deputy Mayor " That this Council approves in principle the proposed Spa. Development Scheme and requests the Town Improvement and Spa Committee to obtain detailed plans, quantities and tenders at an estimated cost of £1,250." An Amendment to this motion was moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by the Deputy

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Mayor : That the Council, approving of the Principle involved in the Spa Development Scheme, recognises that in view of the depression in trade and industry, it is not desirable at the present time to undertake the expenditure necessitated, and that consideration of the Scheme be therefore deferred, and that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be asked to reconsider the Scheme at a later date, and then to incorporate such amendments as may have been suggested by public criticism." The following members of the Council voted for the amendment :—

The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Miller, Waite and E. L. Ward.

and the following members voted against the amendment :—Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Lipson, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold. The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment lost by 5 votes to 15.

A further Amendment was moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Moore : "That the motion before the Council be not approved and that a Special Committee of the Town Council be appointed to report on the better utilisation of the Winter Garden Site " and on being put to the Meeting, the Mayor declared the amendment carried by 16 votes to 2, and it was Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed the Special Committee :—The Mayor (ex-officio) ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Allen, Lipson, P. T. Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Weech. Resolved, also, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Dr. Howell and the Spa Medical Advisory Committee for the time and trouble taken by them in the preparation of this Scheme.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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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, 1st December, 1930, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair.

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

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Winterbotham. J.P. ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

Apologies --Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Thomas and Weech.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved. That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 10th November, 1930, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read. and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held November 11

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor J. F. Ward : " That the second resolution to Minute No. 14b with reference to the exhibition of notices in omnibuses drawing attention to the situation of Clarence Parade Convenience be referred back to the Committee" was lost).

Housing Meetings held November 12 & 26

Subject to an amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Alderman Stewart : " That Minute No. to with reference to the extension of Brooklyn Road, and the construction of new roads be referred back to the Committee with power to act."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. to be amended and that the length of the loan be limited to 15 years for the construction of Brooklyn Road Extension " was withdrawn).

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Street and Highway ... Meeting 17

Town Planning. . Meetings held November 13, 20 & 24

Subject to an amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Pruen: " That Minute No 5 with reference to the Little Theatre be referred back for further consideration and that both the opposing parties be heard."

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held November 14 & 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 10 with reference to the Illustrated Guide be referred back " was not seconded). (An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Alderman Winterbotham : " That Minute No. 14b with reference to Notice Boards advertising Sunday Concerts be referred back " was withdrawn).

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 17 & 19

Water Meetings held November 17 & 19

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held November 18

Subject to the following Amendments :—Moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor J. F. Ward : " That Minute No. 12 with reference to the Education (School Attendance) Bill, 1930 be not approved.

Moved by Alderman Clara Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Scott Langley: " That Minute No. 6b with reference to Omnibus Service between Cheltenham and Evesham be referred back for further consideration." (An Amendment moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Pates : " That Minute No. 16 with reference to Marle Hill House be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held November 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 14

Burial Board Meeting held November 21

Public Library Meeting held November 13

Rating . . Meetings held November 17 & 24

Finance Meetings held November 17 & 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, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

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4—Grammar School Governors- Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Mr. H. N. Winterbotham be reappointed representative Governors of the Grammar School for a further term of three years from the 6th December, 1930.

5—Applications for Houses—In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given it was moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Pruen : "That before any person shall be deemed

eligible to have his or her name entered an applicant for tenancy of a Corporation house the person must have been a resident in or employed in the Borough for the previous six months," The Motion having been put to the Meeting was declared to be lost.

6Hall on Sunday evenings for Bands he granted subject to the dates and times being approved by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

7—Shops Acts—Read. Circular of the 24th ult., from the Home Office, that the Secretary of State had made an Order suspending the operation of the Shops Acts relating to the General Closing hours from Friday, 19th December to Wednesday, 24th December, 1930 both days inclusive. The Order did not affect the operation of the weekly half holiday and other provisions of the Shops Acts : the provisions of the Licensing Acts in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor were also not affected.

P. P. TAYLOR, 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 January, 1931

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th December, 1930. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Pembroke Lodge, St. George's Road—Mr. W. J. Geeves attended and offered £5 towards cost of connecting the drain from his premises to the main sewer. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of this connection at £22. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay the new sewer as proposed.

2—Insanitary Property at (a) 5 Russell Place and 35 Marle Hill Parade—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930 notice be given to the person having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

(b) 8 Leicester Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 11th November the sanitary work required at these premises had now been executed by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son at a cost of £34 17s. 3d. RESOLVED, That notice under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 be served on the owner for payment of these expenses.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 24 Albert Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement dwelling of this house which did not comply with the regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that

the above mentioned part of the said building is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit and also that notice be served upon the person having control of the house, owner thereof and mortgagee, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or a future user thereof will be considered by the Council when any of the above mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

(b) 1 and 2 Mills' Cottages, Alstone Croft—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned dwelling houses are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notice be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930 to the Owner, to the person having control of the houses and Mortgagee (if any) that the condition of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 9th February,

(c) 18 Grosvenor Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported as to his inspection of the basement of these premises and that the tenant was no longer using the back room. RESOLVED. That no action be taken for the present for the ejectment of the tenant, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner warning her that the basement must not be relet when vacated by the present tenant.

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4—Disinfection Charges—The Medical Officer of Health reported as to the charges at present made for disinfection. RESOLVED, That the scale of charges for all disinfections, except in respect of infectious diseases (for which no charge be made) be altered as follows:—

	Present Charge.	Proposed Charge.
General Hospital, St. John's Ambulance and Victoria Home	No Charge	15s each load and 5s a load when taken and fetched by owner.
Private Nursing Homes and College Houses, etc.	No Charge for articles. 5s for disinfecting a room	Same as above, and charge for a room to continue as at present.
Traders	10s a load and 5s a load when fetched and taken by trader	Same as above.
Outside the Borough	One guinea a load	One guinea plus 2s 6d for each mile or part of a mile from the Borough boundary to place from which the articles are taken.

5---Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of this Institute to be held at Glasgow from the 4th to the 11th July next. RESOLVED. That the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to attend.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-50 Worcester Street : Francisville, Cleeve View Road ; 1 Teresa Villas, Cleeve View Road ; 4 and 5 Brandon Place ; and 1 and 5 Fairfield Parade—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation..

7—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Cheltenham Shopfitting Co., St. James's Square ; Banbury Hotel, Manchester Street 14 Rotunda Terrace : and 14 to 22 Corpus Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the works required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

(b) Petersham, Gloucester Road—Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from Mrs. Juliff, as to alleged damage to drain by tree roots. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Sanitary Inspector for inspection and report,

8—Milk and Dairies Order—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mrs. Annie Moreton of 2 Roman Road to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk from these premises, and also of Mr. C. E. Wellon of Piff's Elm near Cheltenham to be registered as a retail purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Order.

9—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 9 lbs. Beef ; 2 qrs. 7 lbs. Pork ; 10 lbs. Fowls ; 2 cwts. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Various foodstuffs ; 1 ¾ lbs. Salted Almonds.

10-12 Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now decided to hold a local enquiry into the appeal made by the owner of these premises against the notice served by the Corporation under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th December, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pates, Selim Smith and P. T. Smith (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th instant. Present---Councillors Fates (in the chair), Dr. Hayward and J. F. Ward.

They recommended as follows :—(a) 56 Whaddon Avenue—That the application of the tenant of this house to fix a brass plate on the front gate be granted subject to the plate and position being approved by the Housing Manager.

(b) 26 Milton Road—Mr. Rainger having estimated that the cost of treating the exterior walls of this house, as had been done in the case of other houses, would be about £18, that the work be not carried out at present.

(c) 177 Tennyson Road—That Mr. Rainger be asked to inspect and report as to the complaint of the tenant of this house of dry rot in some of the woodwork.

(d) Contracts—That in future Contracts the Architect be asked to provide in the specifications for the removal of excavated clay

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

2—Kingsley Gardens RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide not exceeding four loads of soil for Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 Kingsley Gardens when some soil is available

3—Architect—The Committee considered the applications received from Messrs Rainger and Rogers, Mr. S. H. Love and Mr G. Herbert for the appointment of Architect Read, also, letter from Mrs. Malvern that she had agreed to dispose of the late Mr. Malvern's practice to Messrs. Rainger and Rogers. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger and Rogers be appointed Architects for the purpose of all the housing work which the late Mr. Malvern had in hand. on the same terms as to commission, etc., as made with Mr Malvern on the understanding that a due proportion of the Commission will be payable to Mr. Malvern's estate in respect of the work done by him up to the time of his death.

4—Folly Lane—Plough Gardens Site—(a) Contract—The Town Clerk reported that the sanction to the loan had now been received and that Messrs. Wheeler and Mansell had executed the Contract,

(b) Clerk of Works—The Committee considered the advisability of appointing a Clerk of Works for this Contract. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Chairman be authorised to appoint a Clerk of Works at a salary not exceeding 5 guineas per week.

(c) Prospect Villa--Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle reporting the terms arranged with Mr. Davis for compensation for crops on the portion of the land in his tenancy required for building. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, RESOLVED, also, That in view of the land taken, the rent be reduced to £32 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, also, That Notice be given to terminate Mr Davis' tenancy on the 25th March next.

5—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. W. T. Crouch to purchase a plot of land with a frontage of 45 feet to Brooklyn Road on the Housing Estate at £3 a foot for the erection of a bungalow of not less than £600 in value. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Minister of Health for consent to the sale

6—Pillely Lane Housing Site—Sunrise Cottages—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from Messrs. Griffiths and Waghorne asking the Corporation to prevent tenants on this estate using the passage from the

rear of Sunrise Cottages to gain access into Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Architect be instructed to submit an estimate for providing a close boarded fence.

7—Workmens' Housing Association—Read, letter from this Association in regard to the erection of working class dwelling houses by the Association in co-operation with the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chairman.

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8—St. Paul's Street (South) and Lime Kiln Row Clearance Area—The Committee further considered this Scheme RESOLVED, That the provisional statement of the proposals for rehousing to provide for population displaced by appropriating 40 three-bedroom houses and 12 two-bedroom houses to be erected on the Plough Gardens Site, Folly Lane, be approved. (A copy of this statement accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, also, That this Council in pursuance of Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 hereby make a Clearance Order for the demolition of the buildings in the clearance area declared by the resolution passed by this Council on the 1st December, 1930, and shown on the map prepared by the Borough Surveyor, dated the 7th October, 1930 and that the Common Seal be affixed to such Order, and that the Town Clerk be directed to give the prescribed advertisements and Notice of such Order, and that application be made to the Minister of Health for confirmation of the Order.

9—Reynolds-Harries Contract--The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the claim made by Messrs. Reynolds-Harries for payment of the balance of the retention money in respect of this contract amounting to £467 less £100 which the Contractors had already agreed should be deducted in respect of defects. The Corporation had since expended a further sum of £65 10s 5d. for repairs to ceilings, etc., and the Contractors were now willing to settle the matter in dispute on payment of the sum of £280, and the Sub-Committee recommended that this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

10-74 Manser Street—RESOLVED, That the plan of the workshop to be erected by the tenant of this house be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

11—Hudson and Manser Streets—The Housing Manager submitted tenders for the erection of gates at the ends of each block of houses in these streets. RESOLVED, That the gates be not provided.

12—Sale of Houses—Mortgages—8 Kingsley Gardens and 21 Kipling Road—Read, letters from the Building Society that the owners of these houses were now three months in arrear in their instalments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Society to take the necessary steps to secure payment of these arrears.

13-33 Byron Road—RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee to transfer the tenant of this house to another house on the estate be not approved.

14—Unemployment Scheme—Extension of Brooklyn Road and Construction of New Roads—The Committee considered the reference back of Minute No. 10 of the Committee held on the 12th November, 1930. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous resolution,

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 10th December, 1930. Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Scott Langley, Pates, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Messrs. Wagons Repairs Ltd., that Wagons Nos. 3 and 4 required new solebars and under the regulations must be withdrawn from traffic. The Company offered £6 each for the wagons. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted

2—Ashmen—Coats and Leggings—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ashmen had now returned their oilskin coats and leggings into the Stores as they preferred not to use them.

3—Light Railway—High Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for paving High Street with wood blocks on the removal of the tramway lines.

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4—Private Improvement Works—Brighton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works of this road amounting to £1,100 5s. 1d. The apportionment was based on frontage with the exception of the frontages to covered passages, which were apportioned on the degree of benefit derived. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice thereof and demand for payment be served on the Owners named therein.

5—View Committee—RESOLVED, That the time of the View Committee be altered to 11 a.m. The Chairman reported that he was the only member who had attended the View Meeting held on the 10th inst. He recommended as follows :—

(a) Tivoli Place—That the application of Mr. E. A. Rudge to fix grating outside Tivoli Post Office be not granted.

(b) Norwood Road—That no action be taken in regard to the hoarding erected by Shakespeare Shenton's Bill Posting Company, which projected about three inches over the footpath in this road.

(c) Prestbury Road—That the footpath from Windsor House to Borough Boundary complained of by Mr. H. Bowen be gravelled.

(d) Carlton Street—That the Town Clerk be asked to look up the records of the Corporation to ascertain whether the abutting owners are liable to pave the short length of footpath in this street opposite Priory Street.

(e) Projecting Sign—That the application of the Manager, Plough Hotel, to erect flagstaff be granted subject to compliance with the Regulations.

(f) Parabola and Overton Roads junction—That a short length of kerb be fixed in this road when the position of the lamp is altered by the Electricity Committee.

(g) St. George's Road—That the request of the Electricity Committee for the removal of alternate trees by the Ladies' College be deferred until the system of lighting the road has been decided by the Electricity Committee.

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

6—Lamp at junction of Montpellier Street and Queen's Parade--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed circular refuge to be erected at the junction of these roads. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark out the proposed refuge on the site for consideration at the next View Meeting.

7—Pittville Circus and Prestbury Road—Island Lamp- The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed circular refuge to be erected at the junction of these roads. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark out the proposed refuge on the site for consideration at the next View Meeting.

8—Standardisation of Traffic Signs--Read, Circular of the 27th ult., from the Ministry of Transport that the description of designs, specifications, and detailed drawings of traffic signs had now been published, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had ordered a set.

9—Telegraphic Line—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place an overhead telegraphic line with 5 poles along Warden Hill Road from Hatherley Road to the Borough Boundary be granted subject to the poles being erected along the west side of the road and to the exact positions being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the bases of the poles if required.

10—Refuse Baskets—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from Bolsul Publicity offering to supply free of charge receptacles for the deposit of litter in the principal shopping streets subject to the Company being allowed to place enamel advertising plates thereon. In addition to supplying the receptacles, the Company were prepared to pay the sum of £1 per annum for each receptacle bearing an advertisement. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

11—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of E. W. and W. J. Moore, F. Rouse & Co., and E. Scrutton for permission to place projecting signs outside Nos 226 High Street, Ormond Place and 26 Manchester Street, respectively, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1930. Present—Alderman Winterbotham, Hay; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, J. F. Ward and Yarnold ; Mrs. Grist and Mrs. Mellersh. (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the Notice was served on Mrs. Coombs of the intention to make an Order refusing the application to register her premises at Kensington Villa, Selkirk Street as a Nursing Home, he had ascertained that although Mrs. Coombs was not a qualified Nurse she had had considerable Nursing experience and

in view of this he recommended that the premises should be registered as a Nursing Home for not more than two cases. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) 3, Kingsley Gardens—Mr. C. G. McIlquham appeared on behalf of Miss Webb to show cause why an Order should not be made cancelling the registration of these premises as a Nursing Home. After hearing the evidence of Miss Webb and Dr. Tom, it was RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Children Act, 1908—(a) The Medical Officer of Health further reported as to the cases of two boarded out children where the conditions were unsatisfactory. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 10th oh., from the Women Public Health Officers Association stating that in view of the extra work and responsibility involved by the additional duties placed on the Health Visitors for inspections and duties under this Act, some extra payment should be made for this work. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

3—Homes for Children—The Medical Officer of Health read correspondence from the County Medical Officer of Health and St. Catherine's Home in regard to the application for a grant-in-aid towards the expenses of sending an unmarried woman to a home for her confinement, and as this matter was urgent, he had consulted the Chairman who had authorised payment of a sum not exceeding 10s per week for six months. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Central Midwives Board—Read, Circular of the 29th October from the County Medical Officer of Health that it was proposed to hold the next conference between members of the Board and the representatives of the Local Supervising Authorities on the 4th March next, and asking the Council to nominate a representative for inclusion in the list of candidates for the South Central part of England from whom two such representatives would be appointed. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be nominated.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th December, 1930. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Major Shakespeare and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely .—

No of Plan	Name.	Description.
3066	Cheltenham Corporation	56 Semi-detached Houses, Shakespeare and Shelley Roads and Cul-de-sac therefrom.
3072	Messrs. Baines & Co	Alterations to 384 High Street.
3075	White, F.	Cycle Shed, Trenfield, Eldorado Road,
3076	Rogers, B.	Motor House, Fairmead, Hall Road.
3077	Montgomerie, W. D.	Additions to Langton Hotel, Bath Road (Amended Plan).
3078	Gibbs, G. A.	Motor House, Leamington House, Prestbury Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3066, 3075, 3076 and 3078 be approved ; That Plan No. 3072 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; and That Plan No. 3077 be disapproved.

(b) Plan No 3038—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Motor house erected by Mr. H. B. Lloyd at Meadowland, College Road had now been removed.

2—Town Planning Area-- Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 .—

No. of Plan,	Name.	Description.
174	Charlton Kings Brotherhood	Hall, Junction School Road and Lyefield Road.
178	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Department).	Transformer Pillar, Malvern Street.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 174 be approved; and That Plan No 178 be approved subject to the condition that the Pillar shall be removed by the Electricity Department behind the building line if and when required.

(b) Plan No. 172—The Committee further considered the plan submitted by Dr. Emlyn for a bungalow on land adjoining Charlton Kings Common, and the Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting had inspected the land. RESOLVED, That the Plan be approved and that Dr. Emlyn be granted a Licence giving access over the strip of land lying between his property and the public highway.

3—Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2—The Committee further considered the Preliminary Statement. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that provision be included to control ribbon development on main roads and the elevation of buildings.

4—Aerodrome—The Town Clerk reported that, with the Town Clerk of Gloucester, he had interviewed a representative of the Air Ministry, and it had been arranged that Major Mealing of the Air Ministry should inspect the sites under consideration for the proposed joint Aerodrome, and advise as to their suitability etc.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1930. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham. Councillors Scott Langley and E. L. Ward ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend ; Brig.-Gen. McCalmont, Capt. F. E. Reiss and Major Shakespeare (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3077	Montgomerie, W. D.	Additions to Langton Hotel, Bath Road (Amended Plan).
3078	Page, F. E.	Poultry House, 40 Pilley Crescent.
3079	Lewis, D.	Motor House, 1 North Parade, Winchcomb Street.
3080	Skinner, A. E.	Cycle Shed, 85 Whaddon Road.
3081	Original Brewery Co.	Extension of Van Shed, Dunalley Street.
3082	Wheeler, J. J.	Motor House, Brooklyn Road.
3083	Gorton, J.	Cycle Shed, 52 Pilley Crescent.
3084	Hawkins, G. A.	Timber Store Shed, Sherborne Place.
3085	St. Paul's Training College Committee	New Potting Shed and Greenhouse, St. Paul's College Playing Ground, Swindon Road.
3086	Davies, P. P.	Motor House, "Welton," Christ Church Road
3087	Crouch, W. T.	Detached House, Brooklyn Road.
3088	Mortimer, E.	Detached House, off Moorend Park Road.
3089	Fruin, J. S.	Lock-up Garages, 112 Bath Road.
3090	Original Brewery Co.	Alterations and additions, Albert Arms Inn, St. Paul's Rd.
3091	Black & White Motorways Ltd.	Alterations and additions, St. Margaret's Hall, St. Margaret's Road.
3092	Warren, B.	Porch at front door, 1 Hewlett Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3078, 3079, 3080, 3081, 3053, 3084, 3085, 3087, 3088 and 3089 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3077, 3090 and 3091 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 3082 and 3086 be approved subject to entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and that Plan No. 3092 be disapproved.

6—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
179	Arrowsmith, K. E.	Garden room, Greenacre, Charlton Park Gate.
180	Shelmerdine, H.	Garage, Dalehurst, Brockway Road. Charlton Kings.
181	Addison, G. A. W.	Garage, Cleeve Hill.
182	Safe, T. C.	Workshop, Overbury, London Road, Charlton Kings.
183	Jacksons, Messrs.	Petrol Pump, Alstone Garage, Great Western Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 179, 180, 181 and 182 be approved, and that Plan No 183 be approved subject to the condition that the owner shall remove the pump behind the building line at his own cost without compensation if and when required by the Corporation.

7—Little Theatre, Bath Road—Mr. I. D. Yeaman together with General Biggs, Col. Maxwell and Mr. Collinson attended in reference to their complaints of the recurrence of stamping noises, etc., from this building. Mr. P. Haddock and Madam Irving also attended. After hearing Mr. Yeaman and Mr. Haddock, the Committee RESOLVED, That their previous decision be adhered to and that no action be taken.

8—London to South Wales Trunk Road—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Highways Committee were unable to agree to the application of the Corporation to provide for the cost of the construction of this road in next year's estimates.

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9—Aerodrome—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Major Mealing of the Air Ministry had now inspected the proposed Aerodrome sites but his report had not yet been received.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. J. G. Villar offering to sell a site on the high ground of Nottingham Hill for an Aerodrome. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

10—Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2—The Committee further considered the Preliminary Statement. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Particulars be revised as now decided by the Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th December, 1930. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Allen, Pates, Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That these Baths be closed on the 25th, 26th and 27th December for the Christmas Holidays.

2—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the use of these baths be granted to the Cheltenham Badminton Club for nine mornings during the Christmas Holidays for the Children's Club at a charge of 6s per morning as in previous years.

3—Whit Monday Fête, 1931—RESOLVED, That instead of the usual Whit Monday Fete and Children's Sports, etc., an amusement fair and band concert and firework display be held in the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground as arranged last year.

4—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Councillor E. L. Ward reported that Councillor Waite and he had inspected the two trees in the corner of this ground which Messrs. Dicks & Sons asked should be removed, and they recommended that the one tree, namely the old horse chestnut tree, be removed subject to Messrs, Dicks & Sons paying the cost of removal.

5—Town Hall—Sunday Concerts—The Spa Manager submitted letter from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., thanking the Council for agreeing to let the Town Hall on Sunday Evenings for Military Band Concerts but stating that having regard to the large expenses entailed in obtaining a first-class Military Band, it would be necessary to provide a concert in the afternoon as well, and asking the Committee to agree to let the Town Hall for this purpose. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th December, 1930. Present— Alderman Stewart; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Weech and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

6—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That 12 full season tickets and 12 half season tickets be given for the competition by children who have passed lifesaving examinations as in previous years.

7—Medical Baths—The Spa Manager reported that Nurse Keen had given notice to terminate her engagement. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain applications for a probationer at a salary of 10s week

8—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Mr. Rex Burchell that he would like to have the use of the Proscenium for a week preceding the commencement of his tenancy for preparation etc., and that he might wish to start his entertainments on the 21st May instead of the 23rd May. RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to.

9—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 25th ult., and the 9th and 16th inst.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Sunday Concerts—That the Salvation Army be allowed to give a Concert on the 14th December and the Corporation receive 75 per cent of the receipts.

(b) That the offer of Mr. Alexis Gunning to give a Sunday Concert be not accepted.

(c) That Mr. Peter Fielding's offer to provide Sunday Concerts during the month of January be accepted, and that he be allowed an average of three guineas per Sunday for artists.

(d) That the Spa Manager be granted the sum of £6 for his extra duties at Sunday Concerts from October last to the end of December.

(e) Exhibition Dance—That Monsieur Pierre be engaged to give exhibition ballroom dances with his partner on Saturday the 13th December, at a fee of £5 5s. 0d.

(f) Boxing Night Ball—That the Spa Manager be authorised to spend the sum of £2 2s. 0d. on carnival novelties to be given out at the Boxing Night Ball.

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

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a View Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th December, 1930. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—The Committee inspected the Public Lighting in the following streets. RESOLVED, as follows :—

(a) Coltham Terrace, Albion Street and Eldorado Road—That no alteration be made in the lighting of these streets

(b) Montpellier Walk—That in view of the larger lamps and improved fittings which had recently been erected, no further alteration be made.

(c) Berkeley Place—That the present 60 watt lamp be replaced by a 100 watt lamp with a 4-way refractor fitting.

(d) St. George's Road, near Ladies' College and Andover Road—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare schemes for the improvement of the lighting in these positions ; and that the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be drawn to the trees in these roads.

(e) Parabola Road—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to alter the position of the lamp at the corner of Overton Road.

(f) Parabola Road junction with Bayshill Road—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to remove the island lamp to a position on the footpath facing Bayshill Road.

(g) Merestones Road—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to erect a new lamp in this road.

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2—Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote Rural Lines--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in two cases he had difficulty in obtaining the required wayleaves for poles for the overhead lines in Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote, which would cause delay in commencing the work. RESOLVED, That Notices under Section 22 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, be served, of the proposal to place the line. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport under Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1926, for their consent to the erection of the lines in question,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th December, 1930. Scott-Langley and Lipson (Alderman Moore in the chair).

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors

3—Light Railway—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he understood that the Light Railways would cease running at the end of the month, and that the agreement between the

Corporation and the Company for a supply of power would thereupon terminate. The Company desired a supply at their sheds at St. Mark's which would necessitate the provision of a new service cable along the approach road to the sheds for which the usual charge would be made to the Company and the energy supplied on the ordinary rates.

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

5—Cable Trolley--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in conjunction with Messrs. J. L. Such & Sons, they had amended the design and specification for a lorry for transporting heavy cable drums and transformers, and he now submitted an amended offer from Messrs. Such & Sons to supply a suitable vehicle with a loading capacity of 6 tons equipped with brakes and springs for the sum of £221 10s. 0d. and he recommended that this be accepted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that Minute No. 1 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 19th November last be varied accordingly.

6—I.M.E.A.—(Annual Convention)—Read, Circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Convention to be held at Scarborough from the 15th to 20th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Scott Langley and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend.

7—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote—The Chairman reported that he, the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer had had a conference with the representatives of the County Council in regard to the County Council's objections to overhead wires in Bishops Cleeve. The County Council agreed to withdraw their objection to the greater part of the overhead lines provided that two lengths of underground cable be laid in Bishops Cleeve village The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimates for the cost of the suggested alteration. RESOLVED, That two short lengths of cable through the village be laid underground as requested by the County Council at an additional cost of £218.

(b) Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Great Western Railway Co., offering no objection to the proposed cables over the railway at Bishops Cleeve subject to the usual agreement being entered into. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

8—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Montpellier Street and Queen's Parade—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association, Ltd., offering two thirds of the cost of replacing the lamp standard knocked down at the junction of these roads. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(b) Swindon Road (North)—The Town Clerk reported that the boy who damaged the lamp standard in this road had now paid 2s 6d towards the cost of making good the damage. RESOLVED, That this be accepted and that Minute No. 9 (b) of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 17th ult., be varied accordingly.

9—Gas Tests—Read, Report of Gas Tests made on the 20th and 28th ult., and 3rd and 9th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 465.9, 476.14, 481.0, and 474.0 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.1, 4.9, 5.3, and 5.1, inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th December, 1930. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Pates and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS,

	For 30 days ended 15th December, 1930.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	388,000 gallons	344,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,448,000 “	2,226,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	54,000 “	57,000 “
Total	1,890,000	2,627,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 15th December, 1930.	Contents	Depth 15th December, 1929.	Contents
Hewletts		20,210,000 gallons		31,162,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 9ins.	98,706,000 “	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		20,536,000		132,805,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of November.

3—London Road—(a) Trees—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the County Surveyor asking that the larch trees opposite Dowdeswell Reservoir should be felled. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have any trees cut down which may be found desirable.

(b) RESOLVED, That the County Council be also informed that if desired, the Council would be prepared to give up a strip of land opposite the Reservoir for widening the road.

4—Extensions to Mains—Unemployment Scheme—The Borough Engineer reported that in connection with the proposed extension of the main to Badgeworth, it was necessary to cross the railway bridge. The Great Western Railway Co. made no objection to this, but reserved the right to make any legal claim they may have in respect of the main at any future time.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer reported that as authorised at the last meeting of the Committee he had interviewed an Inspector of the Ministry of Health and discussed with him the proposed schemes for new pumping plant, mechanical filters and new mains for the Tewkesbury Water Works, The Inspector was of opinion that prima facie the scheme was one for which the Unemployment Grants Committee would make a grant. The Borough Engineer reported that detailed plans and estimates had not yet been prepared but that the approximate estimate was £40,000. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid in respect of the work.

6—Lineover Wood—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle that there were at least 20 chains of Hedging required immediately along the boundary of Lineover Wood, and that he was obtaining estimates for the same and having the work put in hand, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th December, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Goulder reported that, except for -one case of Swine Fever at Alstone House, Six Chimney Lane, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals,

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
Nov. 24th	Motor Car, Encliff, St. George's Road.	Not apparent.	___	£4 7s. 0d.
Nov 28th	Motor Car, Thruxton, St. Stephen's Road.	Not apparent.	___	£4 6s. 0d.
Dec. 10th	Beulah House, Prestbury Road.	Not apparent.	£100	£5 0s. 6d.
Dec. 11th	32 Imperial Square.	Defective Grate	£100	£5 7s. 0d.
Dec. 11th	69 Regent Street.	Not apparent.	£150	£4 8s. 6d.

3—Omnibus Licences--(a) Cheltenham to Evesham—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the Committee to grant the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company for four omnibus licences to operate a service between Cheltenham and Evesham. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to the previous recommendation that the application be granted.

(b) Cheltenham District Traction Company —RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham District Traction Company for licences for eight new 28 seater single deck omnibuses be granted.

(c) Races—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company for six special licences for the Race Meeting on the 29th inst., be granted.

(d) Hatherley Service—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Cheltenham District Traction Company applying for consent under Section 6 of the Cheltenham District Traction Act, 1929, to run an omnibus service between Cheltenham and Hatherley via Gloucester Road, Shelburne Road and Hatherley Road to a point near a house called " Coney Gree." RESOLVED, That the consent be given, the Corporation reserving power to withdraw the consent and also reserving power to grant licences for other omnibuses on this route.

(e) Conductors Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of the Red & White Services Limited for 7 additional Conductors Licences for their omnibus services be granted.

(f) Drivers Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of the Black & White Motorways Ltd., for six additional Drivers licences and also the application of P. Heritage of 33 Shakespeare Street, Stratford-on-Avon for a driver's licence, be granted,

4—Pawnbroker's Licence- RESOLVED, That the application of H. Higgins for the renewal of his pawnbrokers licence be granted up to the 9th November, 1931.

5—Light Railway—Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Cheltenham District Traction Company giving notice of the intention of the Company to abandon and discontinue one month from the date of their letter, the light railway between Lansdown Castle and the Borough Boundary in London Road.

6—Leckhampton Hill Estate—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Dale had presented the Corporation with some maps, photographs and other papers relating to this estate. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Dale for his gift.

7—Allotment Gardens for Unemployed Persons—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 6th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and report of Conference held on the 18th ult., in regard to the provision of allotment gardens for unemployed persons and persons not in full time employment. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Allotments Committee.

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8—Parking Places—Vittoria Walk—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from the owners and occupiers in Vittoria Walk objecting to this road being used as a parking place, on the ground that the road was too narrow, and that the parking would interfere with the approach to their doors, and also that as there were two schools in the road, it would be dangerous for the children, and that the noise of the motors would disturb the patients in the Nursing Home in the road. Read, also, letters from Mr. S. F. Skinner and the Central Spa Nursing Home objecting to the proposal. That having regard to the objections raised, the proposal to make a parking place in this road be not proceeded with.

9—Census, 1931—Read, letters from Lord Lee of Fareham, President of the Cheltenham College Council and the Principal of Dean Close School stating that the question of altering the Easter Holidays had received again the very careful consideration of their Councils and setting out the reasons why it was not possible to oblige the Corporation in this matter. Read, also, letter of the 3rd inst., from Sir Walter Preston, M.P., enclosing letter of the 1st inst., he had received from the Private Secretary of the Minister of Health stating that the matter had now been investigated, and that in the estimates of population made by the Registrar General for the purpose of the Local Government Act, 1929, the school population of a town like Cheltenham, although absent from the town at the time the Census is taken, will be included in the estimate of population of the town.

10--Unemployment—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. O. J. Williams, Chairman of the Cheltenham and District Employment Committee asking the Council to proceed with all speed the several proposed unemployment schemes and the Town Clerk reported that he had asked Mr. Williams to write direct to the Unemployment Grants Committee urging that the approval of the application made for a grant for the extension of Brooklyn Road should be expedited. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Marle Hill House—The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract for the sale of the above property. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—King's Roll—Read, circular of the 14th ult., from the King's Roll National Council that they had under consideration a suggestion that Local Authorities should be asked to employ as Contractors only firms enrolled on the King's National Roll and asking the Council to give favourable consideration to this suggestion and so aid in reducing the large number of disabled ex-service men at present unemployed. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Corporation do not think it is practicable to restrict Contracts only to firms enrolled on the King's National Roll but that preference will be given to such Contractors where possible.

13—Market—The Borough Treasurer reported that from the arrears of £96 3s. 0d. due from Mr. C. C. Castle referred to in Minute No. 7 of the last Meeting of the Committee, there was a credit of £38 for four years allowance of interest on shed reducing the balance due from Mr. Castle to £58 3s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the previous Minute be amended accordingly.

14—Rodney Road—Renumbering—The Borough Surveyor submitted report and plan for renumbering this road. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement (Clauses) Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers to renumber their premises, and that if the notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the renumbering carried out, and that no charge be made for renumbering any premises which already have a number legibly marked thereon.

15—Athletic Ground—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of the improvements to this ground suggested by the Sub-Committee at their recent inspection. The estimate amounted to £165 made up as follows:—Formation of Shrubbery (already decided upon) £42 ; Urinal £13; Repair of Road to Grandstand £2 ; Removal of West Boundary fence to Parking Place and gate and fence to Albion Street £17 : Resurfacing Parking Ground with clinker £70 New pair of gates adjoining Electricity Sub-Station, etc., £8; Fixing Board behind top seat of Grandstand

£5; Contingencies £8. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these improvements carried out.

(b) Advertisements—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Club to use the front of the Stands below the seats for advertisements subject to the arrangements for posting the advertisements being approved by the Committee and to half the receipts for advertisements being paid to the Corporation.

16—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of W. Jackson and J. S. Fruin for licences to store 500 gallons each at their respective premises at Alstone Garage, Great Western Road and Bath Villa Garage, Bath Road be granted.

17—Police Establishment—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee stating the modifications the **Police Sub-Committee** were prepared to make in their previous proposals and suggesting that a Conference between representatives of the two bodies should be held to discuss the matter. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to pay for the cost of the Auxiliary Reserve Police in the same proportion as now paid for the ordinary Police Establishment and that the following members be appointed to meet representatives of the County to discuss the matter if necessary, namely : Alderman Moore and Councillors Pruen and Capt. Trye.

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18—Cinematograph Licence—Read, application from Cinema House Ltd., for renewal of the Licence in respect of the Theatre and Opera House, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Company to submit a list of the stage plays performed at the Theatre during the past 12 months.

19—Unemployment Insurance Act—RESOLVED, That C. L. Jackson (Custodian Art Gallery) be added to the Certificate of exception, he having completed three years service under a designated post on the 14th ult.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd December, 1930, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

20—Land, Albert Road—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Education Committee were recommending the purchase of the allotment land in Albert Road, containing 8 acres 3 roods 33 perches for the purposes of a new Grammar School for Girls at the price of £1,350 at which it was valued by the District Valuer, it was understood that the County Council would have free access to Albert Road at any point and the unrestricted user of the road, and would also be free from any road charges, RESOLVED, That this Committee do not consider the sum of £1,350 is an adequate price for this land which has a frontage of 1,250 ft. to Albert Road and a building depth of about 300 ft., but that having regard to the land being required for the purposes

of the Girls' Grammar School, the Council be recommended to sell the land at the price of £1,650 subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made for such consents.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th December, 1930. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Waite and Yarnold; Messrs. Clarkson and Waine (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Rainbow Field Allotments—Mr. Clarkson reported as to the condition of the hedge at these allotments, He also reported that some of the allotment holders were throwing their rubbish under the hedge. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to tenants of allotments warning them to discontinue this practice. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the hedge cut and laid where required.

2—Allotment No. 128 Crab Tree Piece—RESOLVED, That this allotment be let to Mr. H. Webb

3—Allotment No. 33 Albert Road --RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this allotment for three months use rent free be not granted.

4—Marle Hill Estate—Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a plan of the portion of this Estate to be appropriated for allotments and that the same be divided into 10 rod lots (16 to the acre) instead of chains, to be let at a rent of 11s 3d. per annum. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise in the " Echo " inviting applications for these allotments.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th December, 1930. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Waite and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—Gift—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of a Flowering Aloe or Yacca by Mrs. Kennedy of 14 Royal Parade and that a letter of thanks had been sent to her.

2--Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground----Custodian—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. Lodge was due for retirement on Superannuation on the 4th March next, RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued inviting applications for this post at a salary of per week and house.

3—Clarence Square Garden—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gardens Superintendent recommended removal of six trees, RESOLVED, That these be removed.

4—Motor and Agricultural Mowers—The Gardens Superintendent reported that these Mowers needed overhauling. RESOLVED, That these be sent to the makers for overhauling.

5—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Visitors—RESOLVED, That Councillors Dr. Hayward and P. T. Smith be appointed Visitors for the ensuing year.

6—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Football Pitch—Read, application from the Practising Old Boys Junior Football Club for permission to play on Naunton Park Recreation Ground on Wednesday afternoons. RESOLVED, That permission be granted.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th December, 1930. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and Weech ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Time of Meeting RESOLVED, That the meeting of this Committee be held in future at 11 a.m.

2—Curator's Report—Visits—During November 3,139 (against 3,062). Included in these figures were parties from Cheltenham Ladies' College (27), Pate's Grammar School (17) and St. Paul's Training College (30).

Receipts—Collection Box, Catalogues and " Friends of Gallery and Museum" Fund £10 1s. 2d.

Cheltenham Group of Artists—The 11th Annual Exhibition closed on November 22nd, having been visited by 4,026 people.

3—Donations—From the Editor of " The Collector," Block of Elizabethan Bedstead ; Messrs. H. J. Granville & Son, 9 Pins (manufactured at Gloucester) Mr. A. J. Miles, Illustration of A. J. Miles' "Patent Cross Cee Spring" ; Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez, 4 pages of Morris' " Golden Type "

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

RESOLVED, also, That the offer of Mr. S. D. Scott to present an etching, " Lisieux," by Reginald Sharpley, be accepted with thanks.

4—Loan—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. S. L. Randolph to lend a picture by H. J. Stock be declined with thanks.

5—Exchange of Pictures—The Curator reported receipt of letter from Captain Paul Koster (Paris) suggesting an exchange of two of the pictures by his uncle, E. Koster, in the de Ferrieres Collection

for two pictures by other Dutch artists. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to continue correspondence on this matter.

6—Offer of Pictures and Prints—Two oil paintings, three water colours and two prints were submitted for sale, on approval. RESOLVED, That the purchase of these be not entertained.

7—Meetings of Local Societies—RESOLVED, That the use of the Gallery for a meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Society for Equal Citizenship be not granted. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the use of the Gallery for the inaugural meeting of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

8—Insurance—RESOLVED, That the insurance premium on the Berkeley Smith Collection (£7 11s. 0d.), usually paid by Mr. S. Berkeley Smith, be advanced by the Committee on this occasion.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th December, 1930. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Selim Smith, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from the 22nd November, to the 19th December, 1930. Interments 47 ; Grave Spaces sold 15 (First Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 11) : Memorials fixed 20 ; New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8319 to 8333 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of Penelope Croker Woodroffe ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to grave of Henry Clarke ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to grave of William George Hancock ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Elizabeth Collier.

4—War Graves—(a) Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from the Imperial War Graves Commission asking the Council to grant the exclusive Right of Burial in the following 8 additional War Graves as had been previously granted in respect of other War Graves :—

No. of Grave,	Section.
881	Plot B.1.
1163	Section F.
12091	K.
2107	O.
957	A.1.
941	A.1.
1376	M.
11632	W.

The Superintendent reported that none of the graves had been purchased or were maintained by the relatives, and that four of the graves were already maintained by the Commission. RESOLVED, That the Exclusive Right of Burial in these graves be granted to the Commission subject to the same conditions as the previous grant, namely that relatives of deceased soldiers be permitted to be buried in the War Graves so far as space permits, but limited in the case of unmarried soldiers to the parents of the deceased soldier, and in the case of married soldiers to the widow (if not remarried) and the children of the deceased soldier, and also subject to the Commission agreeing to undertake the maintenance of the four graves not already maintained by them.

(b) Read, also letter of the 26th ult., from the Imperial War Graves Commission that it was desired to erect headstones over the following four graves mentioned above namely :—

No. of Grave	Section.
941	A.1.
957	A.1.
1376	M.
11632	W.

and stating that the headstones would be of similar design to those already erected in the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That permission be given on the same terms as previously, namely that only half the usual fee be charged for the erection of the headstones,

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th December, 1930. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, Pates, P. T. Smith, and Thomas ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, F. Vertical and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—**Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor ; the Chairman (Councillor Thomas) ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, P. T. Smith and W. N. Weech ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh, be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—**Librarian's Report**—Receipts £11 18s. 8d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,291 (last year 7,455) ; Lending Department 17,023 (last year 15,809) ; Junior Department 5,113 (last year 2,887). Total for month 27,427 (last year 26,151),

Replacements—During the month 16 volumes had been replaced and 72 volumes returned from the Binder.

Lecture—The following lecture had been given :—

November 17th—Rev. L. Gordon M. Sheldon, " Birds of Cheltenham " (Attendance 265).

Donations—Agent-General for Western Australia (1 vol.) ; Messrs. The Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute (1 vol.) ; Mr Ed. J. Burrow (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Ed, J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (20 pamphlets) ; Rev, G. Vale Owen (3 vols.) ; Principal, University Correspondence College (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Walker's Galleries Ltd. (22 vols.) ; Mr. L. S. Wood (1 pamphlet).

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

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 114 vols., published at £34 3s. 10d. be purchased for £27 7s. 0d.

(b) That 23 vols. be purchased out of the Todd Bequest for £13 11s 10d.

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

4—Proposed Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's List of Proposed Lectures for January to March, 1931, be approved.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That " Colour " be purchased for 20s per annum.

(b) That the offer of " The Income Taxpayer " quarterly, gratis, be accepted with thanks.

(c) That the purchase of " Rating and Income Tax " weekly 9d. be not entertained.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th December, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart, Councillors Scott Langley and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered the revision of assessments of various properties submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928—The Committee considered a further claim received under the above Act. RESOLVED, That this be allowed subject to the District Valuer concurring therewith.

3—Playing Fields—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 18th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing statement of the results of the investigation by the Central Valuation Committee of the question of the valuation of Playing Fields not dedicated to the use of the public, and setting out certain considerations which, in the opinion of that Committee, should be taken into account in the valuation of such Playing Fields. A list of the assessments of the several private sports grounds in the Borough was submitted, and the Committee were satisfied that no revision of the assessments was necessary.

P. P. TAYLOR,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th December, 1930. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Pruen, Scott Langley, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £52,235 5s 4d. Leaving outstanding £72,879 10s. 2d.

2—Water Rate —Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1931. Amount collected £9,410 1s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £10,681 18s. 9d.

3—Housing Bonds—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £465 had been received for 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during November was 4,616 as compared with 3,505 for the corresponding month last year

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of Sanction to loan of £20,620 for erection of houses on Plough Gardens Site repayable within a period of 60 years.

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Moore and Councillor Pruen.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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7—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £10,500 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £2,500 be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly

8—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had interviewed two candidates for the post of Internal Audit Clerk, and recommended the appointment of Mr. E. J. B. Wills, A.C.I.S., of the Borough Treasurer's Department, Taunton. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

9—Superannuation—(a) Internal Audit Clerk—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the post of Internal Audit Clerk in the Borough Treasurer's Department being designated as an established post for the purposes of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922.

(b) Assistant School Attendance Officer—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the above Act, the services of Mr. E. J. Larner be extended up to the 22nd January, 1932.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. Hawker who retired on the 31st March last died on the 12th inst.

10—Central School—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £900 for the erection of a metalwork building at the Central School.

11—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Read, letter from the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants asking the Committee to appoint honorary members of the Institute. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (the Mayor) and Councillor E. L. Ward be appointed,

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, January, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1931, 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 Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE • HOUSING COMMITTEE and to pass resolution declaring the areas comprising (1) Nos. to 4 St. Paul's Terrace and Nos. 1 to 8 St. Paul's Street South (2) Nos. 10 to 16 St. Paul's Street South and (3) Nos. 1 to 10 Lime Kiln Row and Nos. 2 and 3 Regent Place to be Clearance Areas and to make Clearance Orders in respect thereof. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to make Byelaws with respect to the exhibition of advertisements within the Borough. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE • TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE • ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE • GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE • ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE • PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE • BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE • PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE • RATING COMMITTEE • FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th January, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, Weech and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology was received from Alderman Sawyer.

1—Death of H.R.H. Princess Royal—Resolved, That the sincere and respectful sympathy of this Council be conveyed to His Majesty the King in the loss he has sustained by the death of H.R.H. The Princess Royal.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on the 27th November 1930, and the Monthly Meeting held on the 1st December, 1930, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held December 8

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor Weech: " That Minute No... with reference to Disinfection charges be amended by omitting therefrom the proposal to charge the General Hospital, St. John's Ambulance and Victoria Home for disinfecting services " was lost).

Housing Meeting held December 9

Street and Highway Meeting held December 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor E. L. Ward : " That Minute No. 6 with reference to the lamp at the junction of Montpellier Street and Queens Parade be not approved."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pates and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 7 with reference to the island lamp, Pittville Circus and Prestbury Road, be not approved" was withdrawn). Resolved, also, That the application of Miss B. Clark to fix a projecting sign outside 322 High Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held December 2

Town Planning ... Meetings held December 4 & 23

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Leigh James: " That Minute No. 7 with reference to The Little Theatre, Bath Road, be referred back for further consideration " was withdrawn).

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held December 12 & 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Clara Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 5 with reference to Sunday Concerts at the Town Hall be not approved." The Town Clerk read letter from the Imperial Alliance for the Defence of Sunday protesting against the proposed Sunday Concerts.

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held December 9 & 17

Water Meeting held December 18

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held December 16 & 22

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Clara Winterbotham : " That Minute No. 20 with reference to land for New Grammar School, be amended, and that the District Valuer's valuation of £1,350 be accepted " was lost).

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Allotments Meeting held December 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 8

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Yarnold : " That Minute No. 2 with reference to the Custodian of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be referred back."

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 12

Burial Board Meeting held December 19

Public Library Meeting held December 4

Rating Meeting held December 29

Finance Meeting held December 30

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

4—Electricity Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Leigh James be appointed a member of this Committee in place of Alderman Clara Winterbotham, resigned.

5—Tewkesbury Pageant—Resolved, That the free use of the Drawing Room at the Town Hall be granted for a meeting to be held in connection with the proposed Tewkesbury Pageant.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd February, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th January, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 169 High Street ; 33 and 34 Elm Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Vauxhall Place, Elm 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 and 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) Spreydon, Hewlett Road; and 1a, 7, 7 ½, 8 and 9 Winchcombe 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 specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices 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) Gransden, Parabola Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 8th July, 1930 the drainage works specified to be done at these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son at a cost of £11 11s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the owner for payment.

(d) 1a, 7, 7 ½, 8 and 9 Winchcombe Street—It was reported that the owner desired that the work required should be carried out by the Corporation and the cost apportioned between the respective users. The Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for carrying out the necessary work. RESOLVED, That in default of the work being carried out as required in the Notice the tender of E. Eager & Son of £12 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(e) Petersham, Gloucester Road --The Sanitary Inspector reported that he estimated the cost of relaying the portion of the drain damaged by tree roots at £8 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid to Mrs. Juliff.

2—Insanitary Property at 17 Granville Street and 5 Mossleigh Terrace, Great Western Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit

for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930 notice be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation (a) 10 Rotunda Terrace ; 2 Sussex Villas, Clarence Road ; Lauriston House, North Place ; and 20 Montpellier Villas—The Committee considered making Closing Orders in respect of the rooms situated in the basements of the above premises. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bevan, the owners of 10 Rotunda Terrace and 2 Sussex Villas, Clarence Road respectively, attended. RESOLVED, That the Council, being -satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are let for human habitation, and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by any of the owners to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said parts of the said buildings, Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 prohibiting the use of the said basements for human habitation.

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(b) Hereford House, Suffolk Street—The Committee considered the making of a Closing Order in respect of the rooms situate in the basement of the above premises. Mr. Horn attended on behalf of the owner of Hereford House. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

(c) 30 Winchcombe Street—The Committee considered the making of a Closing Order in respect of the rooms situate in the basement of the above premises. Read, letter from Mr. K. D. Marshall stating that the owner were prepared to carry out such works as will render the said basement fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Council accept an undertaking by the owner to carry out within a period of four weeks the works mentioned in the specification prepared by the Sanitary Inspector.

(d) School Cottages, Arle—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these four premises. Mrs. Denne attended. RESOLVED, That consideration of this matter be adjourned for one month to enable Mrs. Denne to obtain estimates for the work necessary to make the premises fit for human habitation.

(e) 1 and 2 Limbrick Cottages, Waterloo Street; 17 York Street ; 7 and 8 Russell Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the owners of the above-named premises had not complied with the Demolition Orders made in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the premises.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-18 Royal Crescent ; 7 Royal Well Place ; 2 and 3 Powell's Cottages, Grove Street ; and 32 Lower Park 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt 0 qrs. 21 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. Pork ; 1 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs. Tinned Food ; 5 lbs. Duck ; and 12 lbs. Rabbit.

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926----RESOLVED, That the applications of Arthur Wilks of 1 Sherborne Street and Ernest George Lewis of 38 Manser Street to be registered as purveyors of milk be not granted as the premises are not suitable.

7—Notice not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted particulars of Notice requiring the provision of an ash receptacle, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to enforce compliance.

5—National Rat Week—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the National Rat Week held in Cheltenham from the 3rd to 8th November, 1930, a copy of which has been circularised to each member of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the report be approved and that a copy thereof be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

9—Abattoir—Humane Killing—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Mrs. Clauss, asking that Clause 9 B of the Model Byelaws be adopted by the Council. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—Offensive Trades—Fish Frier—The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaws for the regulation of this trade. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Dr. Hayward and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the draft. RESOLVED, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend the Fish Frying Competition to be held in London on the 15th inst., where a display of the latest methods of fish frying would be given.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th January, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith and J. F. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1-57 Malvern Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing a gate at the side of this house at 12. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned

2—Kingsley Gardens- The Borough Surveyor reported that the external paintwork of Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 Kingsley Gardens required repainting at an estimated cost of about £15. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done at a suitable time.

3—New Houses, St. Marks—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the request of the Ministry, Mr Rogers and he attended in regard to the lay-out and plans of these houses and the Town Clerk reported that the sanction to loan had now been received RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the construction of the extension of Brooklyn Road, Shakespeare

and Shelley Roads and the cul-de-sac off Shelley Road, and that the Mayor and Chairman be authorised to accept a tender. The Town Clerk also reported that Notice had been given to Mr. C. Harris to terminate his tenancy of the remaining land in his occupation, most of which would be required for the erection of the houses and the extension of Brooklyn Road.

4—Folly Lane—Plough Gardens Site—(a) Clerk of Works—The Chairman reported that 67 applications were received for this appointment, and that the Sub-Committee had appointed Mr. A. G. Harden at a salary of £4 per week,

(b) Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Local Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking the Corporation to expedite the commencement of the Unemployment Schemes under consideration, and also complaining that a large percentage of the men engaged on Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell's Contract were Evesham men, and the Town Clerk submitted his letter in reply. RESOLVED, That this be approved, RESOLVED, also That the Clerk of Works be instructed to report each month as to the labour employed on this contract.

5—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 2nd instant. They recommended as follows :—

(a) 2 and 4 Byron Road—That the Architects be instructed to report as to the cracks in the walls of these houses.

(b) 33 Elm Street—That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to examine and report as to the drains of this house.

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

6-117 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers that there did not appear to be any dry-rot in this house, but that the plaster of the ceiling of the living room had become damaged owing to a leaky joint in the waste from the bathroom. This joint had now been repaired but the ceiling and walls of the room now required re-colouring. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to have this done

7—International Housing Association--Read, circular from this Association inviting the Corporation to become members and to attend the Housing Congress to be held at Berlin on the 1st to 5th June. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—Pilley Lane Housing Site--Sunrise Cottages—RESOLVED, That the Architects be instructed to report as to providing a footpath connecting Pilley Crescent with Old Bath Road.

9—St Paul's Street (South) and Lime Kiln Row Clearance Areas—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health suggested that owing to the existence of a plot of vacant land between 8 and 10 St Paul's Street (South) it was possibly open to the contention that these were two separate areas and to avoid technical objections on this ground, they should be treated as two areas. He had seen the Ministry of Health on this point, and had suggested that in this case it would be better to divide the property into three areas, namely, two areas on the West side and Lime Kiln Row and Regent Place as a third area. The Ministry had agreed to this and had advised that Vine Cottage should be excluded from the scheme and dealt with as an individual unfit house This would necessitate fresh

resolutions being passed. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to deal with the areas as proposed and to pass fresh resolutions declaring the three areas to be clearance areas and making separate Clearance Orders in respect of each area (Formal resolutions to carry out this recommendation will be moved at the meeting of the Council).

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10—Prospect Villa and Land Adjoining—The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given to the tenant to terminate his tenancy on the 25th March. RESOLVED, That Messrs., Grainger & Rogers be instructed to submit a lay-out plan for the erection of some additional houses similar to those being erected on Plough Gardens on the land adjoining Prospect Villa.

11—Additional Land—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for lay-out of land adjoining the proposed extension of Brooklyn Road containing an area of about 50 acres which included the 10 acres previously proposed to be purchased, in connection with the extension of Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the purchase of this land from the representatives of the late Mr. H. Unwin.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th January, 1931. Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Scott Langley. Lipson, Pates, Thomas Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1----Horse " Whitefoot "—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. T. G. Brain recommending the removal of diseased horn from the horse " Whitefoot," and he was having this done and the horse would then be turned out until fit for work. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Main and Contribution Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from the County Surveyor stating that the sum of £16,852 had been included in the estimates for the next financial year, leaving £3,000 on Class 1 Roads to be paid the following year for High Street Wood Paving by arrangement with the Contractors. In addition, £758 had been included for grant for Contribution Roads. RESOLVED, That these amounts be agreed to.

3----Malvern Place—Read, letter of the 16th inst, from Mr. H. R. Gibbons asking the Corporation to require the inner drives of six houses in Malvern Place to be repaired RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

4—Leckhampton Fields—(a) Barbed Wire—Read, letter of the 3rd inst. from Mr. E. J. Burrow, offering either to place two strands of plain wire between the barbed wire and the footpath or to have the barbed wire put on arms placed on the inside of the fence so that no barbed wire would be within three or four inches of the line of the fence. RESOLVED, That Mr. Burrow be asked to have the latter proposal carried out.

(b) Footpath—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from Mr. J. Delmar Williamson, complaining of the condition of the lane and footpath from Leckhampton Church to Moorend Grove. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

5—Light Railway—The Committee considered the suggestion that the removal of the tramway lines should be expedited so as to provide for the relief of unemployment, provision for which would be made in next year's estimates. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport would not sanction the carrying out of the work on the main roads before the 1st April. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange with the Company for the removal of the lines on the St George's Road to Clarence Street Section (via Manchester Street) to be put in hand in March.

6—**Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of this Sub-Committee be held on the 16th February at 10.30 a.m. to consider the annual tenders.

7—Standard Articles in Contracts—Read, circular of the 5th inst., from the Ministry of Health asking the Council to adopt the practice of including in specifications, that all goods, not otherwise specified, to be in accordance with British Standard Specifications, where such exist. The Borough Surveyor reported that this was already being done.

8—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Read, circular of the 1st inst., inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual General Meeting and Conference of this Institution to be held at Birmingham from the 17th to 25th June, next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

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9—Post Office-299 High Street—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Postmaster, that it was proposed to replace the Pillar Box on the pavement in front of this Post Office by a combined Posting Box and Stamp Vending Machine, and asking if the Corporation had any objection to this. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10-149 High Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Davies had applied for a wayleave for another entrance to his premises in Bennington Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Naunton Parade—The Town Clerk reported that Notices declaring this road to be a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large had been put up on the 12th ult., and that no objections had been received.

12—Trees—Read, letter of the 27th ult, from the Hon Secretary of the Gloucester Bee Keepers Association, deprecating the cutting down of lime trees, as the blossom of these trees was one of the main sources of honey, and asking that in future planting the Committee should consider planting lime trees,

13—Telegraph Lines—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an overhead line from Moorend Road along Hall Road to a point opposite " Onchan " with two poles, be granted subject to the exact positions of the poles being approved by

the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the bases of the poles if required.

14—Parabola Road—Read, letter of the 19th inst., from Mr. W. T. Slade complaining of the state of the footpath from the corner of Bayshill Road to the end of Parabola Road, and asking that a lime tree between these two roads and a large forest tree in Bayshill Road opposite Brookwood should be removed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

15—Railway Wagons—Read, letter of the 15th ult. from the Railway Clearing House, that the Agreement with the Corporation whereby a commuted annual payment of 1s per wagon is accepted in lieu of Shunting and Siding Rent Charges on wagons stopped for repairs, expired on the 31st ult., and offering to extend the Agreement for a further 12 months 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.

16—Projecting Signs--RESOLVED, That the applications of H. H. Cottey, W. H. Viles and E. L. Clapp to fix projecting signs outside 240 High Street, 3 Bennington Street and 21 Pittville Street respectively, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th January, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, Weech, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. Grist, E. C. Gurney, G. Mellersh and Miss L. Ratcliff (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1930.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	33.0	36.0
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	16.0	11.1
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	34.8	28.5
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	22.5	22.3

The Association reported that Miss Elsie Winterbotham had resigned from the Committee.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Committee be conveyed to Miss Winterbotham for the interest she has shown in the work.

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2—Health Visitors—Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended December, 1930 :—

No. of Children Visited (a) 1 year and under .	1,155
“ (b) over 1 year	2,167
“ remaining on Register	2,497

“ on Register under Children Act since 31st March, 1930 58

Un-notified Births discovered	25
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	7,957
First Visits	599
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	260
Children remitted to Hospital	39
Ante-natal cases visited ...	155
Chicken-pox	25
Measles,	27
Whooping-cough cases visited	160
Mumps ...	14
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	9
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	6

Grants of Milk :

To nursing and expectant mothers	61
To infants and children (under 3 years)	63
Total	124

Cost of milk during the year 1930 (approx.) £167 4s. 1d.

Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1930:—

No. of Children on Register	2,497
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	671
“ (over 1 year)	552
“ Un-notified Births discovered	5
“ Still-births „	2
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	2,001
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	128
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres .. .	72
“ Children remitted to Hospital	8
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	43
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	7
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	7
“ Measles cases visited	22
“ Mumps cases visited	3

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	30
New Orders ...	40
Orders discontinued during quarter	16
continuing to coming quarter	54

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 37 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 33 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	45	5
“visits (under Children Act) paid	52	5

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3—Children Act, 1908- --The Medical Officer of Health further reported as to the cases of two boarded out children where the conditions were unsatisfactory. One child had now been removed to another home in accordance with the instructions of the Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration of the other case be adjourned.

4—Midwives Acts—(a) Read, circular of the 11th ult., from the Ministry of Health in regard to the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Maternal Mortality, which had recently been published. The report made it clear that two of the essential measures for securing a reduction in Maternal Mortality were (1) General and sustained efforts to enlighten women as to the importance of Ante-Natal Supervision, and (2) the improvement and expansion where necessary, of the Maternity Services of Local Authorities. The Ministry enclosed a memorandum containing suggestions for improving and developing the Maternity Service, and asked to be informed as early as practicable of the action decided upon by the Council

The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on the maternity services provided in the Borough He suggested (a) That the Corporation should pay a fee of 10s 6d for Ante-Natal examinations.

(b) That provision of home helps in special cases be provided by an annual grant to be allocated to the Victoria Home ; (c) That an additional grant be made to the Victoria District Nursing Association for the Maternity Services provided ; (d) That consideration be given to providing Grade A Tuberculin Tested Milk to Nursing and expectant mothers, and infants. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Medical Officer of Health be asked to submit a detailed estimate of the estimated cost of providing these additional services.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nurse A. H. Dowing had removed to another district, and that Miss D. M. Troughton of the Victoria Home had given notice of intention to practice as a midwife.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted statement of the number of notifications received from midwives in regard to still births, deaths of infants, deaths of mothers, artificial feeding and liability to be a source of infection, and also of the number of notices received from midwives requiring the

services of medical practitioners. Enquiries and investigations had been made where considered necessary.

5—Nursing Homes Registration, 1927-3 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the proposal to cancel the registration of these premises as a Nursing home be withdrawn.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th January, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; and Major Shakespeare (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely –

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3093	Weaver, T. P.	Poultry House, 55 Whaddon Avenue.
3094	Winters, W. J.	Store Building, 2 Pilley Crescent.
3095	Blunt, J.	Poultry House, 38 Pilley Crescent.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3093 and 3095 be approved ; and That Plan No. 3094 be disapproved.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
184	Shenton, Shakspeare	Alterations and Extensions, Harbury, Park Estate, Prestbury.
185	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Road, Shurdington.
186	Shenton, Shakspeare	Farm Buildings, Balcarras Farm, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 184 and 185 be approved ; and That Plan No. 186 be disapproved.

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3—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme—Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2—The Committee further considered the Preliminary Statement and Map No.2. RESOLVED, That the prescribed by advertisement and also by Posters that the Council propose to consider a resolution adopting the Preliminary Statement in connection with Town Planning Scheme, and that the Draft Statement proposed to be adopted and Map illustrating the particulars in the Draft Statement have and will be open to inspection by all persons interested. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough to supply copies of the Draft Statement at a charge of 2s per copy, and of the Specimens of Types of New Streets at 6d. a copy.

4—Byelaws--Gas Poisoning—The Town Clerk submitted Draft Byelaws for the prevention of Gas Poisoning and for defining a motor garage. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that application be made to the Health for confirmation thereof. (A copy of the Draft accompanies the Minutes).

E. L. WARD.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd January, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3094	Winters, W. J.	Store Building, 2 Pilley Crescent (Amended Plan)
3096	Aldridge, Mrs. E. F.	Shed for Invalid Wheel Chair, 61 Pilley Crescent.
3097	Farmer, J.	Cycle Shed, 6 Milton Road.
3098	Gregory, E. W.	Cycle Shed, 84 Whaddon Road.
3099	Dickens, C. S.	Motor Houses, Old Bath Road.
3100	Stevens, Mrs. A.	Cycle Shed, 4 Whaddon Avenue.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3094, 3096, 3097, 3098 and 3100 be approved, and that Plan No. 3099 be approved subject to entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

6—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
187	—	Conversion of Laundry into Dwelling house, Roseleigh, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
188	Weston, Mr.	House, Coombe Hill.
189	Kearsey, Mr.	Shed, Garage between Staverton Bridge and Golden Valley.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 189 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 187 and 188 be disapproved.

(b) Plan No. 172—The Town Clerk submitted draft Grant of right of way over strip of land lying between Dr. Emlyn's property and the public highway on Charlton Common. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

7—Joint Regional Town Planning Committee—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Gloucester Joint Regional Town Planning Committee that they had now instructed Professor Abercrombie to proceed forthwith with the preparation of the Regional Plan and Report.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th January, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; and Councillor E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the West of England Ladies Kennel Society for the use of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room for the first show of the Society to be held on the 6th May be granted at a charge of £3 3s. 0d. and cost of lighting and cleaning, subject to the Society undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the property.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th January, 1931, Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Allen, Pates, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Alderman Stewart in the chair),

2—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs to the roof had now been completed at a cost of £265 15s 0d. 450 panes of glass (out of a total of 1920) had been secured with strong copper ties where the iron bars were badly corroded and 250 panes had been renewed,

3—Montpellier Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Empire Marketing board in these Gardens would obscure the view of the new Putting Course and suggested that this should be removed to a position adjoining the Shrubbery north of the entrance to the Public Convenience. RESOLVED, That the Empire Marketing Board be asked to agree to the hoard being moved to this position.

(b) Archery Ground -Read, application of the 7th inst, from Miss Legh, Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Archers, for use of the Archery Ground for the 1931 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—House Agents' Saleboards—The Borough Surveyor reported that some disfigurement was caused in various parts of the town owing to the multiplicity of house agents' hoards, and that six of these were displayed on the vacant land in Rodney Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Local Auctioneers' Association and ask if arrangements can be made so as to reduce the number of boards displayed on premises to be let or sold.

5—Factories and Industries—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce stating that at a recent meeting of the Chamber, a resolution was passed expressing the hope that the Council would consider the advisability of appointing a permanent Committee to explore the possibilities of obtaining suitable factories or industries for the town, and suggesting that a joint Committee of the Council and the Chamber should be appointed, or that one or two members of the Chamber should be co-opted on this Committee RESOLVED, That the Chamber be invited to send a deputation to attend a meeting of this Committee to discuss the matter.

6—Town Hall—(a) Catering—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee in regard to supplying the waitresses at the Town Hall with small pads of numbered bills for use in cash transactions. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to confer with the Borough Treasurer and report to the Committee thereon.

(b) RESOLVED, That the offer of Mrs. Stephens to pay 12 ½ per cent, of the gross takings for the right to supply intoxicating liquors at the Municipal Evening Dances be accepted for the remainder of the season.

(c) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Card Room and the Drawing Room be granted for a meeting of the Western Centre of the Institution of Electrical Engineers to be held on the 13th April.

(d) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for the Annual General Conference of the Electrical Association for Women to be held on the 20th February.

(e) Labour Party Conference—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Labour Party stating that the National Labour Party were prepared to consider Cheltenham among other towns as a Venue for their Annual Party Conference in September, 1931 and enquiring whether the Corporation would be prepared to grant the Town Hall for the Conference RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference subject to arrangement as to dates when the Hall is available.

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7—Sunday Concerts - Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he was prepared to put forward a scheme which would guarantee the Committee against any loss on the Sunday Concerts for the remainder of the season, and the Chairman of the Concerts Sub-Committee reported that the Sub-Committee had considered the matter and had arranged with Mr. Burrow that as the season was now drawing to a close, to defer consideration of his offer until the Autumn,

8—Illustrated Guide —RESOLVED, That Councillor E. L. Ward be appointed an additional representative of this Committee on the Joint Committee appointed to produce the New Guide.

9—Cheltenham—Tourist Centre—The Town Clerk reported that the Chamber of Commerce had been in negotiation with the London Tourist Agencies with a view to getting Cheltenham included as a Tourist Centre, and had arranged for Sir Walter Preston, Mr. E. J. Burrow and Mrs. Bisset to attend to interview the Superintendent of the Line of the Great Western Railway thereon and asked the Committee to appoint a representative to accompany them. RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be appointed to attend. RESOLVED, also, That it be suggested that Lady Honeywood should also be asked to attend.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd January, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

10—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Read, application from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Canine Society for the use of Montpellier Gardens for a Dog Show on the 6th May. RESOLVED, That this be

not granted as the date coincides with the date of the Dog Show at Pittville, but that they be offered another suitable later date.

(b) Hard Courts—Read, application from the Cheltenham Central (Hard Court) Tennis Club asking what charge the Corporation would make for the hire of the courts to the Club as last year. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to let the courts to the Club for the same period and times as last year at a rent of £20 per court if two courts are taken, and £25 if only one court is taken.

11—Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—The Committee considered alternative tenders received from Mr. Peter Fielding for the provision of a Dance Band and Morning Orchestra. RESOLVED, That subject to the usual agreement being entered into, his tender to provide a Band of eight performers (including himself) to play for dances as and when required and at a weekly Thursday Popular Concert and a string quintette for the morning concerts on the following terms be accepted:-

From the 12th October to the 29th. November and from the 29th. February to the 2nd April (12 weeks) at £42 per week.

From 30th November to 28th February (13 weeks) at £45 5s. 0d. per week.

NOTE-As compared with the cost of orchestra and dance band for the current season which provides for a dance band for 27 weeks and a morning orchestra for 34 weeks, the above arrangement makes a saving of £684 7s. 0d

12—Town Hall—(a) Sales Managers Conference—RESOLVED, That permission be granted for a Sunday Evening Concert on the 3rd May in connection with this Conference.

(b) Electricity Charges—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Electricity Committee that the charge made to hirers of the Town Hall for Electrical Energy consumed should be reduced. RESOLVED, That the charge be reduced to 5d.

13— Spa Federation—RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed to attend the bi-annual meeting of the Spa Federation to be held in London on the 5th and 6th March.

14—Montpellier Baths—Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G. H. Stretton died on the 19th inst. RESOLVED, That this be referred to a Sub-Committee comprising Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Thomas, Waite and Weech, with a representative of the Medical Advisory Committee, with power to advertise inviting applications for the appointment.

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15—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 6th and 20th insts., were read.

They recommended as follows :— Sunday Concerts—That Mr. Fielding should undertake the Sunday Concerts during February on the same terms as in January. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st January, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Lipson, Capt. Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting--(a) Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the centre lighting of Leckhampton Road should not be continued from the Norwood Arms to Oriel Road, in view of the heavy estimated expenditure of £567. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted.

(b) St. George's Road, London Road and Tivoli Place--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted schemes for the improvement of the lighting near the Ladies' College in St George's Road, and in London Road from Old Bath Road to the Borough Boundary, and in Tivoli Place, at a total estimated cost of £206. RESOLVED, That these alterations be approved.

(c) Direction Signs—RESOLVED, That the application of the Street and Highway Committee for permission to place direction signs on the Westal Green Sub-Station and the Tivoli Place Lamp be granted.

(d) Clarence Square—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 19th uh, a lamp post was knocked down in this Square, but up to the present the Police had not been able to trace the person who did the damage. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage when it is ascertained by whom this was done.

2—Supply to Rural Areas---(a) Uckington and Arle—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans for the extensions of the mains to Uckington and Arle. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to prepare and submit alternative estimates to the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That he be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of sites for Sub-Stations and to obtain the necessary wayleaves for crossing private property.

3—Bulk Supply--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had further correspondence with the Shropshire Power Co. respecting the progress on their duplicate lines, and he considered the position with regard to stand-by supply was now more favourable, and although it was still too early to contemplate the immediate completion of the change over of the rest of the town, he recommended that he be now authorised to proceed with the laying of the high pressure and low pressure 4-core cables between the new Albion Sub-Station and North Place Sub-Station, and also in Winchcombe Street from High Street to Fairview Road and in Regent Street. All these cables were included in the original proposals which had been approved by the Town Council. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted,

4—Supply to Cheltenham Original Brewery Company and Cheltenham District Traction Company—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Original Brewery Company had, in view of the considerable increase in their power requirements, asked for a special rate, and that the Traction Company, now that their old Agreement had lapsed, had asked for a new Agreement for the supply of energy to their Omnibus Depot. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to negotiate terms of Agreement.

5—I.M.E.A.—Read, circular from the I.M.E.A., inviting the Committee to submit names of Committee Members or Engineers for election as members of Council for three years ending June, 1934. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman J. Moore) be nominated.

6—British Industries Fair—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend this Fair in Birmingham next month.

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7—Assisted Wiring and the Hiring and Hire-Purchase of Electrical Apparatus—The Town Clerk submitted statement by the Electricity Commissioners on the conclusions and recommendations in the Report of the Committee on Assisted Wiring and the Hiring and Hire-Purchase of Electrical Apparatus. The Committee recommended that all Undertakers should be urged to put into force their powers (a) to provide and sell complete wiring installations on a deferred payment system, and (b) to provide electrical apparatus for consumers on hire-purchase terms. The Commissioners concurred generally in the views expressed by the Committee, and were definitely of the opinion that Undertakers who have not yet offered facilities of this character would give immediate consideration to the matter with a view to the formulation of Schemes suitable for the requirements of existing and potential consumers in their respective areas.

8—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 476.3 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Report—Read, Report of Gas Tests made on the 19th ult. and 6th and 16th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 484.5, 470.1 and 477.6 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.5, 4.8 and 3.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th January, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Pates (Councillor Pates in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 12th January, 1931.	Average for corresponding month during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	529,000 gallons	438,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,728,000 “	1,974,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	77,000 “	77,000 “
Total	2,334,000	2,489,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th January, 1931		12th January, 1930.	
Hewletts		26,709,000 gallons		31,708,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000 "	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000 "	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000 "
Total Storage		128,352,000		133,351,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of December,

3—Woodlands—Sale of Underwood—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle had had an Auction Sale of about 25 acres of the underwood in Dowdeswell and Lineover Woods which had realised £63.

4—Home or Lower Farm—RESOLVED, That the small piece of garden ground and poultry house opposite the Lodge to Dowdeswell Court be offered to the tenant of the Lodge at a rent of £1 per annum.

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

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th January, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Goulder reported that, with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Omnibus Licences—(a) Evesham Service—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage, Co., Ltd., enclosing Time Table of their Evesham Service, but that no agreement had been reached with the Stratford-on-Avon Blue Motor Service with regard thereto, and the Town Clerk reported that since their letter, the Stratford Company had now agreed to meet the Bristol Company and arrange a time table.

(b) Cheltenham to Pershore Service—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Reliance Bus Company asking for permission to pick up and set down passengers in Clarence Street instead of in Portland Street. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to, but that they be allowed to do so in Crescent Place.

(c) Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the South Wales Express, stating that they had been running a London to Swansea Service through Cheltenham for the past two years, and making application for four licences for omnibuses which were licensed by the various towns on this route and also applying for the transfer of 11 licences held by the Queen Line and Baldock Motor Transport Ltd. Mr A. T. Morse attended RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant the application and also the necessary Drivers and Conductors Licences subject to application for transfer of the licences being confirmed by the Queen Line Co.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Great Western Express Company for an omnibus licence Registered No. MT 2049 to replace licence No. 226 in respect of an omnibus which had been burnt, be granted.

(e) RESOLVED, That the application of L. P. Spawton of 32 Montpellier Villas, for a Conductor's licence be granted.

(f) Read, letter of the 10th inst., from Messrs. Elliot Bros Ltd, enclosing proof copies of New Time Tables which had been worked out to conform with the requirements of Section 10 (6) of Part 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and asking for the Corporation's approval thereof RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee see no objection to the time table fixed so far as the immediate stages in and out of the Borough

3--Hackney Carriage Licences--(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. R. Chick for Licence No. 3 to be transferred to Taxi Registered No. DA 3944 be granted

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of W. A. Mann for a Driver's licence be granted.

4—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.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
Dec. 16	1 Rotunda Terrace.	Defective Built Grate.	£50	£6 6s. 0d.
Dec. 24	1 Royden Cottages,	Albion Street, By Children.	£30	£3 14s. 6d.
Jan. 17	3 Sunrise Cottages,	Old Bath Road. Defective Chimney.	£25—£30	£21 15s. 0d.
Jan, 17	Fourways, Prestbury.	Not apparent.	£30—£50	£3 1s. 6d.

(b) Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., in regard to the attendance of the Brigade at fires together with Capt. Such's observations thereon. RESOLVED, That these observations be forwarded to the Company.

5—Shops Acts—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Empire Exhibition and Festival asking for a certificate of exemption from closing and extension of hours for retail sales under the Shops Acts, 1912 and 1928 for the Exhibition to be held in the Town Hall on the 25th, 26th and 27th May next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 5 of the Shops (Hours of Closing) Act, 1928, in respect of this Exhibition as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition would be subsidiary or ancillary only to the main

purpose of the Exhibition which is advertisement, and that in respect of such retail trade or business 10 p.m. in the evening shall be substituted for the general closing hours fixed by the Act, subject to the Shop Assistants employed in or about the retail trade in question not being employed for a longer number of hours each day than such Shop Assistants would ordinarily be employed in the trade in which they are engaged, and shall be secured the weekly half-holiday required by the provisions of the Shops Act, 1912.

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6—Market—Read, application from Messrs. Hill Bros. for the use of the Market from the 11th to 18th April inclusive for a pleasure fair. The Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire Marketing Society raised no objection to this RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into and to a rent of £23 being paid for the use of the Market.

7—British Association—Read, letter from the British Association for the Advance of Science that, remembering the generous hospitality afforded to the Association by Cheltenham, their Council expressed the hope that a delegate would be appointed to attend the Centenary Meeting in London from the 23rd to 30th September next. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be appointed to attend.

8—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the Score Board had now been removed to another position as recommended by the Sub-Committee.

9—Lavatory Accommodation—Read, letter from Mr. H. E. Steel again asking that instructions should be given for charabancs and public service vehicles to set down passengers adjacent to a Public Lavatory. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Goulder be instructed to arrange for visiting charabancs to set down passengers outside the Town Hall and afterwards to stand on the South side of Imperial Square.

10—Petrol Licence—Read, application from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., for the transfer of the Petrol Licence held by them to Mr. G. Readings who had purchased their Regent Street Garage and Works. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

11—Town Clerk's Department—Gestetner Duplicating Machine—The Town Clerk reported that the Gestetner Duplicating Machine purchased about 9 years ago, was now nearly worn out. The Company now offered to supply their new automatic electric model listed at £80 from which they would allow the usual discount plus £7 for the old machine, and a for the cost of repairs carried out during the last year, reducing the cost to £54. The Water Committee agreed to contribute £15 and it was proposed that the Electricity Committee should contribute £10, so that the cost to the rates would be reduced to £29. The machine had been sent on trial, and was proving satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the Machine be purchased.

12—Cinematograph Licences—(a) The Committee further considered the application of the Cinema House Ltd., for renewal of their licence in respect of the Theatre and Opera House, and the Town Clerk submitted letter of the 31st ult., from the Company stating that Stage Plays were played at the Theatre 13 weeks during the course of 1930. RESOLVED, That the licence be renewed for a period of 12 months up to the 6th February 1932.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of Proprietors of the Winter Garden Cinema ; the Palace Picture House ; North Street Picture House ; the Coliseum and the Daffodil Picture House for renewal of their licences be granted for a period of 12 months expiring on the 6th February, 1932.

13—Game Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucester Marketing Society Ltd., for a licence to deal in game be granted.

14—Land, Albert Road—It was reported that the County Education Authorities would not agree to pay more than the £1350 for this land. RESOLVED, That in view of the importance to Cheltenham of provision being made for a new Girls' Grammar School, the Council be recommended to agree to the sale of the land at £1350. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for consent to the sale.

15—Omnibus Service—It was reported that the Cheltenham District Traction Co., had discontinued running their Leckhampton omnibus to the Great Western Station, but stopped at Clarence Street. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Company to run this to St. James' Station as formerly done.

16—Traffic Control—RESOLVED, That the Mayor; Alderman Moore and Councillors Pruen, Thomas and Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the control of traffic in the Borough. and as to the proposal to install automatic traffic signals.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th January, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold; Messrs, Clarkson, Vizard Waine (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Estate—Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing; the land to be allotted providing for 154 plots of 10 rods each, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2---Allotments for Unemployed Persons—Real, Circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, dated the 9th December, 1930, with reference to the provision of allotment gardens for unemployed persons. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

3—Allotment No. 15 Creamery Piece—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant complained that this allotment was flooded and would not be workable for at least two months. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

4—Allotment No. 17 Whaddon Road (New)—Read, letter of the 5th inst. from Mr. T. C. Sparrow that he was unable to work this allotment and asking to be released from his tenancy at 25th December, 1930. RESOLVED, Mat this be agreed to.

J. F. WARD, Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th January, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair)

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Committee considered the reference back from Council of Minute No. 2 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 8th December last RESOLVED, Finance Committee be recommended to extend the services of Mr. C. Lodge until the 30th September, 1931.

2—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Hockey Pitch—Read, application from the Headmistress of Charlton Kings Girls' School asking for the use of a hockey pitch at this Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That permission be not granted.

3—Sandford Park—Mills' Circus—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr.. Bertram Mills had now paid the sum of £96 7s. 2d. the amount agreed upon for repairing the damage at Sandford Park after the Circus.

W. SAWYER. Chairman

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th January, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Capt. Trye and Weech ; Dr. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During December 2,542 (against 2,081) Included in these figures were parties from Parish Church School (36) ; St. Paul's Training College (14) ; and Bayshill Adult School (20).

Receipts—Catalogues and " Friends of Gallery and Museum " Fund, etc., £6 7s. 10d.

Exhibitions—An exhibition of 139 pictures by fourteen artists had been on view from the 27th November, 1930, to 3rd January, 1931, followed by the Annual Exhibition of British Photography from 7th to 31st January.

Annual Report—The Annual report for 1929-30 had been printed and circulated.

New Show-Case—As provided in current estimate, a further instalment of wall-casing 15ft. in length had been fitted in the Local Room.

Cotswold Craftsmanship—The Curator had supplied a photograph of the walnut show-case in the Dutch Gallery for reproduction in " The Museums Journal."

Local Artist—The Curator had secured a water-colour by the late Sydney Herbert for 15s.

2—Donations—From the Rev. A. A. Headley, Collection of Coins and Tokens in Cabinet ; the late Mr. Richard Heming, 3 valuable etchings by Sir Frank Short, R.A., P.R.E., :—" Low Tide and Evening Star,"

" Slant of Light," and " Monnikendam," oil-paintings by two 19th century Cheltenham artists, viz. : Lawrence Scott and J. Rushton, a water colour and a small oil by Richard Heming ; Captain R. P. Wild, 10 cases of Birds; Mr. Whiting, Bourton-on-the-Water, a Leading Machine, formerly used in making Cotswold windows; Miss Witts-Hewinson, Commemoration Medal, Winchcombe, 1897.

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

RESOLVED, further, That the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum be asked to submit for inspection a Chinese Bedspread which had been offered as a gift.

3—Loan—RESOLVED, That G. F. Nicholls, " Hunting on the Cotswolds near Broadway " (Ex R.A., 1912) be accepted on loan from the artist.

4—Exchange of Pictures—The Curator reported further correspondence with Captain Paul Roster. RESOLVED, That he ask for photographs of pictures by three of the artists suggested.

5—Covered China Vase—The Curator reported the purchase of a China Vase with view of " Old Well Walk " c.1825 for 45s, RESOLVED, That his action be confirmed.

6—Exhibition of Specimens for circulation to Schools—RESOLVED, That the Curator visit this Exhibition in London on a day when a cheap fare is available from Cheltenham.

7—Caretaker—The Committee considered Minute 3 (b) referred to them by the Public Library Committee for their comment. RESOLVED, That this Committee offer no objection to the Caretaker becoming non-resident provided that before this change is made all reasonable precautions be taken to protect the building against unauthorised access, so that the increasingly valuable collections in the Art Gallery and Museum may be safeguarded.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd January, 1931, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 20th December, 1930 to 23rd January, 1931. Interments 85 ; Grave Spaces sold 20 (First Position 4, Second Position 1, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 13) ; Memorials fixed 8 ; New Inscriptions 7. The number of Interments for the year ended 31st December, 1930 was 626.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8334 to 8353 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Purchase of Grave Spaces—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had asked that instructions should be given to the Cemetery Superintendent with regard to the following points raised as to fees to be charged for graves purchased by persons who are not inhabitants and not

ratepayers. RESOLVED, (a) That the 50 per cent. increased charge be made in respect of a grave purchased by a person who is not an inhabitant or ratepayer at the time of the purchase.

(b) That the extra charge be not made in regard to the purchase and first interment of a grave purchased by an inhabitant or ratepayer, which may afterwards be used for the burial of a non-inhabitant or non-ratepayer.

(c) That the extra charge be not made in respect of a grave which has been used for the burial of an inhabitant or a ratepayer and which may subsequently be purchased by a person who is not an inhabitant or ratepayer.

(d) That the extra charge be made for the purchase of a grave in which a non-inhabitant or non-ratepayer is buried and which may subsequently be purchased by a ratepayer or inhabitant.

4—Grave Digger—RESOLVED, That the Cemetery Superintendent be authorised to engage an additional grave digger to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of John Harrison, and that F. G. Adams be admitted to the Superannuation Scheme to fill vacancy in designated posts caused by the retirement of John Harrison, subject to satisfactory medical report.

5—Mowers—RESOLVED, That a new lawn mower be purchased at a cost of £6 1s. 6d. to replace the present one which is worn out. RESOLVED, also, That the motor mower be overhauled at an approximate cost of £5.

6—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Eleanor Mary Brennan, Agnes Amelia Farmer, and Thomas Sydenham Clarke ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth Derrick and William Derrick, and Charles Sims ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Alfred Ball and Emma Ball.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th January, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Weech and Yarnold ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report ---Receipts £10 15s. 11d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,636 (last year 6,317) ; Lending Department 15,307 (last year 13,528) ; Junior Department 3,976 (last year 2,502). Total for month 24,919 (last year 22,347).

Replacements—During the month 35 volumes had been replaced.

Lecture—The following lecture had been given :—

Dec. 8th. ... Mr. H. E. Branch, "Shakespeare and Gloucestershire." (Attendance 82).

Caretaker—The Librarian reported that the Caretaker, F. D. W. Smith, resumed duty on Monday, 5th Jan., having been on the Sick List since Oct. 21st, 1930 (10 weeks and 1 day), with Sciatica and Rheumatism.

Annual Report—The Forty-sixth Annual Report had been printed and circulated.

Donations—Miss E. M. Adlard (1 vol.) ; Messrs. The Arthurs Press Ltd. (1 pamph.) ; Eugenic Society (1 vol.), India Publications Ltd. (1 pamph.) ; Mr. J. S. Leakey (2 vols.) ; Mrs. Littledale (1 vol.) ; Nottingham Corporation (1 pamph.) ; Royal Institute of British Architects (1 vol.) ; Miss Wild (51 vols.) ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham (2 pamph.). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 68 vols., published at £31 13s. 6d. be purchased for £17 2s. 2d.

(b) That 3 vols., published at £3 10s. 0d., be purchased for £3 1s. 3d. out of the Todd Bequest.

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on Binding.

(d) That the sum of £5 be spent on Replacements.

3—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider possible internal alterations to structure reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present—Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas and E. L. Ward (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That, as the slight enlargement of the Lending Library by taking in part of the Entrance Hall would not be worth the cost involved, the work be not proceeded with.

(b) That, after viewing the Caretaker's quarters in the basement and considering the Medical Officer's report thereon, these rooms should cease to be used as a dwelling, and that the Caretaker be notified that the position in future will be non-residential, he to look for outside accommodation forthwith, and be paid at the rate of £3 per week, which is the sum for which his present wage and perquisites are valued for superannuation purposes.

(c) That additional storage shelving for books be provided in the new financial year in the two rooms to be vacated by the Caretaker.

(d) That the joint action of the Borough Engineer and the Librarian in asking for a report from Messrs. Arthur Scull & Son Ltd. of Bristol on the heating system be approved, and that consideration be given to this at a later date. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

H. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th January, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart; Councillors E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of rates, and gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly instalments as settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

2—Proposals--The Committee considered the proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th January, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £100,702 15s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £24,411 9s. 8d.

2—Water Rate —Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1931. Amount collected £15,677 5s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £4,878 8s. 10d.

3—Housing Bonds--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £670 had been received for 44 per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted General Housing Memorandum No. 67 of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health that the Treasury had decided that the rate of interest on the Local Bonds on and after the 1st inst. shall be reduced to 4 ½ per cent. per annum, unless the Local Authority satisfy the Minister that a different rate can probably be fixed.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during December was 6,131 as compared with 7,154 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions :—

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
26th November, 1930	Houses, Plough Gardens	£20,620	60 years.
9th January, 1931	Metalwork Room, Central School	£898	30 “
10th “ “	Houses, St. Mark's..	£22,319	60 “

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Scott Langley and E. L. Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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7—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £7,800 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

8—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that consequent on the purchasing of 3 per cent. Stock for cancellation, there was an accumulated surplus on the General Stock Fund of £3,792 which had been invested with the Reading Corporation, but had now been repaid and was available for a new Capital purpose There was, however, on the other hand, a loss of £428 at the present price of Consols on the Sinking Fund, required by statute to be invested in the purchase of Consols towards which £200 had been set aside. He therefore recommended that £228 be set aside out of the £3,792, leaving £3,564 for investment, which he recommended should be applied in repayment of the balance of £3,365 outstanding on the loan for purchase of Leckhampton Hill and the balance carried forward, RESOLVED, That this be approved,

9—Superannuation----(a) It was reported that J. Harrison (grave digger) was due to retire on the 23rd March next. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Burial Board Committee, That he be paid an allowance of £34 1s. 2d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 33 years service.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of Mr. C. W. Lodge, Custodian of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, be extended up to the 30th September next.

(c) Internal Audit Clerk—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the post of Internal Audit Clerk being designated as an established post for the purposes of the above Act.

10—Rates Department—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. V. Webb, Clerk in this Department, for an increase in salary be granted and that his salary be increased by 2s 6d per week and that he be made a cycle allowance of 15s per quarter.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, and February, 1931, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th January, 1931, 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 January 12

Housing Meeting held January 13

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye: " That Minute No. II with reference to additional land, Brooklyn Road be referred back," was withdrawn).

ST. PAUL'S STREET SOUTH, LIME KILN Row AND REGENT PLACE CLEARANCE AREAS.

(a) Whereas the Council upon consideration of an official representation by their Medical Officer of Health being satisfied as respects each of the areas hereafter mentioned,

(1) that the dwelling houses in that area are, by reason of disrepair or sanitary defects, unfit for human habitation, or are by reason of their bad arrangement or the narrowness or bad arrangement of the streets, dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants of that area, and that the other buildings in that area are for a like reason dangerous or injurious to the health of the said inhabitants ;

(2) that the most satisfactory method of dealing with the conditions in that area is the demolition of all the buildings in the area ; have caused the areas to be defined on a Map in such manner as to exclude from the areas any building which is not unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health ;

Now the Council being also satisfied,

(i) that in so far as suitable accommodation available for persons of the working classes who will be displaced by the clearance of that area does not already exist, the Council can provide or secure the provision of such accommodation in advance of the displacements which will, from time to time, become necessary as the demolition of buildings in the area or in different parts thereof proceed ;

(ii) that the resources of the Council are sufficient for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect : do hereby in pursuance of Section 1 of the Housing Act, 1930, declare each of the said areas to be a clearance area, that is to say, an area to be cleared of all buildings in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

THE AREAS ABOVE REFERRED TO ARE :

(1) The area marked on the Map prepared by the Borough Surveyor and dated the 14th January, 1931 and thereon coloured pink and thereon described as " St. Paul's Street South No. 1 Clearance Area " which comprises the houses and premises known as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 St. Paul's Terrace and Nos. 1 to 8 (both inclusive) St. Paul's Street South.

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(2) The area marked on the Map prepared by the Borough Surveyor dated the 4th January, 1931 and thereon coloured pink and thereon described as " St. Paul's Street South No. 2 Clearance Area " which comprises the houses and premises known as Nos. 10 to 16 (both inclusive) St. Paul's Street South.

(3) The area marked on the Map prepared by the Borough Surveyor dated the 14th January, 1931 and thereon coloured pink and thereon described as " Lime Kiln Row and Regent Place Clearance Area " which comprises the houses and premises known as Nos. 1 to 10 (both inclusive) Lime Kiln Row and Nos. 2 and 3 Regent Place.

Resolved, also, That the Council hereby undertake to carry out such re-housing operations within such period as the Minister of Health may consider reasonably necessary.

(b) Resolved, That the Council, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1930 hereby make a Clearance Order in respect of each of the three areas described in the previous Resolution passed by the Council at this Meeting for the demolition of all the buildings in the said Clearance Areas and that the Common Seal be affixed to such Orders and that the Town Clerk be directed to give the prescribed advertisement and notices of such Orders and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation of the said Orders.

Street and Highway Meeting held January 19

Resolved, also, That the Byelaws now submitted in regard to the Regulation of Advertisements within the Borough be approved and that application be made to the Home Office for confirmation thereof.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 26

Town Planning Meetings held January 8 & 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 16 & 23

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Scott Langley: " That Minute No 11 with reference to the Winter Orchestra and Dance Band be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Waite: "That Minute No. 13 with reference to the Spa Federation be amended, and that a delegate be appointed to the Spa Federation meeting " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Yarnold: That Minute No. 10 (b) with reference to Hard Courts at Montpellier Gardens be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

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Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 21

Water Meeting held January 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 20

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye: " That Minute No. 14 with reference to the sale of land in Albert Road be referred back " was lost. Councillors Pruen and Capt. Trye voted for the Amendment and the following voted against the Amendment : The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, Miller, Pates, P. T. Smith, S. J. Smith, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold).

Allotments Meeting held January 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 16

Burial Board Meeting held January 23

Public Library Meeting held January 8

Resolved, also, That an invitation be sent to the Library Association to hold their Conference this year in Cheltenham, and that they be granted the free use of the Town Hall.

Rating Meeting held January 26

Finance Meeting held January 27

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out, with the addendum that on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee Alfred George Herbert who is 63 years and 4 months be retired on the ground of ill-health and that he be paid an allowance of £25 7s. 0d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 26 years service.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Mum Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd March, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th February, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Clara Winterbotham; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 27, 28 and 29 Burton Street ; 43 Brunswick Street ; and 323 High 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 and 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) 169 High Street ; and 33 Elm 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 specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices 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) " Gransden" Parabola Road—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from Mrs. H. G. Harrison asking the Committee to allow her to repay the amount of £11 11s. 0d. in respect of the drainage work carried out by the Corporation at these premises over a period of three years, and also asking that the Closing Order in respect of the basement should be withdrawn, RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an order declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement expenses chargeable on the premises by annual instalments over a period not exceeding three years with interest at the rate of £5 per centum per annum. RESOLVED, also, That the Closing Order be not withdrawn, as the basement has not been made to comply with the regulations under the Housing Acts.

2—Insanitary Property at 1 Princes Road, Tivoli ; 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 Fairhaven Cottages ; 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 Fairhaven Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:- 4 Brunswick Street ; 3 Queen Street ; and 8 Lansdown Terrace Basement—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 7 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 13 lbs. Mutton ; 14 ½ lbs. Tinned Food

5--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 24 Albert Place—The Committee considered making closing Order in respect of the rooms situate in the basement of the above premises Mrs. Freethstone attended on behalf of the owner. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are let for human habitation, and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render the premise fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said part of the said building, an order be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930, prohibiting the use of the said basement for the purposes of a sleeping place.

(b) 1 and 2 Mills' Collages, Alstone Croft—The Committee considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. The Medical Officer of Health reported as to the condition of the premises, and the Town Clerk reported that statutory notice had been given to the owners, of the intention to make the Order. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwelling houses which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the owners with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, requiring that the houses shall be vacated within 30 days from the date on which the Orders become operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the houses are not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which they are vacated.

(c) School Cottages, Arle—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these cottages be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) 18 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of this property be adjourned until the April meeting of the Committee.

(e) 2, 3 and 4 Elm Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had now been demolished by Messrs. Eggleton and Co., at a cost of £15, and that the Contractor had agreed to pay £17 10s. 0d. for the salvaged materials. RESOLVED, That the balance of £2 10s. 0d. due from the Contractor be paid to the owner of the premises.

(f) King Street Gardens—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Corpus Christi College, the owners of these premises, had asked for permission to demolish part of the premises and to convert the remainder into workshops. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

(g) 26 Lansdown Crescent, Lea House, Albion Street and 13 Bath Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement dwellings of these houses which did not comply with the regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and

are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit and that notices be served upon the persons having control of the houses, owners thereof and mortgagees, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the parts of the said houses and any offers with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof will be considered by the Council when any of the above mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

6—Smoke Nuisance—The Sanitary Inspector submitted further complaint from Mr. A. J. Nunn in regard to the smoke from the chimney of Messrs. Crook's Laundry in Croft Street, and reported that although there had been some delay in installing a smoke consumer, he was now assured by the manufacturers that this would be provided and fixed within the next fortnight.

7—Park Place District—Flooding—The ne Borough Surveyor reported that in addition to the ordinary routine work, the following schemes were in course of preparation :—The South Eastern Drainage Scheme ; The extension of Brooklyn Road, and roads on the Housing Estate ; and extension etc., Tewkesbury Water Works, and that if the schemes were-to be prepared within a reasonable time, it was necessary that additional assistance should be obtained, and he recommended that a temporary Engineering Assistant who could also act as Clerk of Works should be appointed to assist with the preparation and carrying out of these three schemes, and that the cost should be apportioned pro rata. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise for a suitable temporary assistant at a salary of 7 guineas per week and that one quarter of the cost be charged to the South Eastern Drainage Scheme.

8—Town Hall—Ladies Convenience—The Borough Surveyor submitted 7 tenders for the construction of this convenience. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. H. J. Trigg of £411 14s 0d. be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

9—Corpus Street--Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that recently it was found that rats were getting out of the sewer at the rear of the Eastern side of Corpus Street, and on examination it was found that two thirds of this length of 75 yards was an old brick sewer, and in bad condition, and he proposed to reconstruct the sewer with six inch diameter pipes with the necessary inspection manholes at a cost of about £60. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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10--Public Convenience, Arcade--RESOLVED, That six months notice be given terminating the lease of the Cloak Room and Ladies Lavatory in the Arcade.

11—Offensive Trades—Fish Frier—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had now met and considered the draft Byelaws, and a revised draft was now submitted RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof. (A Copy of the revised draft accompanies the Minutes).

(b) Read, application from Mr. W. H. Bedford for consent to the establishment of a Fried Fish Shop on the St. Mark's Housing Estate. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the matter had been considered by the Housing Committee.

12—Milk (Special Designations Order) 1923—(a) Pasteuriser's Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., for renewal of their licence to use the designation "

Pasteurised " Milk in connection with the sale of Milk treated by them at their Dairy in Imperial Lane, Cheltenham be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1931, unless previously revoked

(b) Dealer's Licence—(i) RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd, for the renewal of the licence issued to Davis & Co., to sell "Pasteurised " Milk from 3 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street, be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1931, 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 licence to expire on the 31st December, 1931, unless previously revoked.

(c) Certified—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. C. Flowers trading as the Tewkesbury Clean Milk Supply, of Walton Cardiff for renewal of his licence to sell Certified Milk within the Borough be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1931, unless previously revoked

13—Medical Officer of Health—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a Memorandum on the Formulation of Arrangements under Section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1929, for securing that every Medical Officer of Health subsequently appointed for a district shall be restricted from engaging in private practice.

14—Hayden Farm—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle that Mr. Rymer wished to do some mole draining at the farm, and proposed to purchase a mole plough, and suggested that the Corporation should allow him for the mole draining carried out at the rate of 7d. per chain which was half the usual contract price, the total contribution of the Corporation not to exceed £5 per annum (plus pipes for connecting to the main drains) which for the remaining four years of his lease would not amount to more than £20. This mole draining would be a benefit to the tenant and a great improvement to the land, and he recommended that the proposal be agreed to Mr. Rymer was also willing to drain a piece of land which could not be mole drained at his own cost, the Corporation providing the 500 2 inch pipes required at an estimated cost of 35s. RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to.

15--Sewage Disposal Works—Read, circular of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing forms of annual return which had been drawn up for showing costs relating to sewage disposal works. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

ARTHUR S. F. PRVEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th February, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Moore; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pates, P.T. Smith, Selim Smith, F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. Present- Councillor Pates (in the chair), Dr. Hayward, Leigh James and J. F. Ward. They recommended as follows :—

(a) 58 and 60 Whaddon Avenue--That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the hollows in the gardens of these houses made up with soil.

(b) 86 and 88 Whaddon Avenue—That the applications of the tenants of these houses for provision of open grates in place of the ranges, be not granted.

(c) Housing Department-----That the wages of the part-time junior Clerk (A. C. F. Gisborne) be increased to 10s per week net, also, That the Housing Manager be authorised to obtain applications for a pupil assistant for consideration.

(d) **View Sub-Committee**—That the Housing Committee be recommended to appoint a View Sub-Committee to inspect the various estates from time to time.

RESOLVED. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee be appointed the View Sub-Committee, with the addition of Councillor Selim Smith, and that he be also appointed a Member of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee.

2—Folly Lane—Plough Gardens—(a) The Architects reported as to the labour employed on Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell's Contract for the past four weeks, which showed that for the week ending the 7th inst. there were 3 foremen, 1 bricklayer and 3 labourers from Evesham and 53 local labourers.

(b) The Architect submitted alternative lay-out plans of the vacant piece of land adjoining Prospect Villa providing for 5 and 6 houses respectively. RESOLVED, That the plan for 5 houses be approved and that the Architects be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of the houses.

3—St. Paul's Street South and Lime Kiln Row Clearance Area—A representative of Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne attended on behalf of Miss E. Thomas, the owner of Nos. 1 to 4 St. Paul's Terrace, St. Paul's Street South and stated that in their opinion the houses could at very little cost be made fit for human habitation, and asking the Council to exclude this property from the Clearance Order. The Sanitary Inspector reported on the arrangement and condition of the premises RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to accede to the application

4—No. 3 Kipling Road—The Chairman reported that he had inspected the screen fence at the rear of this house and of which the adjoining tenant complained and recommended that no action be taken thereon. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted.

5—Prospect Villa—It was reported that the tenant of these premises (Mr. J. H. Davis) was willing to continue his tenancy of this property at a rent of £35 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to a tenancy agreement containing similar terms to the present agreement, being entered into.

6—Pillely Lane Housing Site—Sunrise Cottages—The Architects reported that they estimated the cost of providing a footpath from Pillely Crescent to the Old Bath Road at the side of Sunrise Cottages at £18 17s. 0d. RESOLVED, That they be instructed to have this done.

7—11 and 121 Tennyson Road—The Architects submitted alternative estimates for relaying portions of the floors of these houses which had rotted. RESOLVED, That the floors be relayed with Coloured Granolithic at an estimated cost of £7 12s. 0d. per house.

5—15 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide not exceeding four loads of to this house when some soil is available.

9—Sale of Land—Read, application from Mr. W. Bedford to purchase a strip of land in Tennyson Road for the erection of a single storey lock-up shop for the sale of wet, dried and fried fish RESOLVED, That Mr. Bedford be informed that the Committee cannot agree to the erection of a single storey lock up shop but are prepared to consider the sale of the necessary land for the erection of a shop similar to those already erected on the Estate.

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10-2 and 4 Byron Road--The Architects reported as to the cracks in these houses. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to obtain tenders for making these good.

11—Fencing—RESOLVED, That the Architects be instructed to consider and report as to the fencing to be provided for the gardens of new houses as an alternative to the present post and wire fencing.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th February, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Pates, Thomas Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Fordson Tractors were nearly worn out and would require replacement. The two S.D. Freighters collected the refuse from the portion of the town north of High Street and it would require three additional freighters of larger capacity to deal with the remainder of the Borough, but as the present trailers would be serviceable for a further period, it would be more economical to purchase two new tractors which could now be obtained with pneumatic tyres and of improved construction at a cost of about £250 each. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for two new tractors.

2—Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the new wood block paving in High Street and Clarence Street in respect of which £10,466 had been provided in the County Council estimates. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Acme Flooring and Paving Co. Ltd. of £10,401 5s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to formal contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into and subject to the approval of the County Council. RESOLVED, also, That the work be commenced on or about the 8th April.

3-149 High Street—Application was made by Mr. D. Davies for an additional wayleave from Bennington Street into the yard of his premises at 149 High Street, or in the alternative, that he be allowed to make an entrance into the yard instead of an entrance into the shed as provided in the

Agreement of the 14th May last. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to make an entrance in substitution of the entrance into the shed.

4—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on the 11th inst.: Councillors Scott Langley, Pates, Thomas and Capt. Trye (in the chair).

They recommended as follows :---

(a) St. George's Road—That the limb of the tree complained of by the Traction Co. be removed and also the limb of another tree to west of this.

(b) Bayshill Road—That the application of Mr. W. T. Slade for removal of large tree opposite Brookwood be not granted.

(c) Bayshill and Parabola Roads Junction—That the ungainly and dangerous tree complained of by Mr. W. T. Slade be removed and also a second tree on same side and that two new lime trees be planted.

(d) Parabola Road—That the footpath complained of by Mr. W. T. Slade from Brookwood to the end be gravelled and sprayed when dry.

(e) Malvern. Road—That the defective flags complained of by Col. Harford be repaired.

(f) Malvern Place—That no action be taken in regard to Mr. C. H. Russell Gibbons' letter asking the Corporation to call on owners to repair the inner drive to six houses in this road.

(g) Hall Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and estimate of alternative schemes for widening the road near the Schools.

(h) St. Stephen's Road—That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Drew, owner of Hatherley Court, asking for the footpath to be paved adjoining vacant piece of land on this road

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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5—Pittville Circus and Prestbury Road—Island Lamp—The Committee further considered the proposal to provide all island refuge at the junction of these roads. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with but that a notice be placed on the lamp directing traffic from Albert Road to keep to the left of the lamp.

6—**Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 16th inst. Present-- Councillors Capt. Trye (in the chair), Pates, Scott Langley and Yarnold. 205 tenders were received. It was recommended that the tenders of the following firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedules :—

Castings—Messrs. Godfrey, Etherstone & Co. Ltd. Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Cement—Messrs. Oxford and Shipton Cement Ltd.

Disinfectants—Messrs. Burt, Boulton and Hayward Ltd. ; Dussek Bros. & Co. Ltd. ; The Killgerm Co, Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—Messrs. Sharpe and Fisher (1924) Ltd ; Siemens Electric Lamps & Supplies Ltd.

Forage—Mr. E. Cullimore and Messrs. W. J. Oldacre Ltd.

Household Goods and Sundries—Adam and Lane & Neeve Ltd. ; W. & F. Archer ; Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind ; Edward Cook & Co. Ltd. ; W. M. Delf ; Dentons Ltd. ; Drake & Co. ; T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd.; Howsin Bros. Ltd. ; Jackson and Painter ; Johns & Sons ; The Killgerm Co. Ltd. ; The London Supply Co.; Middleton Bros. Ltd. ; Ernest Perrett & Co ; the Premiere Polish Co. ; Pryke and Palmer Ltd. ; E. L. Ward Ltd. ; A. C. Woodrow & Co.

India Rubber Goods—Messrs. George Maclellan & Co Ltd, ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Ironmongery—Messrs, John Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; T. W. Harvey & Sons ; Pryke & Palmer Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd ; A. C. Woodrow & Co,

Lead Piping, Fittings, etc —Messrs. George Pence & Sons Ltd. ; Lead Pipes Ltd. Pryke and Palmer Ltd; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Lime, Brick and Sand—Messrs. George Bence & Sons Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd, ; The Stonehouse Brick and Tile Co. Ltd. ; The Winchcomb Brick & Tile Co. Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—Messrs. F. C. Dodwell & Sons ; J. J. Gillham & Sons ; Harvey & Healing ; Chas. Knight & Co Ltd. ; Norman Sawyer & Co, Ltd.

Stonehouse Pipes—Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Timber—F. G. Parry ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; Smith Bros.

Tools—Messrs. John Fisher & Sons Ltd ; Hardy Pick & Co. Ltd. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd, ; A. C. Woodrow & Co. ; John Yates & Co. Ltd.

Uniforms and Overalls—A N. Cole "The Famous."

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Messrs. Anglo American Oil Co. Ltd. ; George Bence & Sons Ltd. Bitulac Co. Ltd. ; British Petroleum Co. Ltd. ; John Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; Henry Matthews & Co. Ltd. ; Middleton Bros. Ltd. ; Pryke & Palmer Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; Shell Mex Ltd. ; Thelwall & Co. Ltd.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—John Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; Hardy Pick Co. Ltd. ; Pryke & Palmer Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; A. C. Woodrow & Co.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and the tenders recommended be accepted subject to formal contracts being entered into where required.

7—Carlton Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit specification, plan and estimate of the work required to be done to the short length of footpath on the North side of Carlton Street.

8—Post Office Letter Boxes—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from the Postmaster that it had been decided to fix Post Office direction signs on the Pillar Boxes outside the St. Mark's, Hewlett Street, Pittville and Gloucester Road Sub Post Offices, and on the Pillar Boxes at the top of Montpellier Street. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

9—Winchcomb Street—Read, letter from Messrs. W. Vale & Co. Ltd. calling attention to the bad condition of the footpath in this street. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have any necessary repairs carried out.

10—Lansdown Road—Damage to Tree—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 23rd ult., a lorry belonging to B. Wynne & Sons Ltd. collided with a tree and also broke the slab over the street gully. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage.

11—Crossways, Tivoli Circus—Read, letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, offering to sell this property to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

12—Workmen--Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking the Committee on behalf of the Highways Department employees to consider the adoption of a 47 hour week without loss of pay, and that the leave off time on Saturday should be 12 noon, and pointing out that in this concession was granted it would make the number of hours per week uniform with the day workers in the Electricity Department and other trades in the town. The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of hours worked was 48 hours per week except that during the dark mornings of the winter months the number of hours worked was 45 ½ per week. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

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9-Nursing Homes Registration Act. 1927—The Medical Officer submitted application from the Misses A. and L. Bloss for their premises at 26 Imperial Square to be registered as a Nursing Home under the Act. He had inspected the premises and recommended that the application be granted. RESOLVED, That the premises be registered

3—Conference--Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to a National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare to be held at Cardiff in July next organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye,; and E. L. Ward and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3101	Longman, T. W.	Addition to Delabere, Tivoli Road.
3102	Reed & Patterson	Outside staircase. Vernon Place.
3103	Ingram, W.	Poultry House, 64 Whaddon Avenue.
3104	Parker, C. A.	Cycle and Tool Shed, 17 Shakespeare Road.
3105	Bowell, J.	Poultry and Cycle House, 51 Whaddon Avenue.
3106	Shell Mex Ltd.	Petrol Pump, Tewkesbury Road Depot.
3107	Forty, O. A.	Two dwelling houses and 4 lock-up shops, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3103, 3104 and 3105 be approved ; That Plan No. 3101 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3106 be approved subject to the condition that the owners shall move the pump back behind the building line at their own cost without compensation if and when required by the Corporation ; and That Plans Nos. 3102 and 3107 be disapproved.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
190	Reading, G.	Garage, Shield, Sandy Lane Road, Charlton Kings.
191	Weston, Mr.	House, Coombe Hill (Amended Plan).
192	Tibbles, R. O.	Bungalow, Stoke Orchard.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 190, 191 and 192 be approved.

3—Fullwood Park—An objection was received from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeoman on behalf of the owners of Fullwood Park objecting to the proposal to this estate being scheduled as residential or sanatoria and to the limitation of the height of any building not to exceed 35 feet above the ground level. RESOLVED, That the Map No. 2 and the Preliminary Statement be amended in respect of this property so as to permit the erection thereon of a college or school, and also altering the restriction as to height, so as to permit of a building of a height of 40 feet.

4—Aerodrome—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Air Ministry in regard to the inspection by Major dealing of the proposed Aerodrome sites. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and a conference thereon with the representatives of the Gloucester Corporation.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th February, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and H. L. Ward ; and Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
3102	Reed & Patterson	Outside staircase, Vernon Place.
3107	Forty, O. A.	Two dwelling houses and four shops, Gloucester Road (Amended Plan).
3108	Walker, Mrs. M.	Motor House, 7 Queens Parade.
3109	Butt, R.	Poultry House, 22 Whaddon Avenue.
3110	Carpenter, J. S.	Cycle and Tool House, 9 Byron Road.
3111	Wheeler, C.	Cycle and Tool Shed, 33 Shakespeare Road.
3112	Eager, E.	Kitchen, Silcot, Cranham Road
3113	Eager, E.	Motor House, Silcot, Cranham Road.
3114	Home, Lt -Col. J. E.	Motor House, Old Bath Road
3115	Ward, G. W.	Three Houses, All Saints Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3109 and 3111 be approved ; That Plan No. 3112 be approved subject to any alteration to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos 3113 and 3114 be approved subject to entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plans Nos. 3102, 3107, 3108, 3110 and 3115 be disapproved.

6—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
193	Ward, G. W.	Garage, Oakland Avenue, Prestbury.
194	White, Mrs.	Alterations, Bardowie, Sandy Lane Road, Charlton Kings.
195	Organ, A. E.	Petrol Pump, Lilleybrook Lawn, Charlton Kings.
196	White, Mrs.	Garage and Flat, Bardowie, Sandy Lane Road, Charlton Kings.
197	Smith, T. W.	Pair Semi-detached Cottages, Church Street, Charlton Kings.
198	Emms, E. A.	Show Room, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury.
199	Peacey, W. E.	Bungalow, Lyefield Road East, Charlton Kings.
200	Pearce, W. H.	House, The Green, Woodmancote.
201	Stannard, G.	Two Petrol Pumps, 11 Oxford Place, London Road.
202	Williams, A. & Co.	Petrol Pump, Portland Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 193, 194, 196, 199, 200 and 202 be approved ; That Plan No. 201 be approved subject to the pumps being placed in an alcove behind the front main wall of the adjoining house, and subject to the condition that the owner shall move the pump back behind the building line at his own cost without compensation if and when required by the Corporation ; and That Plans Nos. 195, 197 and 198 be disapproved.

7—Aerodrome—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Mr. J. W. Robson that his clients were the owners of a field situate on the Tewkesbury Road which was included in the area scheduled for the purposes of the Aerodrome, and asking if the Corporation could now take the land out of the schedule as his clients were anxious to develop the land, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

8—Preliminary Statement—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council thanking the Committee for the attendance of Mr. Streater at the meeting of his Council, when he fully explained the scheme to the members of his Council.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite and Weech (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Factories and Industries—Messrs. Bartlett, Bennett, Craig and Green attended as a Deputation from the Chamber of Commerce and suggested that a Committee consisting of representatives of the Town Council and the Chamber should be appointed to explore the possibility of obtaining suitable Factories or Industries for Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a Committee of eight members be appointed, consisting of four members of the Chamber of Commerce and four members of the Town Council and that the Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; and Councillors P. T. Smith and E. L. Ward be appointed the representatives of the Council on the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convene the first Meeting of the Committee.

2—Montpellier and Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the Montpellier Swimming Bath be opened on the 1st March and the Alstone Baths on the 16th April. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Cheltenham Swimming Club for the prices of admission to the Montpellier Baths to be reduced from 6d. to 3d. be not acceded to.

3—Winter Orchestra—(a) The Committee received letters and Memorial regretting the decision of the Council not to engage Mr. Horace Teague's Orchestra for next season's morning concerts. (b) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the local Secretary of the Musicians Union stating that no local musicians were employed by Mr. Fielding. RESOLVED, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to consider with Mr. Fielding whether arrangements can be made for local musicians to be engaged.

4—Alstone Baths—Swimming and Mixed Bathing—Read, application from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, for the use of the Swimming Baths on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to closing time for Water Polo and on Thursdays from 5.30 p.m. to closing time for mixed bathing also for Galas on nights deemed suitable by the Superintendent. RESOLVED, That the use of the Baths be granted on the same terms as in previous years.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application from the Stationmaster, L.M. & S. Railway, for permission to place a time table board outside these Gardens adjoining the G.W R. Board. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the exact position of the board being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to the board being only used for the exhibition of time tables.

6—Pittville Gardens—Read, application from the Secretary of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council for the use of a portion of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room on Saturday, 27th June next for a County Exhibition and Fete which was being arranged to give publicity to the many social services

which are available to the countryside of Gloucestershire. RESOLVED, That the Pump Room and portion of the Gardens above the Lake be granted at a charge of £3 3s. 0d., plus the cost of cleaning and lighting and subject to the Society undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the property.

7—Montpellier Baths—(a) Superintendent—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the appointment of a Superintendent and had issued advertisements inviting applications for the appointment of a Superintendent, who must be a qualified masseur at a salary of per annum with house, fuel and light. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to appoint a suitable applicant.

(b) Medical Baths—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that all concessions with regard to the charges for medical baths should be withdrawn, and the Town Clerk reported that the following concessions had been authorised :—

(a) Free baths for practising medical men and half charge to the wife of a practising medical man, which was in accordance with the practice of other British and foreign Spas.

(b) A flat rate of 2s per patient (excluding massage) for General Hospital patients.

(c) Inclusive charge of 18s per week for insured patients in accordance with the scheme drawn up between the Spa Federation and the approved Friendly Societies. RESOLVED, That no alteration be made in these concessions.

8—Town Hall—(a) Read, letter of 9th inst, from the Ambulance Secretary of the L.M. & S. Railway Company thanking the Corporation for the arrangements made for the Ambulance Competition in the Town Hall on the 2nd and 3rd insts.

(b) Show Case—Read, letter from Messrs. C. & P. James Ltd, asking the Corporation to release them from their Agreement in regard to the Show Case in the Ladies' Cloak Room. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the termination of the Contract on the 1st June next.

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9—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club had suggested that the Lease should not provide for the renewal of turf by the Club and that the Club should keep the green in as good a condition as on entry. RESOLVED, That this be not approved and that the Club be required to renew any turf which may be perished or damaged, etc., as provided in the old Lease.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

10—Town Hall —The Town Clerk reported that a complaint had been received of the noise made by motorists leaving the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That a Notice be put up in the Town Hall requesting motorists to drive away as quietly as possible.

11—Medical Advisory Committee—The Town Clerk submitted resolution passed unanimously by the Spa Medical Advisory Committee at their meeting on the 19th inst. : " That under present conditions and in view of the need of public economy, the members of the Medical Advisory Committee are willing to continue their services without any honorarium if the Town Council should so desire." RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the members of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee for their offer.

12—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Gardens Superintendent, That the leaning elm tree at the back of the Winter Gardens be removed.

13—Conferences—The Town Clerk submitted application for the use of the Pittville Pump Room and Gardens for a garden party on the 2nd June in connection with the Goldsmiths' Conference to be held from the 1st to 5th June, and also that delegates be provided with tickets giving free admission to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That these facilities be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the same facilities be granted in respect of the Library Association Conference to be held from the 31st August to the 5th September.

14—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 10th February, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart, Councillors Pates, Thomas, Weech and Waite (Councillor Pates in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) Morning Concerts—That the application of Mr. Teague to be allowed 10s 6d for an artist for the Friday morning concert each week be not granted, but that 10s 6d for the artist booked for Friday, 13th February be allowed.

(b) Benefit Dance—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Fielding as in previous years for the benefit dance to be held on the 10th April subject to Mr. Fielding paying the cost of lighting, heating and out-of-pocket expenses.

RESOLVED, That these 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, 18th February, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Hale's Road and Ewlyn Road—The Committee considered complaints received from Mrs. K. W. Crawford and Mr. Butler in regard to the lighting in these roads. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) High Street - The Committee considered the proposal that improved lighting should be provided at the junction of High Street and the Colonnade. The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that an additional tramway standard near the Midland Bank should be purchased, and an extra lamp provided on a wire suspended from this standard to the standard outside Messrs. Dodwells' shop, at an estimated cost of £12. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Cambray—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the National Citizens' Union suggesting that a central light should be placed at the junction of High Street and Cambray
RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

2—Electrical Research Association—RESOLVED, That the Committee continue their subscription of £5 5s. 0d. to this Association for another year.

3--Winchcomb Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in connection with the new cable to be laid in Winchcomb Street, the Post Office had asked the Corporation to permit them to lay a conduit in their trench, the Post Office to pay 7s 6d a yard in the roadway and 3s 6d in the footpath towards the cost of excavation and reinstatement. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Uckington and Arle—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted scheme, plans and estimates for the extension of the mains to supply Uckington and Arle villages. He recommended that an underground cable should be laid from Tewkesbury Road bridge to the Arle Sub-station near the Cross Hands Inn, and underground cables from this Sub-station to the Home Crofting Estate, and from Tewkesbury Road to the Arle Sub-station, and that overhead lines should be provided from the Arle Sub-station to Arle village, and from the Uckington Sub-station to the Home Crofting Estate and Uckington village. He estimated the cost of carrying out this extension at £3,826 11s. 3d. but deducting the cost of the underground cable from the Tewkesbury Road bridge to the Arle Sub-station which would eventually be used for the supply of other districts, the net cost of supplying these two districts would be approximately £3,000. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to carry out this extension and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £3,827 for the cost of carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of overhead lines under Section 10 (b) of the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, and also that application be made for consents of the Local Authorities concerned to the erection of the overhead lines. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary wayleaves for the laying of the cables and for payment of compensation for removal of trees.

(b) Daisy Bank Road and Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote—Read, letters of the 2nd inst., from the Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines in Daisybank Road and for supplying the parishes of Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote, subject to the regulations with respect to overhead lines made by the Commissioners on the 16th April 1928, and subject to the lines being erected along the routes shown on the Maps enclosed with the applications for the consents. The Minister reserved the power to review the situation at any time after a period of five years.

(c) Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing sanction to a loan of £5,092 for the extension to Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote.

5—Extension to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension to main. referred to in his report on the terms now approved by this Committee.

6—Electrical Development Association—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated as the representative of the undertaking on the South Western Area Committee of this Association.

7—Cheltenham District Gas Order, 1930—The Town Clerk reported interviews with the Clerk to the Gas Company in regard to the objections made to the above Order on behalf of the Corporation, and submitted letter of the 12th inst., from the Board of Trade that they proposed to hold an Inquiry into the application in London on the 27th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appear at the Inquiry in support of the objections made.

8—Conference—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Electricity Commissioners that the Ministry of Transport was arranging to hold conferences in various parts of the Country with representatives of undertakings with a view to stimulating further activities in connection with the development and acceleration of work on transmission and distribution schemes with the object of providing employment, and inviting the Corporation to send 2 or 3 representatives to the Conference to be held at the Lesser Colston Hall, Bristol on the 20th March. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Councillor Scott Langley and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend

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9—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 22nd and 28th ult., and the 6th and 15th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 473.3, 481.6, 477.1 and 483.7 B.Th.U, respectively, and the pressure 4.9, 5.3, 5.2 and 6.6 inches of water.
JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th February, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Pates and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 9th February, 1931	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	523,000 gallons	453,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,105,000 “	1,924,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	82,000	79,000
Total	1,710,000	2,456,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	9th February, 1931.		9th February, 1930.	
Hewletts		29,726,000 gallons.		31,641,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000 “	32ft. 0ins,	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000 “
Total Storage		131,369,000		133,284,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of January.

3—Engineering Assistant—The Borough Engineer reported that additional technical assistance would be required for preparing plans and estimates for the Water Works, road construction and surface water drainage schemes approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the engagement of a temporary technical assistant for these schemes, and to pay a fair proportion of the cost of his services in connection with the Water Works Scheme.

4--Pipes—Six tenders were received for the supply of cast iron pipes for the year ending 31st March, 1932. RESOLVED, That the tenders of the Clay Cross Co. Ltd, for 3 inch and 4 inch Pipes and Specials, and of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co. Ltd., for 6 inch and 9 inch pipes (being the lowest) be accepted.

5—Hewletts Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain 250 rainbow trout for number 4 reservoir.

6—Castle Barn Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that the pump on the Rossley Stream supplying water to this farm was practically worn out. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit estimates for repairing and providing a new pump.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th February, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Moore and Winterbotham; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals-Superintendent Goulder reported that, with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2- Fire Brigade--(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage	Brigade Expenses.
Jan. 31st.	74 Duke Street.	Defective Fire Grate.	Slight.	£4 8s 0d
Feb. 4th.	1 St. Anne's Promenade.	Not apparent.	£75.	£4 17s. 6d.

The Brigade was also called to an outbreak of fire at Belle Vue Chambers on the 14th inst., the details of which will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) Fire Tender—The Captain reported that on the 4th inst., the fire tender broke down and that the Chairman had authorised the hire of an Overland touring car for use as a tender from Messrs. Haines and Strange at a charge of £2 10s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved. The Town Clerk now submitted letter of the 16th inst., from Messrs. Haines and Strange enclosing copy of a letter from The Sunbeam Co., that they were unable to provide any gears from stock to replace the broken gears and that the cost of cutting new gears would not be justified having regard to the age and condition of the vehicle, Messrs. Haines and Strange submitted alternative estimates for the provision of a new tender. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee with power to act.

3—Omnibus Licences—(a) St. Paul's to Leckhampton Service—Mr. McCormick attended and applied on the behalf of the Cheltenham District Traction Co., for consent under Section 6 of the Cheltenham District Traction Act, 1929, to run an omnibus service from St. Paul's Road via St. Paul's Street North, Swindon Road and St. George's Street into High Street to Leckhampton. RESOLVED, That consent be given, the Corporation reserving power to withdraw the consent and also reserving power to allow other omnibuses on this route.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Red and White Services Ltd., for transfer of 3 licences to new vehicles purchased by them for their service between South Wales and Birmingham and London be granted.

(c) Read, letter of the 20th ult., from the Clerk to the Traffic Commissioners of the Western Area stating that although the provisions of the Road Traffic Act enabling the Commissioners to receive and deal with applications for licences came into force on the 1st January last, the requirement that services should not be operated except under a road service licence granted by the Commissioners will not become operative before the 1st April at the earliest.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., for 12 licences for the Race Meeting on the 10th, 11th and 12th March be granted,

4—Omnibus Services—Mr. McCormick attended in regard to the complaint that his Company had discontinued running his Leckhampton bus through to the Great Western Station, and was asked to give further consideration of the request to run the service from Leckhampton through to St. James' Station.

5—Police Establishment—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee stating that the arrangement as to the payment of reserves did not obviate the necessity of a new agreement, as the existing agreement which was over 40 years old was entered into before the present Police Authority was established, and certain clauses were now out of date, and the Town Clerk submitted his letter in reply. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of L. Handford for transfer of licence No. 77 to Motor Cab AD 9127 be granted.

7—Marshal Foch Memorial Fund—The Committee further considered the letter from the Marquis of Crewe asking the Corporation to subscribe to this fund for the erection of a statue to the late Marshal Foch The Town Clerk submitted further letter stating that the majority of Municipalities had subscribed RESOLVED, That the sum of £5 be subscribed to the fund.

8—Unemployment Schemes—Read, circular of the 2nd inst., from the Town Clerk, Colne, enclosing copies of resolutions passed by his Council in regard to the recruitment of labour in unemployment schemes which suggested that the percentage of ex-service men stipulated in the terms and conditions of grants should be reduced to 50 per cent instead of 75 per cent as at present, as a large proportion of the persons now unemployed were not of Army age when the War ended. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the application of the Black and White Motorways Ltd., for permission to place a notice board advertising their services outside the Offices or the Winter Garden be not granted.

10--Minutes—RESOLVED, That the application of the National Citizen's Union to be supplied with a copy of the Minutes each month be granted.

11—Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That C. J. B. Wills (internal audit clerk) be included in the certificates of exception under these Acts

12—Petrol and Carbide Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of W. J. Oldacre for a licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in underground tanks at his premises in Berkeley Avenue be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of G. Stannard for a licence to store 1000 gallons of petrol in tanks at his premises in Oxford Place, and for the transfer of the licence to store 500 gallons held by Mr. Martin be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. Readings for a licence to store 280 pounds of Carbide of Calcium at his premises in Regent Street be granted.

13—Market—(a) Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle asking if, on the termination of his tenancy at the Market, he would be allowed to remove his shed and the Town Clerk reported that the licence under which the shed was erected provided for this to be taken over at a valuation by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That Mr Castle be informed that there will be no objection to his removing the shed as an alternative and that a memorandum to this effect be endorsed on the licence.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Market be let to Messrs. Bostock and Wombwells Menagerie on the 25th and 27th April at a rent of £12 plus water charges.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, Weech and Yarnold ; and Messrs. Clarkson and Waine (Alderman Sawyer in the chair),

1—Allotment No. 15 Creamery Piece—The Visitors reported as to the condition of this allotment, and neighbouring allotments. RESOLVED, That the Committee meet at Creamery Piece Allotments on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 11 a.m. to inspect the allotments which are flooded,

2—Crab Tree Piece Allotments—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. E. Taylor complaining that dogs belonging to Mr. Stevens of Queen Street were allowed to run about these allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Stevens asking him to keep his dogs under control.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Salim Smith, Waite, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Estimate for Rate--RESOLVED, That the Committee meet at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of considering the estimate for rate.

2—Chapman's Circus—Read, application from Chapman's Circus for a site for their Circus in Sandford Park in June. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, application from the Naunton Park Football Club, asking for the playing season to be extended to the 21st March. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

4—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That the applications for cricket pitches be adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

5—Wellington Square—Read, letter from Mr. Lewis Grist complaining of the number of Evergreen Oaks being cut down and suggesting that residents in the Square should be consulted before any trees are cut. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday 12th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

6—Gardens Superintendent—Read, application from the Gardens Superintendent for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £250 to £300 per annum.

7—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, application from St. Gregory's Rugby Football Club for the playing season to be extended to the 21st March next. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th February, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley and Weech ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During January 3,469 (against 2,773) Included in these figures was a party of 26 students from St. Mary's Training College.

Receipts—Catalogues, " Friends of Gallery and Museum " Fund, etc., £6 15s. 1d.

Permanent Collection—This Collection had been re-hung in the Gallery to remain on view until the end of March.

Carnegie Trustees—The Curator reported on a visit paid to the Art Gallery and Museum by F. A. Bather, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., on the 28th January.

Exhibition of Museum Exhibits for Schools—The Curator reported as to his visit to London on 29th January, and as to the practicability of circulating exhibits to schools.

Hereford Museum—The Carnegie Trustees had asked the Curator to inspect and report to them on this Museum, which he had done on 6th inst.

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2—Donations--From an Anonymous Donor, 4 Drawings by Cotswold artists :—" Sisteron," water-colour, by Charles M. Gere, R.W.S., N.E.A.C. ; " Pharaoh's Dream" Tempera by Margaret Gere, N.E.A.C. ; and two drawings in black and white by Paul Woodroffe, viz :—" The Nativity " and " The Angel and the Shepherds"; Mr. W. C. Devereux, two local coins and a local token, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Scott, a very fine vase designed and made by Bernard Moore ; Mr. Spencer Williams, brick from Ur of the Chaldees.

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

RESOLVED, also, that the Chinese Bedspread offered as a gift from Lady Hulse be declined with thanks.

3—Victoria and Albert Museum Loan—The Curator reported that he had arranged for the present loan to be substituted by a collection of Bookbindings, and Turkish, Persian and European Tiles, RESOLVED, That this arrangement be confirmed.

4—Ichthyosaurus--A plaster cast of Ichthyosaurus conybeari Lydekker from the original found at Saltford near Bath was submitted. RESOLVED, That the specimen be purchased for £2 10s. 0d.

5—Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club—This Club had intimated its desire to hold a meeting on the Art Gallery and Museum premises on the 21st inst., having also asked the Curator to address them on the subject of the institution and its collections. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Easter Holidays RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday, and open on Saturday 4th April, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Easter Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th February, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley, Selim Smith, Thomas and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th January to 20th February, 1931 Interments 54 ; Grave Spaces sold 13 (First Position 1, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 8) ; Memorials fixed 3 ; New Inscriptions 7.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8362 to 8374 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Cemetery—(a) Elm Trees—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Packers of for 7 large Elm Trees on the Eastern boundary to be felled and removed by them be accepted.

(b) Convenience—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans and estimates for the erection of a convenience at the Cemetery at a cost of £350 or £475. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred for the time being.

(c) RESOLVED, That 40 sheets of corrugated iron be purchased for the sum of £4 10s. 0d. for fencing the seed ground.

6—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to grave of Arthur William Clegg ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Job Walker, Theophilus John Deane, and Catherine Georgina White; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Elsie Morton and Herbert Small ; Memorial Cross to grave of Alice Jane Adye ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of James Smith, and Charlotte Martha Smith, Agnes Dix, and Margareta Redman ; Kerbing to graves of H. W. F. Keall, Lily McOustra, Katherine Grainge, George Herbert Watts, John Alexander Hogg, and Constance Mary Georgina Hedley.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th February, 1931. Present—Councillors Lipson, Pates, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Weech; Messrs, A. J. Miles, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Receipts £22 10s. 11d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,425 (last year 8,119) Lending Department 19,171 (last year 16,810) ; Junior Department 4,477 (last year 2,709). Total for month 30,073 (last year 27,638). Replacements—During the month 23 volumes hail been replaced and 148 volumes dispatched to the Binder.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given :—

January 12th Mr. E. J. Batstone, "The Norman Conquest and Gothic Architecture of our English Cathedrals." (Attendance 169).

January 19th Mr. J. Middleton Martin, M.D., D.P.H., " Is it worthwhile ? " (Attendance 118. Arranged in conjunction with the Public Health Committee).

January 22nd Mr. W. E. Salt, B.A., B.Com., " Old Time Travel" (Attendance 105).

February 2nd ... Mr. David Clow, M.B., Ch.B., " Medical Science—Ancient and Modern." (Attendance 95. Arranged in conjunction with the Public Health Committee).

Staff—The following members had been successful in the Library Association Examinations held in December :—Miss D. E. Parry (Library Routine) ; Mr. W. M. Martin (Literary History),

2—Easter Holidays—RESOLVED, That, as an experiment, all departments of the Library be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and open on Easter Saturday. (Hitherto only the Newsroom has been open on Easter Saturday).

3—Heating Apparatus--The Librarian reported the receipt of a Report from Messrs. A. Scull & Son Ltd, on the heating system. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee re Structural Alterations.

4—Library Association Conference in Cheltenham 31st August to 5th September, 1931—The Librarian reported briefly on this matter, and he was authorised to prepare a list of names of persons whom he considered should be invited to serve on the Reception Committee for circulation to the Library Committee.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday 11th February, 1931. Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; and Councillor Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Remission of Rates—The Committee dealt with and interviewed applicants for the excusal of rates.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th February, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £118,129 12s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,985 3s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1931. Amount collected £18,377 15s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £2,577 18s. 2d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £470 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—National Savings' Certificates The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during January was 7,183 as compared with 5,891 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions :—

Date. 1931	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
27th January	Electricity Supply Acts (Bishop's Cleeve, etc. Supply) Mains	£4877	25 years.
	“ “ “Switchgear	£215	20 “
30th “	Ladies' Convenience, Town Hall ...	£450	30 “

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 24th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair), Councillors Leigh James and Waite.

The Accounts were examined and, with the exception of one which was referred back to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, were recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted,

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased £500 Corporation Stock RESOLVED, That the sum of £500 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, Limited, the Registrars of the said stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

8—Superannuation—(a) H. F. Lewis—The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable to the West Midland Joint Electricity Authority in respect of Mr. H. F. Lewis ascertained in accordance with the Act amounted to £39 14s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) RESOLVED, That A. G. Widdows in the Electricity Department, who had been promoted to the post held by Mr. H. F. Lewis, be included in the Superannuation Scheme in place of Mr. H. F. Lewis

(c) Joint Appointments—It was reported that in the cases of the joint appointments held by the Superintendents of the Alstone and Montpellier Baths and the caretakers of the Municipal Offices, it was necessary to apportion the salary as between the husband and wife. RESOLVED, That the husband in each case be apportioned three-fifths of the salary and the wife the remaining two-fifths.

(d) Delancey Hospital—An application was received from the Delancey Hospital Trustees that the officers and servants employed by them might be admitted as members of the superannuation scheme of the Corporation as from the 1st April next, and undertaking to contribute to the Superannuation Fund the annual cost shown by the actuarial valuation payable from time to time in respect of the officers and servants so included, and to make good any deficit on the said fund which may at any time be incurred in respect of such posts, and offering, if required, to enter into a formal agreement embodying these terms. RESOLVED, That the officers and servants of the Trustees be admitted to the scheme on the above terms subject to the approval of the Minister of Health being obtained.

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9--Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions-RESOLVED That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, The following subscriptions be made to the undermentioned institutions etc., in lieu of the remission of the General Rate:-

	£	s.	d.
General Hospital ...	45	0	0
Female Refuge ...	4	0	0
Girls' Orphanage ...	5	0	0
Nazareth House ...	50	0	0
Eye Ear & Throat Hospital ...	12	0	0
Boys' Orphanage ...	3	0	0
Childrens' Home, Battledown	9	0	0
Home for Aged Pensioners, 3 Monson Terrace	3	0	0
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	5	0	0
St. John Ambulance Association	12	0	0
Charity Organization Society, 4 Rodney Terrace	5	0	0
British Legion, 115 Bath Road	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	£162	0	0

General Hospital—Annual Contribution due 1st January 1931, in lieu of free supply of water £87 12s. 0d.

10—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—Land Tax—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to make application for the redemption of the land tax on the land at Pilley purchased from Miss Norman and known as Pilley Mead and that the Common Seal be affixed to this Authority.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham 2nd April, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1931, 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 Meetings.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE • MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE • TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE • ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each, Member of the Council

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, and March, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Councillor Pruen.

1-Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on 2nd February, 1931, 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—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held February 9

Housing Meeting held February 10

BROOKLYN ROAD EXTENSION-It was reported that 17 tenders had been received and

that the tender of Mr. W. Drew for the construction of the contractors' road and laying sewers was the lowest and amounted to	£6910 2s. 9d.
to which must be added the cost of completing the road and footpaths, estimated at ...	<u>£6970 0s. 0d.</u>
	£13880 2s. 9d.

The apportionment of the cost to be charged to Housing

Account and to a loan under the Public Health Act was as follows :---

Housing in respect of roads and sewers	£11454
Public Health Act in respect of road	£2426

Resolved, That Mr. Drew's tender be accepted subject to the sanction to loan from the Ministry of Health and to a grant-in-aid being received from the Unemployment Grants Committee or the Ministry of Transport.

ROADS ON ST. MARK'S HOUSING ESTATE-Mr. Drew's tender was also the lowest for the construction of contractors' roads and laying of sewers for the extension of Shelley Road and cul-de-sac therefrom and amounted to £1762 5s. 9d. to which must be added the cost of completing the road and footpaths estimated at ... £1628 0s. 0d. Also add for cost of continuing extension of Shakespeare Road to be carried out by the Corporation—estimated at £697 0s. 0d. £4087 5s. 9d.

Resolved, That Mr. Drew's tender be accepted.

Street and Highway Meeting held February 16

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held February 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Stewart : " That Minute No. 1 with reference to the Midwives Act be amended, and that the sum of £22 10s. 0d. be included for the provision of Tuberculin tested Grade A Milk to infants " was lost).

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Town Planning Meetings held February 5 & 19

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 13 & 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Leigh James and seconded by Councillor E. L. Ward :
" That Minute No. 7 (b) with reference to the Medical Baths be referred back."

Resolved, also, That Mr. Thomas Hudson of Chapel-Allerton, Leeds, be appointed Superintendent of the Spa Baths on the terms set out in the Minutes now submitted for approval, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922 and to be terminable by either party on one month's notice in writing.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 18

Water Meetings held February 12

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held February 17

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Haines and Strange for the provision of a new 12 cwt. British Chevrolet, and fixing body of present tender, and carrying out all necessary alterations etc., and repainting for £146 be accepted subject to no charge being made for the cost of stripping the old tender and to the charge for hire of the Overland car being discontinued from the 3rd inst.

Allotments Meeting held February 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held February 9 & 12

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 6 with reference to the Gardens Superintendent's salary be referred back " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Alderman Stewart: That Minute No. 6 with reference to the Garden Superintendent's salary be amended, and that his salary be increased by £25 per annum " was lost).

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 13

Burial Board Meeting held February 20

Public Library Meeting held February 5

Rating Meeting held February 11

Finance Meeting held February 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, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

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3—County Rate—In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given it was moved by Councillor Weech and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That in view of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's call for

drastic and disagreeable economies and the admitted necessity of postponing for the present even desirable schemes of expenditure, this Council requests the Gloucestershire County Council to stabilise its general rate at a sum not exceeding six shillings in the pound for the next three years and to ration its spending departments accordingly." The motion having been put to the meeting was declared to be carried unanimously.

4—General Hospital—Resolved, That Councillors Lipson and Yarnold be nominated representatives of the Council on the Board of Management of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

5—Shire of Moorabbin—Read, letter of the 21st January last from the Secretary of the Shire of Moorabbin, expressing his Council's appreciation of the manner in which the members of the English Delegation were received during their stay at Cheltenham last year.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 30th March, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Scott Langley, Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

6—General Rate—That the General Rate Fund being insufficient for the purposes to which it is applicable by law and the Council having made an estimate of the amount required for those purposes (including the amount required for the purposes of the Public Libraries Acts) during the period commencing on the First day of April, 1931, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1932, and to defray any expenditure which may fall to be defrayed before the date on which the moneys to be received in respect of the next subsequent rate will become available and for the purpose of paying the sums payable during the said period to other Authorities under the precepts issued by them it is hereby Resolved, That a General Rate of 12s 4d. in the £ on the rateable value of each hereditament as shown by the Valuation List and in the form shown on pages 76 to 100 of the Summary of the Rate Books be and the same is hereby made and approved in respect of the period commencing on the First day of April, 1931 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1932, and that the said rate be payable by two instalments namely, One moiety thereof to be payable on the First day of April, 1931, and the other moiety thereof to be payable on the First day of October, 1931, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed hereto. Also, That notice of the said rate be given within seven days after the making thereof by affixing notice of the same in some public or conspicuous places in the Borough.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 8th April, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1931. Present--The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Clara Winterbotham 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 and 8 Clare Place ; 3 Flats at 7 Lansdown Crescent ; and 1 and 2 Home Cottages, Hatherley—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 35 Malvern Street ; and 4 Angel Row—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) Stables, Imperial Lane ; 1 and 2 Home Cottages, Hatherley 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) 27, 28 and 29 Burton Street ; 43 Brunswick Street ; and 323 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 specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices 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 at 2, 3, 4 and 5 Cleeve View Terrace, Whaddon Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 26a Union Street ; 15 York Street ; and 2 and 3 Naunton Cottages—RESOLVED, That Notice be given of the intention of the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of these premises.

(b) 61 Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Demolition Order in respect of this house had not been complied with RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain tenders for the Demolition thereof.

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(c) 7 and 8 Russell Place : 1 and 2 Limbrick Cottages; and 17 York Street-8 tenders were received for the Demolition of these premises. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Son (being the lowest) in respect of each property be accepted as follows :-

Property.	Cost of Demolition.	Allowance for Materials.
7 and 8 Russell Place	£10	£5
1 and 2 Limbrick Cottages	£12	£5
York Street ...	£6	£3

(d) School Cottages, Arle—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the owner of these premises was now carrying out the work of reconditioning these houses.

(e) 30 Winchcomb Street- - The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner of these premises was now carrying out the work necessary for rendering the basement of these premises fit for human habitation.

6—Conference Read, Circular from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Margate in June next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

7--Refuse Tip—Sandy Lane—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a letter received from Mrs. A. Gascoigne Scott in regard to the tractors and trailers proceeding to this tip, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply thereto RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Park Place District—Flooding—The Borough Surveyor now submitted plan of the proposed sewerage and surface water drainage for this district together with detailed estimates. He now estimated the cost of providing the new sewers and surface water drainage for the Park Place District at £21,670 and the cost of the reconstruction of the sewer along the borough boundary from Shurdington Road to a point near Hatherley Road and branch sewer therefrom between Shurdington Road and the Park at £1,819 RESOLVED, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the cost of the work RESOLVED, also. That subject to a grant being made by the Unemployment Grants Committee, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan for the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to the advisability of excluding certain of the surface water drains from the Scheme, with a view to these being provided in the future when actually necessary.

9—Preparation of Food for Sale—The Sanitary Inspector reported certain premises used for the preparation of food for sale which did not comply with the provisions of Section 72 of the Public Health Act, 1925. RESOLVED, That Notice be given to the owner to carry out the work required to make the premises suitable.

10—Offensive Trade—Fried Fish Shop, St. Mark's Housing Estate—The Committee considered the application of Mr. W. H. Bedford for their consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier at a shop proposed to be erected by him on a site to be purchased in Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 44 of the Public Health Act, 1925 consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier on the proposed premises be given under the Common Seal for a period of three years provided the apparatus for fish frying approved by the Medical Officer of Health is installed to his satisfaction and to the room in which the fish frying is carried on complying with the requirements of the Medical Officer of Health.

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

12—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 11 cwt. 14 ½ lbs. Beef and 1 qr. 10lbs. Mutton.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th March, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr Hayward, Leigh James, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pates (in the chair), Dr. Hayward and Selim Smith. They recommended as follows

(a) 99 Tennyson Road—That the tender of Mr. W. Drew of £5 10s 0d for torching the roof of this house be accepted.

(b) 26 Milton Road--That the necessary treatment for remedying the dampness of this house be carried out when funds are available.

(c) 19 and 44 Rutland Street—That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. (being the lowest) of £4 5s 0d. for carrying out repairs to these houses be accepted.

(d) 22 Kipling Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to take turf from the field at the. rear be not granted.

(e) 164 Tennyson Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for removal of portable copper be granted subject to payment of the usual charge of 10s for carriage.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

2-132 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to report on the condition of the roof of this house

3-10 Margrett Road—RESOLVED, That the sum of £5 8s. 0d. for arrears of rent due from the former tenant of this house be written off as irrecoverable.

4-23 Margrett Road—The Housing Manager reported that a complaint had been received that the tenant of this house had erected a shed which encroached on the passage at the side of the house. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the View Sub-Committee with power to act.

5—Housing Department—RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be authorised to invite applications for the appointment of a suitable female pupil assistant at a salary of £1 10s 0d. per week, and that the Chairman be authorised to engage a suitable applicant.

6—Plans of Outbuildings, etc.—The Committee considered the desirability of requiring plans of outbuildings on the several housing estates to be submitted to this Committee prior to the Town Planning Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to vary the duties of the Committee so as to provide that all plans of outbuildings on the several housing estates be submitted for the approval of this Committee.

7-21 Kipling Road—Read, letter from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society that the borrower was over four months in arrear with his payments. RESOLVED, That the Building Society be asked to arrange for the property to be offered for sale.

8—Kingsley Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of the tenants of Nos. 6 and 16 to transfer to cheaper houses on the St. Mark's Estate be not granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of No. 7 for his house to be redecorated be not granted as this is the tenant's obligation under the tenancy agreement.

9—Conference— Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of West of England Local Authorities to be held at Bristol on the 21st May. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

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10—Sale of Land—Read, application from Mr. W. H. Bedford to purchase a strip of land with a frontage of 26 feet to Tennyson Road for the erection of a fried, wet and dried fish shop and dwelling house in accordance with the plan now submitted. RESOLVED, That the land be sold to Mr. Bedford at £4 per foot frontage, subject to his entering into a formal contract containing the usual conditions and also the conditions set out in the Public Health Committee minutes. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

NOTE—The total number of Houses provided is as follows :—

Site.	Act.	No. of		No. Unsold not yet	
		Houses.	No Sold.	No. Let.	Completed.
St. Mark's	1919	160	8	152	
“	1923	164	152	12	
“	1924	186	29	101	56
“ without subsidy		16	5	11	
St. Paul's •••	1924	215	215		
Folly Lane (Plough Gardens)	1924	63	63		
Cobham Road	1924	15	15		
Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme:—					
Under Scheme		52	52		
“ 1924 Act		6	16		
Old Houses retained		9			
Malvern Street					
(on site of 3 old houses)	1924	2	2		
Whaddon Avenue ...	1924	91	2	89	
Pilley Crescent	1924	<u>102</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>6</u>
[Total]	1091	197	769	125	

In addition to above, 11 houses in Elm Street, Russell Street and Rutland Street have been purchased for re-conditioning.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd March, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Pates, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair),

1—Highbury Lane—The Committee considered complaint in regard to the condition of Highbury Lane. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate for the repair of this road by the abutting owners, but that the owners be informed of this and given the opportunity of carrying out the necessary temporary repairs to the road.

2—Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor stating that the Ministry of Transport had approved of the specification and tender of the Acme Flooring and Paving Co. Ltd., and the Town Clerk reported that the Contractors had now signed the contract, in which they had undertaken to complete the work before Whitsuntide.

3—Private Improvement Works—Carlton Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath on the north side of this street opposite " Ruscoe," " Hollybush " and "Cuerdale." 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,

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification, plan and estimate for making up the footpath in St. Stephen's Road adjoining the vacant piece of land belonging to Hatherley Court.

4—Annual Tenders, Stores, etc.—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. F. C. Dodwell & Sons and J. J. Gillham & Son had withdrawn their tenders in respect of two items of stationery. RESOLVED, That the tenders of Messrs. Norman Sawyer & Co. and Messrs. Harvey & Healing for these respective items be accepted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. George Bence & Sons Ltd. for a supply of tallow be accepted in place of the tender of Messrs. Thelwall & Co. Ltd.

(c) The Borough Surveyor also reported that Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher had made an error in their tender for common bricks and now submitted amended tender. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain sample bricks.

5--Cheltenham Master Builders Association—Read, letter from this Association asking the Council to make a small annual donation in return for being supplied with information regarding conditions in the industry. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to

6—St. James' Square—The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the removal of the tramway the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish Church had agreed to the footpath being raised about 4 inches near the Parish Room, which would make a great improvement to the road, and it was also proposed to pave the footpath up to the building. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the roots of a tree at Glentworth, Hatherley Road, were damaging the footpath, and that the owner was willing to have these cut and the tree lightened if the Corporation would make good the footpath. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—Hall Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for widening this road near the schools. He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £150. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the improvement carried out.

9—Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation for the supply of two new tractors with pneumatic tyres and the latest improvements. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Victory Motor Co. of £258 per tractor be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to order one tractor and that if on trial this proves satisfactory, he be authorised to purchase a second similar tractor.

10—Road off Suffolk Road—The Borough Surveyor reported damage to the footpath in this road by a lorry belonging to the Southern Roadways Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

11—Streamer Across Colonnade—RESOLVED, That the applications of the Cheltenham Musical Festival and Messrs. Norman Bros. to place streamers across the Colonnade advertising the Musical Festival and the East Gloucestershire Open Lawn Tennis Tournament respectively, be granted for two days for each event subject to the usual conditions.

12—Casual Labourers - Read, letters from the District and Branch Secretaries of the National Association of General and Municipal Workers with regard to the recent reduction of ½ d. per hour in the wages of casual labourers, and also asking that the decision not to grant their application to leave work at 12 noon on Saturdays should be reconsidered and that the Committee should also consider the advisability of rejoining the Joint Industrial Council. Read, also, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades Council with regard to the request for a 47 hour week and for leaving work at 12 noon on Saturday, RESOLVED, That for the present the wages of casual labourers be fixed at 1s per hour and that this rate take effect from the date of the last scale reduction, and that the application to consider the hours and for leaving work at 12 noon on Saturday be not acceded to.

13—Petrol Filling Stations—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Home Office that they had considered the report of the inspection made on behalf of the department, but that while they were willing to give provisional approval to the greater part of the Council's proposals, they observed that there were included in the Byelaws a number of residential and shopping streets which did not appear to come within the terms of Section 11 of the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, and enclosing list of the areas which they recommended the Council should revise with a view to the omission of those which did not possess amenities of the kind enumerated in Section 11. RESOLVED, That the revised plan of the areas as now settled by the Committee be submitted to the Home Office, and that application be made to the Home Office for confirmation of the Byelaws.

14—Advertisement Regulation Acts, 1907-1925—The Town Clerk submitted objections to these Byelaws received from the Great Western Railway Co., Messrs. Shakspeare Shenton's Cheltenham and County Billposting Co., and the Cheltenham and District Billposting Co. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Sub-Committee, and that they be asked to interview the objectors with a view to coming to an agreement with regard to the objections raised.

15—Post Office Letter Boxes—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Post Office that they had decided to fix Post Office direction signs to the Leckhampton Town, Lower High Street, Tennyson Road, Tewkesbury Road and Tivoli Sub Post Offices. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

16—National Safety Week—Read, letter from the National Safety First Association asking the Corporation to consider organising a National Safety Week commencing on the 11th May. RESOLVED, That this be not approved, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain a supply of posters and literature for the schools, and that the Education Committee be asked to consider the activities of the Association in regard to the promotion of safety teaching and essay competition, etc., in schools.

17—Post Office Telegraphs—Read, applications from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to place underground telegraphic lines and marking posts in portions of the following streets :—Hewlett Street, High Street, Rodney Road, Leckhampton Road, Hall Road, rear of Lansdown Crescent, Hatherley Road, Queens Road and Kensington Avenue, and Rowanfield Road. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to the exact positions of the marking posts being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and that the reinstatement of the trenches be undertaken by the Corporation subject to the cost of the work being paid for by the Post Office Telegraphs Department,

18—Tivoli Road—Read, letter of 1st inst., from Mrs. M. E. Yaldwyn complaining of the fouling of the footpaths by dogs in this road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Police.

19—Advertising Van—RESOLVED, That the application of "The Evening Times and Echo " for permission to use their Public address van with loud speakers in the Borough on Market days be not granted.

20—Petrol Pumps—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. J. Bullock for permission to erect a third petrol pump with a swing arm over the footpath in Montpellier Street be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

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21—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the following applications to erect projecting signs be granted subject to the usual conditions:-

Applicant.	Premises.		Number of Signs.
Edwards Ringer and Bigg	5 High Street (F. Martin)		1 sign.
"	7 High Street (W. H. Watkins)		1 sign.
"	30 New Street (C. Buckle)		1 sign.
"	29 Gloucester Road (R. Howls)		1 sign.
"	2 Roman Road (H. Moreton)		1 sign.
H. H. Cottey for			
W. D. & H. O. Wills	Royal Well Lane (M. White)		
"	8 Montpellier Walk (F. H. Barrett)		2 signs
"	Troy Hotel, Manchester Street		(one in Montpellier Street).
"	(Mrs. Cook)		1 sign.
"	7 Royal Well Place (A. Poulston)		1 sign.
"	2 Royal Well Place (E. & F. Baldwin)		1 sign.
"	2 Brunswick Place, St. Paul's Road		
"	(S. Olden)		1 sign.
"	Sandford Street (B. E. Miles)		1 sign.
"	6 Rotunda Terrace (W. E. Labours)		1 sign.
"	Royal Oak, High Street (F. H. Bastin)		2 Lanterns.
R. W. Bloodworth	406a High Street		1 sign (to replace existing sign)
A. Maher	69 Winchcomb Street		1 sign.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th March, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson and J. P. Ward ; Mrs. Booy and Mrs. Lewis Grist (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).-

1—Midwives Acts—District Nursing Association—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council, that the Ministry of Health now agreed that the sum of £60 formerly paid by the County Council to this Association was now payable by the Corporation, but that the moiety of this sum had not been included in the block grant paid by the County Council to the Corporation. The County Council were willing to pay the £30 for the grant in respect of the current year if the Corporation would pay the £60 to the Association RESOLVED, That on this understanding, the sum of £60 be paid for the current year. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for revision of the Scheme made under Section 93 of the Local Government Act, 1929 with regard to the block grant so as to include grant (or the additional services provided by the Corporation both in respect of the current and ensuing years, and also for revision of the Scheme made under Section 101 of the Act to provide for the additional grant to be made to the District Nursing Association.

LEIGH JAMES. Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th March, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward, Major Shakespeare and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
3107	Forty, O. A.	Two dwelling-houses and four shops, Gloucester Road (Amended Plan).
3108	Walker, Mrs.	Cycle House, 7 Queen's Parade (Amended Plan).
3110	Carpenter, J. S.	Cycle and Tool House, 9 Byron Road (Amended Plan).
3115	Ward, G. W.	Three Houses and Motor Houses, All Saints' Road (Amended Plan),
3116	Such, J. & Sons	Extension of Workshop, King Street.
3117	Hussey, F. K.	Motor House, Sherwood, St. Stephen's Road
3118	Cleeveley, A. S.	Poultry House, 60 Whaddon Avenue.
3119	Hill, D.	Motor House, 31 Shakespeare Road.
3120	Bedford, W. H.	Detached House and Shop, Tennyson Road.

3121 Williams, A. J. Motor House, Sarum, Great Western Road

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3107, 3108, 3110, 3116, 3117, 3118 and 3120 be approved ; That Plans No 3115, 3121 be approved subject to entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and that Plan No. 3119 be disapproved.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
203	Higgs, W.	Detached House, Gretton Road, Winchcomb.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 203 be approved

3—Aerodrome- - (a) The Chairman reported the proceedings at an interview which he and Capt. Trye had with the representatives of the Gloucester Corporation on the 19th ult., when the two Surveyors were instructed to obtain estimates of the cost of levelling the portions of Staverton site as recommended by the Air Ministry so that a reliable estimate could be formed of the cost of providing a Municipal Aerodrome.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Aeroplane Club that they were considering the advisability of leasing a site at Badgworth for a temporary Aerodrome, and asking the Corporation what length of time it would be before the Aerodrome was established assuming the proposal to provide an Aerodrome was approved by both the Cheltenham and Gloucester Corporations
RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to supply this information,

(c) The Committee further considered letters from Mr. J. W. Robson asking the Corporation to take the land at Boddington out of the Town Planning Scheme as a site for an Aerodrome, and objecting to the restriction in the Scheme which provided that not more than two houses per acre should be erected along the frontages to Tewkesbury Road, RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that if an Aerodrome site is provided the site at Staverton is the best suited for this purpose, and that in the circumstances the Council be recommended to amend Map No. 2 and the Preliminary Statement so as to take the land at Boddington out of the Schedule for the purposes of an Aerodrome.
RESOLVED, also, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to alter the restriction as to the density of houses to be erected along the frontages to Tewkesbury Road.

4—Ullenwood Estate—Read, letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co. in regard to the proposals in the Preliminary Statement as to a footpath on the Ullenwood Estate, together with the Town Clerk's proposed reply RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Byelaws—Gas Poisoning—The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Ministry of Health with their observations on the draft Byelaws submitted for the prevention of Gas Poisoning. RESOLVED, That the revised byelaws now submitted, be approved subject to any observations which the Gas Co may have to make thereon.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th March, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Brig.-Gen. McCalmont; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3122	Gibbins, W.	Cycle Shed, 25 Pilley Crescent,
3123	Cox, R.	Cycle Shed, 33 Pilley Crescent,
3124	Hill, D.	Motor House, Selby, Hall Road.
3125	Mortimer, E.	Motor House, Allanfield Road.
3126	Thomas, H. W.	Motor House, Clairford, Christ Church Road.
3127	Crouch, W. T.	Motor House and Shed, Brooklyn Road,
3128	Schuster, Lt.-Col. L. R.	Motor House, Abbeyholme, Overton Road.
3129	Hebblethwaite, Dr. S. M.	Garage, Seven Arches, Lansdown Parade.
3130	Bowle Evans, Major	Kiosk, 156 Bath Road.
3131	Dickens, C.	Garage, Wellington Street.
3132	Dickens, C.	New Shop Front, 37 Promenade.
3133	Weeks, W.	Poultry House, 27 Margrett Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3122, 3123, 3125, 3128, 3129 and 3133 be approved ; That Plans Nos 3126, 3127 and 3131 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor That Plan No. 3130 be approved subject to the condition that the owner shall move the kiosk back behind the building line at his own cost without compensation if and when required by the Corporation ; and That Plans Nos. 3124 and 3132 be disapproved.

7—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans- The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
204	Smith, C.	Detached House, Church Street, Charlton Kings.
205	Dale, A.	Temporary Workshop and Garage, Church Street, Charlton Kings.
206	Millard, G.	Bungalow, Crickley Hill,
207	Bowen, A. H.	Pair of Garages, Prestbury Road, Prestbury

RESOLVED, That Plan No 204 be approved, That Plan No. 207 be approved subject to the condition that the buildings shall only be used for garages and not for other business purposes and that no further extensions shall be made thereto ; and That Plans Nos. 205 and 206 be disapproved.

(b) Plan No 198—Mr. Emms attended in regard to the disapproval of the plan submitted by him for a showroom in Bouncers Lane, and stated that if the Committee would approve the plan, he was

prepared to remove the building at any time on being so required without compensation, RESOLVED, That the plan be approved subject to this condition.

8—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Council to extend their Town Planning Area so as to include the parts of the Cheltenham Rural District Council not already included, RESOLVED, That the Council, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Town Planning Act, 1925. hereby decide to prepare a Town Planning Scheme with reference to an additional area within the Cheltenham Rural District and enclosed within the inner edge of the blue border on the map now produced to the Council and marked and certified by their Town Clerk under his hand dated the 8th day of April, 1931 as Map No. 1 and the Council hereby direct that a formal application be made to the Ministry of Health to approve this Resolution. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk take the necessary steps to get this Resolution approved by the Ministry of Health subject to the Cheltenham Rural District Council agreeing to pay the out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Council in getting such approval, including the cost of necessary maps, advertisements, etc

(b) Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Clerk to the Winchcomb Rural District Council asking the Corporation to withdraw the district of Winchcomb from the scheme and the Town Clerk submitted letter sent in reply, in which he pointed out that they were not entitled to withdraw from the scheme, but that if they would send particulars of their objections these would be carefully considered by the Committee.

(c) Objections—It was reported that 77 objections had been received to the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Councils and the County Council be invited to appoint an additional representative on the Committee, and that the objections be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillor Capt. Trye and one representative from each of the Local Authorities concerned to consider the objections received with a view to meeting the views of the objectors as far as possible

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9—Charlton Common—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Miss A. L. Fountain that she proposed to erect a bungalow adjoining this Common and asking the Council for a right of entry across the strip of land between the Common and the public road, RESOLVED, That this be not granted, but that it be suggested to Miss Fountain that she should obtain access to her land through the entrance granted to Dr. Emlyn from whom she purchased the land

10—Aerodrome—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of levelling and draining the proposed aerodrome site at Staverton. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration of the representatives of the two Corporations.

11--Lime Kiln Row—Read, letter from the Bursar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, stating that the College were considering the withdrawal of their objections to the Clearance Order but wished to have an assurance that the Town Council did not intend to acquire the land or any part of it for rehousing and also that the restrictions of development after demolition would not be onerous and whether such development as using the site for a Factory or works or the erection of garages would meet with the approval of the Council. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to require any buildings to be erected on the cleared site to be set back not less than 3 ft. 6 ins. from the existing

line of the buildings in Lime Kiln Row and that the College be informed that the land will not be required for re-housing and that no objection will be made to the same being used for the erection of garages or other suitable buildings provided the same comply with the requirements of the Building Byelaws.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th March, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Allen, Pates, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Alderman Stewart in the chair)

1—Advertising—(a) Mr. Burrow attended to submit his scheme of advertising for the ensuing 12 months. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until next month.

(b) Read, letter from the International Broadcasting Company Limited in regard to advertising through Continental and American Broadcasting Stations, RESOLVED, That this be referred to Mr. Burrow for consideration.

(c) Read, letter from the Publicity Department, Ghent, asking the Committee to display posters advertising Ghent for which they were prepared to display in Ghent posters advertising Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That this also be referred to Mr. Burrow for consideration.

2—Factories and Industries--(a) Read, letter of the 19th inst., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that the Chamber had appointed Messrs. E. J. Burrow, T. J. Craig, J. Green and A. W. Martyn as their representatives on this Committee. RESOLVED, That the first meeting of the Committee be held on the 16th April, at 4 p.m.

(b) Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Mr. H. W. Griffin of the Board of Trade in regard to sites for factories. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the new Committee.

3—Medical Baths--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. T. Hudson had now taken up his duties. RESOLVED, That three months' notice be given to Mr. Ruck terminating the arrangement made with him for providing the services of a Masseur

4-Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mr. H. W. Flemons applying for the use of one of the new hard courts during the months of May, June and July on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.45 p.m. until 8.45 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and from 6 pm. to 8 p.m. for which he offered a rent of £10. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

5—Illustrated Guide—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the National Citizens Union recommending that the title for the new guide should be "Cheltenham the Garden Town" instead of "Cheltenham Spa." RESOLVED, That this recommendation be not approved.

6—Town Hall—(a) Cabaret Dance—Read, offer from Drury and Ramond in regard to a dance to be held during the week commencing the 12th April. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee with power to act.

(b) Musical. Festival—Read, application from the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham Spa Open Competitive Musical Festival applying for the free use of the Town Hall on the 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th May for the Festival RESOLVED, That the Town Hall be granted at a nominal charge of £10.

(c) Sales Managers Conference—Read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow asking the Corporation to arrange a Municipal Dance on Saturday the 2nd May, and that the delegates to the Conference should be admitted free to the dance. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to engage a band for the dance.

7—Borough Meteorologist's Report—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the Borough Meteorologist for the year 1930. RESOLVED, That this be printed as in previous years, and that the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole for printing 250 copies for £8 8s 0d. (being the lowest of two tenders received) be accepted.

8—Winter Orchestra—(a) Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce enclosing resolution passed by the Council of the Chamber urging the Council to provide an orchestra of five performers for four mornings a week, and proposing that organ recitals should be given on the other two mornings for which Mr. E. J. Burrow would accept financial responsibility. Messrs. E. J. Burrow, H. H. Chandler and J. Howell attended as a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce in support of the resolution. The deputation asked that the Chamber should be allowed to provide morning concerts for 13 weeks at an estimated cost of £10 10s 0d. a week, towards which they asked the Corporation to contribute. The Chamber proposed to make a charge of 3d. for admittance to the concerts but no charge would be made to persons desiring to drink the waters beyond the usual charge for these, the receipts for which the Corporation would take. If the concerts were successful, it, as the intention of the Chamber to continue these after the expiration of the 13 weeks. The Committee also interviewed Mr. Fielding who stated that although he would prefer to adhere to the agreement made with him he did not wish to stand in the way of the Chamber's proposals, and that he was prepared to reduce his tender to £42 a week for the whole season instead of 13 weeks at £45 5s 0d. and 12 weeks at £42 a week. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to the Chamber arranging to provide a morning orchestra for 13 weeks on the above terms, the Corporation to contribute a payment of £3 5s. 0d. a week for 13 weeks.

(b) Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Branch Secretary of the Musicians Union enclosing resolution urging the Committee to reconsider their decision with regard to the morning Orchestra, and that preference should be given to local musicians and ratepayers.

9—Winter Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and Glos. Canine Society for the use of the Winter Gardens on Wednesday, the 17th June for an open Dog Show be granted at a charge of £2 2s. 0d. and subject to the Society undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the Gardens.

10---**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 25th ult. and the 10th inst. They recommended as follows 7 -

(a) Whit Monday Fête—That this fete be held in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground as last year ; That a military band concert be given in the Marle Hill Annexe from 8 to 10 p.m.; That the offer of £25 of Messrs. Peters for the right to provide roundabouts, etc., be accepted ; That the lake side be decorated with Fairy and Japanese Lanterns as last August Bank-Holiday ; That the sum of £30 be spent on fireworks ; and that the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to close the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and Merle Hill Annexe after 6 p.m. as last year when the charge for admission be 6d.

(b) Sunday Concerts—That Mr. Fielding be asked to continue these concerts until the end of the season, namely the 5th April on the same terms.

(c) Montpellier Gardens—That in lieu of the time taken up by the Floral Fête, the tennis season commence on Saturday, the 25th April.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

11—Spa Manager—Read, letter from the Spa Manager giving notice of his intention to resign his appointment as Spa Manager on the 30th September next., RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th March, 1931. Present—Alderman Moore ; Leigh James, Lipson, Capt. Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Conference—The Town Clerk reported that the Conference arranged by the Electricity Commissioners to be held at Bristol had now been postponed until Friday, the 10th April, RESOLVED, That the Chairman be also authorised to attend the Conference in addition to the representatives appointed at the last meeting of the Committee.

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2—Signs on Lamp Standards—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Public Health Committee to place two electric signs in the Promenade directing to the Clarence Parade Lavatories be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham District Traction Co. for permission to fix signs or time table frames to lamp standards in 13 positions be granted subject to the signs being approved by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer and to the approval of the Street and Highway Committee

3—Electricity Charges—Domestic Tariff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that experience had shown that it was necessary to fix a minimum standing charge and he recommended that this should be £2 per annum. In the case of houses rated at more than £50 per annum he recommended the standing charge should be amended as follows :—For the first £50 per annum of Rateable Value, 15 per cent, and for all over Rateable Value, 7 ½ per cent. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that the above standing charges take effect after the meter readings for the March, 1931 quarter.

4—Extension to Mains—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension referred to in his report subject to a sufficient number of applications for supply being received to justify the laying of the cables.

(b) Salterley Grange—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the terms arranged with the Birmingham Corporation for a supply to Salterley Grange RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement embodying the terms.

5—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Prescott House, Gotherington—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Col. Masters had applied for a supply to these premises, and as the house was situated some distance from Gotherington village, the Shropshire etc., Power Company had asked the Corporation to agree to a supply being given by the Company to these premises. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

(b) RESOLVED, That the proposal of the Borough Electrical Engineer to lay a high pressure cable in the trench to be opened for low pressure cables in Bishops Cleeve be approved, in order to avoid opening the ground again when it is decided to proceed with the extension to Gotherington village.

6—Poor Law Institution—Read, letter from the Public Assistance Committee asking if the Committee could have the assistance of the Borough Electrical Engineer in drawing up the necessary specification and supervising the work of installing electricity in the Infirmary. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to the Public Assistance Committee agreeing to pay to the Corporation the sum of £21 for the preparation of the scheme and estimates, plus 3 per cent. on the cost of the installation for the services to be rendered by the Electricity Department.

7—Pilley Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted terms arranged with Messrs, Bendall & Sons for the purchase of a piece of land near Old Bath Road fronting to the footpath along the railway for the erection of a Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

8—Damage to Lamp Standard, North Place—RESOLVED, That the cost of replacing the lamp standard knocked down by a Corporation vehicle be halved between the Street and Highway Committee and this Committee.

9—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported interviews with the Shropshire Power Company in respect of the progress of their Duplicate Line. He considered that this now justified the Corporation proceeding with a further section of the change over which he proposed to carry out during the coming summer RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Public Lighting—Read, Memorial received from owners and residents in Naunton Park Road and Naunton Lane asking for an improvement in the lighting of these roads. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report

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11—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th ult., and 5th, 14th, 18th and 23rd inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 469.1, 477.8, 475.0, 464.9, and 482.2 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.2, 5.3, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.4, inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th March, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; and Councillor Dr. Hayward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 16th March, 1931.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	527,000 gallons	411,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,108,000 “	1,190,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	77,000	71,000
Total	2,712,000	1,672,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	16th March, 1931		16th March, 1930	
Hewletts		31,648,000 gallons		31,005,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft.0ins.	100,023,000 “	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft.0ins.	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000 “
Total Storage		133,291,000		132,648,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of February.

3—Hewletts Reservoir—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted tenders for a supply of trout. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase 300 Yearlings from Bibury Trout Farm, and that these be placed in Reservoir No. 4, and that no fishing be allowed in this Reservoir this season.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue six day tickets to each member of the Council for fishing in No. 3 Reservoir for the ensuing season as in previous years.

4—Shooting—Read, letter from Mr C. Coxwell Rogers giving notice to terminate his agreement for the shooting rights on the Castle Barn and Lower Home Farms in February, 1932

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday. 24th March, 1931. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor-Aldermen Moore and Stewart: Councillors Leigh James, Capt. Trye, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Read, report of Superintendent Goulder that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
11th March.	365-368 High Street.	Overheated Oven.	£50—£70	£4 5s. 0d.
12th March.	Withyholt Farm, Charlton Kings.	Defective Chimney and Roof	£50	£4 8s. 0d.
16th March.	6 Suffolk Road.	—	£40 -£50	£4 8s 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED. That the application of Mr. A. H. Chandler for Licence No. 54 to be transferred to Taxi Registered No. XO 8936 be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Walter Gardner of Chloris, Cirencester Road for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted.

4—Omnibus Licences—RESOLVED. That the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriageway Co., Ltd., for 8 Conductors Licences be granted.

5—Market—(a) Read, letter from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., suggesting that their lease which expired on the 31st December last should be continued on an annual tenancy. RESOLVED, That this proposal be agreed to, the tenancy to be subject to the same terms and conditions, so far as applicable, as are contained in the lease

(b) Read, letter of the 19th inst., from Col. Carter applying for the use of the market or other suitable site on the 16th April for the R.S.P.C.A. Cinema Caravan to exhibit a film on Animal Subjects, and the Town Clerk reported that the Market had already been let on this date to Messrs. Hill Bros. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant the Society the use of the Agg-Gardner

Recreation Ground subject to their undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the premises.

6—Petroleum Licences --RESOLVED, That the applications of the Black and White Motorways Ltd., and C. J. Bullock and Co., for licences to store 3000 and 500 gallons respectively in underground storage tanks at their respective premises at St. Margrett's and Montpellier Street be granted

7—Land, Albert Road--The Town Clerk submitted Draft Contract for the sale of this land to the Gloucestershire County Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the same on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Shops Acts--(a) Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Senior Officer of the South Western Division, Ministry of Labour forwarding complaints made in respect of infringements under the Shops Acts in respect of two firms, together with reports of the Shops Acts Inspector thereon, from which it appeared that there had been no contravention of the Acts by these firms. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) Read, report of the Shops Acts Inspector that Mr. E. H. Mouldsdale was keeping his Hair Dressing Saloon open on Wednesdays until 2 p.m. which was the time provided for in the Hair Dressing and Barbers Closing Order 1908. Since the making of this order, the Shops Acts required the closing of all shops with certain exceptions on one day a week at 1 p.m., and revoked the Closing Orders in so far as they authorised later closing hours, and the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Mouldsdale had agreed to close his shop at 1 p.m. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice by advertisement of the provisions of the Shops Acts in relation to the closing of shops on the weekly half holiday.

(c) Read, report of the Shops Acts Inspector that Mr. T. Giddings of 1 Suffolk Parade was keeping his shop open after the general closing hours prescribed by the Act, and the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Giddings had previously been warned. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. Giddings for contravention of the Act.

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9—Old Age Pensions Acts—Read, circular of the 10th inst., from the Town Clerk, Wednesbury, enclosing resolution passed by his Old Age Pensions Committee asking the Government to amend the Old Age Pensions Acts so that the deduction of £39 allowed in respect of unearned income should apply to earned income also. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—County Rate—Read, circular of the 18th inst, from the Clerk to the Cirencester U.D.C. enclosing resolution passed by his Council asking the County Council to standardise their rate. RESOLVED, That in view of the resolution already passed no action be taken on this resolution.

11—Census—Read, circular of the 18th inst., from the Registrar General asking Local Authorities to facilitate appointment as enumerators of any officers whose services are needed in the assurance that the fullest provision for the interests of the unemployed which is consistent with safety has already been made in the arrangements for recruitment both at Headquarters and locally.

12—Floral Fete--Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the Joint Hon. Secretaries of the Floral Fete asking the Corporation to assist the funds of the Show by giving special prizes as in previous years. RESOLVED, That the sum of £15 be provided.

13—Traffic Control --Read, letter of the 20th ult. from Lieut.-Col. A. M. Cockshott with suggestion for dealing with the traffic RESOLVED, That these be referred to the **Traffic Sub-Committee**.

14---Mental Defectives—Read, circular letter of the 28th ult., from the Town Clerk, Ilford, enclosing resolution passed by his Council requesting the Government to introduce legislation to restrain the increase in the number of Mental Defectives by means of sterilisation. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

15—Parking Places—Cambray—Read, letters of the 16th and 21st inst., from Miss L. Wittham complaining of the damage done to the property in this place by motorcars running into the railings of the houses. RESOLVED, That a Parking Attendant be provided at the same wage and conditions as at the Promenade Parking Place for a trial period of one month, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage a suitable man.

16—Charlton Park—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Mr L. W. Bayley, offering this property containing about 33 acres for the sum of £10,000, RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

17—Gloucestershire War Pensions Committee—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Ministry of Pensions that the term of office of Brigadier General H. C. Potter, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., expired on the 28th April, 1931, and that, having regard to the valuable service rendered by him, the Ministry proposed to retain him as the representative of the Council for a further period of three years. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

18—Mental Treatment Act, 1930—Read, letter from the Institution of Medical Psychology asking the Council to make a contribution to the Institution to aid the foundation and organisation of clinics and early treatment centres under the Act. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

19—Redifusion—Mr. Beverley H. Lyon attended on behalf of Redifusion Ltd, and asked for the exclusive right to operate a Redifusion Broadcasting Scheme for the Borough which would enable householders to receive a broadcasting entertainment through a loud speaker for a low weekly charge without installing a wireless receiving set. RESOLVED, That the application be favourably considered and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make enquiries as to the terms arranged with other towns where schemes are in operation.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Salim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard and Wain; (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair,).

1—Allotments, Creamery Piece—Flooding—Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard and Waine reported that they had inspected these allotments on the 17th ult., and had found some of the allotments to be in a flooded condition due to the wet weather and to the overflowing of the cess-pits used for the pigsties Report of Mr. Clarkson as to the condition of allotment Nos. 14 and 15 Creamery Piece was submitted The Town Clerk pointed out that the tenancy agreement prohibited the erection of any building other than a toolhouse or fowlhouse without the previous consent of the Corporation and that the erection of pigsties without such consent was a contravention of the agreement RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to quit to all the tenants who have erected pigsties in contravention of the tenancy agreement. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to drain the land at a cost of approximately

2—Allotment No. 2a, Sandford Mead---RESOLVED, That this chain allotment be let to Mr. C. L. Smith at 101- a year but the first six months' rent to be allowed in view of its bad condition.

3—Allotments Competition, 1931—RESOLVED, That the sum of £6 6s. 0d. be provided for prizes for the best kept allotments, all entries for the Competition to be sent to the Town Clerk by the 31st July, 1931, and the allotments to be judged in August. RESOLVED, also, That notices as to the Competition be posted at the various allotments and other places.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds -Cricket—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the following Clubs to play cricket on the

Recreation Grounds during the 1931 season :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club ...	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	Templars Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays
“	St. Paul's Old Boys Cricket Club	“ “
“	Bennington Hall Cricket Club .	Tuesday Evenings.
Whaddon Road.	Wesley Sunday School Cricket Club.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Central School Old Boys Cricket Club	“ “
St. Mark's	St. Stephen's Cricket Club	“ “
“	Corporation Electricity Department Cricket Club	“ “
“	Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild Cricket Club	“ “
Naunton Park	Naunton Park C. C.	“ “
“	Star Cricket Club	“ “

RESOLVED, also, That each Club be allowed one evening per week for practice, such practice to be restricted to net practice and not for play in the open field

(b) Football—The Chairman reported that he had given permission for the Elementary Schools to play football for one week beyond the end of the season to enable them to complete their league matches. RESOLVED, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th March, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward and Capt. Trye ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. C. R. Mapp and F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Curator's Report--Visits—During February 2,518 (against 4,217) Included in these figures were parties from : Hatherley School (20) ; St Mark's School (10) ; the Grammar School (8) ; Pate's Grammar School (7) ; St. Mary's Training College (8).

Receipts—Catalogues, " Friends of Gallery and Museum " Fund, etc., 34 5s. 9d.

Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club—This Club held its third Ordinary Winter Meeting in the Art Gallery and Museum on Saturday, 21st February, at 3 p.m. The twenty-five members present inspected the collections under the guidance of the Curator.

2—Donations—From Messrs, H. W. Caslon & Co, Ltd., two hand-cut punches of Caslon Old Face Roman and Italic Types ; Mr. E. T. Clarke, two Stoats taken at Pegglesworth ; Mr. L. E. Currey, Pair of Pistols, formerly the property of the Duke of Gloucester (d. 1834) ; Mr. George Davies, Complete Breast Plough ; Mr. J. G. Hawkins, Pillion Seat (c 1789) ; Rev. A. A. Headley, 17th and 18th century Tokens ; Mr. Godfrey Speller, Japanese Coin ; Master A. Stinchcombe, Roman Coin ; and Mr. W. W. Whittard, Kukri and Weapon from Flanders.

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

3—Chinese Seats—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. G. S. Magill to lend two Chinese Seats be accepted with thanks,

4—Newport (Mon.) Museum--RESOLVED, That a Duplicate Iron Currency Bar be presented to this Museum if a satisfactory exchange can be arranged, or alternatively that it be lent.

5—Mulready Envelope advertising Cheltenham in 1840—The offer of a Mulready Envelope on sale was considered. Dr. Curling Hayward promised to present this specimen providing that satisfactory terms can be arranged for its purchase.

6—Library Association Conference—RESOLVED, That the use of the Art Gallery and Chinese Porcelain Room be made available for Sectional or simultaneous Meetings for which the accommodation at the Town Hall may prove insufficient.

7—Exhibition of Heraldic Shields—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for a display of Heraldic Shields by Mrs. Scriven of Stratford-on-Avon, when convenient.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th March, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Selim Smith and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 21st February to 27th March 1931 Interments 87 ; Grave Spaces sold 20 (Second Position 2, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 10 Memorials fixed 14 ; New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8375 to 8394 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Walter Gerald Gurney, and Elizabeth Bull ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Ethelreda Fisher, and Ernest Skillen Cooper ; Memorial Cross and Bases to grave of Walter Frederick Lewis ; Memorial Figure on Base, Posts and Kerbing to grave of Eliza Jane Godsall, H. J. C. Godsall and William Ernest Godsall ; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to grave of George Alfred McGusty and George Ross McGusty ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of James Smith and Charlotte M. Smith, Christina Stewart, and Alice Emily Fisher and Ernest Charles Fisher ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Sarah Ann Goslett ; Kerbing to grave of William John Lane.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th March, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Messrs. F. Vernal and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts—£12 9s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,888 (last year 7,361) ; Lending Department 17,711 (last year 15,720) ; Junior Department 4,093 (last year 2,527). Total for month 27,692 (last year 25,608).

Replacements—During the month 6 volumes had been replaced and 150 volumes returned from the Binder.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given :—

Feb. 9th Major C. Lestock Reid, F.R.G.S., F.R.E.S., "Far Eastern Byways." (Attendance 151).

Feb 23rd Mr. F. Harrington, " Some Wonders of the Insect World as revealed by the Microscope." (Attendance 140).

March 2nd .. Dr. Donald E. Morley, M.D., D.P.H. Some great events of Medical Science." (Attendance 93). Arranged in conjunction with the Public Health Committee.

Storage Cupboards—The Librarian reported that he had purchased two storage cupboards and shelving from the Education Committee for £8 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be confirmed.

Salisbury Public Library—The Librarian reported that he had inspected Salisbury Public Library on behalf of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees on February 25th.

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2—Windows and Doors—The Librarian read the Borough Surveyor's Report on the Windows and Doors on the ground floor. RESOLVED, That the Librarian obtain estimates for (a) collapsible steel gate for main entrance to basement, St. George's Place ; (b) bars to be fixed to basement area windows and door in Chester Walk ; (c) the overhauling of fastenings of ground and upper floor windows RESOLVED, further, That the Chairman and Librarian be authorised to accept a reasonable quotation.

3—Library Association Conference—The Librarian read a list of names of persons suggested to serve on Reception Committee, which was approved.

4—Byelaws --RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be asked to consider the framing of Byelaws based on the Model Clauses issued by the Board of Education.

5—Periodical—RESOLVED, That the offer of " Indian Events," fortnightly, free, be declined with thanks.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th March, 1931 Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart; Councillors Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Remission of Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the remission of rates.

2—General Post Office—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Treasury Valuer that arrangements would be made for a representative of the Government Property Department to inspect the Post Office, Cheltenham, in order that the Treasury may be advised as to their contribution in lieu of rates in respect of the recent alterations to the Post Office.

3—Leckhampton Quarry—Read, letter of 29th January last, from the Treasury Solicitor that the Revenue Officer had now decided not to proceed further with his appeal against the decision of the Assessment Committee to de-rate this quarry.

4—Assessment of Farm Houses, etc.—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Area Assessment Committee asking the Rating Authority to consider the question of the assessment

of farm houses and cottages in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1929, and the Rating Officers submitted list of farm houses and cottages in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that any revision of the assessments of these properties is necessary.

P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th March, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Sawyer; Councillors Scott Langley, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

5—Proposals--The Committee considered the revision of various assessments as submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That the proposals be made for the revision of the assessments as now settled by the Committee.

6—Assessment of Licensed Premises—Read, circular of the 26th inst., from the Town Clerk, Barrow-in-Furness, asking the Council to support a resolution passed by his Council asking the Association of Municipal Corporations to consider taking steps with a view to an amendment of the procedure of arriving at the assessment of licensed premises by requiring the rated occupiers to produce their trade returns, so that an agreed valuation of the property might be ascertained. The Rating Officers reported that up to the present no difficulty had been experienced in obtaining these returns from occupiers. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the Chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Capt. Trye, J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

1—Estimates for Rate- —The Estimates for the Rate were considered. RESOLVED, That the same as now settled be approved, and submitted to the Council, and that they be recommended to make a general rate of 12s 4d in the £ for the year.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st March, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Miller, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £121,446 10s. 11d. Allowances to owners £942

12s. 4d. Voids £2,570 5s. 7d. Excused £237 8s 11d. Irrecoverables £384 9s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £561 4s. 3d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 25th March, 1931. Amount collected £19,600 11s. 3d Leaving outstanding £1,799 0s. 0d.

4—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £725 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillors Leigh James and Miller.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Superannuation—(a) It was reported that C. P. Cook (Highways Department) was due to retire on the 30th May next after 43 years service, and that he wished to retire on (Highways date. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £39 17s. 4d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 40 years service.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of Mr. W. H. Watkins (clerk at the Destructor and Slab Factory) be extended for one year up to the 17th May, 1932.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that Miss E. I. N. Bradshaw (3rd assistant in his department) had made application to be included in the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval for the post of 3rd assistant in the Town Clerk's Department being designated an established post for the purposes of the Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a vacancy in the list of designated posts in his department and recommended that A G. Waite should be included in the Scheme in respect of the vacant post. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(e) Internal Audit Clerk—The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable by the Somerset County Council in respect of E. J. B. Wills, Internal Audit Clerk in his department, amounted to £32 11s. 5d.

7—Leckhampton Sewerage—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was due from the Cheltenham Rural District Council the sum of £160 in respect of houses in the Parish of Leckhampton connected to the sewers without notification to the Corporation, and he submitted letter from the Clerk to the Rural District Council asking the Corporation to accept the sum of £100 over a period of three years in settlement of the account, having regard to the serious loss of rates to the parish

owing to Leckhampton Court being vacant for so many years past. RESOLVED, That the sum of £100 be accepted in settlement subject to £50 being paid forthwith and the balance in April, 1932.

8—Financial Statement—Audit Stamp —The Town Clerk submitted the opinion of Mr. A. Andrews Uthwatt, who advised that the stamp duty on the Financial Statement should be calculated in accordance with the scale prescribed by the District Auditor's Act, 1879 as modified by the Second Schedule of the Local Government Act, 1888 and not on the increased scale made under the provisions of Section 61 of the Finance Act, 1921. He had written to the Ministry of Health with regard to this and submitted a letter of the 19th inst., from the Ministry stating that they had no authority to determine questions of law. The amount payable by the Corporation on the new scale would be over £100 more than under the old scale. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to get the point in dispute settled by the Court.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

24th March, 1931.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 30th, day of March, 1931, 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.

To make a General Rate for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th April, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby Summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th day of May, 1931, 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 Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :— THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE • STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE • TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE • PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE • PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To appoint a woman having experience in Education a member of the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mrs. E. M. Pruen.
5. Councillor Lipson to move : " That henceforward no charge for admission to Montpellier Gardens be made to the Public, except on such special occasions as the Council may determine."
6. 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 Wednesday, 8th April, 1937, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E. J.P. ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Alderman Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Town Council held on the 2nd and 30th March, 1931, respectively, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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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 March 9

Housing Meeting held March 10

Street and Highway Meeting held March 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Miller: " That Minute No. 21 with reference to projecting signs be referred back for further consideration in so far as the applications of Messrs. Edwards Ringer & Bigg and H. H. Cottey are concerned."

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held March 20

Town Planning Meetings held March 5 & 26

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held March 20

Except Minute No. 5a with respect to the Winter Orchestra. Also subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Weech : " That Minute No. 4 with reference to the Hard Courts at Montpelier Gardens be referred back."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 25

Water Meeting held March 19

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 24

Subject to the following Amendments :

Moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Dr. Hayward : " That Minute No. 14 with reference to Mental Defectives be referred back for further consideration."

Moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 19 with reference to Re-diffusion be referred back."

Allotments Meeting held March 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 9

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held March 13

Burial Board .. Meeting held March 27

Public Library Meeting held March 5

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Rating Meetings held March 11 & 30

Finance 1 Meetings held March 8 & 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, and such additional sums as may become payable

during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—competitors at the forthcoming Festival should be reduced. Resolved, That each competitor be allowed two practices of one hour each at 1s 6d an hour, all additional practices being paid for at the usual rates.

4—Tewkesbury Pageant—Resolved, That the application for the free use of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room for rehearsals in connection with this Pageant be granted when not otherwise let and on convenient dates and times.

5—Advertising Vehicles—Resolved, That the application of the Pittville Radio Company for permission to use a small trailer caravan in the streets of the Borough for advertising purposes be not granted.

P. P. TAYLOR, 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, 4th Mar, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th April, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore, Margrett, Stewart and Clara P. Winterbotham ; Councillors Allen, Dr Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair),

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-20 Hatherley Street ; 8 Lansdown Terrace (Basement) ; and 5 Victoria 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.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 142 Gloucester Road ; 1 and 2 Hillview, Swindon Road ; 1 and 2 Maudville, Swindon Road ; 1 and 2 Roseville, Swindon Road ; 1 and 2 Elmville, Swindon Road ; 1 and 2 Oakville, Swindon Road : 1 and 2 Queen's View, Swindon Road ; 1 and 2 Louieville, Swindon Road ; Erstwhile, Swindon Road ; and 2 Hill View Cottages, Swindon Road North---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 Home Cottages, Hatherley; and Stables, Gloucestershire Dairy Company, Imperial Lane—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved,

and that Notices 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-5 Mossleigh Terrace, Great Western Road—Read, letter of 18th ult., from Messrs. Jessop & Son on behalf of Miss A. Cleeveley, asking the Corporation to carry out the sanitary work at these premises, and the Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son of £23 17s. 0d (being the lowest) be accepted.

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

5—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Henry Tremaine of Crippets' Farm, Leckhampton to be registered as a Dairyman within the Borough, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order,

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 8 lbs Beef, 1 cwt 14 lbs. Pork and 1 qr. 7 lbs Mutton.

7—Smoke Nuisance—The Sanitary Inspector submitted letter received from Mr. H. F. Midwinter, that the chimney of Messrs. Crook's Laundry was still emitting black smoke and thereby causing a nuisance to his client, Mr. A J. Nunn, and the Sanitary Inspector submitted letter he had written to Messrs. Crook's Laundry, and reported that Messrs. Crook had now arranged to try Welsh Steam Coal which it was hoped would abate the nuisance RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to take observations and report to the Committee at their next meeting.

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8---Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report—The Medical Officer submitted the following general Statistics from his Annual Report for the year ended 31st December last, which would, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry, be a fuller report than usual. The Birth Rate for 1930 was 12.9 per thousand inhabitants, and the gross Death Rate was 13.4 per thousand inhabitants, which when corrected for irregularities of distribution as regards age and sex so as to render it comparable with other districts in the country was reduced to 10.1 per thousand inhabitants as compared with 11.4 per thousand inhabitants for the whole of England and Wales. The Death Rate of Children under 1 year of age was 58.5 per thousand live births.

9—Milk and Dairies Act and Order--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Count Council had again offered to pay for a further series of Bacteriological Examinations of milk to be taken in the Borough within the next twelve months, and that he had asked that 50 samples should be allocated to Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation— (a) 18 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered making a demolition order in respect of these premises, and Mr. E. Young, the owner of the premises, attended and undertook to have the premises reconditioned in accordance with the

specification supplied to him by the Department before the end of June. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the July meeting of the Committee.

(b) 13 Bath Road ; and Lea House, Albion Street—The Committee further considered making Closing Orders in respect of the rooms situate in the basements of the above premises. The owner of 13 Bath Road had written consenting to the Closing Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are let for human habitation, and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by any of the owners to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said parts of the said buildings, Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation.

(c) 26 Lansdown Crescent ; and Hereford House, Suffolk Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these premises be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

11—Health Week—Read, circular of the 20th ult., from the Royal Sanitary Institute suggesting that the Corporation should promote a Health Week in the Borough from the 4th to the 10th October next. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—Conference—Read, circular from the Sanitary Inspectors Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the 44th Annual Conference to be held at Bridlington from the 7th to the 12th September next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed, but that the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Royal Sanitary Institute to be held at Glasgow from the 4th to the 11th July next.

13—Offensive Trades—Fish Frier—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the Ministry of Health returning the draft byelaws with their observations thereon. RESOLVED, That the byelaws as now submitted be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof. (A copy of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

14—Sewer—St. George's Road—The Town Clerk submitted a Memorandum forwarded by the Great Western Railway Company (to be endorsed on Agreement dated 11th April, 1899) recording the alteration and enlargement of the Sewer from St. George's Road across the Railway. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

15—Park Place District—Flooding—The Borough Surveyor reported that after advertising in three technical journals he had been unable to obtain a suitable applicant for the post of temporary Engineering Assistant, and that he proposed to proceed with the work as speedily as possible with his present staff, but that when the sanction to the loan and grant-in-aid was obtained, it would be necessary to appoint a clerk of works to supervise the work. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

16—Public Convenience—Clarence Parade—Read, application from the Custodians of these lavatories for an increase in wages. RESOLVED, That their wages be increased to £1. 5s. 0d. per week each.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th April, 1931 Present—Aldermen Moore and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in. the chair).

1—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. Present—Councillors Pates (in the chair), Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, J. F. Ward and Yarnold. They recommended as follows : —

(a) 6 Kingsley Gardens—That the tenant of this house be granted a transfer to a smaller house on the estate

(b) 44 Tennyson Road—That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of £22 for relaying the floors of this house with granolithic be accepted. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Additional Land—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the District Valuer enclosing terms provisionally arranged for the acquisition of additional land, including the land required for the proposed extension of Brooklyn Road. The price to be paid for the land containing approximately 53 acres to be £4,500, including timber (value £120), the Corporation to fence off the land severed from the remaining land and to pay the Vendors costs of Conveyance and Surveyor's fees. RESOLVED, That these terms be accepted, and that the Council be recommended to purchase the land subject to Sanction to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for Sanction to a loan of £4,638 for the cost of the land including stamp duty and Vendors costs, and Surveyor's fees.

3—Prospect Villa—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of these premises had pointed out that the hard road leading to his workshops was included in the land taken for housing RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make another hard road adjoining the house leading to the workshops to replace the road taken for housing purposes.

4—Pilley Lane Housing Site—Sunrise Cottages—Read, letters from the tenants of 61 Pilley Crescent and 2 Old Bath Road objecting to a footpath being constructed from Pilley Crescent to Old Bath Road along the sides of their houses unless a close-boarded fence was erected to screen their gardens from the footpath. Read, also, letter from Mr. Leslie Paynter, protesting against the proposed footpath. The architects reported that the cost of providing the close-boarded fence as suggested would be £18 16s 10d RESOLVED, That the architects be instructed to have the fence erected.

5--Folly Lane—New Houses—Eight tenders were received for the erection of five three-bedroom houses on this site, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell of £1,718 (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to sanction to loan being received, and to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1829 for the cost of the houses, including architects' fees and 5 per cent for contingencies. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for the approval of the houses for the purpose of the subsidy either under the Housing (Financial Provisions)

Act, 1924 or the Housing Act, 1930 as may be decided later. RESOLVED, also, 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 regard to such of the houses as it may be decided to allocate for the purposes of that Act, and also undertake that the conditions set out in Section 27 of the Housing Act, 1930 will be complied with in regard to any of the houses appropriated for the purposes of that Act.

6—Lime Kiln Row Clearance Area—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the Town Planning Committee of 26th ult. . Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Bursar of Corpus Christi College, stating that having regard to the resolution passed by the Council, the College were now prepared to withdraw their objection to the Clearance Order, and that he had written to the Ministry of Health accordingly. The College hoped that every possible consideration would be given to their tenants when the question of rehousing was considered.

7—Russian Timber—Read, circular of 28th ult., from the Timber Trade Federation of the United Kingdom in regard to the statements made in the press that the Trade Defence Union against Soviet Economic War had addressed a letter to Municipal Councils throughout the country, asking them to refuse to buy timber from Russia on various grounds including—" that it is produced under inhuman conditions" and "that Russian timber is being exported at an uneconomic price."—The Federation had appointed a Committee who had carefully considered the evidence and were taking steps to investigate in Russia conditions of labour in the timber industry, and that in regard to price, that Russian timber had been sold free on board at a price higher than that at which Canadian and American timber was being offered at the present time, and was above pre-war level, and asked the Committee to give consideration to their observations before making any decision in regard to differentiating on account of origin between different classes of timber tendered for use

8 —8 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, that the borrower was six months in arrear with his payments. RESOLVED, That the Building Society be asked to realise their security.

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9—Outbuildings—(a) 11 Kipling Road—The Housing Manager submitted Plan No. 3138 for a shed at 11 Kipling Road RESOLVED, That this be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

(b) 48 Elm Street—The **View Sub-Committee** reported that they had inspected the shed at this house and the garden which was littered with scrap iron and rubbish, etc. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant requiring him to clear away this scrap iron and rubbish.

(c) 4 Whaddon Avenue—The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the shed at this house and recommended that the tenant should be required to remove the shed to the rear of the garden. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted, and that if the shed is not removed within three months the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating his tenancy.

(d) 23 Margrett Road—The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the shed at this house, which encroached on the footpath between this and the adjoining house, and recommended that the tenant should be required to remove the shed within three months, failing which the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating his tenancy,

10—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the houses, the exterior of which it was reported required repainting, and recommended that this be deferred until next year. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The View Sub-Committee reported that the exterior shutters of the windows on the ground floors of Nos. 3 to 41 Byron Road were in a dilapidated condition and as these were not used by the tenants, they recommended that these should be removed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these removed.

(c) The Housing Manager reported that some of the rooms in the houses which had been made weatherproof by the Graphite Oil Company Ltd. now required redecorating, and in some cases replastering. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to obtain an estimate for carrying out the necessary work.

11—Telegraph Poles—Read, application from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of one pole and stay in the allotments at the rear of Nos. 1-15 Tennyson Road, and one pole in the orchard at the rear of Orchard Terrace, and one stay at rear of No. 2 Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to the annual payment of 1s per fixture (total 3s) per annum on the understanding that the Postmaster will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the poles and to the consents of the tenants being obtained, and to the consent being terminable by three months notice in writing on either side,

12—Rents—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement prepared in accordance with the Rules under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924 of the rents of the 101 houses erected and let under this Act on the St. Mark's Housing Estate, which showed that the rents should be reduced by 6d. per week. RESOLVED, That a reduction of 6d per week be made in the rents of these houses as from the 1st April, 1931.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

NOTE-The total number of Houses provided is as follows :—

Site.	Act.	No. of		No. Sold.	No Let.	No. Unsold not yet completed
		Houses.				
St. Mark's	1919	160		8	152	
"	1923	164		152	12	—
"	1924	186		29	101	56
" ... without subsidy		16		5	11	
St. Paul's	1924	215		—	215	
Folly Lane (Plough Gardens)	1924	63		—	—	63
Cobham Road ...	1924	15		—	15	—

Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme:—

Under Scheme	...	52	—	52	
“	1924	...	16	—	16
Old Houses retained		9	—	9	
Malvern Street					
(on site of 3 old houses)	1924	2	—	2	
Whaddon Avenue	... 1924	91	2	89	
Pilley Crescent	... 1924	<u>102</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>101</u>	<u> </u>
		1091	197	775	119

In addition to above, 11 houses in Elm Street, Russell Street and Rutland Street have been purchased for re-conditioning.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Monday, 20th April, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair)

1—Private Road off Moorend Park Road—Read, letters from Councillor Weech and Mrs. E. L. Saunders, complaining of the nuisance caused by rubbish being tipped on roadway leading to backs of houses in the Park and Shurdington Road, RESOLVED, That they be informed that as this is private property it is a matter for owners of the houses to deal with.

2-----Annual Tenders, Etc. --The Borough Surveyor submitted a sample of the Fletton Brick, for which Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher quoted 59s per thousand. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted, and that Minute No. 6 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 16th February last, be varied accordingly.

3—Highbury Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the abutting owners of this road had given instructions for the necessary repairs to this road to be carried out so that it would not now be necessary to serve notices requiring this to be done.

4—Private Improvement Works—St. Stephen's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath in St. Stephen's Road adjoining the Hatherley Court Estate. 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.

5-- Ark Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary to provide a new system of drainage for these premises to prevent pollution of the Chelt, and he submitted plan and estimate for carrying out the work, amounting to £26. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

6--Brighton Road --(a) RESOLVED, That the road be viewed at the next meeting of the View Committee

(b) Read, letter from Mr. F. H. C.. Ruck, asking when the Council proposed to take over the road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice with a view to the roadway being taken over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large as soon as all the charges outstanding have been paid by the owners.

7—Conference—Read, circular from the National Safety First Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual National Safety Congress to be held at Leeds on the 13th to 15th May. RESOLVED, That Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed to attend.

8—Highways Superintendent—Motor Car—The Committee further considered the question of providing another motor car for the Highways Superintendent, together with report from Messrs. Haines & Strange on the old Austin motor car. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Car Mart and the Wicliffe Motor Company be asked to quote for the provision of a new £100 S.V. Morris Minor, taking the old Austin Twelve in part exchange, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the most favourable offer.

9—Casual Labourers—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, that he had been instructed by a meeting of the employees of the Street and Highway Department to urge the Committee to reconsider their previous decision, and to adopt the 47 hour week without loss of pay, and to reconsider the advisability of allowing the men to leave work at 12 noon on Saturdays, and that he would be pleased to arrange for the officials of the Union to meet the Committee to discuss the matter RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to vary their previous decision not to accede to the application.

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10—Projecting Signs—(a) The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the applications of Mr. H. H. Cottey on behalf of Messrs. W. D. & H. O. Wills, and Messrs. Edwards, Ringer & Bigg to fix projecting signs outside 14 premises in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted, and that Minute No. 21 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 23rd ult. be varied accordingly.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham District Traction Company to place time tables on 13 lamp standards be granted so far as this Committee is concerned.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Street Inspector be instructed to submit to the Committee in due course a list of projecting signs erected over shops in the Borough, which do not directly advertise the trade or business of the premises over which the sign is hung, with a view to the Committee considering withdrawing the consents to the erection of such signs.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th April, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Allen, Scott Langley, J. F. Ward and Weech ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Gurney and Mrs. Mellersh (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1931.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	38.0	34.0
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	18.0	13.0
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	29.0	39.5
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	15.0	18.0

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1931 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,474
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	678
„ (over 1 year)	662
Un-notified Births discovered	4
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	2,150
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	165
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	76
Children remitted to Hospital	11
Ante-natal cases visited ...	39
Chicken Pox cases visited	5
Whooping Cough cases visited	6
Measles cases visited	62

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Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	58
New Orders ...	35
Orders discontinued during quarter	37
“ continuing to coming quarter	56

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 42 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 51 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No., of Children on Register during the Quarter	45	6
“ visits (under Children Act) paid	63	12

3—Midwives Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 17 midwives had given the usual annual notice of intention to practice during 1931, and additional notices had been received from Miss W. A. Tite of the Victoria Nursing Home and Miss J. Cox of The Infirmary to practice during the year,

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of requests received from midwives for medical help during the year was 227, and the amount of the doctors' fees for the year amounted to £81 4s. 6d., of which £28 8s. 3d. had been charged to patients.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from midwives during the year ended 31st March last Still births 22 ; Deaths of Infants 9 ; Deaths of Mothers 1 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 20 ; Liability to be a source of infection 4,

4— Children Act, 1908 The Medical Officer of Health further reported as to a case of a boarded out child. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to keep the case under observation.

5 --Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Violet Elkington for her premises at the Imperial Nursing Home, Montpellier Parade, to be registered as a Nursing Home under the Act, and he recommended that the application should be granted RESOLVED, That the premises be registered

6—Birth Control—The Town Clerk submitted memorandum dated March, 1931 from the Ministry of Health on the subject of Birth Control, and the Committee gave instructions to the Medical Officer of Health thereon.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th April, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Major Shakspeare; Messrs. Mr. W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair)

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
3124	Hill, D.	Motor House, Selby, Hall Road (Amended Plan).
3132	Dickens, C.	New shop front, 37 Promenade (Amended Plan).
3134	Miley, W. J. H.	Motor House, Cotsville, Hewlett Road.
3135	Leech, J. H. G.	Motor House, Keswick, Old Bath Road.
3136	Mather, Mrs.	Motor House, Maythorne, Christ Church Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 3132 be approved ; and That Plans Nos. 3124, 3134, 3135 and 3136 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor,

2—Town Planning Area—Plan—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 ;-----

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
208	_____	Garage, Glen Lea, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 208 be approved.

3—Aerodrome—Read, letter from Mr. N. Norman of Airworks Ltd., in regard to the possibilities of the two Corporations using Brockworth as a municipal aerodrome, and enclosing heads of agreement which he had discussed with the directors of the Gloucester Aircraft Company.

RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the representatives of the two Corporations.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd April, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward; Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont; Capt. H. P. Leschellas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, J. H. Clifford, W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett, C. J. Yeend and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

4--Plans of New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
3137	Brunner, J.	New Bakery, Hewlett Road.
3138	Voyce, J.	Cycle Shed, 11 Kipling Road.
3139	Wright, F., Ltd.	Additions to premises, corner of Ambrose Street and New Street.
3140	Close, Col.	Motor House, Pembridge House, The Park.
3141	Poulton, H.	Motor House, St. Andrews, Pilford Avenue.
3142	Garland, E. W.	Motor House, Eastcombe, Moorend Park Road.
3143	Daymond, F. T.	Cycle Shed, 9 Kipling Road.
3144	Williams, E. J.	Cycle and Tool Shed, 28 Spenser Road.

3145	Smith, T. W.	Lock-up Garages, land off Naunton Lane.
3146	Flowers & Sons	Alterations to the Garricks Head, Baker Street.
3147	Evans, J. H.	Bay windows, The Corner, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3138, 3139, 3140, 3141, 3142, 3145 and 3147 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3143 and 3144 be approved subject to the approval of the Housing Committee ; That Plan No. 3137 be approved subject to the rain water being taken to the Surface Water drains ; and That Plan No. 3146 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

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5—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
209	Allen, F. R.	Garage, Crofton, Church Piece, Charlton Kings.
210	Hitch, W.	Garage, Mordiford, London Road, Charlton Kings.
211	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Road, Shurdington.
212	Fountain, Miss	Bungalow, Charlton Kings Common.
213	Hall, C.	Petrol pumps and sign, Lansdown Inn. Gloucester Road
214	Cheltenham Corporation	New main from Leckhampton Sub-Station to Electricity Department Salterley Grange, Leckhampton Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 209 and 210 be approved That Plan No. 214 be approved subject to the main being laid on the opposite side of the road to that shown on the plan ; and That Plans Nos. 211, 212 and 213 be disapproved.

6—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Objections—Charlton Kings—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee consisting of Capt. Trye, Mr. W. S. F. Harris and himself had had two meetings and considered the objections received in respect of the Charlton Kings area, and interviewed the objectors thereon, when the Bursar, on behalf of the College, Mr. L. Bayley, on behalf of Mr. Reeves and Mr. Shakspeare Shenton, and Capt. Richardson attended. The Sub-Committee recommended that the proposal to schedule Charlton Park as a public open space be withdrawn, except that a strip of land along the east side of the Chelt be scheduled as a private open space, and also that a strip of land on the west side of the Chelt, part of which belongs to Mr. Reeves and part to the College, be scheduled as a public open space in order to preserve the same for a public walk along the west side of the stream.

The Sub-Committee were unable to recommend the Committee to alter the line of the by-pass road objected to by Mr. Shakspeare Shenton and Capt. Richardson, as this is the only suitable site available for the by-pass road.

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

(b) Cheltenham Rural District Council—(i) Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council, that the Highways Committee saw no objection to the proposal to include the remainder of

the Cheltenham Rural District Council in the scheme, but that definite approval could not be given until the submission of the usual particulars and formal notice.

(ii) It was reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council were not willing to pay the out-of-pocket expenses which would be incurred by the Council in getting the approval of a resolution to include the parishes of Great Witcombe and Coberley in the Town Planning Scheme, but on being informed that the cost was not likely to exceed £25, Capt. Leschellas asked the Committee to refer the matter back to the Rural District Council, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) Prestbury Road-- Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council, enclosing resolutions passed at the Prestbury Parish Meeting, objecting to the provision made in the plan for the future widening of Prestbury Road when the traffic requirements render this necessary. Read, also, Petition from residents in Prestbury also objecting to these proposals and enclosing suggestions and plan for a by-pass road as an alternative to widening Prestbury Road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report,

(d) General McCalmont suggested that it would be useful if it could be arranged for an Official from the Ministry of Health to come to Cheltenham and address a meeting and explain the objects of the Town Planning Acts, and that members of the various local authorities concerned should be invited to attend the meeting. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health with a view to a meeting being arranged,

(e) Expenses—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Capt. Trye and Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, G. E. Arthurs, Capt. H. P. Leschellas, Major Shakspeare and Mr. J. H. Clifford (representing the several District Councils) be appointed to consider and report as to the terms on which the District Councils should be asked to contribute towards the cost incurred by the Corporation in preparing the Town Planning Scheme,

4—Committee—The Town Clerk reported that the following had been appointed the additional representatives on the Committee by the various local authorities : County Council, Mr. G. McIlquham ; Cheltenham Rural District Council, Capt. H. P. Leschellas ; Winchcomb Rural District Council, Mr. G. E. Arthurs ; Tewkesbury Rural District Council, Mr C. J. Yeend ; Northleach Rural District Council, Mr. J. H. Clifford.

5—Minutes—RESOLVED, That copies of the Minutes of this Committee be supplied to the members of the Committee who are not on the Council, and to the clerks to the local authorities represented on the Committee.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th April, 1931. Present—The Mayor: Alderman Stewart; Councillors Allen, Pates. Thomas. Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Alderman Stewart in the chair)

1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended and submitted his scheme for the allocation of the £750 for advertising during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That this as now settled by the Committee be approved.

2—Organ Controller—RESOLVED. That Mr. Arthur Cole be payed an honorarium of £10 10s. 0d. per annum for his work as Organ Controller, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice by either party.

3—Winter Orchestra—Read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow that he was still willing to provide an organ concert on one morning per week during the next season. RESOLVED. That Mr. Burrow's offer be accepted with thanks, and that he be asked to make arrangements with Mr. Fielding for a weekly organ concert.

4—Military Band—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Ladies' College, asking for the services of the Military Band engaged by the Corporation for the 4th July to play in the afternoon in the Ladies' College Playing Field while matches were in progress, for which they were prepared to pay the sum of £15. RESOLVED. That this offer be accepted

5—Pittville Pump Room—RESOLVED, That the application of the Municipal Officers Badminton Club for the use of the Pump Room on Thursday evenings for five months during the summer. be granted at a charge of £5 as previously.

6—Medical Baths—(a) The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the Committee in regard to the concessions in the charges for Medical Baths. RESOLVED. That free baths for practising medical men and half charge for the wife of a medical man be discontinued, but that the flat rate of 2s per patient excluding massage for General Hospital patients, and the inclusive charge of 18s per week for insured patients in accordance with the scheme drawn up between the Spa Federation and the approved Friendly Societies be continued, and that Minute No 7b passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 13th February last be varied accordingly.

(b) Tariff—RESOLVED. That the Spa Manager be instructed to obtain copies of the scale of charges for medical baths in other Spas, and that the question of revising the charge; be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

7—Montpellier Gardens—(a) The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the application of Mr. W. H. Flemons for the use of one of the new hard courts during the months of May, June and July on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.45 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for which he offered a rent of £10, to include admission. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous recommendation that the offer be accepted.

(b) Read, application from the Cheltenham Central Brotherhood for permission to hold religious meetings in the pavilion on Sunday afternoons during the summer as last year. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

8—Spa Manager—The Committee considered the question of filling the post of Spa Manager which would be vacant on the 30th September next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Pates,

Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech, together with Mr. Howell and Mr. E. J. Burrow, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, be appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up a list of duties and terms of appointment for consideration.

9—Town Hall—(a) Sales Managers Conference—Four tenders were received for the band for the evening dance on Saturday, the 2nd May. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., of £11 for eight performers be accepted. The Committee also considered tender received from Messrs. George's Ltd., offering to pay the sum of 12 ½ per cent on the receipts for the right to provide refreshments at the evening dance. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(b) Orchestral Concerts—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Rev. C. W. Birley enclosing balance sheet of the three concerts held during the season which showed that after including in the expenditure, an item of £41 9s 1d. for the hire of the hall and lighting there was a deficit of £122 18s. 8d., and asking the Committee to make some concession in the charges as in the two previous seasons concerts. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to make any reduction.

(c) RESOLVED, That the free use of the organ be granted for the opening ceremony of the Empire Exhibition and Festival on the 26th May next at 11 a.m.

(d) Read, letter of 16th inst., from Messrs. Dale Forty and Co., asking if, in connection with the British Womens' Symphony Orchestra on the 30th April they could have a rehearsal in the morning of that day. RESOLVED, That this be granted, and that the morning concert of Mr. Teague's orchestra be dispensed with on that morning

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10—Conference—(a) Read, letter from Mr. D. W. Herdman asking whether, in addition to free admission to Pittville Park and Montpellier Gardens, the Committee proposed to give delegates to this Conference free admission to the tennis courts, bowling green, miniature golf course, swimming baths, etc., as according to the programme of last year's conference, these facilities were granted at Cambridge RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to give any further concession except that any of the tennis courts which are not let, be placed at the disposal of delegates attending the conference.

(b) Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Western Centre, thanking the Corporation for the use of the Town Hall for the meeting of the institution on the 13th inst.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th April, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Write, E. L. Ward and Weech (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

11—Concerts—The Committee considered the question of the staff and the issue of tickets at the band concerts during the forthcoming season. RESOLVED. That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to arrange for one man to issue the tickets and for a second man to tear the tickets in half, and that

on the largely attended concerts on Saturdays and Sundays, he be instructed to arrange for one of his staff to assist with the issue of the tickets.

12—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the two new electric fans had now been fixed, and were working very satisfactorily.

(b) The Education Secretary attended and laid before the Committee the Education Committee's suggestions for providing increased accommodation for swimming for the elementary school children. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of The Deputy Mayor ; the Chairman ; and Councillors Pates and Weech be appointed to meet at the baths and to see what arrangements can be made.

13—Medical Baths—Tariff—The Town Clerk submitted Medical Baths tariffs in operation in other towns. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman ; Councillors Pates, Thomas, Waite and Weech, together with Drs. Kirkland and Howell be appointed to consider the tariff at the Medical Baths.

14—Spa Federation—The Town Clerk submitted minutes of the bi-annual meeting of the Spa Federation held in London on the 5th March, when it was recommended (inter alia) that each Spa should contribute again to the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland. The contribution in respect of Cheltenham would be £41. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid out of the advertising account.

15---Children's Day—Read, letters from Mr. G. A. Hawkins, Chairman of the Rotary Amusement Committee, asking for the loan of flags and bunting for use at the Children's Day on the 18th June, and for the loan of chairs for use in the Tea enclosure his Committee was prepared to arrange for haulage. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply some flags and bunting and any chairs that may be available.

16—Winter Gardens—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from Mr. F. L. Willmore for consent to let the Winter Garden for a conference of Post Office staffs of Gloucestershire and surrounding counties, the object of which was to discuss the questions arising out of conditions of employment of postal servants. RESOLVED, That consent be given on the understanding that this is not a public meeting and will be limited to members of the organization.

17—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of a room at the Town Flail be given for a reception by the Mayor to delegates attending the district meeting of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers on the 16th May next.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd April, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Conference—The Chairman reported that Councillor Waite, the Borough Electrical Engineer and he attended the Conference arranged by the Electricity Commissioners at Bristol on the 10th inst., when a meeting was addressed by the Minister of Transport, who appealed to all undertakers to make an immediate start in speeding up transmission and distribution developments in advance of their normal programme with a view to providing increased employment in many industries directly and indirectly affected by electrical development:

2—Transformers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted nine tenders received for single phase and three phase transformers. RESOLVED, That the tenders of the English Electric Company and Crompton Parkinson Ltd., for a supply of single and three phase transformers respectively during the ensuing twelve months be accepted subject to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

3—Public Lighting—Naunton Park Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the memorial received from owners and residents in Naunton Park Road and Naunton Lane and recommended that new fittings and larger lamps should be provided in Naunton Park Road and one new lamp in Naunton Lane at a total estimated cost of RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to lamp standard at Evesham Road on the 18th inst., by a motor car belonging to Dr. McFie RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage estimated at £2 0s. 5d.

5—Coal Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present coal contract would terminate shortly. and that it might be desirable to extend it for a further period of nine months. RESOLVED, That Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son be asked to arrange for the extension of the existing contract until 31st March, 1932.

6—Supply to Rural Areas—Read, circular from the Electricity Commission enclosing memorandum in regard to overhead lines and underground mains in villages and rural areas.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st ult., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 475.2 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Report—Read, Report of Gas Tests made on 31st ult., and 9th and 17th insts., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 475.3, 479.3 and 471.5 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.3, 5.5 and 5.3 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th April, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley, Pates and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 13th April 1931.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	364,000 gallons	285,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,061,000	791,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	67,000	57,000
Total	1,492,000	1,133,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 13th April, 1931,	Contents	Depth 13th April, 1930.	Contents
Hewletts		29,164,000 gallons		27,772,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 0ins,	94,756,000 "	31ft. 11ins.	99,584,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins,	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		125,540,000		128,976,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of March.

3—Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands—Read, letter from Mr. C. Young that he did not wish to take the sporting rights for the next season. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise the shooting.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st April, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Winterbotham: Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Goulder reported that the Borough was now free from contagious diseases amongst animals

2 —Numbering of Streets—Old Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for numbering Old Bath Road.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire on the 6th inst., at 4 Lansdown Parade caused by a defective chimney, damage slight brigade expenses £3 16s. 0d. Read, letter from Mr. T. C. Bellamy expressing his appreciation of the smart way in which the brigade turned out.

4---Rediffusion—(a) The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the application of Rediffusion Ltd., and the Town Clerk submitted draft agreement which had been sent by the Company and included provision for payment of a royalty of 5 per cent of the subscriptions received to cover all local rates, and a further provision that if a similar concession is made to another company, the percentage would be reduced to 1 per cent. Mr. P. Haddock and Messrs. C. W. Smith and A. Cole attended on behalf of the Cheltenham Wireless Traders Association and opposed the application. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to refuse the application.

(b) Read, also, application from S. and B. services Ltd., that they wished to establish a broadcasting exchange for redistribution of Radio programmes, and applying for consent to the erection of the necessary wires across streets. RESOLVED, That this application be not entertained.

5—Omnibus Licences--The Town Clerk reported that the Road Traffic Act, 1930, in regard to public service vehicles was now fully in operation, and that applications for omnibus conductors and omnibus drivers licences would now be dealt with by the Traffic Commissioners for the area.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences --RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. J. Harvey for the transfer of Licence No. 42 to Cab XT5170 be granted.

7—Mental Defectives—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the circular from the Town Clerks of Cambridge and Ilford with regard to sterilizing mental defectives. RESOLVED, That this Council views with grave concern the increase in the number of mental defectives and requests that legislation may be introduced to restrain such increases by means of sterilization in suitable cases and with adequate safeguards and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health and the Borough Member.

8—Domestic Servants Registries--Read, report of 11th inst., from Superintendent Goulder that the books of all the agencies had been inspected and found in order.

9—Charlton Common----Read, application from Mr. G. Harris on behalf of the Zion Baptist Church Young People's Society for permission for a summer camp on Charlton Common which would be used by members during the evenings and nights and properly organized. RESOLVED, That permission be given, the Council reserving the right to withdraw permission at any time and subject to the arrangements at the camp being approved by the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Training Camp—The Town Clerk reported that the 143rd (Warwick) Infantry Brigade had made arrangements for a training camp at Withington as in previous years and now asked for permission to train on the several farms belonging to the Corporation at Dowdeswell. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this, subject to the Brigade making good any damage which may be done to fences and walls, etc., and to the consents of the tenants being obtained.

11—Parking Places—Cambray—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the working of this parking place for the week ended the 18th inst. RESOLVED, That the provision of an attendant at the parking place be continued, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide him with uniform, and that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to issue yearly tickets as in the Promenade.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th April, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Waine and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1--Creamery Piece Allotments—Pigsties—Read, letters from the occupiers of allotments Nos. 10a, 23, 32b, 33, 35, 39 and 47 with regard to the pigsties. RESOLVED, That one pigsty be allowed on these allotments and also on Nos. 11 and 49, and that if the tenants of these allotments on which there is more than one pigsty reduce the number to one the notice to quit be withdrawn.

2 Allotments Competition, 1931—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed the Sub-Committee to inspect the allotments --Councillor J. F. Ward ; Messrs Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend.

3—Allotment No. 17 Whaddon Lane (New)—RESOLVED, That this allotment be let to Mr. A. J. Griffin and that he be allowed the first six months rent free in order to clean the same.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th April, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—(a) Damage to Mower Shed—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a boy, C. Stone (aged 10) of 19 Brunswick Street, had damaged the roof of the Mower Shed RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write warning the boy.

(b) Steps from Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. Built Leonard for consent to construction of concrete steps up the side of his wall from the Chelt, adjoining Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot consent to this as it will tend to obstruct the flow of water.

(c) Fête—Read, application from the Rotary Club for permission to hold a Fete in the Playing Field portion of Sandford Park on the 18th June next in aid of the Children's Hospital. RESOLVED, That permission be given subject to the programme being submitted to and approved by the Council and to any damage to the Park being made good.

2—Recreation Grounds—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the following Clubs to play cricket on the Recreation Grounds during the 1931 season :—

Recreation. Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play,
Naunton Park	Lansdown Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays.
" "	Y.M.C.A. Cricket Club	" "
Agg-Gardner	Parish Church Cricket Club	Wednesday Afternoons.
"	Junior Imperial League Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.

RESOLVED, also, That each Club be allowed one evening per week for practice, such practice to be restricted to net practice and not for play in the open field.

3—Pittville Greenhouses—Inspection of Stock—RESOLVED, That the Committee meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th May to inspect the stock at Pittville Greenhouses.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Whit Monday Fete—RESOLVED, That this ground be closed on Sunday, 24th May and the evening of Whit Monday in connection with this Fete.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th April, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and Welsh; Dr. R. Davies; and Messrs. F. B.de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp (alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report— Visits—During 3March 2,398 (against 3,417). Four classes from schools attended with teachers.

Receipts---Catalogues, " Friends of Gallery and Museum Fund, etc., £4 8s. 4d.

Exhibitions—The British Water Colours Society's Exhibition would remain until 9th May, to be followed by an exhibition of Heraldic Needlework Shields by Mrs. and a selection from the Permanent Collection.

Victoria and Albert Museum Loans—Two cases of Ironwork were to be replaced by a case of Bookbindings, and a case of Turkish, Persian and European Tiles (Insurance value, £480) during the week commencing 20th April, 1931.

2--Annual Report—This showed that the attendances for the Museum and Art Gallery for the year ended 31st March, 1931 were 47,189 as against 39,981 for the previous year. RESOLVED, That the report be printed in brief form and prefixed by a resume of the Art Gallery and Museum movement in Cheltenham.

3—Donations--From Miss E. M. Adlard, Medal commemorating the building of Christ Church, Gretton, 1867-8 ; Dr. G. A. Cardew, Drawings of Ecclesiastical Tiles by Rev. J. H. Cardew, B.A. ; Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward, Mulready Envelope advertising Cheltenham in 1840 ; Mr. Herbert Hill, Remains from a British Settlement on the hills near Cheltenham : Miss Edith A. Paine (from the

Collection of the late Mr. A. E. W. Paine), Roman Remains from Richborough and Dumpton Gap, and Flint and Steel with Tinder and Matches ; Stroud Museum, Mammoth Tusk from the Stroud Valley Gravels; and Captain G. Owen Wheeler, 18th century letters.

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

4—Loans—From Mr. E. Courtney Gardner, West Country Sheep Bells; and Mr. Ernest E. Turner, O.B. E., J.P., Potsherds from Roman Villa in Compton Grove.

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

5—A.A. Hunter Bequest—The Curator reported receipt of a letter from Messrs. Braikenridge and Edwards notifying the bequest of one oil-painting and three water colours, also a Sheffield Plate Salver. RESOLVED, That these be accepted.

6—National Art-Collections Fund—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to inspect the Cavendish Bentinck Collection of Venetian Architectural Sculpture at Cone with a view to selecting an example as a possible donation.

7—Dutch Gallery—RESOLVED, That Hondecoeter's " Poultry " be cleaned and glazed at a cost of -10, as per current Estimates

8—Exhibition--RESOLVED, That an Exhibition by Women Artists be arranged for March, 1932.

9—Staff—RESOLVED, That staff adjustments, including the transfer of Miss Rodway from half-time to full-time service, as provided for in current Estimate, to take effect as from 1st April, be approved.

10—Carnegie Trustees—The Town Clerk read letter from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust offering a grant of £250 spread over three years towards the cost of providing new exhibition cases, etc., in the Geological Room. Five conditions of a general character are already being fulfilled by the Committee. Of the particular conditions imposed, that with reference to the £ for £ principle is met by the provision of £95 in the current Estimate, thus leaving £77 10s. 0d. to be provided in each of the subsequent two years of the grant period. The Committee considered that the request of the Trust that the desirability of strengthening the Museum staff be considered at once, is met, so far as is possible, by the transfer of Miss Rodway to full-time service. RESOLVED, That the grant be accepted subject to the conditions stipulated.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th April, 1931, Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 28th March to 24th April, 1931. Interments 65 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 2, Fourth Position 10); Memorials fixed 11; New Inscriptions 2.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8395 to 8406 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Cemetery- --(a) Shrubbery on Catholic Ground—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery for the purpose of viewing this Shrubbery.

(b) Railings East end boundary—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the provision of railings along the East end boundary. RESOLVED, That this be adjourned for view at the next meeting.

(c) Rats—Read, report of the Sanitary Inspector that the hedge between the Cemetery and the land leased to Mr. Webb was infested with rats, and that there were extensive runs and holes along the hedgerow and under the floors of a pigsty erected on the land. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Webb asking him to remove the pig-sty and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to take the necessary steps to exterminate the rats.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Ida Mary Agnes Bouth, and Eliza Baker ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Jane Elizabeth Hall, William Robert Parker, Frederick James Blackwell, and Henry Charles Davis and Winifred Annie Davis ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to graves of Charles Williams, and Frederick William Hooper ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Elizabeth Towers Harris ; Memorial Ledger Tomb to grave of Amelia Lucy McNeale; and Kerbing to graves of James Holland Conibear, and Arthur Joseph Field.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th April, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward, Weech and Yarnold ; Rev. Barbara Thomas; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers, F. Vertical and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts-£13 1s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,036 (last year 7,445); Lending Department 18,242 (last year 16,868) ; Junior Department 4,171 (last year 2,609). Total for month 28,449 (last year 26,922),

Annual Report—During the year ended 31st March, 1931, 296,650 volumes had been issued, the highest on record (previous year 279,105), showing an increase of 17,545 volumes.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given

March 16th Mr. J. B. Davey, M.B. (Lond.), "With the Sleeping Sickness Commission in Nyasaland." (Attendance 119). Arranged in conjunction with the Public Health Committee.

March 23rd Mr. H. Browning Button, F.R.G.S., "The Charm of the Cotswolds." (Attendance 277).

Easter Opening—The Librarian reported that the Library had been opened on Easter Saturday, and that the total issue had been 1,468 volumes.

2—New Books—RESOLVED, That 141 volumes, published at £65 16s. 6d. be purchased for £36 14s. 10d.

3—Donations—From "Anonymous" (2 vols.) ; Messrs. The Abbey Publicity Service (58 pamph.) ; Mr. E. Bourne (5 vols.) ; British Association (1 vol.) ; British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals (1 vol.) ; Cheltenham Branch of the British Israel World Federation (3 vols.); Mr. A. W. Bryant (2 vols.); Messrs. Buck and Hickman Ltd. (1 vol.); Mrs. H. H. Chandler (1 vol.) ; Mr. W. C. Devereux (1 vol.) ; Miss R. Eamonsen (2 vols.) ; Mr. F. E. Stepney Ellis (7 vols.) ; Halifax Literary and Philosophical society (1 vol.) ; Miss W. Holt (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. W. Household (1 pamph.); Mr. John Howell (2 vols.); Mr. F. G. Jannaway (1 vol.) ; Mr. J. S. Leakey (1 vol.); Mrs. G. Leedham (9 vols.) ; Library of Congress (1 vol.) : London Midland and Scottish Railway Co. (8 pamph.) ; Mr. A. Pearson (1 vol.); Trinity College of Music (1 vol.); Councillor Captain J. H. Trye (3 pamph.); Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham (1 pamph.) ; and Mr. W. L. Mellersh (1 vol.).

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

4—Staff—RESOLVED, That the following take effect as from 1st April, as per current Estimates

(a) Miss Joan Parry, B.A., to be Librarian-in-Charge of the Junior Library at 50s per week,

(b) The wage of Walter M. Martin be increased from 17s 6d to 22s 6d per week.

(c) A new junior be appointed at 12s 6d per week, in place of Miss Rodway transferred to Art Gallery and Museum.

5—Annual Report—RESOLVED, That this be printed in an abbreviated form and prefixed by a résumé of the Library movement in Cheltenham.

6—Inter-availability of Library Tickets—RESOLVED, That registered readers at Burton-on-Trent Public Library be allowed facilities at this library in exchange for facilities being extended to Cheltenham readers in Burton-on-Trent

7—Whitsuntide Closing—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit-Monday.

H. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th April, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—A statement of unpaid rates was submitted and signed.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th April, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore, Councillors Scott Langley, Pruen and Waite (The Mayor 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 £5,558 1s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £115,917 6s. 2d

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £952 6s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £18,959 0s. 1d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £3,055 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during March was 8,240 as compared with 4,720 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present--The Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Moore and Councillor Pruen.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,500 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £2,900 be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

8—Superannuation—(a) Delancey Hospital—The Town Clerk submitted model form of agreement of the Ministry of Health to be made between the Corporation and the Delancey Hospital Trustees for admittance to the Superannuation Scheme of the officers and servants of the Trustees. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment of the agreement.

(b) Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Ministry of Health approving the resolution passed by the Council designating as established for the purposes of the Act, the post of 3rd assistant in the Town Clerk's Department.

(c) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922 the services of C. Davis (foreman) and Draper (gardener) who were due to retire on the 24th and 8th June next respectively be extended up to the 30th September next

(d) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of S. Bee and F. C. Turtle (labourers) who were due to retire on the 20th and 2nd June next be extended for one year.

(e) It was reported that W. Mustoe (Water-Works labourer) was due to retire on the 30th May next, and that he wished to retire on that date. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £32 3s. 6d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 33 years service.

(f) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. T. Sellick died on the 4th inst.

9—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants (a) Read, circular from this Institution inviting the attendance of the Mayor and a member of the Finance Committee to their annual conference to be held on the 17th, 18th and 19th June next. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Borough Treasurer be appointed to attend.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. L. Smith (first assistant in his department) at the recent examinations of the Institute, had secured his Diploma, and that Mr. A. G. Waite (Insurance Clerk and Collector) had passed the preliminary examination.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th May, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 8th April, 1931, 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 April 13

Housing • Meeting held April 14

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 4 with reference to the proposed Footpath from Pilley Crescent to Old Bath Road be referred back."

Moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 2 with reference to additional land, St. Mark's, be referred back."

Street and Highway .. Meeting held April 20

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 9 with reference to Casual Labourers be referred back " was lost)

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 27

Town Planning Meetings held 9 & 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Plan No. 214 in Minute No. 5 be approved without the conditions contained in the Minute."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 17 & 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Thomas : " That Minute No. 6 (a) with reference to the charges for Medical Baths be referred back " was not seconded)

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 22

Water Meeting held April 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 21

Allotments Meeting held April 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 13

Resolved, also, That the Playing Field portion of Sandford Park be closed on the 18th June next on the occasion of the Fete in aid of the Children's Hospital.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 17

Burial Board Meeting held April 24

Public Library Meeting held April 9

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Rating Meeting held April 27

Finance Meeting held April 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, and such additional sums as may become payable

during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss E. M. Conde", M.A. be appointed a member of the Education Committee for a term of three years to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. E. M. Pruen.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Charge or Admission—In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given it was moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Waite : That henceforward no charge for admission to Montpellier Gardens be made to the Public, except on such special occasions as the Council may determine."

(An Amendment was moved by Alderman Stewart and seconded by Councillor E. L. Ward: That the motion be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for consideration and report." The amendment having been put to the meeting was declared to be lost)

A further Amendment, moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Allen : That for the period ending 31st March next no charge for admission to Montpellier Gardens be made to the Public, except on such special occasions as the Council may determine." The amendment having been put to the Meeting was declared to be carried unanimously.

P. P. TAYLOR, 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, 1st June, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 1 and 2 Hillview, Swindon Road ; 29 Fairview Road ; 1 and 2 Monson Terrace, St. Margaret's Road and Bredon View, Libertus 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) 1 and 2 Maudville, 1 and 2 Roseville, 1 and 2 Elmville, 1 and 2 Oakville; 1 and 2 Queenview, 1 and 2 Louieville, Swindon Road North—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 specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices 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) 46, 47 and 48 Winchcomb Street and 1a 7, 7 ½, 8 and 9 Winchcomb Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted apportionments made by the Surveyor between the owners of the costs amounting to £57 7s. 9d. and £12 15s. 0d. respectively of the drainage work at these premises. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Orders be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses and that notice of the apportionment be served on the Owners and demand for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

2—Insanitary Property at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Beaufort Cottages, Columbia Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. .-5 Albany Road, Tivoli ; 11 and 12 Clare Place ; 22 Bath Terrace ; 62 Waterloo Street ; 1 and 2 Home Cottages, Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1859, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. Beef, 7 lbs. Pork, 10 lbs. Lobsters (1 box) and 6 ½ lbs. Tinned Goods.

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

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6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Hereford House, Suffolk Street—The Committee considered making Closing Order in respect of the rooms situate in the basement of the above premises. Mrs. Webber attended on behalf of the owner. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are let for human habitation, and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said part of the said building, an Order be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930, prohibiting the use of the said basement for the purpose of a sleeping place.

(b) 26a Union Street 16 York Street and 2 and 3 Naunton Cottages--Demolition Orders—The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given to the Owners of the intention to make Demolition

Orders. 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 the opinion that the continuance of the buildings are a nuisance and injurious to the health of the public or of the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses

(c) 61 Sun Street-8 tenders were received for the Demolition of these premises. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams at £7 10s, 0d (being the lowest) be accepted.

(d) 1 and 2 Home Cottages, Hatherley Road—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned dwellinghouses are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notice be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owner, to the person having control of the houses and Mortgagee (if any) that the condition of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 7th July

(e) 5 Brunswick Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Closing Order made by the Council on the 9th October, 1929 in respect of these premises had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the ejection of the tenant.

(f) 7 and 8 Russell Place and 17 York Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had now been demolished by Messrs. E. Eager & Co. at a cost of £16, less the sum of £8 for the salvaged materials. RESOLVED, That application be made to the owner of 7 and 8 Russell Place for payment of the sum of £5 for the net cost of demolishing these premises.

7 - Registration of Ice Cream Vendors--Read, Circular of the 7th inst. from the Town Clerk, Hartlepool, asking the Council to support a resolution passed by his Council in regard to the registration of Ice Cream vendors, RESOLVED, That with a view to ensuring that the manufacture of Ice Cream is carried on under hygienic conditions, this Council is of the opinion that it should be compulsory for all vendors of this commodity to register with the local authority before setting up any such business, so that adequate control can be exercised in regard to the conditions of manufacture and type of premises to be used in connection therewith. RESOLVED, also, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health, the Borough Member and the Non-County Boroughs Association.

8—Cancer - The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 1186 from the Ministry of Health relating to cancer of the lip, tongue and skin. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health,

9--Smoke Nuisance—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Patentee of the smoke consuming apparatus installed at Messrs. Crook's Laundry had been to the Laundry and demonstrated the working of the apparatus. There was a considerable improvement and he thought that with a little more experience in working the apparatus there would be no further cause for complaint. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under observation.

10—Abattoir—The Sanitary Inspector reported that from time to time he was asked to inspect carcasses of animals brought into Cheltenham after they have been killed for various reasons, and that it would be convenient if these carcasses could be taken to the Abattoir for such inspection which could be carried on in the detention room, but that the byelaws provided that no dead

carcase should be brought into the Abattoir, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the views of the Ministry of Health on this proposal.

11—Rowanfield House—Read, letter from Mr. C. A. Wilson asking if he could connect the drainage from his basement to the sewer. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th May, 1931, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates and Selim Smith (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—The report of the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 8th inst., was submitted.

2--Pilley Lane Housing Site—Sunrise Cottages—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendations of the Committee to provide a footpath and fence from Pilley Crescent to Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the proposed footpath and fence be not proceeded with and that Minute No. 6 of the meeting of the Committee on the 10th February last and Minute No. 4 of the Meeting of the Committee on the 14th April last be rescinded.

3-2 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the owner of this house complaining that the surface water from the allotments at the rear drained into the garden at the rear of his house. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Architects for report.

4—Conference—Read, letter from the National Housing and Town Planning Council asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to appoint delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Bristol on the 21st May. RESOLVED, That Councillor Selim Smith be appointed to attend and that Minute No. 9 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 10th March last be varied accordingly.

5—Additional Land—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the Committee to purchase 53 acres of additional land at St. Mark's. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the views of the District Valuer as to the effect of the new Land Tax proposals on his valuation.

6--Sale of Land—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. H. Bedford was unable to proceed with the purchase of land for the erection of a fried wet and dry fish shop and dwellinghouse on the St. Mark's Housing Estate.

7—Folly Lane—Plough Gardens—Read, letters of 15th and 29th ult., from the local branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives stating that overtime was being worked on Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell's Contract without the sanction of the local Overtime Committee. Read also, letter from Messrs, Wheeler & Mansell with regard thereto. Mr. Wheeler attended before the Committee and stated that the men in his employ were no longer working overtime. With regard to the Joinery Work, the Clerk of Works condemned certain of the staircases which had been made for Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell by an outside firm, and this firm sent their men down to the job to complete the work to save the expense of transporting the staircases back to their works, and these men worked during Sunday to get the job completed. The slaters also were working overtime, but this work was sub-let to a firm of slating specialists and it was customary for them to work their own hours,

8—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the sum of £7 0s. 11d. for arrears of rent in respect of four houses on the St. Mark's Estate in accordance with the statement now submitted to and signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

9—Purchase of Property—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Executors of Mr. H. Packer deceased were willing to sell Nos. 5 and 6 Russell Place and Nos. 1 and 2 Albert Cottages for £110 and that with the sites of Nos. 7 and 8 Russell Place, which had recently been demolished, there would be room for three houses. RESOLVED, That the property offered by the Executors of Mr. Packer be purchased and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the sites of Nos. 7 and 8 Russell Place.

10—Outbuildings--The Housing Manager submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended Outbuildings :—

No. of Plan.	Description of Plan.
3143	Cycle Shed, 9 Kipling Road.
3144	Cycle and Tool Shed, 28 Spenser Road..
3155	Cycle Shed, 49 Whaddon Avenue.
3156	Greenhouse, 33 Kipling Road.
3157	Cycle and Tool Shed, 89 Byron Road.
3158	Tool Shed, 22 Spenser Road.
3159	Motor House, 2 Kipling Road.
3160	Cycle Shed, 4 Pilley Crescent
3162	Poultry House, 93 Byron Road.
3163	Cycle Shed and Screen Fence, 47 Whaddon Avenue.
3164	Cycle Shed, 12 Kingsley Gardens.

RESOLVED, That all of the Plans, with the exception of Plan No. 3164, be approved ; and That Plan No. 3164 be disapproved.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st May, 1931. Present—Councillor Pates.

11-21 Kipling Road—The Town Clerk reported that this house had been offered for sale by auction on the 13th April but was withdrawn as the reserve price of £520 was not reached and that the Building Society were now willing to accept £500. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to the Conveyance.

12-8 Kingsley Gardens Read, letter from Mr March offering to accept £700 for this house. The amount required to redeem the mortgage guaranteed by the Corporation up to the end of May would be £656 10s. 10d and in addition there would be the costs of sale if the Building Society proceeded to realise. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to re-purchase the house for £700 and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

13—Folly Lane Plough Gardens—Read, letter from the National Joint Council for the Building Industry complaining that Messrs. Wormells, sub-contractors for the slating were working overtime without any permit from the Local Overtime Committee and asking that a deputation might be received by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Wheeler and Mansell calling upon them to see that their sub-contractors comply with the conditions as to overtime, and that a deputation be received at the next meeting of the Committee as requested

14—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the sum of be offered in prizes on the St. Mark's Estate (in two classes), the houses on the St. Paul's and the Whaddon Estates, and that £1 be the first prize in each class. and that the balance be awarded at the discretion of the Sub-Committee.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th May, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Winterbotham ; Councillors Lipson, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Annual Tenders, etc.—Turpentine—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Thelwall & Co, Ltd. for the additional duty of 2d per gallon proposed by the Budget to be added to their contract price for a supply of turpentine for the ensuing year be granted.

2—Well Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed Pavilion for the Ladies' College, which had been approved by the Town Planning Committee subject to this Committee raising no objection to the drain being laid under the public footpath in Well Place. RESOLVED, That the Plan be approved and that the re-instatement of the footpath and the maintenance for three months be undertaken by the Corporation, subject to the cost of the work being paid for by the Ladies' College.

3—Montpellier Walk—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a seat at the junction of this road with Montpellier Spa Road.

4-92 Winchcomb Street--RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. M. Davis, for a contribution towards the cost of making good the cellar arch at these premises, be not granted.

5—Brighton Road—The View Committee reported that they had inspected this road and considered the complaints received from the various owners. RESOLVED, That an allowance of 5 per cent be made to each owner on the amount apportioned provided that payment is made within one month, and that the same allowance be refunded to owners who have already paid the whole amount due.

6—Winchcomb Street—The View Committee reported that they had inspected the footpath on the west side of this street from High Street to Albion Street. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath put in good repair, subject to the owners of premises with gratings in the footpath agreeing to pay the cost of levelling and reinstating the footpath immediately surrounding their gratings,

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7—View Committee—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on 13th inst. : Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Scott Langley. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Cranham Road—That Mrs. Irby's application for removal of tree outside Exeter Villa be not granted.

(b) Portland Street—That no action be taken on Mrs. Parry's further complaints in regard to the footpath on the West side of this street.

(c) St. George's Road—That two leaning trees in this road near the Rivershill Hotel and another leaning tree opposite Wyborne be removed.

(d) Gloucester Road—That the application of the Cheltenham District Traction Company for removal of a tree opposite St. Mark's Villa be not granted as the Committee do not consider this is dangerous to traffic.

(e) Thirlestaine Road—That a white line be painted in Thirlestaine Road at its junction with Old Bath Road.

(f) Sandford Road—That a white line be painted in this road at its junction with Old Bath Road,

(g) Lansdown Road—That a leaning tree opposite the Lansdown Stores be removed. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

8—America Passage—The Town Clerk submitted complaint received from Mr. J. Burke of the condition of this passage, which was repairable by the abutting owners. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

9—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. Dobson and A. McEwan & Co, to fix projecting signs outside their premises in Ormond Place and 369a High Street respectively, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

10-5 Ambrose Street —Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley, that he was submitting to the Office of Works a block of property in Ambrose Street for conversion into a new Labour

Exchange, but to give the necessary frontage, No. 5 Ambrose Street belonging to the Corporation would have to be included, and asking at what price the Corporation would dispose of this property. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to sell the property at the price valued by the District Valuer,

11—Telephone Kiosk- Read, letter of 7th inst., from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones that they proposed to replace the wooden kiosk outside the Eight Bells Inn with a kiosk similar to the other kiosks in the town. RESOLVED, That no objection he made to this.

12 Bath Road—Read, application of 12th inst., from Messrs. Reed & Patterson Ltd., asking for permission to paint the words " No Parking" 0 the road outside their premises. RESOLVED, That this be not acceded to.

13—Advertising Vehicle—Read, application from Mr. E. Haines for permission to take a trailer caravan through the streets on two days a week for two hours each day. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for two weeks only.

14—Petrol Filling Stations Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 2nd inst., from the Home Office that the Secretary of State was now prepared to confirm these Byelaws subject to no objections or representations being received. RESOLVED, That the Byelaws as now settled be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto, and that application be made to the Secretary of State for confirmation thereof.

15—Paving Stones, etc.—The Committee considered reports of the Borough Surveyor and the Superintendent of Police in regard to the improper disposal of paving slabs, together with a list of the houses on the Whaddon Road and Pilley Lane Housing Sites where broken slabs etc. had been found. Read also, statement by A. Holloway, the pavior responsible for allowing the tenants to take away these materials, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had now discharged the pavior. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

16—Telegraph Line—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraph Department for consent to place an overhead line along Swindon Road from Worcester Street to Malvern Street, with three poles, be granted, subject to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the bases of the poles if so required.

17—Conference—The Chairman reported that he had attended the National Safety Congress at Leeds on the 13th and 15th ult., where he gained much useful information on the subject of traffic control and automatic traffic signals.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th May, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Capt. H.

P. Leschellas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, J. H. Clifford, G. McIlquham, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings- -The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely —

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
3149	McColl, R. S. Ltd.	New shop front and internal alterations, 369a High Street
3150	Nicholas, C. F. B.	Motor House, Oakdene, Albany Road.
3151	Ladies' College Council	Sports Pavilion, off Well Place, Lansdown.
3152	Newton, H. G.	Dining Room, Belle Vue Hotel, High Street,
3153	Morgan, Mrs. C.	Bath Room, rear of 59 Promenade.
3154	Robinson, G. A.	Bay window, Langdene, Langdon Road.
3155	Hicks, E.	Cycle Shed, 49 Whaddon Avenue.
3156	Stuart, W. A	Greenhouse, 33 Kipling Road.
3157	Barnham, G.	Cycle and tool shed, 89 Byron Road
3158	Jones, L. F.	Tool Shed, 22 Spenser Road.
3159	Knott, A.	Motor House, 2 Kipling Road.
3160	Kibble, A. H.	Cycle Shed, 4 Pilley Crescent.
3161	Wilson, I. M.	Motor House, 48 Sun Street.
3162	Moore, T. C.	Poultry House, 93 Bryon Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3149, 3154 and 3161 be approved ; That Plan No. 3150 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3151 be approved subject to the approval of the Street and Highway Committee ; That Plan Nos. 3152 and 3153 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and also subject to Plan No. 3153 to the approval of the General Purposes and Watch Committee ; That Plans Nos. 3156, 3157, 3158, 3160 and 3162 be approved subject to the approval of the Housing Committee ; and That Plans Nos. 3155 and 3159 be disapproved.

2—Town Planning Area --Plans--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
215	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Road, Shurdington,
216	Ainscow, Dr H.	House, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
217	Cheltenham Corporation, Electricity Department	Overhead Electricity main to Kingsditch Lane, Arle and Uckington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 215 and 216 be approved ; and That consideration of Plan No. 217 be adjourned.

3—Town Planning Scheme--(a) Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College that the Finance Committee of the College Council had received the Committee's proposals with interest and sympathy, and asking to be furnished with full details of the Scheme so far as it affects

the Cheltenham College property in Charlton Park, and the Town Clerk reported that he was furnishing the details and plan as required,

(b) Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing the following resolution passed at a meeting of the County Council held on the 22nd April "That the County Council do approve in principle the main proposals contained in the Preliminary Statement of proposals for development, prepared in connection with the Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme upon the understanding that the question whether the proposals for which the County Council are to become the responsible authority shall be carried out, and, if so, the time and manner of so doing, shall be entirely at their discretion."

(c) Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. G. L. Pepler of the Ministry of Health that he would be pleased to come to Cheltenham to address a meeting and explain the objects of the Town Planning Acts. RESOLVED, That the meeting be held in the Town Hall on the 25th June and that members of local authorities in the area, including Parish Councils, be invited to attend the meeting.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st May, 1931, Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillor E. L. Ward; Capt. Leschellas Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont ; Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, J. H. Clifford, W. S. F. Harris, G. Mcllquham, Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
2840	Naunton Estates Ltd.	Preliminary Plan for Building Line.
3155	Hicks, E.	Cycle Shed, 49 Whaddon Avenue (Amended Plan).
3159	Knott, A.	Cycle Shed and screen fence, 47 Whaddon Avenue,
3164	Payne, R. E.	Cycle Shed, 12 Kingsley Gardens.
3165	Corpus Christi College, Oxford	Rebuilding premises, 312 High Street and sho at rear in New Street
3166	County Council	Motor House, Police Station, Crescent Place.
3167	Damman Asphalt Co. (Madeley Wood) Ltd.	Building for Asphalt Plant, Midland Railway Goods sidings, Tewkesbury Road.
3168	Philpot, F. H.	Conversion of stables into cottage, Linton, Naunton Lane.
3169	Black & White Motorways Ltd.,	Mess room, St. Margaret's, St. Margaret's Road.
3170	Gibson, T. E.	Cycle Shed, Linden Lea, Pilford Avenue.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3155, 3163, 3166, 3167 and 3170 be approved ; That Plan No 3159 be approved subject to proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3165 be approved subject to the drainage and

sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3168 be approved subject to at least one foot of soil being removed from the whole of the site and to a damp proof course being provided if found necessary, and also subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plans Nos. 2840, 3164, and 3169 be disapproved.

5—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
218	Reeves, H.	Road extension, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
219	Watson, W. G.	House, Old Bath Road, Charlton Kings.
220	Daft, A G.	House, Riviera Gardens, Tewkesbury Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 219 be approved ; and That Plans Nos. 218 and 220 be disapproved.

(b) Mr. Strickland attended and asked the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow him to erect a Petrol Filling Station on his land near Dowdeswell Reservoir, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to vary their previous decision.

(c) Plan No 198—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D.C. objecting to the decision of the Council in reversing their decision not to approve of the proposed Monumental Showroom in Bouncers Lane and asking that in future the Council should first consult the Rural District Council. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Emms informing him that the Rural District Council strongly disapproved of his proposal to erect the building and would be able to require its removal when the Scheme was finally made.

(d) Mr. C. A. Smith attended and raised the question of compensation in regard to the proposed Bypass road through his land fronting Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to consider this until the Scheme has been approved.

(e) Extension of Area—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D.C. that his Council had decided to adhere to their previous resolution not to proceed further with the proposal for including the rest of the District in the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That Minute No. 8 (a) passed at a meeting of the Committee on the 26th March last be rescinded.

6—Meetings—Read, letter of 18th inst, from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D C. that his Council would be glad if arrangements could be made for him to attend the future meetings of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that this is necessary now that the Minutes are circularised to the representatives and Clerk.

7—Charlton Common—Read, letter of 16th inst., from Miss A. L. Fountain asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to grant her right of entry across the strip of land between the Common and the public road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Byelaws—Gas Poisoning—Read, letter from the Gas Company stating that the only suggestion they had to make on the proposed Byelaws was that the flue connected to a gas fire or other heating apparatus should discharge into the external air. The Town Clerk reported that he had pointed out to the Gas Company that this modification had already been suggested to the Minister of Health by the National Gas Council but that the Minister could not approve the alteration as he was advised that there may be circumstances in which discharge straight through the wall from a gas fire fixed in a bedroom or sitting room would be undesirable. RESOLVED, That the Byelaws be approved and that application be made to the Minister of Health for confirmation thereof.

9—Housing Estates—RESOLVED, That the Town Council be recommended to delegate to the Housing Committee the powers of this Committee in regard to plans of outbuildings on the several Corporation Housing Estates, but excluding plans submitted for the erection of Motor Garages

10—Vernon Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the double doors fitted by Mr. A Bryan to buildings in Vernon Place had been made to open outwards. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Mr. Bryan Notice under Section 71 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847 requiring him to alter the doors so as not to open outwards and that in default the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the alterations made and that the expenses of such alterations be recovered from Mr Bryan.

11—**Town Planning Scheme**—(a) Objections—Winchcomb—Read, report of the Meeting of the **Sub-Committee** held on the 12th inst. Present—Councillors E. L. Ward (in the chair), Capt. Trye ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs and A. Yiend.

Mr. Walford attended on behalf of Mrs. Steel ; Mr. Arthurs in respect of the Sudeley Castle and Postlip Hall Estates and Messrs. Hall and Greening as representatives of the Winchcomb Rural District Council

Mr. Walford objected to the by-pass road passing through the Grange Estate but could suggest no alternative and the Sub-Committee were unable to recommend the Committee to alter the line of this road,

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the objections of Major Dent Brocklehurst to the proposed by-pass road at Winchcomb and pointed out to Mr. Arthurs that if this by-pass was not approved the County Council would no doubt require a building line through the Town which would necessitate the demolition of many properties should the widening of the road become necessary. Winchcomb R.D.C. also objected to this by-pass. The Sub-Committee recommended that the proposal be adhered to as they are of opinion that every effort should be made to preserve ancient or picturesque buildings and places.

Mrs. C. G. Mitchell objected to the proposed walk from Winchcomb to Cleeve Hill as she considered it would affect the amenities of Postlip Hall. Mr. Adlard also objected to this walk. The Sub-Committee recommended that this be deleted from the Scheme as the land is not likely to be used for building.

Mr. Adlard objected to the proposed road diversion which had been provided to avoid a dangerous corner near Postlip House. The Sub-Committee recommended that this be adhered to.

Mrs. Andrews of Toddington had suggested an alternative site for the recreation ground at Gretton instead of the one provided for in the Scheme, which was also objected to by Winchcomb R.D.C. The Sub-Committee recommended that the alternative site be approved and the Scheme amended accordingly.

The Stub-Committee recommended that the other objections of the Winchcomb R.D.C. should be dealt with as follows

That the suggestion that 10 acres of the field known as "Bareheads " adjoining the Brockhampton Road be substituted for a recreation ground as an alternative for the field known as " Enfield " be adopted subject to agreement with the owner as to position and means of access and that the Scheme be amended accordingly. That the request that the proposal to schedule a piece of land at Greet for a recreation ground be deleted be acceded to and the Scheme amended accordingly

That the request that the allotments on the Greet Road be reserved for extension of the Cemetery and not for allotments be acceded to and the Scheme amended accordingly.

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

(b) Prestbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had now considered the question of providing a by-pass as an alternative to widening Prestbury Road and recommended that a by-pass road be provided through Cakebridge Farm as shown on the plan now submitted and that the widening of Prestbury Road from Cromwell Road to the Nursery be deleted from the Scheme. This would necessitate a re-arrangement of a portion of the Northern by-pass road between the Nursery and New Barn Lane and the Prestbury by-pass road from the Nursery to " Inglesby " also that the road through the Nursery should be reduced from 80 feet to 60 feet. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted

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12—Aerodrome—The question of providing a joint Municipal Aerodrome to serve Cheltenham and Gloucester has been carefully considered by this Committee and several conferences have been held with representatives of the Gloucester Corporation, and various alternative sites have been considered. The Committee have decided that the most suitable site is a site on the Cheltenham-Gloucester Road, which was originally recommended in Sir Alan Cobham's report as the best site for a joint aerodrome. This is situated on the South side of the Cheltenham-Gloucester Road about one mile from the Cheltenham boundary and 2i miles from the Gloucester City boundary, and comprises approximately 215 acres of which 137 acres would be required to be levelled, drained and cleared of all obstructions.

The estimated cost is as follows

Purchase of Land ...	£15,000
Messrs. Bomford & Evershed's estimate for levelling, draining and seeding	£4,000
Estimated cost of Hangar ...	£1,000
Estimated cost of Approach Road and contingencies	<u>£1,000</u>
Total	£23,000

The charges for interest at 4 ½ per cent and sinking fund on a loan of £15,000 for 80 years would be	£690
Deduct estimated rent of property	<u>£500</u>
	£190

Net cost to each Town £95 per annum.

The site has been inspected by Major Mealing, the Deputy Director of Civil Aviation at the Air Ministry, who reported on the 30th January last that it would make a good aerodrome to serve both Cheltenham and Gloucester and that it was far enough away from the high land to the East not to be affected by it either directly or indirectly. He advised that the area of 215 acres should be cleared, but that it would only be necessary to level and drain 137 acres, which area would slightly exceed the minimum which could be licensed.

He did not regard the existing overhead electric cable situated slightly to the North of the road as dangerous to aircraft, but recommended that the two Councils should take steps to see that no other cables are permitted within one mile of the aerodrome without referring the matter to the Air Ministry.

It was, therefore, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the site jointly with the Gloucester Corporation and that the District Valuer be asked to negotiate the purchase.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th May 1931, Present—The Mayor; Alderman Stewart and Councillor Thomas (Alderman Stewart in the chair)

1—Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered the instructions to be given as to the opening of Montpellier Gardens in view of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED, (a) That all the gates in the gardens be opened, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put springs on the side gates to prevent these being left open by the public and thereby admitting stray dogs.

(b) That children under 12 be not admitted except when accompanied by an adult as required by the Byelaws,

(c) That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to refund the money paid by persons for keys and season tickets for this season

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th May, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite, and E. L. Ward ; and Dr Howell (Alderman Stewart in the chair),

2--- **Alstone Baths**—It was reported that the **Sub-Committee** appointed to consider the proposal for covering in and heating the outdoor swimming bath to provide additional accommodation for use of elementary school children, met on the 28th ult. They could not recommend that this proposal be entertained, but they recommend that further facilities be given for scholars to use the covered swimming bath at times to be arranged with the Superintendent. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—**Spa Manager**—The report of the **Sub-Committee** appointed to consider filling the vacant post of Spa Manager was considered together with list of duties. They recommended that advertisements be issued inviting applications for an Entertainments and Spa Manager at a commencing salary of £350 per annum rising by bi-annual increments of £50 to £500 per annum provided that these increments should be subject to the Council being satisfied with the manner in which the duties have been performed and having regard to the financial results of his work. RESOLVED, That the report of the Sub-Committee be not approved, but that applications be invited for the appointment of an a Entertainments and Spa Manager at a commencing salary of £350 per annum to carry out the duties as set out in list as settled by the Committee:

4—Montpellier Gardens--(a) RESOLVED, That Court No. 20 at these gardens be let to Mr. J. Maxwell from the 1st June next at the pro rata rate of £6 8s. 6d. for the remainder of the season.

(b) Read, application for renting a piece of ground at these gardens for basket ball for Douro House School. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Gardens Superintendent to suggest a suitable site.

(c) RESOLVED, That the catering rights at these gardens and at the band concerts be let to Mr E. E. Carr at 7s 6d per week as last year.

5—Town Hall—Sales Managers' Conference—Read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow conveying the thanks of the local Committee for the use of the Town Hall for this conference

(b) Orchestral Concerts—Read, letters from Mr. E. J. Burrow, Mr. Lewis Hann and the Rev. C. W. Birley asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow any rebate in the charges for the Hall for the three concerts held last season. They pointed out that in the two previous seasons only a nominal charge had been made. RESOLVED, That an inclusive charge of £11 10s. 0d. be made for the three concerts, and that Minute No 9 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 17th ult. be varied accordingly,

(c) Library Association Conference—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Organ be granted for an organ recital on the 2nd September in connection with this conference.

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(d) No More War Movement—Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of this movement that they proposed to invite the National Committee to hold their annual conference in Cheltenham from the 20th-22nd November next, and asking the Council to grant the

free use of necessary accommodation at the Town Hall for this period. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(e) National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers—Read, application of the 9th inst., from the Secretary of this Union for the free use of the Town Hall on the occasion of their annual conference to be held on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday in 1932. The Conference proper would commence on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m., but several side meetings would be held on the Saturday ; the meeting would terminate on Sunday at 5 p.m. and continue during the Monday RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the building being vacated by 5 p.m. on the Saturday and Monday so as to enable the dances usually arranged for these evenings to be held

6—Medical Baths—(a) It was reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider revising the tariff at these baths had referred the matter to the Spa Medical Advisory Committee who were of opinion that the present tariff should be revised in order to bring it in line with adjacent Spas. RESOLVED, That the following alterations be made in the tariff :—

	£	s.	d.
Whirlpool Aeration Bath Plunge		5	6
Series of four ..	1	0	0
Whirlpool Aeration Bath, Limb		3	6
Series of six		19	0
Aix Douche and Massage		6	0
Series of six	1	11	6
Vichy Douche and Massage		6	0
Series of six	1	11	6
Paraffin--20 mins. ...		4	6
Series of four		16	0
Paraffin-30 mm.		6	0
Series of four	1	1	0
Nauheim		6	0
Series of five	1	7	6

(b) RESOLVED, That the Baths Superintendent be instructed to submit monthly reports of the number of baths given and receipts.

7--Children's Day Fête—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mr. G. A. Hawkins asking if the Committee would allow the band of the Gordon Highlanders to play for two hours on the afternoon of this fete in Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to payment of £3 3s. 0d. for cost of cartage, etc.

8—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That Court No. 2 in the Long Garden be let to Mrs. J. Lansdown at the reduced charge of £5 from the 1st June to the end of the season.

9—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 24th March, the 8th and 21st April and the 5th May. They recommended as follows :—

(a) August Bank Holiday—That a band concert and display of fireworks be given in the Pittville Annexe as last year and that the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to close the Annexe to the public from 6 30 p.m., when a charge of 6d. for admission be made.

(b) That Mr. Loveridge be employed as Gardens Constable for the coming season and that he be under the direction of the Gardens Superintendent.

(c) Women's Guild Congress—That the use of the Organ for half an hour in the mornings, loan of bunting for inside of Winter Gardens and permission to use the gravelled part at the back of the Town Flail for water boilers for catering be granted in respect of this Congress to be held next month.

(d) Winter Dances--That next season, the Saturday Evening Dances be continued until the end of April.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd May, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Thomas and Waite (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

10—Military Band Concerts—Programmes—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs, J. C. Gillham and Sons to supply the programmes for the Military Band Concerts for the season for 50 per cent of the net proceeds be accepted.

11—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Read, letter of 19th inst., from Mr. C. R. Mapp in regard to the public walking on the grass. Read, also report from the Gardens Superintendent thereon. He reported that complaints had been received from tennis players that their courts were being damaged and that in order to protect them one piece of boundary netting was left down to prevent the public making a right of way across the courts, but that all the other nets were rolled up as usual The children were damaging the turf with perambulators and toy cars, etc. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to remove the childrens' swings and giant strides, etc., in these gardens, and that these be re-erected in the Agg- Gardner Recreation Ground.

(b) Putting Course—The Borough Surveyor reported that the putting course would be ready for play in three or four weeks time RESOLVED, That the course be opened on the 26th June and that players be required to wear shoes without heels or rubber slips, RESOLVED, also, that the charge for putting be 4d. a round of 9 holes and 2d. for the hire of slips.

12—Pittville Gardens--RESOLVED, That the application of Miss W. M. Pratt, Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society to take a party of about 50 members into Pittville Park on the 20th June at reduced terms be granted and that they be charged 1 d. per head

13—Morning Orchestra—Mr. Horace Teague attended and stated that owing to a misunderstanding, he had provided the morning orchestra beyond the expiration of his contract which terminated on the 16th inst., and that as his attention was not drawn to this until Wednesday, the 20th inst., he considered it was desirable to provide the orchestra for the remainder of the week and asked the Committee to make him some allowance for the extra week provided. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay Mr. Teague half the usual charge for the remaining week, namely £9 9s. 0d.

14—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported the arrangements made by the Superintendent for the giving of swimming lessons, etc., at the Baths, and that both the Superintendent and his wife could now swim and would shortly be taking their life saving certificates. RESOLVED, That the arrangements made be approved and that one third of the fees received for swimming and diving lessons, etc., be paid to the person giving the lesson as formerly.

15—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 19th inst, Present—Aldermen Stewart and Sawyer ; and Councillors Pates and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

They recommended as follows Spa Manager—That the Spa Manager be granted £8 8s. 0d. for his services at the Sunday Concerts from January to the end of the Season in April.

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, 20th May 1931. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Capt. Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair),

1—Pilley Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders received for the erection of this sub-station which would be a steel framed building. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Such and Sons of £52 17s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Arle and Uckington—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted five tenders received for the Arle and Uckington overhead line and recommended that the tender of Messrs. Johnson Philips and Co., Ltd., amounting to £1,042 5s. 3d., be accepted. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and subject to consent of Ministry of Transport to erection of the overhead line and to sanction to loan.

(b) Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that arrangements had been made to commence the erection of this overhead line on the 18th inst.

(c) Read, letters of 17th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that this Council would raise no objection to the proposal in regard to the supply to Uckington and Arle

provided that all low tension lines were laid underground alongside the high tension underground cable as shown on the plan. Read, also letter of 29th ult., from the Clerk to the County Council formally objecting to the proposals. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be asked to re-consider the matter.

3—Dammann Asphalt Company—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply of Electricity for a new asphalt plant on a site on the South side of Tewkesbury Road adjoining the bridge, and that as the plant would require motors totalling 50 or 60 h.p. it would be necessary to give a high pressure supply and therefore to proceed immediately with the high pressure cable already provided for between Swindon Road sub-station and Tewkesbury Road bridge. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to negotiate terms for the supply of energy.

4—Faraday Centenary Celebrations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the arrangements for the local celebrations on the 21st September next and that it was proposed to arrange for a public lecture to synchronise with the commemorative meeting to be held at the Queen's Hall, London, and at which the B.B.C., would broadcast the proceedings, and he suggested that the meeting should be held in the supper room of the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the free use of the room for this purpose.

5—Flood Lighting—(a) Municipal Offices --The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the lighting of these offices should be kept on until 11 p.m. during the long evenings, but discontinued during July and August which would give an opportunity to overhaul the fittings and re-plate the reflectors. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Town Hall—RESOLVED, That it be suggested to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that the Town Hall flood lighting should be used on the occasions of the forthcoming conferences, and that this Committee agree to make no charge for the supply of energy for this purpose.

6—Switch Gear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that 7 tenders had been received for the switch gear required and recommended that the tender of Messrs. George Ellison Ltd., of £1,485 1s. 8d. be accepted. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £3,927 for switch gear as and when required including the amount of the above contract.

7—Cables and Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that tenders should be invited for the supply of cables for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

8—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th ult., and 1st, 6th, 12th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.7, 474.5, 472.1, 473.2 and 488.3 B.Th.U, respectively, and the pressure 5.4, 5.5, 5.5, 5.4 and 6.7 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th May, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 11th May 1931.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	298,000 gallons	246,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,268,000	831,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	58,000	51,000
Total	1,624,000	1,128,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 11th May, 1931	Contents	Depth 11th May, 1930.	Contents
Hewletts		27,733,000 gallons		24,803,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. Sins.	98,268,000	31ft. 4ins.	96,511,000
Leckhampton	11ft 0ins.	1,485,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		127,486,000		122,934,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of April.

3—Castle Barn and Lower Home Farms—The Committee further considered the application of the tenants of these farms for an abatement from their rent together with report of Mr. Castle thereon. RESOLVED, That the allowances recommended by Mr. Castle be made.

4—Extension of Main—Unemployment Scheme—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee that the Council's application for a grant in aid of the cost of laying the 4 inch main from Badgeworth Cross to the Reddings had been approved. The grant would be 50 per cent of the interest on approved expenditure out of loan not exceeding £1463 to be raised to meet the cost, the amount to be payable for 50 years or for the period of the loan, whichever is the shorter, and provided the work is commenced not later than the 29th June next and completed within two months of commencement. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Engineer be authorised to accept a tender for carrying out the work.

5—Conference—Read, circular from the British Waterworks Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual meeting and Conference to be held at Belfast from the 21st to 25th July. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

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 at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 19th May, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer, Stewart and Winterbotham ; and Councillor Capt. Trye (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.- —The Committee inspected the hackney carriages, including motor cabs, horse carriages. wheel chairs, etc. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 16th prox. subject to satisfactory reports of all vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, and to all repairs reported by the Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th May, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Winterbotham; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Read, report of Superintendent Goulder that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Dipping Regulations—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the Ministry's attention had been called to the fact that the Regulations made by the Corporation did not require sheep to be double dipped whose original destination in the area was a place of temporary detention, and suggesting that the Corporation should, at an early date, amend the Regulations so far as the sheep referred to are concerned, The Town Clerk reported that the Regulations were made to conform with the Regulations of the County Council, and that he had written to the Clerk to the County Council enquiring whether the County proposed to amend their Regulations. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

3—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
30th April ..	Royal Hotel ...	Not apparent ...	£400 ...	£5 4s. 6d.
6th May	Thatched Cottage, Hewlett Road	.Not apparent ...	£175 ...	£7 2s. 6d.
6th May ..	5 Blenheim Parade ...	Defective chimney	Slight ...	£5 0s 0d

(b) Bishops Cleeve—Read, letter from the Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society Ltd. asking what charge the Corporation would make to provide the services of the brigade for the parish of

Bishops Cleeve. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Town Clerk to consider and report thereon.

(c) Southam—Read, letter from Mr. G. P. Hoperaft asking on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the brigade in the event of an outbreak occurring at his property in Southam, and also enquiring what charge would be made for the hamlet of Southam and the houses on the Cleeve Hill road in Southam Parish. Read, also, letter from Mr. A. Law asking on what terms the Committee would provide the services of the brigade in respect of a house at Gotherington. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider it is advisable to enter into agreements in respect of a number of individual houses, but that the owners should approach their respective District or Parish Councils, RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to consider and report on Mr. Hoperaft's application in respect of the parish of Southam.

(d) Read, letter from Col. C. Lloyd Harford asking on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the brigade in the event of a fire occurring at the Cotswold Hunt Kennels at Ossage, Dowdeswell, which comprised a house and kennels and three cottages. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Council are prepared to supply the services of the brigade for an annual contribution of £5 plus the actual cost incurred in attending any fire.

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4—Numbering of Streets--The Borough Surveyor submitted report with regard to the numbering of Old Bath Road, Swindon Road and St. Paul's Road, which he estimated would cost about £18. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement (Clauses) Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers in these roads to re-number their premises, and that if the notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the re-numbering carried out, and that no charge be made for re-numbering any premises which already have a number legibly marked thereon

5—Market--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. F. J. Rouse complaining of the condition of the boundary wall adjoining his premises in Market Street, which was leaning over towards the market and would shortly require rebuilding. Mr. Rouse offered to remove the stone wall at his own cost, leaving the stone gate pier to determine the boundary without the wall, RESOLVED, That this he referred to the **Market Sub-Committee** with power to act.

6-59 Promenade—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed bathroom to be erected on the second floor of these premises. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved so far as this Committee is concerned subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to be prepared by the Town Clerk, not to build out under the bathroom at any time.

7 —Parking Places—(a) Promenade—Read, Report from the Parking Attendant that on the 16th inst, a car belonging to Mrs. Parsons of 28 Northwick Road, Evesham knocked down a portion of the balustrade by the War Memorial, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained tenders for making good the damage, and that the lowest tender was that of Messrs. Boulton & Sons amounting to £13. RESOLVED, That this be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim against the owner of the car for making good the damage.

(b) Imperial Square—Read, letter from the County Fire Office asking if there was any likelihood of suitable light work being found for A. E. Bridges, Fitter at the Slab Factory who met with an accident on the 19th October, 1928, and the Borough Surveyor suggested that suitable work could be found for him by appointing an attendant at the Imperial Square parking place. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think an attendant at this parking place is at present required.

8—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of D. Whaley and A. Salter for transfer of licences Nos. 48 and 46 respectively to new motor cars purchased by them, Registered Nos. LW8022 and AE3866 be granted.

9—Rediffusion—Read, applications from Mr. J. D. Law of Brighton, Mr. R. R. Goding of London and Mr. W. S. Cooper of Gloucester, to establish a wireless relay system in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That these be not entertained.

10—Malvern Road Station—The Town Clerk submitted complaint received of the nuisance caused by the use of a Klaxon horn at the signal box near Malvern Road Station which was being used from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Great Western Railway Co. asking if some other arrangements can be made for night signalling.

11—Street Trading—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce enclosing resolution passed by the Chamber, requesting the Town Council to do anything possible to regulate the number and positions of stands in the streets. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to take any action.

12 —Police Establishment—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, that the Sub-Committee dealing with this matter considered it essential that the present agreement should be replaced by a new agreement and enclosing revised draft agreement, upon which they would be pleased to receive the observations of the Council, or if desired, to have a conference thereon, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Shops Acts—(a) The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had taken proceedings against Mr. T. Giddings for contravention of the Shops Acts, and that he had been fined £1 for each of two offences.

(b) Read, Report of the Shops Inspector that Messrs. Hill & Shaw, Chemists, of 357 High Street were on the 13th inst, after closing hours, selling articles which were not excepted under the Acts. Read also, report that N. Holder of 38 Fairview Road, on the 12th inst. kept his shop open for the serving of customers after closing hours. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn the proprietors of the shops that if further breaches are reported proceedings will be taken against them.

14—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers Guild to fix a notice board on the wall of the stairs leading from the basement to the main hall be granted.

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15—Royal Commission on Transport—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the River Severn Development Association, requesting the Council to ask the Borough Member of Parliament to obtain the views of

the Ministry of Transport on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Transport on the amalgamation of canal companies so far as the River Severn and its connections are concerned. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Sir Walter Preston accordingly.

16—Traffic Control—RESOLVED, That a meeting of the **Traffic Control Sub-Committee** be held on Tuesday, 2nd June at 3 p.m. to consider as to the control of traffic in the Borough and as to the proposal to install automatic traffic signals.

17—Disinfection Charges—The Committee further considered the application from the Ambulance Headquarters for a grant in lieu of the charge now made for disinfection, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the meeting of the Committee in February next when these applications are dealt with.

18—Sunday Performances (Regulations) Bill—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Town Clerk, Bradford, asking the Council to support a resolution passed by his Council that the Council are of opinion that Sunday Licensing of Cinemas should be dealt with by the Government alone and not left to the option of the Local Authorities. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not approve of the Resolution.

19—Petroleum Acts—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. T. W. Smith, Messrs. Charles Dickens Ltd. and Mr. W. D. Farrar for licences to store 500, 500 and 250 gallons respectively in underground tanks at their respective premises at Maida Vale Works, Leckhampton Wellington Street and Grove Street Stables, be granted.

20—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. A. Barnfield, F. B. Cypher, J. H. Jordan, and P. C. A. Wiggall for renewal of their licences under this Act be granted.

21—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. F. Panter, Iddles & Sons, C. Barnett & Son, H. F. Barnett, V. Dymond, H. St. Clair Hall, S. H. Long, G. N. Crisford (MacFisheries Ltd.), Olive & Olive, Gloucester Marketing Society Ltd. and Miss M. F. Woodard for renewal of their licences to deal in game be granted.

22—Land in Albert Road—Read, letter from Mr. Gardom that he was unable to agree to a condition that the land should not be used by the County Council for any other purpose than for the erection of a Girls' Grammar School, including any buildings to be used in connection therewith, with a proviso that in the event of the County Council not requiring the land for the School, the land should only be sold subject to a covenant that it should not be used for the erection of any dwellinghouse of less value than £1,200. But the County Council would agree that in the unlikely event of their deciding not to use the land for a Grammar School to give the Corporation the option of buying the whole of the land to be purchased from the Corporation and adjoining owners on the same terms and conditions on which they had purchased it. RESOLVED, That Mr. Gardom be informed that the Council cannot agree to this proposal and they must ask that the condition required by the Town Council be agreed to.

23-75 Promenade—Read, letter from Messrs. Sarsfield Walsh & Co., asking if the Corporation would entertain the purchase of No. 75 Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1931 Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Selim Smith, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Waine and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Creamery Piece Allotments—Fence—Read, letters from Messrs, E. H. Evans and E. J. Sherwood calling attention to the want of repairs to the railings. The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Surveyor had attended to these,

2—Baglin's Piece Allotments—Fence—Read, letter from Mr. S. E. Russell complaining of the fence at these allotments. The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Surveyor was also attending to this.

3—Allotment No. 33 Creamery Piece—RESOLVED, That this allotment be let to Mr. H. C. Pollard.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT & SPA JOINT COMMITTEE.

At a Joint Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee and the Town Improvement and Spa Committee held on Friday, 15th May, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Selim Smith, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward ; and Dr. Howell (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Sports Rally—Dr. J. Howell; Messrs. L. Smelt, W. Tiver and C. McIlquham attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham and District Combined Sports Association in regard to their application for the use of Pittville Gardens, Marle Hill Annexe and the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturday, the 25th July for an open Sports Rally, also for the Military Band to play during the afternoon of that day in one of these grounds. The events would include a water polo match in the Pittville Lake, a dance in the Pittville Pump Room, athletic sports and roundabouts and other amusements in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and side-shows, etc., in the Marle Hill Annexe. They proposed that the admission for children should be 3d. for tickets to be distributed through the Schools. RESOLVED, That the application for use of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room, Marle Hill Annexe and Agg-Gardner ground including Band for afternoon performance be granted for a charge of £10 subject to the Association undertaking to make good all damage which may be done to the property, and to a detailed programme being submitted for the approval of the Committees and to amusements, side-shows and pitches, and water polo course, etc., being placed in positions approved by the Gardens Superintendent.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th May, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Dr Hayward, P. T. Smith. Selim Smith and J. F. Ward (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—Stock—The Committee met at the Pump Room and inspected the Greenhouses and Gardens.

2—Sandford Park—Gift of Stones--The Parks Superintendent reported that Mr. H. Bradbury of Regent Street had offered to the Committee some stones of an old Cider Mill which he had purchased, subject to the Committee arranging for their removal from a Farm at Bentham. The Parks Superintendent reported that the stones could be laid in the lower part of Sandford Park between Barratt's Mill House and the Workmen's Shed and filled with soil and planted with Alpines. RESOLVED, That the stones be accepted and the thanks of the Committee conveyed to the donor. RESOLVED. also. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the removal of the stones.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, &Um Smith, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

3—Recreation Grounds—Closing Time—Read, application from the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club for keys to the St. Mark's Recreation Ground to enable them to use the Courts after the ground is closed. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the recreation grounds to be kept open to the same time as the parks, i.e., to one hour after sunset, provided that the grounds shall in any case be closed not later than 9.30 p.m., and that the Custodians be allowed to commence work half an hour later in the mornings. RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 1 passed at a Meeting of this Committee on 8th May, 1922, be varied accordingly.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Sports Rally—Read application from the Cheltenham and District Combined Sports Association for the use of this Ground and the Annexe for a Sports Rally on the 25th July next, RESOLVED, That a joint meeting of this Committee and the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be held on Friday, 15th inst., to consider the application, but that permission for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be not granted.

5--Sandford Park—Seat—Read, letter from Councillor E. L. Ward asking the Committee to provide a seat in the Playing field portion of Sandford Park near the swings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a seat.

6—Pittville Crescent Gardens—Read, letter from Colonel Brettell as to the damage caused by children trespassing in these gardens and suggesting that wire should be placed over and alongside the gates to prevent this. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

7—Chelsea Flower Show—RESOLVED, That the Parks Superintendent be authorised to attend this Show to be held on 20th inst., reasonable expenses being allowed.

8—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Reported application from F. Peters and Son for permission to bring their roundabouts, etc., into the ground on the 23rd inst., prior to the Whit Monday Fête for the purpose of holding a performance on that day. RESOLVED, That permission be given subject to their paying an additional rent of £5.

9—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Custodian—Read, report of the Visitors as to the duties of Mr. Reid. RESOLVED, That he be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Cricket Clubs to whom permission has been given to use the ground, that in future they must prepare and mark out the pitches which will be allotted by the Custodian. RESOLVED, also, That the attention of the Education Committee be drawn to the fact that school children were allowed to go into the park during school hours without being in charge of a teacher.

W. SAWYER, Chairman

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 22nd May, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley, Selim Smith, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the month ending 22nd May 1931. Interments 66 ; Grave Spaces sold 25 (First Position 5, Second Position 2, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 16); Memorials fixed 12; New Inscriptions 14.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8407 to 8431 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Maintenance of Grave Spaces—(a) Read, letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., enclosing extract from the Will of the late J. E. Steel deceased, by which a bequest of £80 was made to the Corporation upon trust to invest and apply the income in keeping the grave and grave stone in which he and his parents are now buried in good order and repair and in keeping the lettering thereon legible and cause the same to be re-cut from time to time for that purpose with a proviso that if at any time the grave and grave stone were not kept in good order or the lettering be not legible or be not re-cut as aforesaid the legacy and investment representing the same should be paid and transferred to the Cheltenham General Hospital. The legacy was subject to Legacy Duty, so the actual amount receivable by the Corporation would be £72. RESOLVED, That the legacy be accepted upon the trusts declared by the Will and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

(b) Vault No. 3236 Section R—Read, offer from Miss Rolleston of £50 for the maintenance of this vault in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to an Agreement.

4—Cemetery----(a) Fence on Eastern Boundary—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a post and wire fence and quick hedge along this boundary at an estimated cost of £40.

(b) Mr. J. R. Birt attended and informed the Committee that he had been unable to use the land leased to him for his horses for the last three months owing to holes in the ground and gaps in the fence caused through felling the trees, and asking for some allowance in the rent. RESOLVED, That the rent for this year be reduced by £1 and that the Cemetery Superintendent be authorised to supply Mr. Birt with soil for filling in the holes.

(c) Greenhouse --The Committee inspected the Greenhouse

(d) Shrubbery on Western Boundary—RESOLVED, That this shrubbery, except the two fir trees, be removed.

(e) Speed Limit—RESOLVED, That the speed of vehicular traffic in the Cemetery be restricted to four miles an hour and that a Notice Board to this effect be put up in a suitable position.

(f) RESOLVED, That the hedge on the Southern corner of the main road leading to the Chapels be removed.

(g) Rats—The Committee inspected the Pig-sty erected on the land let to Mr. Webb, Mr. Webb attended and undertook to move the Pig-sty to a position in the centre of the land and re-construct this to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector. The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had taken steps to exterminate the rats.

5—Designs--RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Ethel Gordon Smith, Leslie Blundell, Bristow Noyes, Charlotte Hannah James, and Walter Henry Toms and Phillip Johnson Toms ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Louie Freeman, Fred Howard Mason, and Mildred Fanny Rudd ; Memorial Cross to grave of Daisy M. Allen ; Memorial Tomb to grave of Hubert Atwell Lake ; Kerbing and posts to graves of William W. Doubleday, Thomas and Martha Guest, Joseph Henry Miles, -Alice Sophia Hewinson, and Frederick William Bartlett ; Kerbing to graves of Fanny Louia Boorman, and Annie Hughes.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th May, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward Pates, Thomas and Yarnold ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts— £11 16s. 10d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 4,913 (last year 6,030) ; Lending Department 16,867 (last year 14,942) ; Junior Department 3,438 (last year 2,017). Total for month 25,218 (last year 22,989).

Midland and Northern Branch of the Library Association—The 11th Annual Joint Conference was held at Hereford from 1st to 4th May, and, on the Chairman's authority the Librarian attended.,
RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the Librarian's out-of-pocket expenses (35s) be paid.

Donations—Messrs. Allen & Hanburys (1 vol.) ; Miss Cave (Collection of Music) ; The Worshipful the Mayor of Gloucester (1 vol.) ; Lady Ponsonby (2 vols.) ; Mr. A. R. Williams (3 vols.).

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

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 98 vols., published at £39 17s. 8d. be purchased for £23 19s. 9d.

(b) That 13 vols. be purchased out of the Todd Bequest for £12 17s. 6d.

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

(d) That the sum of £30 be spent on Binding.

3—Betting News—A reader had suggested the obliteration of the betting news from the " Western Mail." RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

4—International Library and Bibliographical Committee—The Librarian reported that there was a probability that some 40 members of this International Federation, containing representatives from most European countries, would hold their 3rd Annual Meeting in Cheltenham, simultaneously with the Library Association Conference. The suggestion that private hospitality should be sought for these delegates was approved, and the Librarian was instructed to take steps to secure this, if possible.

5—Entrance Hall—RESOLVED, That the three pairs of inner entrance doors be cleaned, and finished with cellulose lacquer, and that the upper paintwork on walls be renovated, the acceptance of a suitable price to be left to the Chairman and the Librarian.

H. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd May, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; and Councillor E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

9-Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of rates, and gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly instalments as settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th May, 1931 Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen and E. L. Ward (The Mayor 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 £21,018 6s 2d. Leaving outstanding £100,457 1s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £4,641 5s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £15,270 1s. 0d.

3—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during April was 5,259 as compared with 4,496 for the corresponding month last year.

4—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of Sanction to loan of £1,786 for erection of five houses in Folly Lane, repayable within a term of 60 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillor E. L. Ward,

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £1,105 on loan. RESOLVE That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £46,800 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that the Sheffield Savings Bank were prepared to lend £10,000 for a period of six years, namely : £5,000 on the 1st June and £5,000 on the 1st July on the terms now reported, subject to either party being at liberty to determine the loan at the end of the third year. RESOLVED, That this be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to the Debentures.

7—Superannuation Act---(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a vacant designated post on the Library Staff and that Miss Joan Parry, Librarian in charge of the Junior Library, desired to be included in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to Miss Parry passing a medical examination.

(b) Borough Engineer—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highways Committee, That in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the services of Mr. J. S. Pickering be extended for one year up to the 14th June, 1932.

8—Financial Statement—Audit Stamp—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health in regard to settling the dispute as to the amount of the stamp duty payable on the Financial Statement, RESOLVED, That

the Town Clerk be authorised to consult Counsel as to the most economical means of getting the points in dispute settled by the Court.

9—Auditor's Report—(a) Read, Report dated 4th inst., of the District Auditor of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1930. The Borough Treasurer reported that the recommendations of the Auditor in regard to Sandford Park, Cashiers Bankings, Internal Audit Schedule, Ticket Stock Book, Payment of Military Bands, and the checking of stocks of tickets and the issue of tickets at the Spa Baths and records of medical treatment had already been given effect to.

RESOLVED :—

Education Department—That the recommendation that the Order for payment of cheques should be handed by the Chairman to the Town Clerk for despatch to the Bank as in the case of the other Corporation accounts, be carried out.

That consideration of extending the Internal Audit to the Education Accounts be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

Electricity and Water Undertakings and Stores—That the portions of the Report relating to these be referred for consideration by the Committees concerned.

Town Improvement Committee—That the portions of the Report relating to Inventory of Sports Appliances and Sale of Waters be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for consideration

Spa Manager—That the recommendation that a proportion of the Spa Manager's salary be charged under the head of " Entertainments, Summer Concerts, etc., " be adopted, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to charge a proportion of his salary under this heading in accordance with the work done by him in connection with the same.

Medical Baths—That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to charge to the Medical Baths one-third of the rates payable on the Spa Baths.

Guarantee Bonds—That the list of guarantee bonds be revised as now settled by the Committee,

That consideration of the recommendations in the Report in regard to Stores. Suspense Items, Banking of Rates, be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

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(b) Medical Baths—The District Auditor reported that the amount of the defalcations disclosed in the accounts of the late Superintendent amounted to £378 10s. 0d. The Borough Treasurer reported that the amount received from the Insurance Company and from the Estate of the deceased amounted to £270 17s. 0d., leaving a net deficiency of £107 13s. 0d. ; but he also pointed out that the cancelled liability of 29 years non-contributory service of the two Superintendents on which a pension of £57 per annum would have become payable in 7 years time should also be taken into consideration, as a set off against the loss.

The Auditor's report showed that the circumstances of the default were as follows :—

The collection of cash in respect of Medical and Swimming Baths tickets was under the control of the late Superintendent. The bulk of the actual collection was done by a lady Cashier in the Baths Office who paid over her collections each night to the Superintendent. The types of tickets of varying values numbered about sixty in all. The defalcation was confined to cash received for books containing five tickets for Medical Treatment, each ticket being of the value of between one to two guineas. Tickets were issued from the Borough Treasurer's Department the Stock and the Stock Book being kept by a Clerk whose duty it was to receive periodically from the Superintendent the cash collected and to check the stock of tickets in hand of this Officer. This duty of checking the stock of tickets the Clerk failed to do and it was due to this neglect of duty that the late Superintendent was able to cover up his defalcations. It was understood that definite instructions as to this check of stock were given by the Borough Treasurer and that this essential check was being carried out. The Auditor understood that the Clerks' charged with these duties have left the employ of the Council, The late Superintendent sent in to the Borough Treasurer weekly returns of all tickets sold giving the next serial number in stock in respect of each type of ticket. This return was falsified and showed incorrect serial numbers. In order to avoid causing suspicion a correct return of serial numbers of issues was written up daily by Mr. Stretton and pinned up in the Office of the Baths Cashier. The Auditor had interviewed this Officer and was convinced that she spoke the truth when she stated that she knew nothing about the irregularities.

In order to minimise the possibility of a recurrence the Auditor recommended the following changes at all Bathing Establishments, namely : That the Baths Cashier be placed under the sole control and direction of the Borough Treasurer and that the system of checking tickets, internal audit and issue of tickets, etc. be put into operation on the lines indicated in his report.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th May, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June, 1931, 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 Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :— THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN

IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE
GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION
GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA JOINT COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION
GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING
COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE--To appoint a representative of the Cheltenham College on the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. P. R. Clauss.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully.

Town Clerk.

Sir, You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th, day of July, 1931, 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 Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd July, 1931.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE and to authorise application for Sanction to loan of £40,000 for pumping machinery, filter bed and pumping main at and in connection with the Tewkesbury Waterworks.

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. DELANCEY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES--To appoint a representative of the Town Council on the Delancey Hospital Trustees to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Councillor Scott Langley.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st June, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Stewart Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Lipson, M.A., Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th May, 1931, 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 May 11

Housing Meetings held May 12 & 21

Street and Highway Meeting held May 18

Town Planning Meetings held 7 & 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Moore : " That Minute No. 12 with reference to the Aerodrome, be referred back and that consideration be deferred for 12 months."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 8, 15 & 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Selim Smith : " That Minute No. 3 with reference to Spa Manager be referred back."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Weech : " That Minute No. 1 b with reference to the admittance of children to Montpellier Gardens, be referred back," was ruled out of order).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold : " That Minute No. 13 be amended and that Mr. Teague be paid the sum of £18 18s. 0d." was withdrawn).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 20

Water Meeting held May 14

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held May 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Waite: " That Minute No. 11 with reference to street trading be referred back."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 22 with reference to land in Albert Road for a Girls' Grammar School, be amended, and that the Resolution be as follows, That Mr. Gardom be informed that the Council cannot agree to this proposal and they must ask that the condition restricting the use of the ground to a Grammar School be adhered to " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held May 11

Joint Parks and Recreation Grounds and Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held May 15

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held May 5 & 11

Except the portion of Minute No. 4 refusing permission for the use of the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground for the Sports Rally.

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Burial Board Meeting held May 22

Public Library Meeting held May 7

Rating Meeting held May 22

Finance Meeting held May 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, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. P. R. Clauss be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee for a further term of three Years.

4—Advertising Vehicle—Resolved, That the application of Professor Bofeys for permission to use a motor car for advertising purposes in the Borough be not granted.

Incorporated Sales Managers' Association—Read, letter from the General Secretary of this Association thanking the Council for the facilities which were placed at their disposal on the occasion of the Conference recently held in Cheltenham.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th July,

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair)

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 5 Hawarden Parade; 372 High Street ; Poplar Cottage, rear 166 High Street ; 167 and 167 ½, High Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 1 and 2 Hillview, Swindon Road ; 29 Fairview Road ; 1 and 2 Monson Avenue; and Bredon View, Libertus 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 specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the work specified within 28 days.

2—Insanitary Property at 15 Ewlyn Terrace and 3 Douro Cottages, Sherborne Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:- 2 and 3 Garden Cottages, Clare 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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 13 lbs. Beef, 1 qr. 23 lbs. Pork, 6 lbs. Tinned Foods and 1 Fowl (4 ½ lbs.).

5—Overcrowding at 6 Hanover Parade—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.

6—Atmospheric Pollution—The Town Clerk submitted Annual Report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research on the subject of Atmospheric Pollution. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

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Meeting of Committee—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, the 3rd July at 11.30 a.m. instead of Tuesday, the 7th July.

8—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1 and 2 Mills Cottages—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from Miss A. Mills asking if the Corporation would allow these premises to be reconditioned in respect of which a demolition order was made on the 2nd March last. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he was unable to recommend that the houses should be reconditioned. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) 26 Lansdown Crescent—The Committee further considered the question of making a closing order in respect of the basement of these premises. RESOLVED, That a closing order be not made at present but that the owner be informed that the Committee will have to reconsider the matter if at any time it is found that the premises are being occupied by more persons than at present.

(c) Rowanfield House—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. A. Wilson had concreted the basement floor of these premises but as this did not exclude all dampness from the walls, his application to connect the surface water drainage with the sewer had been granted. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9--Abattoir--Read, letter of 20th ult, from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry saw no objection to repealing the byelaw which required that no dead carcass should be brought into the abattoir, but that it seemed that the whole series of byelaws might with advantage be reconsidered, and enclosing copies of model series. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and submit draft byelaws.

10—Sanitary Inspector—Travelling Allowance—RESOLVED, That in lieu of paying taxi fares, the Chief Sanitary Inspector be allowed the sum of per annum for travelling expenses.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th June, 1931, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Meeting Councillors Dr Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the report of the Selection of Tenants and Repair Committee at their Meeting held on the 5th inst. be approved

2—Arrears of Rent. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to furnish the Town Clerk each month with a list tenants who are more than two weeks' rent in arrear.

3—Housing Programme—Read, Circular of the 8th ult., from the Ministry of Health requesting the Council forthwith to review their present situation and make every effort to take the fullest possible advantage of the present building season with view to completing a full fifth of the Housing Programme submitted by the Council. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be asked to consider whether there are any further areas in respect of which it is desirable to make improvement or Clearance Orders.

4—St. Mark's Housing Estate—Grass—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had invited tenders for the grass in the unoccupied fields on the Estate. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

3—Sale of Houses—(a) 16 Kingsley Gardens--The Town Clerk submitted offer from Miss F. A Rees to purchase this house at £750 subject to vacant possession being given, and reported that the tenant had made application for transfer to a cheaper house, and that it was proposed to let the tenant of the house No. 21 Kipling Road which was now vacant. RESOLVED, That this be approved, 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) The following offers were reported :--

Name.	House.	Price.
A. V. Claridge	51 Shakespeare Road	£530.
J. Bassett ...	49 " "	£530.

RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted and the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sales.

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 and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

(c) RESOLVED, That the 12 houses in course of erection in Shakespeare Road be kept vacant for one month after completion with a view to sale, and that the same be offered at the price of £530 each.

6—Additional Land—The Town Clerk reported interview with the District Valuer in regard to his view as to the effect of the new Land Tax proposals on his valuation. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous recommendation that the land containing approximately 53 acres be purchased at £4,500 including timber (value £120), the Corporation to fence off the land severed from the remaining land and to pay the Vendors' costs of Conveyance and Surveyors' fees.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,638 for the cost of the land including Stamp Duty and Vendors' costs and Surveyors' fees.

7—Pilly Lane Housing Site—Sunrise Cottages—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne asking the Corporation to erect a 6 ft. board fence between the backs of these Cottages and the backs of the houses in Pilly Crescent. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that

Mr. Rainger be asked to submit a plan and estimate of the fencing suggested by Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne,

8—Purchase of Property—The Town Clerk reported that the Executors of Mr. H. Packer deceased had now sold Nos. 5 and 6 Russell Place and 1 and 2 Albert Cottages so that they were unable to sell these to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the sites of Nos. 7 and 8 Russell Place, with a view to erecting a pair of three-bedroom houses thereon.

9-67 Tennyson Road—Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Chief Constable asking if the tenancy of this house, occupied by P.S. Jotcham, could be transferred to him. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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10—Whaddon Lane Housing Site—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. stating that through an oversight the responsibility for fencing the land adjoining the Greyhound Inn was omitted from the Conveyance and asking the Corporation to undertake the fencing of this. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute £6, being half the cost of erecting an oak post and pale fence.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

NOTE-The total number of Houses provided is as follows :—

Site.	Act.	No. of Houses.	No. Sold.	No. Unsold not yet No. Let.	Completed.
St. Mark's	1919	160	8	152	
“ ..	1923	164	152	12	
“	1924 1	86	31	101	54
“	without subsidy	16	6	10	
St. Paul's	1924	215	215		
Folly Lane (Plough Gardens)	1924	68	—	—	68
Cobham Road	1924	15	—	15	
Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme:—					
	Under Scheme	52	—	52	
	“ 1924 Act ...	16	16		
	Old Houses retained	9	9		
	Malvern Street				
(on site of 3 old houses)	1924	2	—	2	
Whaddon Avenue	1924	91	2	89	
Pilley Crescent	924	<u>102</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>101</u>	<u> </u>
		1096	200	774	122

In addition to above, 11 houses in Elm Street, Russell Street and Rutland Street have been purchased for re-conditioning.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th June, 1931. Present—Councillors Pates, Selim Smith and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

11—Selection of Tenants—The Committee considered two applications for the temporary tenancy of houses from two applicants whose premises had been rendered uninhabitable by the storm, but after considering the circumstances of each case, the Committee were unable to grant the applications.

12-5 Spenser Road—Read, letter of 15th inst., from the Building Society stating that the Mortgagee of this house had applied for a re-arrangement of his account over a period of 21 years, which the Society had agreed to do subject to the approval of the Council. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

13--Folly Lane—Plough Gardens—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Local Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell were still working overtime on this Contract without the sanction of the Local Joint Overtime Committee. The Town Clerk reported interview with Mr. Mansell, who stated that no overtime had been worked except in the case of one plasterer who returned on one evening to make good defective plastering of an angle so as not to delay proceeding with the work on the next morning. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger and Rogers be instructed to report if any further overtime is worked.

14—St. Paul's Street South and Lime Kiln Row Clearance Areas—The Town Clerk reported that the Clearance Orders made by the Council in respect of these areas had now been confirmed by the Ministry of Health, and public notice of the confirmation of the Orders had been given on the 12th inst. The Orders would become operative at the expiration of six weeks from the date of the advertisement and provided for the premises to be vacated within four weeks from the date the Orders become operative,

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd June, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lipson, Pates, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the supply of coal to the Corporation G.W.R. siding in each case from the 1st July next to the 30th June, 1932. RESOLVED, (a) That the tender of Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. for a supply of 70 tons of house coal (West Cannock No 1 Cobbles) at 29s 8d per ton summer rate and 32s 8d per ton for the remainder of the year be accepted.

(b) That the tender of Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. for the supply of 360 tons of Welsh smokeless (Powell Duffryn Cwmneoll) for steam rollers and an asphalt plant at 33s 7d per ton be accepted.

(c) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to order one truck of Cwmgwrach and Empire Anthracite and Brynteg red vein Anthracite tendered by Mr. W. D. Farrar and J. Williams & Co

respectively at 36s 9d and 30s 8d per ton respectively, and that after trial, the Chairman be authorised to accept one of these tenders for 150 tons.

2—Brighton Road—The Town Clerk reported that several of the owners still disputed the amount of the apportionment of the expenses incurred in carrying out the Private Improvement Works in this road, and that it would therefore be necessary to appoint an arbitrator in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875. RESOLVED, That Mr. J. H. Boulter be appointed arbitrator on behalf of the Corporation

3—Cranham Road—RESOLVED, That Mrs. Irby's application for the removal of a tree outside Exeter Villa in this road be deferred until the plans for a garage have been submitted and approved by the Council,

4—View Committee The following Members attended the View Meeting held on 10th inst. Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Pates.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Montpellier Spa Road—That Lt -Col. D. McLachlan's application for the removal of central chestnut tree nearest " Glesanda" be acceded to.

(2) Old Bath Road—That with a view to preventing locomotives from taking water from the Chelt, wire netting be fixed on six lengths of railing in this road fencing off the Chelt and also on a short length of the College fencing subject to the permission of the College being obtained.

(3) Upper High Street—That the leaning silver birch tree near Sydenham Villas Road be removed and a new tree planted.

(4) Hewlett Road—That the leaning plane tree near Cleeve View Road be removed.

(5) Albert Place—That the defective footpath in this road be repaired, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for the repair of the footpath adjoining No. 2 Portland Terrace by the abutting owners

(6) Monson Avenue—That the leaning lime tree near Barrington House be removed and a new tree planted

(7) St. Paul's Street North—That the repaving of the remainder of the footpath on the West side of this street be carried out,

(8) America Passage—That no action be taken at present for requiring the repair of this passage by the abutting owners. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

5—Byelaws—New Streets and Buildings—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a letter received from Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd. in regard to the use of hollow blocks in lieu of bricks. The Committee also considered letter of the 25th February last from the Ministry of Health in regard to the byelaws submitted for the prevention of gas poisoning etc., in which the Ministry pointed out that since the present byelaws were made the model series had

been reprinted several times and offering to have prepared a suitable amending series of byelaws for the consideration of the Council. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the Borough Surveyor to consider and report as to the desirability of revising the byelaws.

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6—Hall Road--Read, letter from Mr. T. W. Bryan complaining of the flooding in this road. RESOLVED, That this b. referred to the Borough Surveyor.

7-5, Ambrose Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Mr. W. H. Horsley that the property adjoining the above which he had offered to the Office of Works as a Labour Exchange had been sold so that this property would not now be required.

S—Advertising Vehicle—Read, letter of the 21st ult., from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Motor Club asking for permission to use a motor car with advertising hoards on the days previous to the 12 motor cycle football matches taking place during the season. RESOLVED, That this be not granted but that they be informed that the Committee are prepared to grant permission for them to place a streamer across the Colonnade for 2 days on each of the occasions of the matches subject to the usual conditions,

9—Streamer across Colonnade—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Cricket Club asking for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on Wednesdays and Saturdays on the occasions of their cricket matches. RESOLVED, That this be not granted but that they be informed that the Committee are prepared to grant permission for a streamer for the County Cricket matches on the usual conditions.

10—Suffolk Square—Read, letter of the 19th ult., from Col, Tarrant to Superintendent Goulder drawing attention to the parking of cars in Suffolk Square outside the College boarding houses which caused annoyance to the residents of the houses and asking him to take steps to prevent the road being used as a private parking place. Read, also Superintendent Goulder's report thereon. RESOLVED, That no action be taken by this Committee.

11—Winchcomb Street—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to the footpath in this street by a motor coach belonging to the South Wales Express Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage estimated at 12s 6d.

12—Congress—Read, circular of 4th inst., inviting the attendance of delegates to the Public Works Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 16th to the 21st November next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

13—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Stephens and Finch to fix a cowl on a vent pipe from a geyser at the back of 20 Montpellier Walk and for the Cheltenham Newspaper Co. to fix a projecting sign in Post Office Lane be granted subject to the usual conditions.

14—Advertisement Regulations Acts, 1907-25—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had met and considered the objections to these byelaws and the Town Clerk submitted copy of the byelaws revised to meet the views of the objectors. RESOLVED, That the revised draft be approved.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th June, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr Hayward, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3171	Glico Petroleum Co., Ltd.	Lubricating oil store, Petroleum Depot, G.W.R., Goods Wharf, New Street
3172	Sheen, H.	Motor House, Mead Road, off Old Bath Road,
3173	Edwards, W. C.	Greenhouse, rear of 21 All Saints' Terrace.
3174	Black & White Motorways, Ltd.	Mess room, St. Margaret's, St. Margaret's Road
3175	St. Paul's Training College Committee. ..	Staff cloak rooms, etc., St. Paul's Practising School, St. Paul's Road.
3176	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham)Ltd.	Two semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane.
3177	Brasher, C. H.	Motor House, Dudley, Pilford Avenue.
3178	Green, P. R.	Detached house, Naunton Lane.
3179	Gregg, F.	Extension of Savoy Hotel, Bayshill Road.
3180	Cloke, D.	Alterations to extension of shop front, 4 Christ Church Parade, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 3171, 3172, 3173, 3174, 3177, 3178 and 3180 be approved, That Plans Nos. 3175 and 3179 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plan No. 3176 be not approved.

2—Town Planning Area—(a) Plan—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of intended New Building under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
222	Young, G. W.	Garage and petrol pumps, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 222 be approved subject to the petrol pumps being set back to the building line prescribed in the Town Planning Scheme being a distance of twenty feet from the front boundary fence.

(b) Plan No. 221—The Committee further considered the plan submitted for the proposed road extension at Charlton Park Gate. RESOLVED, That the Plan be approved. RESOLVED, also, That provision be made in the scheme for reserving the land for the continuation of the road to Moorend Road.

3—Factory Sites—The Town Clerk reported that the recently appointed Joint Factory Sites Committee had advertised inviting owners to send in particulars of suitable land which they were willing to sell for factories and he submitted list and plan of the sites offered. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the erection of factories on the sites now approved by the Committee subject to the character of the factories being approved by the Committee.

4—Charlton Common—The Committee further considered the letter from Miss A. L. Fountain asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to grant her a right of entry across the strip of land between the Common and the public road. Mr. W. S. F. Harris reported that the plan of the proposed bungalow had been approved by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council. RESOLVED, That subject to the plan being approved by this Committee, the Council be recommended to grant Miss Fountain a licence giving access to her land across the strip of land lying between her property and the public highway.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th June, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont; Capt. H. P. Leschallas and Capt. F. F. ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, J. H. Clifford, W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

5—Plans of New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3176	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd.	2 semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane.
3181	British Law Insurance Co. Ltd.	Alterations (Conversion into Flats), 17 Royal Crescent
3182	Crow, H. J.	Motor House, 15 Kingsley Gardens.
3183	Lott, H. W.	Motor House, 51 Milton Road.
3184	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Department)	Electricity Sub-Station on land off Old Bath Road.
3185	Whyte, Sister Esme	Motor House, " Penrhyn," Bayshill Road.
3186	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd.	2 detached Houses in New Road off Naunton Lane
3187	Wild, G. E.	Detached House, Charlton Lane.
3188	Albany Ward Theatres Ltd.	Cinema Theatre, Winchcomb Street (Preliminary Plan).

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 3187 be approved ; That Plan No. 3181 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3182 be approved subject to the approval of the Housing Committee ; That Plan No. 3183 be approved subject to

proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3185 be approved subject to the consent of the adjoining owner being obtained ; That Plan No 3184 be approved subject to the site not being used as a store and to the footpath not being used for vehicles ; and That Plans Nos. 3176, 3186 and 3188 be not approved.

6—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
223	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Road, Shurdington.
224	Wilge, G. J.	House, Middle Road, The Reddings.
225	Fountain, Miss A. L.	Bungalow, Charlton Kings Common,
226	Robinson, Mr.	Bay Window, High Street, Prestbury.
227	Ladies' College Council	Building Line, Bayshill Court, Parabola Road,
228	St. Mary's Training College Council	Building Lines, Fullwood Park.
229	Young, Mr.	Garage and Petrol Pumps, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.
230	Pates, J. P.	Garage, Shalom, Hewlett Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 223, 224, 225, 227 and 230 be approved ; That Plan No. 226 be approved subject to the condition that the owner shall remove the bay window behind the building line without compensation if and when required ; That Plan No. 228 be approved in so far as it relates to the building line set back 50 feet ; and That Plan No. 229 be approved subject to the condition that the owner shall remove the petrol pumps back behind the building line without compensation if and when required.

7—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Shurdington--The Town Clerk submitted protest resolutions passed at the Shurdington parish meeting held on the 19th inst., which included objections to the widening of Shurdington Road through the village.

(b) Northleach—Read, letter of 11th inst., from the Clerk to the Northleach R.D.C. enclosing resolutions passed by his Council. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the other objections for Northleach are dealt with

(c) Read, letter from Mr. E. Adlard expressing his appreciation that the Committee had agreed to take the proposed walk from Winchcomb to Cleeve Hill out of the scheme, but regretting that no alteration could be made in the proposed road diversion so as to avoid the corner near Postlip.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th June, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward ; and Dr. Kirkland (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. White, assistant masseuse at the Baths, had resigned and that the Concerts Sub-Committee had obtained two applicants from the Chartered Society of Massage, etc., and had selected Miss C. A. Munro for interview by the Committee. Miss Munro attended, RESOLVED, That Miss Munro be appointed assistant masseuse on the same terms as Mrs. White, namely £3 per week plus uniform and laundry allowance, the appointment to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing. (Since the meeting, Miss Munro has refused the appointment and the Sub-Committee have appointed Mrs. M. C. Lightwood another applicant on the above terms.

(b) The Superintendent submitted his monthly report of the receipts and number of baths given. He reported that as a result of the storm on the 14th inst., part of the baths and his living rooms were flooded damaging the carpets etc. in the baths and he asked the Committee to make him some contribution towards the loss he had sustained. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Thomas and E. L. Ward be appointed to inspect the damage, etc., and that they be also authorised to accept a tender for the provision of a new carpet to replace the existing carpet which was now worn out.

(c) Lounge—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide some plants, flowers, etc., in the lounge at the Baths as recommended by the Medical Advisory Committee.

2—Montpellier Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated that the cost of removing the swings from Montpellier Gardens and fixing these at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at £49 RESOLVED, That this estimate be approved

(b) Pavilion—Mr Rex Burchell attended and gave the Committee particulars of his takings and expenses since the commencement of his tenancy of the Pavilion and asked the Committee to meet him in regard to the rent of the Pavilion. He also asked for permission to place a board at the Winter Gardens and Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the £12 already paid by Mr. Burchell be accepted in payment of the rent to the end of July, and that the matter be then further considered. RESOLVED, also, That permission be given to place a board outside the Winter Gardens and Town Hall.

3- Factories and Industries--The Town Clerk reported that the joint Committee appointed by the Council and the Chamber of Commerce had now drawn up a brochure which they proposed to issue with a view to attracting new industries to the town and had accepted a tender of Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. to provide 5,000 of these over two years at a cost of £65 including the envelopes, and that it was proposed that this should be charged to the advertising account, portion of which had been set aside for this purpose. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Spa Manager—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendations of the Committee in regard to the appointment of Entertainments and Spa Manager RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to invite applications for the appointment of an Entertainments and Spa Manager at a commencing salary of £100 per annum to carry out the duties set out in the list settled by the Committee, and that applicants be informed that the Council will provide a shorthand typist.

5—Town Hall--(a) Read, letter of 5th inst., from the National Association of Goldsmiths thanking the Council for the facilities afforded at the Town Hall for their recent conference.

(b) Undertakers' Association—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Wilcox and Mr Hurry the Hon. Secretary of this Association had interviewed and informed him that Cheltenham was one of the places to be considered at this year's conference for next year's conference which would probably commence on the 27th June, 1932, and which was usually attended by between three and four hundred delegates. RESOLVED, That the Association be offered the free use of the Town Hall for the conference.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application for the free use of the music stands for the Tewkesbury Pageant be granted subject to the Pageant Committee arranging for the cartage and undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the stands.

6—British Travel Association—Read, circular from this Association stating that with a view to practical co-operation between the Association and the Local Authorities, the Association proposed to place 25 per cent. of all sums subscribed by Local Authorities to general services and the remaining 75 per cent. to be allocated for special services in accordance with the wishes of the Local Authorities. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to enquire from the Secretary of the Spa Federation how the motley subscribed by the Spa Federation was being applied.

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7—Concerts—(a) Read, letter from Miss A. C. Wynn Lloyd on behalf of the Gloucester County Association for the blind, asking if the Council would grant blind persons known to the Association and their attendants free admission to the Band Concerts and seats. If the application was granted she would supply a list of persons to Whom it was proposed to give this concession. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Band President of the 7th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment stating that as the battalion would be in camp during the first fortnight in August, he was willing to arrange for the band to play without payment at an afternoon or evening concert. RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be instructed to arrange for the band to play on a Tuesday afternoon when the military band is not playing and that he be authorised to provide a motor coach to convey the band to and from the camp.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**--Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held On the 2nd and 16th inst.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Military Band—That the band play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground in the evening of the 17th July, and at Montpellier Gardens on the 26th inst., on the occasion of the opening of the putting course.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

9—Spa Federation—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Spa Federation that they proposed to hold the Autumn meeting of the Federation at Buxton on the 23rd and 24th September next. RESOLVED, That Councillor T. W. Waite and either Dr. Howell or Dr. Kirkland be appointed to attend.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th June, 1931. Present-The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; and Councillor Leigh James (Alderman Moore in the chair)

1—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a further section of the change-over had been carried out in the Pittville, Prestbury and Cleve Hill districts, and a further section would be changed over during the Autumn and that he hoped it would be possible to complete the rest of the change over in the early Spring. If the whole of this work can be carried out as anticipated it will be possible to close down the power station next Spring, and the Committee would now have to consider methods for the disposal of the machinery and plant etc.

2—Electricity Works—No. 4 Boiler—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a report from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company drawing attention to the deteriorated condition of the cast iron mud drum of this boiler and recommended that the drum should be replaced within three months, but as this was the oldest and smallest boiler in use, he recommended that the boiler be put out of use as with the reduction in the load on the works it would not be required, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Tenders for Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted 8 tenders received for the supply of cables for the year ending the 30th June, 1932. RESOLVED, That the schedule of prices submitted by the Hackbridge Cable Company be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4—High Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in connection with the general re-arrangement scheme of distribution cables he proposed to carry out the section in High Street between St. George's Street and College Road in August, and in order to reduce the inconvenience to traders as much as possible he proposed to make arrangements with the trade union officials to work two shifts, and the work would be scheduled so that no individual trader would be inconvenienced for more than one day and in most cases only for a few hours. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—I.M.E.A.—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Convention held at Scarborough last week.

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6—District Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the portion of the District Auditor's Report of the accounts for the year ended the 31st March, 1930, relating to the Electricity Undertaking. The Auditor recommended that sanctions to loans which had not been utilised by borrowing to the full extent of the sanctions should be returned to the Ministry of Health for cancellation of the unused portions. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Committee a list of the sanctions to loans which had not been fully exercised and were no longer required.

The Auditor also suggested the desirability of housing all the Electricity stores on one site, and that the annual stock taking should be taken by an officer of the Electricity Department in conjunction with an officer from the Borough Treasurer's Department, and the Borough Electrical Engineer

reported that effect would be given to this latter suggestion, but it would not be convenient or desirable to have all the stores on one site.

7--Flood Lighting—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase flood lighting apparatus at a cost of not exceeding £30 for demonstration purposes etc.

8—Mains and Services—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Electricity Commissioners forwarding sanction to loan of £10,000 for providing new mains and services as and when required, the loan to be repayable within a period of 25 years.

9—Supply to Rural Areas—Bishops Cleeve and Woodmancote--The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had held a Local Inquiry on the 9th inst., into the refusal of Mrs. Margrett to grant a wayleave for the overhead line on her land at Bishops Cleeve, but that the decision of the Minister thereon had not yet been received.

10—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 21st and 28th ult., and the 4th, 12th and 19th inst, which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 487.6 469.9, 476.4, 477.4 and 473.9 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.5, 5.3, 5.7, 5.7 and 5.4 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2,1th June, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors. Dr. Hayward, Pates and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 15th June, 1931	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	350,000 gallons	235,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,343,000 "	690,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	58,000 "	48,000 "
Total	1,751,000 "	973,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th June, 1931.		15th June, 1930.	
Hewletts		28,941,000 gallons		18,997,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0ins,	100,023,000 "	27ft. 8ins.	78,089,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0ins.	1,485,000 "	9ft. 0ins.	1,215,000 "
Total Storage		130,449,000		98,301,000

- 2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of May.
- 3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.
- 4—Damage to fence —The Borough Engineer reported that on the 16th inst., a lorry belonging to F. W. Taylor collided with the fence on the south side of London Road opposite the Reservoir. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage amounting to £1 16s. 4d.
- 5—Extension of Main—Badgeworth Road—The Borough Engineer reported that 17 tenders had been received for laying this extension and that the Chairman had accepted the lowest tender of Messrs. F. G. Hanney and Sons of £197. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to the contract.
- 6—Conference—The Committee further considered circular from the British Waterworks Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual conference to be held at Belfast from the 21st to 25th July. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.
- 7—Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the portions of the report of the District Auditor for the year ended the 31st March, 1930. (a) Income—The Auditor recommended that the charges and sums collectable should be entered in the rate books by the staff either in the Water Department or the Borough Treasurer's Department, preferably the latter, and not by the rate collectors as at present. RESOLVED, That it be suggested to the Finance Committee that it might be arranged for the special water charges and the charges for the out parishes to be written up by the staff in the Water Department, but that the Committee did not think it necessary to make any alteration in respect of the charges based on gross estimated rentals.
- (b) Stores—The Auditor drew attention that the stores at Sandford were generally kept by a storeman mechanic, but that in times of emergency, the foreman who lives on the premises also made certain issues and he recommended that in any re-arrangement of duties or increase in staff, that the stores be definitely placed under the control of a store-keeper. He also recommended that an annual stock-taking by an independent stock taker should be instituted. The Borough Engineer reported that there was no prospect of re-arrangement of staff to warrant this course being adopted as the work was not sufficient to require the services of a special store-keeper, but that an independent annual stock taking would be made as recommended,
- (c) Rechargeable Work—The Auditor recommended that the account for this work should be kept separate so that the debits could be compared with the credits. The Borough Engineer reported that the items for the year under audit only amounted to £20 and were made up of three private works, namely—a main to the hospital, meter repairs at Tewkesbury and the hire of a lorry for use in connection with fitting up polling

stations at Cheltenham, but arrangements would be made to meet the auditor's requirements.

8—Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands Farm—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had advertised the shooting rights and submitted two offers received, both being for £25 per annum. RESOLVED, That the tenderers be asked to quote again and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the highest tender.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Capt. Trye, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) supt. Goulder's Report—Supt. Goulder reported that the Borough was now free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Great Britain (Foot and Mouth Disease) Regulation of Movement Order, 1931 which had been published as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

2—Market —Read, Report of the **Market Sub-Committee** at their meeting held on the 16th inst. Present—Alderman Stewart and Councillor Capt. Trye.

They recommended that a portion of the boundary wall adjoining the premises belonging to Mr. F. J. Rouse be removed subject to Mr. Rouse paying the cost of removing the wall and to his entering into an agreement to pay an acknowledgement of 1s in respect of the six windows in his premises overlooking the market, also that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary steps to prevent trespass on the remaining parts of the wall.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Traffic Control. --Read, Report of the **Traffic Sub-Committee** at their meeting held on the 15th inst. Present—Councillors Pruen, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for one-way traffic orders as follows :—
COLONNADE—One-way traffic from High Street (traffic coming down the Promenade to go via Clarence Street) ; CLARENCE STREET—One-way traffic from Clarence Lamp to High Street ; NORTH STREET—One-way traffic from High Street to Albion Street PITTVILLE STREET—One-way traffic from Albion Street to High Street, WINCHCOMB STREET—One-way traffic from High Street to Albion Street. (A plan accompanies the Minutes).

(b) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a census taken of the traffic in High Street between Cambray and Bath Road, and Bath Road, Bath Street and Cambray ; and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a one-way traffic order for the portion of High Street from Bath Road to Cambray, and that traffic coming from the east be diverted via Bath Road, Bath Street and Cambray, and that traffic coming from the west go direct along High Street.

(c) Automatic Traffic Signals—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain an estimate of the cost of installing traffic signals at the following crossings —

(1) Junction of Park Place and Andover Road

(2) Junction of Suffolk Parade and Great Norwood Street.

(3) Junction of Bath Road and Thirlestaine Road.

RESOLVED, That recommendations (a) and (c) be approved and adopted, but that consideration of recommendation (b) in regard to making a one-way traffic order in respect of a portion of High Street between Bath Road and Cambray be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

4—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908--Applications for licences under this Act were received from Messrs. W. G. Constable and Stanley Yates, both of Messrs. Yates & Sons of 432 High Street in place of the licence held by the late Mr. W. Yates, RESOLVED, That the applications be granted and that licences be issued for the period ending 5th June, 1932 to sell and keep open shop at 432 High Street for the sale of poisonous substances to which Section 2 of the Act applies exclusively in connection with horticulture.

5—Parking of Charabancs—Read, letter of 13th inst., from the Black and White Motorways Ltd. to Supt Goulder that the Company would be pleased to allow motor coaches and cars to park at their motor coach station at St. Margaret's at a charge of 1s a motor coach and 6d. a car per day, and Supt. Goulder reported that he would take steps to draw the attention of visiting motor coaches to the facilities offered.

6—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire.

Date. Place. Cause. Damage. Brigade Expenses.

21st May 6 Rosehill Street Defective chimney and roof Slight £3 16s 0d.

5th June 1 Victoria Place Accidental Slight £3 16s 0d.

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(b) The Captain also reported that on the 21st May the Brigade was called to a supposed fire at a shop in High Street, but no trace of any fire could be found. Read also, report from Supt. Goulder of the enquiries made and star by Edward Thomas Broom aged 16, a son of one of the firemen, who gave the alarm and George Cook aged 23 RESOLVED, That proceedings be not taken in this instance, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to warn E. Broom against repeating the offence.

(c) Bishops Cleeve and Southam and Brockhampton—The Town Clerk reported on the applications for the provision of the services of the brigade for these parishes, and recommended that the Corporation should provide the services of the brigade to Bishops Cleeve on payment of a retaining fee of £9 per annum and to Southam and Brockhampton on payment of a retaining fee of £5 per annum. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and the Common Seal affixed to the agreements.

(d) Charlton Kings and Cheltenham Rural District—The Town Clerk reported that the agreements with Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council provided for contribute towards the expenses of the brigade based on their proportion of assessable value, and, as under the provisions of the De-rating Act assessable value had been done away with he recommended that the two Councils should be to agree to population being substituted for assessable value RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7 Shops Acts—The Town Clerk submitted reports received from the Shops Inspector of contravention of the Shop Acts by K. Young and W. Vick of 43 and 46 Winchcomb Street respectively. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn the shop keepers that proceedings will be taken against them if any further breach is reported and that the Shops Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under observation.

8—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Rex Burchell to place an advertisement board outside the Municipal Offices be granted subject to the size of the board not exceeding that of the boards already fixed on the railings.

9—Parking Places—Promenade—The Town Clerk reported with reference to the damage to the balustrading near the War Memorial by a motor car on the 16th inst., that the Insurance Company had offered £10 in settlement of the cost making good the damage. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

10—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Frederick Wright Ltd., The Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., and the Glico Petroleum Co. Ltd. to store 500, 500 and 17,500 gallons respectively at their respective premises in New Street, Dunalley Street and the G.W.R. Goods Yard be granted.

11—Police Establishment—The Committee further considered the letter from the Clerk to the County Council submitting revised draft agreement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Gardom that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to enter into a fresh agreement provided this is strictly limited to the modernising of the old agreement, and does not contain any modification of terms which would increase the present liability of the Corporation except with regard to the contribution towards the cost of reserves.

12—Street Trading—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the resolution of the Chamber of Commerce requesting the Council to do anything possible to

regulate street trading. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Goulder be instructed to see that street vendors did not congregate outside shops selling similar goods-

13—Factory Acts—Read, letter of the 19th ult., from H.M. Inspector of Factories stating that Messrs. E. Mayo and Co's workshop in Selkirk Street was not provided with suitable means of escape in case of fire and the Borough Surveyor reported that the Building Inspector had inspected the premises and did not see anything to call attention to but as there were less than 40 persons employed on the premises, it was not a matter which the Corporation could deal with under the Acts. . RESOLVED, That H.M. Inspector of Factories be informed accordingly.

14—Hackney Carriage Licences—The Town Clerk submitted list of hackney carriage licences not taken up. RESOLVED. That Superintendent Goulder be instructed to take proceedings against any person found plying a hackney carriage for hire without a licence, and that the licences be informed accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGEETT.

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, J. F. Ward and Yarnold ; and Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Allotments—Bad Condition—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of Allotments Nos. 20 and 21 Crab Tree Piece and No. 43 Alma Road, which were reported to be in a bad state of cultivation.

2—Allotment No. 48 Albert Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from the tenant of this allotment that the same had been waterlogged for the last six months. RESOLVED, That he be offered the first vacant allotment at Crab Tree Piece.

J. F. WARD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—Gift of Stones—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., of 16 for the removal of the stones, given by Mr. H. Bradbury, from Bentham to Sandford Park be accepted.

2---St. Mark's Recreation Ground—(a) Custodian—The Chairman reported that this man had met with an accident after leaving his work on the 17th ult. RESOLVED, That he be paid full wages for a fortnight, and half wages for a further fortnight as an ex gratia payment.

(b) Cricket—RESOLVED, That the application of the Headmaster for the Central School boys to play Cricket at this Recreation Ground on Saturday mornings and for net practice on one evening during the week be granted.

3 --Lawn Mower-- -The Town Clerk reported that he had received four complaints of the noise made by the motor lawn mower used on the Pittville Estate. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to have the lawns mowed during the mornings when possible.

4—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Custodian—Mr Reid attended and asked that more assistance should be given him. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are unable to give him any further assistance than at present given.

5—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That applications for football pitches for the next season be considered at the July Meeting of the Committee and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Clubs accordingly.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th June, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Winterbotham; Councillor Capt. Trye; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. MOP (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During April and May 5,652 (against 6,517). Included in these figures were parties from Pate's Grammar School (9), and St. Mary's Training College (14). Receipts—Catalogues, " Friends of Gallery and Museum " Fund, etc., £4 0s. 0d.

2—National Art-Collections Fund—The Curator reported on his visit to Corfe with regard to the Venetian Architectural Sculpture, and read his subsequent correspondence with Sir Robert Witt thereon. RESOLVED, That the matter be left in abeyance.

3—Donations—From Mrs. R. S. de Havilland (per Dr. John Howell), Medal of Royal Old Wells, Cheltenham ; Mr. H. G. Ellyatt, Psuedo-Meteorite ; Mr. Herbert Hill, Flints, etc. ; Mr. A. K. Muirhead, Plaster Cast of head of Bhudda (Graeco-Syrian) and part of Toy from Ur of Chaldees ; Miss T. Flower Mills, Cheltenham Banner carried in the Suffrage processions in London ; Miss E. Nalder, Flag used on the " Bellerophon" commanded by Captain Cooke in the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805 ; Mrs. Tooke-Hales, Leeds Armorial

Earthenware jug, Bristol Opal glass jug and Staffordshire China Figure of Shakespeare ; and Dr. Oliver H. Wild, Oleograph, "Linen Market and West Bow, Edinburgh.

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

4—Loan—From Miss Costley, picture by Birket Foster.

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

5—Future Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for the loan of (a) The Herbert Powell Collection of English Watercolours ; (b) a display by the Cotswold Art Club.

6—Museums Association—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Conference at Plymouth from 6th to 11th July.

7—Ventilating Fan—RESOLVED, That the Curator be allowed to spend a sum not exceeding 50s in having the Art Gallery Fan restarted.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th June, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; and Councillor Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the month ending 26th June, 1931. Interments 52 ; Grave Spaces sold 21 (First Position 3, Second Position 2, Fourth Position 16); Memorials fixed 16; New Inscriptions 11.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8432 to 8452 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Cemetery—Mowing—RESOLVED That the Cemetery Superintendent be authorised to engage two temporary men to assist in the mowing.

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4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Muriel Elizabeth Holland Goodeve, George and Leah Chambers, and William Edward Thomson ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of George Osborne Cleveley William Cleveley and Betsy Moss Cleveley, Joseph Crisp, Jane Tovey, George and Emma Taylor, and George Robert Mogg ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to grave of William Edward Sharp and Fred Sharp; Memorial Cross to grave of Martha Alpass Memorial Flat Stone to grave of Marie Campbell Kerbing and

Posts to graves of Clara Jane Mason, Mary Ann Davey, and Mary Rutherford Clark ;
Kerbing to graves of Reginald Dudley Pearce, Constance Jane Hook, James Ellis
Ponting and Sarah Ann Ponting, and Phoebe Payne.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, [.]1th June, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; and Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts—£11 18s. 6d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 4,704 (last year 6,240) ; Lending Department 15,946 (last year 15,129) ; Junior Department 2,824 (last year 795). Total for month 23,474 (last year 22,164).

Medical Library—The Local Medical Association, having had a room placed at its disposal at the General Hospital, will transfer its collection of medical reference books from the Library to the Hospital in the course of the next three months.

Monthly Book Lists—The Librarian suggested that, as a large Exhibition of secondhand and other books will be held in the Winter Gardens simultaneously with the Library Association Conference, the purchase of books until that date be considerably curtailed as an opportunity of more economical purchasing would be available.

Donations—Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (57 vols.) ; Co-operative Press Agency (1 vol.) ; B. Fraser & Co. (1 vol.) ; The Ladies' College (1 vol.) ; Mr. L. Laurence (1 vol.) ; The Librarian (2 vols.) ; William Macdonald & Co, (2 vols.) ; Miss Mott (13 vols.) ; Mr. Partridge (2 vols.) ; Mr. G. D. Smith (2 vols.) ; Dr. E. W. Wilkins (1 vol.) ; and Rev. J. B. Winterbotham, M.A. (81 vols.).

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

2—Jubilee Tower- - RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be asked to inspect and report as to the condition of the stonework

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 141 vols., published at £59 1s. 0d. be purchased for £40 17s. 0d.

(b) That the purchase of " Halsbury Statutes of England," 20 vols., out of the Leslie Young Bequest Fund be not entertained at present.

(c) That the sum of 020 be spent on Replacements.

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

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. Joseph E. Willett to present "Bible Truth," monthly be accepted with thanks.

5—Shorthand-Typist—RESOLVED, That the wages of Miss D. E. Parry be increased from 22s 6d to 27s 6d as from the 8th inst.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th June, 1931. Present—The Mayor ;
Councillors Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of rates, and gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly instalments were regularly paid,

3—Valuation Lists—Second New Valuation—The Town Clerk submitted memorandum from the Central Valuation Committee on the promotion of uniformity in valuation which had been prepared with a view to assisting local authorities in the work of the second new valuation list which would come into force on the 1st April, 1934. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain what the County Valuation Committee proposed with regard to engagement of Rating Valuers.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th June, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Miller and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £46,742 15s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £74,732 12s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £8,767 17s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £11,143 8s. 9d.

3—Housing Bonds - - (a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £305 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Housing Bonds for £1,610 had been renewed at the above rate.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during May, 1931 was 4,921 as compared with 3,677 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions :—

Date, 1931,	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
27th May	Erection of 5 houses, Folly Lane	£1,786	60 years
4th June	Land—Marle Hill Estate	£4,040	60 “
4th “	Allotments “	£1,010	60 “
4th “	Buildings “	£1,515	30 “
9th “	Roads (Shakespeare and Shelley Roads and cul-de-sac therefrom)	£3,393	20 “
9th “	Sewers “ “	£694	30 “
13th “	Electricity Mains and Services	£10,000	25 “

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6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Moore, Councillors Leigh James and Miller.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,400 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £22,419 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

8—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the post of draftsman in the Electricity Department being designated an established post for the purposes of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922.

(b) J. Phelps—The Borough Treasurer reported that J. Phelps had been absent through illness for four months and now submitted certificate from Dr. W. A. Hutton that he was incapable of further manual work. He was entitled to a superannuation allowance of 7s 6d per week after 20 years service and also to a refund of his contributions with interest at 3 per cent. amounting to £25. RESOLVED, That the pension and contributions be paid to him.

9--Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the remaining items not already dealt with in the Auditor's Report of the accounts for the year ended the 31st March, 1930. Read, also, letter from the Ministry of Health of the 28th ult., asking to be furnished with the Council's observations on Parts II (b) and (c), IV 2 and 4, V, VII and XI to XIX and of the steps proposed to be taken to meet the criticisms and recommendations in the report. RESOLVED, (a) Education Accounts—That the Auditor's recommendation that internal audit should be extended to the Education accounts be referred to the Education Committee for consideration.

(b) Water Charges—That the Borough Engineer be instructed to arrange for the Water Department to check the water charges in the Rate Book when written up by the Rates department.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 23rd July, 1931.

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 27th day of July, 1931, 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 Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

Application from Jacob Studt Junior & Sons, for use of Market for pleasure fair on 18, 19 & 21, September next. Application for Cinematograph Licence for new building to be

erected on site of Congregational Church in Winchcomb Street. ALLOTMENTS
COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND
MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE
JOINT HOUSING AND PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEES FINANCE
COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held
at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th July, 1931, at 3 p.m.**

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles
Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore and Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B.,
B.S., Lipson, M.A., Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L.
Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart and Councillor
Leigh James.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town
Council held on the 1st June, 1931, 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 June 8

Housing Meetings held June 9 & 16

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 6 with reference to additional land at St. Mark's be referred back for further consideration," was lost)

Street and Highway Meeting held June 22

Town Planning Meetings held June 4 & 25

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held June 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Allen : " That Minute No. 4 with reference to Spa Manager be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 4 with reference to Spa Manager be not approved and that consideration of the question of appointing an Entertainments and Spa Manager be referred to a Sub-Committee of three with power to act," was withdrawn)

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 24

Water Meeting held June 24

TEWKESBURY WATERWORKS-The Town Clerk reported that application had been made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant in aid of the Scheme for providing Pumping Machinery, Filter Beds and Pumping Main at or in connection with the Tewkesbury Waterworks at an estimated cost of £40,000. Resolved, That application be also made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan of £40,000 for these works.

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 23

Allotments Meeting held June 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 8

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 12

Burial Board Meeting held June 26

Public Library Meeting held June 4

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Rating Meeting held June 29

Finance Meeting held June 30

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor E. L. Ward : " That Minute No. 9 (b) be amended and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to

arrange for the water charges in the outside areas to be written up by the Water Department and also to check the special water charges in the Borough." 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, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Councillor Scott Langley be re-appointed a representative of the Council on the Delancey Hospital Trustees for the term of three years expiring 2nd July, 1934.

4--Sandford Park—Broadcast—Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. Vernal to install a loudspeaker in Sandford Park on Saturday, 11th inst. to broadcast speeches in connection with the Disarmament Conference be granted.

5--Sports Rally—Resolved, That no objection be made to the Combined Sports Association applying for a licence to sell intoxicating liquors in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the occasion of the Sports Rally on the 25th inst.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MEETING of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 27th 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 3rd July, 1931, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen and E. L. Ward (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 11 Hatherley Place ; 1 to 7 Carlton Place ; 64 and 65 Upper Norwood 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) 372, Poplar Cottage, 166, 167 and 167 ½ High Street ; and 11 Hatherley 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 specifications of the work required to be done, RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices 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) 167, 167 ½ (and cottage at rear) and 168 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted application from the owners of these premises asking the Corporation to execute the drainage work required in respect thereof and apportion the cost between the owners. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the most favourable tender. Tenders have been obtained and the Chairman has accepted the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son of £85 17s. 8d., being the lowest,

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-24 and 25 Lypiatt Street ; 8 Naunton Crescent and 8, 9 and 10 Old Millbrook 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.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 12 lbs. Mutton ; 7 lbs. Tinned Food ; and 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Fish.

4—Notice not complied with—The Sanitary Inspector submitted a Notice requiring the provision of an ash receptacle, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 4 Bennington Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement dwelling of this house which did not comply with the regulations prescribed by the Corporation under Housing Acts. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned part of the said building or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit and that notice be served upon the person having control of the house, owner thereof, and mortgagee, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof will be considered by the Council when any of the above mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

(b) 1 and 2 home Cottages, Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

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6----Insanitary Property-(a) 5 Mossleigh Terrace- The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, the sanitary work required to be done at

these premises had been executed to his satisfaction by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons at a cost of £23 17s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the owner for payment,

(b) 15 Ewlyn Terrace—Rea-- from the owner of this house in regard to the notice served upon him under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930 to execute certain works at these premises, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Sanitary Inspector.

7-Abattoir—The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws for the abattoir and private slaughter-houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

8--Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain tenders for printing this Report and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

9—Public Convenience—Clarence Parade—RESOLVED, That the application of the British Automatic Company Ltd., to place a weighing machine in the Ladies' Lavatory, Clarence Parade be granted subject to payment of a rental of per annum.

10—Flooding—(a) Read, letters-from Major Brooke-Murray, The Rev. C. Cousens Petch, and Messrs, E. H. E. Hope and E. W. Moore in regard to the recent flooding and damage to their properties caused by the storm on the 14th ult. Major Brooke-Murray and The Rev. C. Cousens Petch attended the Committee. Read, also, report of the Borough Surveyor thereon. He that the rainfall recorded varied from 1.32 inches at Montpellier to 2.08 inches at the Hewletts, and that only 0.75 of an inch was registered at Dowdeswell. The level of the lake at Pittville Gardens rose about 4 feet. The flooding at Sandford Mill Road and Old Bath Road was mainly due to the overflow of the Lilleybrook and the Chelt above Sandford Mill. He suggested several possible remedies but had not yet had time to make a full investigation report. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to a further report thereon including a report as to the surcharging of the sewers in the districts adjoining the

(b) Cleeve View Road—Read, memorial from the residents in this road stating that on the occasion of the storm on the 14th ult., the gardens at the back of their houses were flooded by the rain which fell on the meadow adjoining their property, and asking the Corporation to take steps to have the meadow properly drained, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the memorialists pointing out that the Corporation had no power to underdrain private property, and that was not practical to provide drains to deal with such exceptionally heavy rainfall as that which fell on the 14th ult.

(c) Park Place District—Read, letters from Messrs. W. A. Finch, H. E. Wakefield and Miss Dutton that their premises were flooded again on the 14th ult. Read, also, letter of 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Health asking for the Council's observations on a letter which they had received from Col. J. H. Houghton of Overdale, Painswick Road,

complaining of the flooding at his premises on the 14th ult., and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Ministry of Health out that Col. Houghton's property was in the area in respect of which application had already been made for a loan for re sewerage and surface water drainage. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Green Willows, The Park—Read, letter of 16th ult., from Messrs. Crawfords in regard to the flooding of these premises, and urging the Corporation to take immediate steps to enlarge the sewer, and the Town Clerk reported that he had pointed out to Messrs. Crawfords that this house was also in the area for which a scheme had been submitted to the Ministry.

(e) Hayden Green—Read, letter of 16th ult., from Mr. C. Mason, stating that on the 14th ult., his garden was flooded by storm water. Read, also, report of the Borough Surveyor thereon He reported that the flooding was caused by a pipe under the approach road having become blocked with stones and bricks, and that this had now been cleared.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th July, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Moore: Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Smith, J. P. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pales in the chair).

1-Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Sub-committee at their meeting held on the 3rd inst. Present. Councillors Pates (in the chair), Dr. Hayward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold They recommended as follows :—

(a) 8 Kingsley Gardens --That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this house re-decorated

(b) 15 Kingsley Gardens—That the plan of a garage at these premises be approved.

(c) 51 Whaddon Avenue That the **View Sub-Committee** inspect the fence erected by the tenant which was reported to encroach on the passage-way between the houses
RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

2—Housing Programme—Read, Circular from the Association of Municipal Corporations with reference to the complaints made in the House of Commons that some local authorities were not taking active steps to deal with the housing requirements of their areas, urging local authorities to carry out their obligations under the Housing Acts

Messrs. Rainger & Rogers reported that the houses at St. Mark's were nearing completion and submitted plan showing the land belonging to the Corporation which was vacant and ready for development. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be instructed to submit lay-out scheme and plans for the erection of houses on the further extension of Shakespeare Road and a portion of Brooklyn Road and cul-de-sac off Brooklyn Road.

3—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—Messrs. Rainger & Rogers submitted plan and alternative estimates for fencing along the backs of the houses in Pilley Crescent. RESOLVED, That the architects be instructed to provide an unclimbable iron fence at a cost of £22 16s 0d.

4—Rents—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement prepared in accordance with the rules under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, of the rents of all the houses erected and let under this act.

RESOLVED, That the rents be reduced as follows :---

	Present		Proposed	
	Rent	Rates	Rent	Rates
65 2 bedroom houses, St. Paul's	5s 9d	2s 9d	5s 3d	2s
48 2 bedroom houses, Whaddon Lane and Pilley Lane	6s 3d	2s 9d	5s 9d	2s 3d
19 3 bedroom houses, St. Paul's	7s 6d	3s 3d	7s	3s 3d
131 3 bedroom houses, St. Paul's	7s 3d	3s	6s 9d	3s
142 3 bedroom houses, Whaddon Lane and Pilley Lane	7s 9d	3s	7s 3d	3s 3d
2 3 bedroom houses, Pilley Lane	8s	4s	7s 9d	3s 6d
71 3 bedroom houses, St. Mark's ...	9s 6d	plus rates.	9s	plus rates.

RESOLVED, also, That the rents of the houses in course of erection on the Plough Gardens site be 6s 9d plus 3s rates for a three bedroom house, and 5s 3d plus 2s rates for a two bedroom house. RESOLVED, also. That the 56 houses in course of erection on the extension of Shakespeare and Shelley Roads and the cul-de-c of Shelley Road be 10s 6d for a three bedroom house and 8s 6d for a two bedroom house, both exclusive of rates. RESOLVED, also, That the reductions take effect as from the 18th and 20th July as the case may be.

5—Land in Hand—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the thistles and weeds cut in the field No. 396 and the small piece of land at the rear of the houses on the South side of Spenser Road.

6—Sales of Houses—The following offers were reported :—

Name.	House.	Price.
Mr. W. H. Foster ...	45 Shakespeare Road	£530
Mr. H. Bristow ...	47 " "	£530
Mr. C. T. Crosby ...	53 " "	£530
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas	54 " "	£530

RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted and the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sales RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the purchasers of Nos. 45, 47 and 53 Shakespeare Road in Mortgages for advances 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 Mortgages.

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7-10 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter from the owner of No. 12 Shakespeare Road, complaining that the adjoining owner was causing a nuisance through keeping fowls and that the fowl houses had been erected without plans having been submitted and approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that in the meantime, the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner of No. 10 Shakespeare Road with regard to the buildings erected without approval.

8—Outbuildings—RESOLVED, That the plan of outbuilding at No. 59 Kipling Road be approved.

9—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—Loan £34,042—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was an over expenditure on this loan amounting to £1,153. The Town Clerk stated that in the application for the loan the sum of £171 only was included for contingences and architects' fees instead of the usual 5 per cent. for contingences and 1 ½ per cent. for architects' fees amounting to £2,200. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,153 for the excess expenditure.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Pates, P. T. Smith and J. F. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

10—Houses, Plough Gardens—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health approving of Nos. 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 Folly Lane, Nos. 1 to 7 and 36 to 43 Crab Tree Place being allocated to the purposes of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924.

11-27 Kipling Road—Read, letter from the Building Society that the borrowers were over two months in arrear with their payments. RESOLVED, That the Building Society be asked to inform the borrowers that unless the arrears are paid, instructions will be given to realise the security.

12—Sales of Houses—(a) 10 Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the Council agree to sell this house to Mr. A. G. Cook of 2 Gloucester Cottages, Gloucester Road at the price of £375.

(b) 48 Shakespeare Road—RESOLVED, That the Council agree to sell this house to Mr. A. H. Bowle of 69 Byron Road at the price of £530. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the

Ministry of Health for consent to the sales, 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, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgages.

13—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) New Houses—Mr. Rainger submitted plans and lay-out for the erection of 58 houses of the same type as now being erected in the Cul-de-Sac off Shelley Road. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the erection of these houses. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit estimates of the cost of the new roads and sewers required for the lay-out.

(b) Spare Land—RESOLVED,. That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit plan showing spare land on the Estate available for football pitches and that a pitch thereon be let to Messrs. Smiths Systems Ltd. for next season for the sum of £4 and that an advertisement be issued inviting applications for other pitches available.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1931. Present—The Mayor ;
Councillors Lipson, Pates, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Workmens' Hours etc.—Messrs. T. Hurley (District Secretary), and Mr. G. F. Tawney (Local Secretary) of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, and Mr. C. Searson and Mr. T. H. Brown attended in support of the application for a reduction of the hours to 47 per week without loss of pay and for the men to leave work at 12 noon on Saturdays. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous recommendation that the application be not granted.

2--Advertisement Board—Read, complaints of the large advertisement board erected in North Place in the fore court of Messrs J. Lance and Co's repository for which no application or plans had been submitted. RESOLVED, That the Black and White Motorways Ltd. be required to remove the advertisement hoarding which contravenes the Advertisement Byelaws, and that failing removal, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceeding against the Company.

3—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Wickham's Pharmacies Ltd., and Mr. J. Little to fix projecting signs outside their premises at 139 and 244 Bath Road, and 4 Brunswick Place, St Paul's Road respectively be granted subject to the usual conditions.

- 4--Traffic Signs --Read, letter of 10th inst., from the National Citizens' Union suggesting that "slow" signals should be placed at the following road junctions :—Cemetery Road—Harp Hill ; Old Bath Road—Naunton Park Road ; Queen's Road—Christ Church Road, and that steps should be taken to improve the corner at the junction of Charlton Lane and Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that these are necessary.
- 5—Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor reported that the remainder of the tramways in the Borough had now been reinstated but a number of tramway poles had not yet been removed. RESOLVED, That the Company be asked to remove these
- 6—Road Sweepings—The Borough Surveyor reported that a new tip was required for the road sweepings for the north side of the Borough, and that Mr. H. Carter of Cakebridge Farm, Prestbury Road, was willing to allow the sweepings to be tipped in his field on payment of £1 per quarter. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.
- 7—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the laying of the electric cables on both sides of this street, he proposed to arrange for several lengths of the footpath to be relaid. RESOLVED, That this be approved.
- 8—Private Improvement Works—(a) Carlton Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this road amounting to £23 11s. 3d. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that demand for payment be served upon the owners named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. be made to each owner on the amount apportioned provided payment is made within one month of the service of the demand.
- (b) Portland Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath in Portland Terrace. 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,

J. H. TRY E. Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th July, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham. Councillors Leigh James, Lipson, J. F. Ward and Yarnold ; Masdames E. Grist, E. C. Gurney and G. Mellersh (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association--(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1931

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	38.0	23.3
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	19.0	15.0
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	42.5	46.3
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	18.0	25.0

A Garden Party for mothers from the Welfare Centres and from Shurdington was held at Charlton Park on the 23rd June last, at which over 130 mothers were present.

A model Welfare Centre was shown at the Rural Communities Fete at Pittville Park on the 27th June last.

The attendances at all the Centres had considerably increased particularly at Highbury where the average attendance showed an increase of 21, the highest ever reached.

(b) Annual Report—A copy of the 22nd Annual Report for the year ended 31st March last was submitted.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1931 —

No. of Children on Register	2,482
Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	687
“ “ (over 1 year)	576
Un-notified Births discovered	3
“ Still-births „	1
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,835
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	160
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	65
Children remitted to Hospital	10
Ante-natal cases visited ...	43
Chicken Pox cases visited ...	4
Whooping Cough cases visited	5
Measles cases visited	1

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 35 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 48 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter .	44	4
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	43	5

3—Midwives Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that notice of intention to practice had been received from Miss Evelyn Lavinia Hensby of the Victoria Home.

(b) The number of intimations received from Midwives that medical help had been required during the period 1st April to 15th July was 69.

The total of Doctor's fees paid for the period from 1st April, 1930 to 17th July, 1931 was £113 10s. 6d. Amount rechargeable to patients £45 14s. 0d. of which £17 8s. 3d. had been received leaving a balance of £28 5s. 9d. outstanding.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from midwives during the period 1st April to 15th July, 1931. Still-births 9 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 5 ; Liability to be a source of infection 2

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4 -- Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Lily Elizabeth Bayliss for 1 Cotswold Lawn, Painswick Road to be registered as a Nursing and Maternity Home under the Act. He recommended that the application be granted, limited to not exceeding 5 cases. RESOLVED, That the premises be registered for not exceeding 5 cases.

5—Birth Control—The Town Clerk submitted further Memorandum of the 14th July, 1931 (Circular 1208) on this subject and the Committee gave the Medical Officer of Health instructions thereon.

6—Local Government Act, 1929—Sections 93 and 101--Read, letter from the Ministry of Health that it was proposed that the sum set aside out of the County apportionment for Cheltenham should be increased to £750 as from 1st April last and asked that the scheme under sub-section (4) of section 101 should be revised so as to provide for payment to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association of the sum of £265 and in addition 10s 6d per case for ante-natal opinions given by Doctors at the Victoria Home in respect of patients of doctors and midwives other than those employed at the Home, in lieu of the payment of £80 provided in the present Order. RESOLVED, That an order be made accordingly under the Common Seal.

7—Midwives in National Maternity Service—Read, letter from the Joint Committee of Association to promote the interests of mothers and midwives. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

8—Measles—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to send for treatment at Delancey Hospital children under 5 years of age suffering from measles in cases where he is of opinion that proper treatment cannot be provided in the home.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th July, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Capt. Trye and Yarnold; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3189	Prince, Miss	Motor House, Mead Road.
3190	Bendall & Sons	10 semi-detached houses, Mead Road
3191	Waghorne, J. R.	Cycle Shed, Mead Road.
3192	Cheltenham Corporation	Five houses, Folly Lane.
3193	Hunter-Gandy, Mrs.	Motor House, Heath Lodge, Pittville Circus Road.
3194	Whitby, Mrs. A. E.	Motor House, Elville, The Park.
3195	Dixon, F.	Addition to room, Orchard House, Painswick Read.
3196	Gilbert, Col. C. E	Motor House, Kirkstone, Painswick Road.
3197	Haddon, J. H.	Motor House, Westbury, Wellington Square.
3198	W. Dodwell	Roofing over space in front of Helensborough, 21 Grosvenor Street.
3199	Bennett, F. A.	Motor House, Roseville, College Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3189, 3190, 3191, 3192, 3194, 3195, 3196 and 3197 be approved That No. 3199 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plans Nos. 3193 and 3198 be not approved.

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2—Town Planning Area—(a) Plan—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
231	Cole, W. J.	Garage, Kennan, Park Estate, Prestbury.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 231 be approved subject to the condition that the owner shall remove the building behind the building line, without compensation, if and when required.

3—Committee—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council that Mr. G. McIlquham had resigned as their representative on this Committee and that the County Highways Committee had appointed Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, O.B.E, in his place.

4—Town Planning Scheme—Objections—Cheltenham Rural District Council—Read, Report of the Sub-Committee held on the 2nd inst. Present—Councillors E. L. Ward (in the chair) and Capt. Trye ; Capt. Leschallas and A. Wiggett.

The following attended :—Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co, for Mrs. Lloyd Evans, the Trustees of the will of the late Mr. Bubb, Mrs. Noblett, and Mr. Hoperaft ; Mr. Walford in respect of the objections made by Canon Sears, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and himself ; Mr. J. K. Troughton for Mr. G. B. Pease ; Mr. Elgey ; Col. Morse ; Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne on behalf of the Trustees of the will of the late Mr. J. Hewinson ; Mr. A. Hewinson ; Mr. J. Bubb ; and Mr. Hoperaft.

Messrs. Bruton Knowles objected to the back land belonging to Mrs. Lloyd Evans being scheduled as an open space, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the views of the Town Planning Sub-Committee of the Cheltenham Rural District Council be obtained.

Mr. Walford objected to the proposed by-pass through Leckhampton and suggested that the Gloucester-Oxford Road (via Crickley Hill, etc.) would serve the through traffic, The Sub-Committee recommended that the line of the proposed road be adhered to.

Mr. Troughton objected to the line of the proposed by-pass road near Up Hatherley which he contended would depreciate the amenities of Coney Gree. It was pointed out that the proposed road was over 300 yards from the house and would be well screened by hedges and an orchard, and that it was not possible to alter the line owing to the bridge over the railway, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the line of the road be adhered to.

Mr. Elgey asked that the rounding off of the corner of the junction of the proposed by-pass road and Leckhampton Road should be altered so as not to interfere with his garden, but on considering the matter with the Sub-Committee Mr. Elgey withdrew his objection.

Col. Morse stated that the proposed walk to a view point on Shurdington Hill was shown along a private footpath, and asked that the bridle road should be used instead, and objected to the view point being scheduled as a public open space. Col. Morse stated that it would meet his objections if he had a letter definitely stating that when the scheme was approved he would be entitled to claim compensation for any depreciation which could be shown to be caused by the view point being scheduled as an open space. The Sub-Committee recommended that he be given this assurance, and also that the bridle road be substituted for the short length of private footpath and the plan amended accordingly.

Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne asked that the land fronting to Shurdington Road should be scheduled at four houses per acre instead of two as was provided for on the opposite side of the road. They also objected to the widening of the road through Shurdington. The Sub-Committee recommended that the land belonging to Mr. Hewinson in Shurdington Road should be amended to four houses per acre, but that the proposed widening of the road through the village be adhered to.

Mr. Bubb and Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. asked that the proposed walk connecting the view points of Shurdington and Crickley Hills should be removed from the scheme so far as it affected the property of the late Mr. Bubb on various grounds, and the Sub-Committee recommended that consideration be adjourned for the Town Planning Assistant to make a further inspection and report.

Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. and Mr. Hoperaft suggested that the proposed by-pass at Southam should be diverted a little higher up the hill in order to protect the amenities of the village, and the Sub-Committee recommended that consideration be adjourned in order that the necessary surveys may be made and the views of the County Surveyor obtained.

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

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th July, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara P. Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and Yarnold; Capt. Leschallas, Major Shakspeare; Messrs, G. E. Arthurs and A. Wiggett (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

5—Plans of New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3188	Albany Ward Theatres Ltd,	Cinema Theatre, Winchcomb Street.
3193	Hunter-Gandy, Mrs.	Motor House, Heath Lodge, Pittville Circus Road (Amended Plan).
3198	Dodwell, W.	Roofing over space in front of Helensborough, 21 Grosvenor Street (Amended Plan).
3200	Parker, J.	Roofing over open space between Workshop and soup kitchen, New Street.
3201	Mitchell, J.	Cycle Shed, 132 Gloucester Road.
3202	Christopher, G. R.	Tool Shed, 1 Mead Road.
3203	Varnish, A. C.	Motor House, Beaconsfield, Hewlett Road.
3204	Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.	Timber Store Shed, Rutland Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3200 and 3202 be approved ; That Albany Ward Theatres Ltd, be informed that the Committee are prepared to approve of Plan No. 3188 so far as the building is concerned as soon as satisfactory plans of the drainage have been submitted but that such approval must not be taken as implying that a licence will be granted, as the granting of a licence does not concern this Committee ; That Plans Nos. 3193 and 3203 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the

footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor; That Plan No. 3204 be approved subject to Messrs Sharpe & Fisher entering into an Agreement to reimburse to the Corporation any additional cost which may be at any time incurred in getting access to the sewer in consequence of the building being erected thereover ; and That Plans Nos. 3198 and 3201 be not approved,

6—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
232	Bendall, W. A.	2 Bungalows, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington,
233	Roberts, Mrs.	Additions, Morningside Cottage, Mill Lane, Prestbury.
234	Smith, Miss P.	Bungalow, Hedges Lane, Woodmancote.
235	Badham, P.	Extensions, Charlesville, Cleeve Hill.
236	Cresswell, R.	Shop, Cedar Lodge, Hedges Lane, Woodmancote.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 232, 233 and 234 be approved; That Plan No. 236 be approved subject to an undertaking to remove at any time after three years if and when required ; and That Plan No 235 be not approved.

(b) Plan No. 217—This Plan for the supply of Electricity to Kingsditch Lane, Arle and Uckington was considered by the Committee and it was RESOLVED, That the Electricity Undertaking should be asked to undertake to set back poles numbered 64 to 68 behind the building line without compensation, if and when required, and that this Committee are of opinion that it is desirable that Electricity lines should be placed underground when reasonably possible.

7—Town Planning Scheme--Objections—Read, report of the Meeting of the **Sub-Committee** held on 14th inst. Present—Councillors Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward (in the chair) ; and Capt. Leschallas.

(a) Prestbury By-Pass—Miss F. Wood, Miss Lobban and Mrs. Gardiner attended and objected to this road on the ground that it would depreciate their property on account of noise and disturbance. A letter was read from Miss C. A. Andrews maintaining her objection that the proposed by-pass road would depreciate her property. RESOLVED, That no alteration be made in respect of these objections.

(b) Mr. J. K. Troughton and Mr Carter attended and objected that the by-pass road would sever Mr. Carter's holding, they also objected to the new walk scheduled alongside the stream and to part of Mr. Carter's land being scheduled for allotments. RESOLVED, That the proposals with regard to the by-pass road and the new walk be adhered to, but that the proposal to schedule the land for allotments be taken out of the scheme as the land has been sold to the County Council for the Girls' Grammar School.

(c) Roads Nos. 22 and 35a near Swindon—Mr. Troughton attended on behalf of Messrs. F. Stroud and E. Hanks and objected to these roads on the ground of severance of his clients properties, but he was unable to suggest any alternative lay-out and agreed that if roads were required they were in the best position, RESOLVED, That no alteration be made.

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(d) Mr. Lewis of Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne and Mr. Troughton attended on behalf of the De La Bere Settled Estates and objected to road No. 35b as being injurious to the Estate as it would render the land limitable for -agriculture, particularly with regard to Hopwoods Nurseries and Priors Farm. Mr. Troughton agreed that it would be difficult to alter the line of the road owing to the gradient. Mr. Lewis asked that the frontage of the main turd in front of " The Hayes" be scheduled at 2 houses per acre instead of 12 houses per acre. RESOLVED, That the request for the zoning to be altered from 12 houses to 2 houses per acre be agreed to and that consideration of the other objections be deferred for Mr. Lewis to consult the London Solicitors for the Estate.

(e) New Barn Lane—Messrs. W. Trinder, E. A. Goode, J. Pudge and J. Pratley attended and objected to the proposed widening of this Lane. An amended line was submitted on which Messrs. Trinder and Goode withdrew their objections. Mr. Pratley asked for further time to consider the amended proposal and Mr. Pudge asked that the line should be marked on the ground in order to give him a clearer idea of what was proposed, and this was agreed to.

(f) Seven Springs—Capt. Richardson attended and objected to the proposed zoning of his property and asked that the whole of his land should be scheduled at one house per acre. RESOLVED. That no alteration be made in the zoning on the North side of the Gloucester-Oxford Road and that the parcels N0d. 162, 163, 164, 199, 200, 259, 260 and 260a on the Ordnance Map be scheduled at one house per acre but that the portion of the land contained in the triangle bounded on the North-East side by the Gloucester-Oxford Road and on the West by the Cheltenham-Cirencester Road be scheduled at 4 houses per acre.

(g) Shurdington—Mr. J. Bubb attended on behalf of Miss Denne and objected to the widening in respect of Dutch Villa Farm. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a survey of the trees with a view to ascertaining if these cannot be preserved in the event of the road being widened.

(h) Read, letter from Mr. F. May making a general objection to the scheme including objection to the proposal to take part of his land at Kingsville for road widening RESOLVED, That the proposals with regard to this land be adhered to.

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

- 8—Recreation Ground, Winchcomb—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Winchcomb Rural District Council suggesting that the Brockhampton side of the Barehead Field, or in the alternative, Barn Meadow should be scheduled for a recreation ground. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be asked to reconsider the matter and to agree that either the Corn Dean site or the Enfield site should be scheduled.
- 9—Charlton Park—Read, letter from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College that the College Council had decided that they could not commit themselves at this stage in regard to the proposals to schedule the strip of land on the West side of the Lilleybrook as a public open space to preserve same as a public walk.
- 10—Cheltenham Rural District Council—Map—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking to be supplied with a copy of the Map. RESOLVED, That this be furnished.
- 11—Town Planning—Expenses—The **Expenses Sub-Committee** recommended that the District Councils should be asked to contribute to the loan charges for the cost of the scheme apportioned on the basis of population of the districts included in the Joint Town Planning Scheme and that application be also made to the County Council for a grant. RESOLVED, That this be approved.
- 12—Little Theatre--The Town Clerk reported complaint from Messrs. Rickerby Thompson & Yeaman on behalf of their clients that Madam Irving had advertised a play to be given in this building on the 11th inst. which was contrary to the undertaking given that this should not be used for stage plays and they were informed that no licence had been obtained. He had ascertained from Madam Irving that the play " A Midsummer Night's Dream " was to be given at the breaking-up entertainment for parents and friends for which no charge for admission was being made. RESOLVED, That no action be taken in the matter.
- 13--Building and Improvement Lines—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the County Surveyor forwarding plans of Improvement and Building Lines on the Cheltenham-Broadway Road (Route A 46) from the Borough boundary to the Northern boundary of Winchcomb Parish. The Committee considered these plans and it was RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Town Planning Assistant to confer with the Winchcomb Committee and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to discuss with the County Surveyor the various points and suggestions arising, and to report to the Committee.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th July, 1931, Present—Councillors Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—(a) The Superintendent submitted his monthly report of the receipts and the number of baths given. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to keep, as far as possible, a record showing the numbers of permanent residents and visitors using the Medical Baths. RESOLVED, also, That a quarterly report of the numbers of the various Baths given be circulated to the Committee.

(b) The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting to inspect the Superintendent's living rooms at the Baths reported on their inspection and recommended that a sink be provided on the first floor and a Lavatory Basin on the second floor at an estimated cost of £19. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) RESOLVED, That Mr. H. W. Pilkington be paid an honorarium of £5 for his work at these Baths during the time the post of Superintendent was vacant

2—Montpellier Gardens—Putting Course—RESOLVED, That the charges for the putting course be revised and that the charge be 4d per person for two rounds of 9 holes and that Minute No. 11 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 22nd May last be varied accordingly.

3—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the application of the Central School for 12 half-season tickets for these Baths to be awarded to selected scholars successful in the life saving examinations be granted as in previous years,

4—Town Hall—(a) Boiler—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Vulcan Insurance Company that the boiler for providing hot water was so defective as to be unfit for further use and that a second similar boiler needed repairs. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Stephens & Finch of £21 8s. 6d. be accepted and that the second boiler be repaired.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Supper Room at the Town Hall be granted for a public lecture in connection with the forthcoming Faraday Centenary Celebrations to be given on the 9th October.

(c) Orchestral Concerts—Read, letter from Mr. Lewis Hann stating that his Committee had been urged to continue the Orchestral Concerts as provided last season, and asking for reduction in the charges for three concerts as last year. RESOLVED, That the use of the Hall be granted for three Concerts at a cost of £5 plus the cost of lighting.

5—Meteorological Station—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Meteorological Office of the Air Ministry forwarding certificate of the inspection of the Meteorological Station on the 4th ult., stating that the station and instruments were satisfactory.

6—Sports' Rally—RESOLVED, That the application for the hire of chairs for this Rally be granted and that they be hired 500 chairs at a cost of £1 1s, 0d. plus cost of cartage and on condition that any damage should be made good.

7—Entertainments and Spa Manager—(a) The Committee carefully considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendations of this Committee with regard to the terms for the appointment of an Entertainments and Spa Manager RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision that the Council be recommended to invite applications for the appointment at a commencing salary of 1400 per annum with the provision of a shorthand typist, and that the list of duties previously prepared be dispensed with. RESOLVED, also, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman (Alderman Stewart), Councillors Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech be appointed to consider the applications and to select not more than three applicants for interview by this Committee at a Special Meeting to be held on the 1st September at 3 p.m.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that the time has now come when the relations between the Spa Manager and the Town Hall Bureau should be considered and that the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association be invited to appoint representatives to confer thereon with this Committee.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th July, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Pates in the chair)

8—Entertainments and Spa Manager—The Committee reconsidered the terms of appointment of an Entertainments and Spa Manager. RESOLVED, That Minute No 7 (a) of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 10th July, 1931 be rescinded, and that the Council be recommended to invite applications for the appointment of Entertainments and Spa Manager at a salary of £500 per annum.

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9—**Winter Garden**—(a) RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Councillors Pates and Pruen be appointed a **Sub-Committee** with power to deal with the Liquidator in matters arising in connection with the Winter Garden Co.

(b) Read, application from Mr. R. F. Seabert to rent the south pavilion for roller skating. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the above Sub-Committee.

(c) Read, application from Messrs. Cadbury Bros., Ltd., to hire the Cinema portion of the Winter Garden on the 8th, 9th and 10th March, 1932 for Cinema Lectures on Bournville. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not in a position to grant a definite booking.

10—Town Hall—Read, letter from Mrs. D. K. Davies suggesting that the rule prohibiting the booking of the Town Hall more than four months ahead should be extended. RESOLVED, That

definite bookings of the Town Hall be permitted for a period not exceeding 12 months ahead provided an agreement is signed and the usual deposit paid.

11—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter from Mr. F. W. A Radford with regard to the damage by children at these Gardens and drawing attention to the defects in the floor of the pavilion. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

12—Alstone Baths—Badminton—Mr. Cox, Secretary of the Cheltenham Badminton Club, attended and asked for the use of the Baths for Badminton as in former years. He also asked that the charge for electricity should be reduced to the rate charged to ordinary consumers RESOLVED, That the use of the Baths be granted to the Club at the same rent as last year and that the charge for electricity be the same as for ordinary consumers

13—Spa Manager—(a) Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday Fetes—RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be granted an honorarium of £5 in respect of each of the Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday fetes.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Spa Manager be released from his engagement on the 24th August next.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th July, 1931. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Lipson, Capt. Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Municipal Offices—Lift—With reference to Minute No 8 (b) of the General Purposes and Watch Committee RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to contribute the sum of £35 towards the cost of providing a new motor for the lift.

2—Extension to Main—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension of the main referred to in his report.

3—Supply to Rural Areas—Arle and Uckington—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council was still opposed to the erection of overhead lines for this supply. RESOLVED, That application be made under the provisions of the Electricity Acts to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of the lines.

4—National Joint Board Salaries—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a further deduction of two points in the Schedule of Salaries of the technical staff became due on July 1st for the ensuing half-year. RESOLVED, That this deduction be put in force, except that in the case of the Mains staff the deduction be suspended until the completion of the change of system.

5—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 476.2 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Report—Read, Report of the Gas Tests made on the 29th ult., and the 7th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 474.4 and 468.1 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.6 and 5.2 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 1931, Present—The Mayor ;
Councillors Pates and Selim Smith (Councillor Pates in the chair),**

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 13th July, 1931,	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	429,000 gallons	235,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,036,000 "	502,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	77,000 "	54,000 "
Total	1,542,000	791,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 13th July, 1931,	Contents 13th July, 1930.	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		31,084,000 gallons		15,669,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 0ins.	94,756,000 "	24ft. 2ins.	62,002,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins	1,620,000	6ft. 0ins.	810,000
Total Storage		127,460,000		78,481,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of June.

3—Tewkesbury Water Works—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Committee required to be satisfied that Schemes submitted by Local Authorities were being substantially accelerated and asking for a definite statement as to the date when the proposed scheme for new pumping plant, mechanical filters and new mains etc. would have been put in hand in the ordinary course. The Town Clerk submitted draft letter in reply. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands Farm—The Town Clerk submitted two revised tenders for the shooting rights at these farms. RESOLVED, That the tender of Major Herbert Mason of £35 per annum be accepted subject to an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

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

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th July, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore: Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Goulder reported that the Borough was now free from contagious diseases amongst animals

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of W. Waldron for transfer of licence No. 27 to Taxi Cab registered No. OH 5175 be granted.

3—Fire Brigade—ad Report of Captain--The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, there had been no outbreaks of fire :—

(b) Bishops Cleeve—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the provision of the fire brigade for the parish of Bishops Cleeve. RESOLVED. That this be approved as now settled by the Committee and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

(c) Shipton Oliffe—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Clerk to the Shipton Oliffe Parish Council, enquiring on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the brigade for this parish. RESOLVED, That the Council offer to provide the services of the brigade on payment of a retaining fee of £5 per annum subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into

4—Charity—Primitive Methodist Chapel, King Street—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from the Charity Commission enclosing a notice of a proposed order extending the Charitable Trusts Acts to this charity. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the order.

5—Traffic Control—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Goulder be asked to report to the Traffic Sub-Committee on the present stopping places for omnibuses in the Borough, and to submit any suggestions he may have for altering these, having regard to the proposed one-way traffic orders.

6—Mortuary—Read, circular from the British College of Nurses urging local authorities to provide a female official, preferably a registered nurse, in the public mortuary to deal with the

dead bodies of women. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the General Hospital for their observations.

7—Factory Acts—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from H.M, Inspector of Factories that in her opinion, the premises at 351 High Street were not provided with sufficient means of escape in case of fire. RESOLVED, That H.M. Inspector of Factories be informed that this is not a matter that comes within the jurisdiction of the Corporation as there are less than 40 persons employed on the premises.

8—Municipal Offices--(a) RESOLVED, That in future the Offices be closed on Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday, and on the day following each of these holidays, and that the closing for the Christmas Holidays be considered each year.

(b) Lift—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in connection with the change-over, it would be necessary to rewind the motor in connection with the office lift at a cost of £85, and he recommended that as the lift had been in operation for 16 years and parts of the motor were nearly worn out, that a new three phase motor with direct current control should be purchased at a cost of £150 10s. 0d., of which £65 10s. 0d. would be chargeable to this Committee. He also recommended that new gates should be provided at an estimated cost of £27. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted subject to the Electricity Committee agreeing to pay £85 towards the cost of a new motor.

9—Marle Hill House Estate—RESOLVED, That the grazing rights on the portions of the Marle Hill House Estate not immediately required, be offered to Mr. Stephens (the present tenant) at a rent at the rate of £79 per annum for his present holding.

10—Parking of Charabancs—The Town Clerk submitted complaint of charabancs parking on the north side of Imperial Square outside the Queens Hotel. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Goulder be instructed to arrange as far as possible for the charabancs to park at the motor coach station at St. Margretts, but that where this cannot be arranged, coaches shall only be allowed to park on the Winter Garden side of the north side of Imperial Square.

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11—**Extension of Borough Boundary**—The **Sub-Committee** appointed to consider this matter recommended as follows:—That proposals be submitted to the County Council under Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1929 to include in the Borough, the portion of the parish of Prestbury extending from the boundary of Swindon Parish in Marle Hill Court Road, thence along Marle Hill Court Road and New Barn Lane to a point about 150 yards west of Burgage Street, thence in a southerly direction to Prestbury Road, thence along Pi foul in an easterly direction for a distance of about 100 yards, thence around the eastern boundary of the Housing Estate to Bouncers Lane, thence in an easterly direction for a distance of about 700 yards and thence in

a southerly direction to the Borough boundary so as to include the Cemetery and adjoining land, thence along the Borough boundary to Swindon Parish boundary, containing an area of approximately 504 acres of which about 100 acres comprises property belonging to the Corporation, and also so as to include in the Borough the Hewletts Reservoirs belonging to the Corporation in the Parish of Charlton Kings, which areas are shown on the M. by the Borough Surveyor being thereon coloured blue.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend a conference of representatives of the Councils of the several County Districts to be held on the 24th inst. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Alderman Moore be appointed to attend the conference

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 7th July, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith and Waite ; Messrs. Clarkson, Waine and Yeend (Councillor Dr. Hayward in the chair)

1—Allotments Competition—Date of Inspection—RESOLVED, That the matter be left with the Chairman and Mr. Clarkson to fix a date.

2—Allotments—Inspection—Report of Mr. Vizard submitted on his recent inspection of the North Ward Allotments. RESOLVED, (a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the principal roadways cleared and to have the Elm Trees overhanging allotments in Crab Tree Piece, lopped, also to report to the next meeting as to the area of No. 99 Crab Tree Piece and as to the flooding in Creamery Piece.

(b) That notice to quit be served on the tenant of Allotments Nos. 20 and 21 Crab Tree Piece as these were not being kept in proper order.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the following allotments reported to be in a bad state of cultivation :—Nos. 141, 148, 149, 200f and 200g Crab Tree Piece ; Nos. 9 and 16 Baglins Piece ; and Nos. 31, 32, 36 and 23 Creamery Piece.

W. CURLING HAYWARD, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 7th July, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith and Waite (Councillor Dr. Hayward in the chair).

1—Pittville Lake—Gift—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of an Egyptian Goose from Mr. E. E. Turner of Shipton Manor and that a letter of thanks had been sent to him.

2—Albert Road—Read, letter from Colonel N. Graham complaining of the bad condition of Albert Road from Handley Cross towards the Racecourse RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to Councillors P. T. Smith and Waite to inspect and report.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Custodian—Read, letter from Mr. C. Lodge asking for extension of his services up to March next. RESOLVED, That this be not granted. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. F. W. Holder, gardener at Montpellier Gardens, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Lodge at a wage of £2 6s. 0d per week plus 2s 6d for Sunday morning duty during the summer, and house free.

4—Sandford Park—Gift of Fountain—RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held at Sandford Park at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 13th inst., to select a suitable site for the erection of the fountain given by Dr Howell.

5—Recreation Grounds—(a) Football—RESOLVED, That the following applications for permission to play football during the 1931-32 season be granted :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	St. Paul's F.C. ...	Alternate Wednesdays.
"	St. Peter's Wednesday F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
"	St. Paul's Old Boys' F.C. ...	" Saturdays.
"	St. Gregory's Ladies' H.C.	Wednesdays and Saturdays.
"	All Saint's Old Boy's F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
"	St. Gregory's Rugby F.C.	Saturdays.
Naunton Park	Practising Old Boy's F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
"	Naunton Park United F.C....	" Saturdays.
St. Mark's	Brooklyn F.C. ...	" "
"	Smiths Systems F.C.	Saturdays.
Whaddon Road	Central School Old Boys F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
"	Wesley Sunday School F.C. .	" "
"	Y.M.C.A. F.C. ...	Alternate Wednesdays.

RESOLVED, also, That the Clubs be informed that they must be responsible for marking out the pitches allotted to them. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the St. Mark's Estate and District Ladies' Hockey Club be not granted owing to lack of accommodation.

(b) Cricket Pitches—Read, letter from the Education Secretary that instructions should be given to Custodians to allow the boys to play on the prepared pitches for the organised games arranged by the Elementary Schools Sports Association. RESOLVED, That he be informed that this cannot be acceded to as these pitches have already as much wear as the turf can stand

6—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Sports Rally—The Town Clerk submitted programme of events at this Rally. RESOLVED, That this be approved, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made for the protection of the Rockery from being damaged.

W. CURLING HAYWARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the Chair).

7—Sandford Park—Fountain—The Committee met at Sandford Park and inspected various sites for the erection of the Fountain given by Dr. Howell. RESOLVED, That the white figure belonging to the Fountain be fixed beneath the stone surround of the Westal Green Fountain at the Keynsham Road entrance.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th July, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Capt. Trye and Weech ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1--Curator's Report— Visits—During June 1,977 (against 2,344).

Receipts—Catalogues, " Friends of Gallery and Museum " Fund, etc., 14s 1d.

Permanent Collection--The Permanent Collection had been re-hung, and a corner of the Gallery had been devoted to the work of James Bateman, R.B.A., A R.E.

Postcard Reproductions--500 copies of each of six postcard reproductions of pictures had been ordered at a cost of £7 7s. 0d.

Basement Quarters—The basement windows and doors giving access from Chester Walk and St. George's Place had been fitted with iron bars.

Japanese biro—This Collection which had been on loan to the Gallery, was to be forwarded to London for sale owing to the death of Mr. Wilfrid Mathieson.

Display—Much work in connection with re-arrangement and re-labelling of specimens was in progress and the Curator acknowledges the helpfulness of Mr. Mapp with the Collection of Armour.

Gallery Screens—These were being re-covered with art canvas at a cost of £3 8s. 10d.

Museums Association Conference----The Curator read his report on this Conference which was held at Plymouth from 6th to 11th July, 1931. He had been re-elected Hon. Secretary.

2--Missing Picture—The Curator reported that this matter was in the hands of the police.

3—Donations—From Major Neilson Clift, Harvesters' Cider Barrel ; Mr. E. Courtney Gardner, late 17th or early 18th [century] Horseshoe ; Hereford Museum, Wooden Seedleap ; Mr. H. A. Payne, watercolour, " Village on the hills," by himself ; Mr. L. V. Wheeler, Blow Gun or Sumpitan, case of arrows, and two Malay Kris daggers.

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

4—Loans—From Mrs. D. D'Ouseley Meredith, Piece of Dutch Delft Pottery, Nantgarw coffee cup and saucer, and Nantgarw sugar basin. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lender,

5—Oil Portraits-- Two oil portraits of Lillah McCarthy were offered for £450 and £500 respectively. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

6—Buddha—The Curator read letter of Mrs. Drummond of Bisley offering an image of Buddha as a gift. RESOLVED, That the Curator inspect this example, and that he be authorised to accept or reject this as he deemed advisable

7—Art Gallery Roof—RESOLVED, That repairs to the Art Gallery Roof be carried out by the Borough Engineer's Department at a cost of not exceeding £50, as per current Estimate.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th July, 1931. Present—Councillors Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the month ending 17th July, 1931. Interments 38; Grave Spaces sold 9 (First Position 1, Second Position 1, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 6); Memorials fixed 11. New Inscriptions 7.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8453 to 8461 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Cemetery Chapels—Windows--The Borough Surveyor reported that 12 of the leaded casement windows in the Cemetery Chapels required re-leading and submitted tender of Mr. Wallace Beck for carrying out the work at a cost of £14. RESOLVED, That the work be carried out and the tender of Mr. Wallace Beck accepted.

4—Maintenance of Grave No. 1956 A.1.—Read, letter of the 2nd inst. from Messrs. McLaren and Jeens enclosing extract from a Codicil to the Will of the late H. M. Morris deceased by which a bequest of £50 was made to the Corporation for the maintenance of this grave. RESOLVED, That the legacy be accepted.

5—Cemetery—Footstones—The Superintendent reported that the stones which were fixed at the foot of some of the older graves impeded the mowing of the grass. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have these removed where necessary.

6—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Mathilde Poireau, Blanche Audouin, Anne Daly, Francis O'Flanagan, and Victorine Cowvineau, James Boulter, Edwin Charles Gasside, Mary Innes, Jane Nest and Louisa Beatrice Nest, Henry Robert Janes, Clement Cam Hunt, and Harold Douglas Pagden; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to grave of William Edward Cave; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Charles Allen Probert, Robert Hawkins, and Benjamin Vale ; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to grave of Michael Anthony Mylne ; Memorial Scroll and Kerbing to grave of Joseph Hall and Eliza Hall ; Memorial Scroll to grave of Albert Warrender ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Mary Clarke Joynes Cypher and William John Cypher ; and Kerbing to grave of Mary Jane Gardiner.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 1931. Present—Councillors Lipson, Pates, Thomas, Weech and Yarnold; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. A. J. Miles, E. C. Rogers and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts—£14 10s. 5d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,932 (last year 5,002) ; Lending Department 14,909 (last year 13,106) ; Junior Department 2,553 (last year closed). Total for month 23,394 (last year 18,108).

Fabric—Sundry work of renovation to paint and varnish work in Entrance Hall and other parts of the building together with repairs to Reference Library ceiling had been carried out by Messrs. S. C. Morris and Son at a total cost of £25 3s. 0d. as provided for in current year's Estimate.

Library Association Conference—To date, 860 persons had notified their intention of being present. Messrs. Ed J. Burrow and Co, Ltd. have kindly agreed to produce a special booklet descriptive of the excursions. RESOLVED. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Messrs. Burrow for the booklet.

Donations—Miss A. Baumann (4 vols.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (5 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow and Co. Ltd, (1 vol.) The Cremation Society (1 vol.) ; First Church of Christ Scientist (1 vol.) ; Hereford Public Library (3 vols.) ; Mr. W. H. Knowles (3 vols.) ; Miss T. Flower Mills (3 vols.), Secretary of State for India (1 vol.) ; Mr. E. C. Sewell (1 vol.) ; Councillor Capt. Trye (4 vols.) ; Miss Warner (4 vols.) ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham (1 vol.); Mr. R. Pope (6 vols.)

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

2 -Books--RESOLVED, (a) That 65 vols., published at £50 9s. 0d. be purchased for £28 3s. 3d.

(b) That the sum of £30 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £30 be spent on Replacements.

3—Boiler Insurance—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co reported that the boiler was in satisfactory working order.

4—National Central Library---RESOLVED, That the subscription to this Library be increased from one guinea to two guineas per annum.

5—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including the News Room, be closed on August 3rd.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

JOINT HOUSING AND PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Pates, P. T. Smith, Capt. Trye and J. F. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Estate—Tip—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of a temporary approach road from Hudson Street to give access to the portion of Marle Hill Estate proposed to be used for a tip. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider as an alternative a temporary approach Road from Hanover Street along the boundary of the Marle Hill Annexe, and that it be left to the Chairman to decide which proposal should be adopted.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st July, 1931. Present—Alderman Moore ;
Councillors Leigh James, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £80,543 9s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £40,931 18s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £12,919 3s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,992 3s. 5d

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £875 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved

4—National Savings' Certificates--The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during June, was 4,924 as compared with 2,491 for the corresponding month last year.

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 21st inst. Present—Alderman Moore ;
Councillors Leigh James and Pruen.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £8,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £4,100 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

8—Superannuation—(a) It was reported that W. Minett, Labourer, was due to retire on 31st August next and wished to retire on that date. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £26 per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 33 years.

(b) Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the post of Draughtsman in the Electricity Department as a designated post for the purposes of the Act,

9—Town Hall—The Borough Treasurer reported that on the 15th inst. the Music Room at the Town Hall was broken into by four boys, namely W. Godsell and J. Godsell of 117 Promenade Terrace, G. Partridge of 9 Montpellier Retreat and L. Smart of 202 Upper Bath Road, all under 9 years of age. A cupboard containing ticket attendants' roll-tickets and cash was broken into and 6s and 60 tickets had been stolen. RESOLVED, That the boys be prosecuted.

10--Borough Treasurer's Staff—RESOLVED, That the wages of J. Ayres, temporary clerk, be increased from 45s to 50s per week.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd September, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th day of September, 1931, 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 Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE HOUSING COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE „ GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE in regard to the application from Albany Ward Theatres Ltd. for a Cinematograph Licence in respect of a proposed new Cinema in Winchcomb Street and application from W. G. and E. J. Vickary Ltd. for transfer of Cinematograph Licence in respect of The Palace Picture House. „ WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RATING FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Councillor W. N. Weech, M.A. to move :— " That, in view of the increasing urgency for Municipal Economy, a Committee of three be appointed to report to this Council at its next meeting with suggestions for rationing the spending departments of the Corporation and for securing a substantial reduction in the rates."
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 27th July, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Allen, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Stewart and Councillor Dr. Hayward.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th July, 1931, 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 3

PARK PLACE DISTRICT-Flooding--The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Unemployment Grants Committee that an Exchequer grant would be made towards the cost of this scheme of 75 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on a loan of not exceeding £23,561 raised to meet approved expenditure for the first half (up to 15 years) of the loan period, and 37 ½ per cent. of interest and sinking fund charges for the remainder (up to 15 years) of the loan period. Resolved, That advertisements be issued inviting tenders for the work and that the Public Health Committee be authorised to accept a suitable tender.

Housing Meetings held July 9 & 22

Resolved, also, That the Council agree to an arrangement by the owner of 138 Tennyson Road with the Building Society for extending the period of repayment of the mortgage instalments over 19 years instead of 16 years.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 20

Town Planning Meetings held July 9 & 20

and that with regard to Plan No. 3188, that this plan be approved as a satisfactory drainage plan has now been submitted.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held July 10 & 17

Subject to the following amendments :-

Moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 8 with reference to Entertainments and Spa Manager be not approved, but that consideration of the terms of the appointment of a Spa Manager be adjourned until after the conference with the Chamber of Commerce, and that in the meantime the Committee be authorised to make temporary arrangements."

Moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Yarnold " That Minute No. with reference to Entertainments and Spa Manager be rescinded."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 15

Water Meeting held July 16

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General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 14

(An Amendment was moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Lipson " That Minute No. 11 with reference to the extension of the Borough Boundary be referred back." Councillor Lipson having withdrawn, the Mayor declared the resolution not seconded.). Resolved, also; That the application of the Regent Motor Co. for an additional licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at their premises in Regent Street be granted.

Allotments Meeting held July 7

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held July 7 & 13

Resolved, also, That it be an instruction of the Council to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee that at least 12 seats be placed in the playing field at Sandford Park.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 3 with reference to the Custodian at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be referred back " was lost)

Street and Highway Meeting held July 13

Resolved, also, That the application of the Regent Motor Co. for permission to erect an additional petrol pump with a swing arm over the footpath in Regent Street be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor J. F. Ward and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 1 with reference to Workmen's Hours etc. be referred back " was lost).

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 17

Burial Board Meeting held July 17

Public Library Meeting held July 16

Joint Housing and Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 22

Finance Meeting held July 21

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

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3—Market—Resolved, That the market be let to Messrs. Jacob Studt Junior & Sons for a pleasure fair to be held on the 18th, 19th and 21st September subject to the consent of the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd. being obtained.

4—Cinema Licence— Resolved, That the application of Albany Ward Theatres Ltd. for a licence for a cinema to be erected in Winchcomb Street be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

5—Streamer Across Colonnade—Resolved, That the application of the Withington Horse Show Committee to place a streamer across the Colonnade for two days be granted subject to the usual conditions.

6—Tewkesbury Pageant—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury conveying his Council's gratitude for the great assistance rendered by the residents of Cheltenham who contributed so effectively to the success of the undertaking.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on. Wednesday, 5th August, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates, Waite, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Sales of Houses—The following offers were reported :—

Name.	House.	Price.
Mr. A. E. Cook ...	10 Milton Road	£375
Mr. and Mrs. Jennings . . .	50 Shakespeare Road	£530
Mr. J. King	52 Shakespeare Road	£530

RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted and the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances.

RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the purchasers of No. 50 Shakespeare Road in Mortgage to the Building Society for 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—St. Paul's Street South etc. Clearance Orders—(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted statement prepared in accordance with the rules under the Housing Act, 1930 of the rents of the houses erected in Folly Lane under this Act, which showed the rents to be as follows :—

	Rent.	Rates,	Total.
Two-bedroom house	4s 6d	2s	6s 6d
Three-bedroom house	5s 9d	2s 3d	8s

RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(b) The Committee considered a list of tenants occupying houses in the Clearance Areas, and allocated nine three-bedroom houses and seven two-bedroom houses for re-housing some of the tenants.

3-44 Shakespeare Road—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee, That this house be let, and that Minute No. 5c passed at a meeting of the Committee on the 9th June be varied accordingly.

4—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager reported that Miss Bouverie, pupil trainee in her department had resigned, and that the Sub-Committee had authorised her to appoint Miss Gourley as pupil trainee to fill the vacancy at the same salary as paid to Miss Bouverie, viz. £1 10s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 30th July, 1931, Present—Councillors E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Capt. Leschallas ; Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, and A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3188	Albany Ward Theatres Ltd.	Cinema Theatre, Winchcomb Street. (Amended Plan).
3205	Ladies College' Council	Additions, Farnley Lodge, Vittoria Walk.
3206	Towell, H.	Workshop and Garages, Painswick Road.
3207	Fryer, Mrs. K.	Two sheds, 9 Brooklyn Road.
3208	Warner, Mrs. O.	Motor House, Leckhampton Hall, Shurdington Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3188 and 3208 be approved ; That Plan No. 3205 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and That Plans Nos 3206 and 3207 be not approved.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
237	Fountain, Miss	Bungalow, Charlton Kings Common.
238	Dickins, C.	Pair of semi-detached houses, London Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 237 be approved ; and That Plan No. 238 be disapproved.

3—**Town Planning Scheme**—Objections--Read, Report of the Meeting of the **Sub-Committee** held on Tuesday, 28th July. Present—Councillors Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Brig.-General R. C. A. McCalmont, Major Dent Brocklehurst, Col. Sinnott, Major Shakespeare and Capt. Leschallas ; Mr. A. Wiggett and Mr. Clifford (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

(a) Road No. 35 near Coombe Hill—Mrs V. E. Smith objected to this road where it crossed through her farm, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the existing road to the south of the proposed road should be shown widened in the Scheme and the portion of the new road deleted, and the map amended accordingly.

(b) Land, Tewkesbury Road—Mr. J. W. Robson attended in support of the objection made by Messrs. F. G. Cooke and A. W. Davis. Mr. Cooke also attended They objected to the zoning of their land at Barbridge Field at Uckington and Russell's Piece at Boddington fronting Tewkesbury Road, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the Committee use their discretionary powers and permit of Mr. Cooke's remaining four sites in Barbridge Field being developed provided the density does not exceed four houses to the acre, but that no amendment be made in the Scheme in regard to Russell's Piece.

(c) Tredington Recreation Ground—The Sub-Committee considered the objections of Mr. W. Clegg to the scheduling of acres of his land as a recreation ground, and his suggestion of an alternative site in the village, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the

Town Planning Assistant be instructed to inspect and report on the suggested alternative site.

(d) Mr. Skarratt attended in support of the objections of Messrs. Bowell & Skarratt to a road being scheduled through their nurseries, He also objected to the rounding off of the corner by Laburnum Villa. He suggested that the proposed road should be diverted, so as to go round the back of the cemetery linking up Glebe Road and Coronation Road, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the Town Planning Assistant be instructed to consider and report on this suggestion.

(e) New Barn Lane—Mr. Fairley attended in support of his objections as to the scheduling of part of his garden for the widening of New Barn Lane. Mr. Fairley agreed that if the widening was carried out, this had been provided for in the best position, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the proposal be adhered to.

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(f) Northleach Rural District Council—Mr. R. F. S. Stretton (Chairman), The Rev. A. C. Norton, Col. Barrow, Capt. Reiss, Messrs. Gardner, Green and A. D. Ward (Clerk) attended as representatives of the Northleach Rural District Council in support of their Council's objections that the rights of freeholders in their area were interfered with by the restriction against buildings other than agricultural buildings and that no definite provision had been made in the Scheme for payment of compensation to owners adversely affected. The representatives did not press their objections in regard to the land situate in the Dowdeswell Watershed, but suggested that in lieu of restricting the land on the crest of the hills as an agricultural area, the restriction should be removed and provision made in the Scheme for control of the type of buildings, and the Sub-Committee recommended that consideration be adjourned pending the terms of the new Town Planning Bill which it was anticipated would affect the zoning proposals.

(g) Read, letter from Mrs. M. M. Baghot de la Bere objecting to the proposed road through Messrs. Hopwood's Nurseries and Priors Farm, which objections were dealt with by the Committee at their last meeting, when the solicitors of the De la Bere Estates attended. RESOLVED, That Mrs. M. M. Baghot de la Bere be informed accordingly.

(h) Upper Mill Lane—Capt. Leschallas suggested that the zoning of the land fronting Upper Mill Lane should be reduced to four houses to the acre as shown on the plan submitted, and the Sub-Committee recommended that this be approved and the map amended accordingly, subject to no objections being made by adjoining owners.

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

(i) Read, letter of 29th inst, from the Secretary of the Ladies College objecting on behalf of the College Council to the construction of the proposed trunk road adjoining their sanatorium at Leckhampton RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th August, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Capt. Leschallas, Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3176	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Two semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane. (Amended Plan).
3186	Do.	Two detached houses, new road off Naunton Lane.
3206	Towell, H.	Workshops and garages, Painswick Road.
3207	Fryer, Mrs. K.	Two sheds, 9 Brooklyn Road.
3209	Wickham, T. B.	Addition at rear of 244 Bath Road,
3210	Finch, F.	Detached house, Keynsham Road.
3211	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Two semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane.
3212	Hawkins, G. A.	Porch to new house, corner of Battledown Approach and Hales Road.
3213	Clifford Aston, Mrs.	Lavatory, Tixall, Ashford Road.
3214	Ford & Greville, Messrs.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
3215	Smith, C. J.	Detached house, Alma Road
3216	Ladies College Council	Sports Pavilion, off Well Place, Lansdown.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3176, 3186, 3210, 3211, 3214, 3215 and 3216 be approved, That Plan No. 3207 be referred to the Housing Committee ; That Plans Nos. 3209 and 3213 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plans Nos. 3206 and 3212 be disapproved.

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5—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
239	Collier, Mr.	Bungalow, Alma Road.
240	Fleetham, T. H.	House, Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Road, Uckington.
241	White, F.	House, Church Road, Leckhampton.
243	Hill, J.	Bungalow, Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Road, Boddington.
244	Waite, T. W.	Additions, Engelberg, Cleeve Hill.
245	Midwinter, G. W.	Three lock-up garages, Croft Garage, Cirencester Road.
246	Dickins, C.	Pair semi-detached houses, London Road, Charlton Kings.
242	Strawford, E.	Two detached houses, Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Road, Boddington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 239, 240, 241, 244, 245 and 246 be approved ; and That Plans Nos. 242 and 243 be not approved

6—Improvement and Building Lines, Cheltenham-Broadway Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Town Planning Assistant attended a meeting of the Winchcomb Rural District Council in regard to this road. The Rural District Council considered that the straightening of the road at the entrance to Winchcomb on the west side was undesirable, and that they would prefer the line shown in the Town Planning Scheme, Consideration was adjourned pending discussion with the County Surveyor thereon,

7—Town Planning—Expenses—Read, letters from the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils stating that their Councils were unable to agree to contribute towards the expenses of the Town Planning Scheme.

8—Objections—(a) Read, letter from Mr J. C. M. Stanton objecting to the scheduling of his land at Swindon for allotments. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Sub-Committee.

(b) Read, letters of 6th and 14th inst., from Colonel Elwes objecting to his land being included in the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That this also be referred to the Sub-Committee.

(c) RESOLVED, That Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward be added to the objections Sub-Committee, and that meetings be held on the 8th September to deal with objections in respect of the Borough, and on the 15th September to deal with objections in respect of outside districts.

9—Showroom and Garage, Corner of Oriel and Bath Roads—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Victory Motor Company (Cheltenham) Ltd., asking if the Committee would approve of a showroom and garage being erected at the corner of these roads. RESOLVED, That the Committee see no objection to a showroom being erected, but that they would not be prepared to approve of a garage being erected on this site.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 29th July, 1931, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor Alderman Moore; Councillors Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, J. F. Ward and Waite (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Chairman The Committee report that the Mayor has been appointed Chairman of the Committee.

2—Winter Garden—(a) The Committee considered the proposals from Mr. C. Tortonese, the liquidator of the Winter Garden Company to cancel the lease and his offer of the furniture and fittings in the building. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to take

possession of the building, terminate the lease and to withdraw the distress warrant, and to purchase the furniture and fittings etc. now agreed upon for the sum of £275, less the amount of rent due up to the 1st August and the costs of distress, amounting to £220.

- (b) Library Association—The Town Clerk reported that the late lessees of the building had let the south and middle Transepts for one week for an exhibition in connection with the Library Association Conference at an inclusive rental of £50. RESOLVED, That the letting and terms be adhered to.
- (c) Skating Rink—Read, application from Mr. R. S. Seabert to rent the south transept for a skating rink. RESOLVED, That this be let to him on a weekly tenancy at a rent of £5 per week plus cost of lighting.
- (d) Read, letter from Messrs. Cadbury Bros. applying for the Cinema portion for several days in March next for exhibition of advertising films. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant a definite booking so far ahead.
- (e) Read, letter from Messrs. F. Wilkins (Exhibition Agencies) Ltd., to rent the middle and south transepts for a trade exhibition in November next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate terms for the letting. (Since the meeting, an agreement had been entered into for letting the two transepts from the 16th to 30th November at a rent of £70 plus cost of lighting).
- (f) Dog Show—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Fox terrier Club asking the Corporation to let the middle and south transepts in May next for a dog show. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant a definite booking so far ahead, but that they be offered the use of Pittville Gardens.
- (g) Repertory Theatre—Messrs. A. W. Martyn and H. T. Rainger attended and discussed with the Committee, the possibility of providing a theatre in the Winter Gardens, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee to be held in September.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 31st August, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; and Councillor E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Excusals—The Committee dealt with and interviewed applicants for excusal of rates.

2—Proposals—The Committee considered the proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of 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, 1st September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £114,061 4s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £7,414 2s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £18,203 15s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2,206 19s. 7d.

3—Housing Bonds—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £1,405 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds amounting to £450 had been renewed at the current rate of interest authorised.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during July was 4,782 as compared with 5,673 for the corresponding month last year.

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

Date, 1931	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
29th July	Re-sewerage	£23,561	30 years.
5th August	Pilley Housing Estate	£1,153	60 “

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £3,360 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £12,200 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

8—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. G. E. Sharp (late Farms Manager) died on the 1st August.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th September, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P.. C.A.)

Aldermen Sawyer, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E.. Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, and Weech, M.A.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Moore ; Councillors Lipson and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 27th July, 1931, 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 :—

Housing .. Meeting held August 5

Town Planning Meetings held July 30th & Aug. 20

Garden Development Meeting held July 29

Rating Meeting held August 31

Finance... Meeting held September 1

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current

Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held September 4

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Pruen: That Minute No. is with reference to new Cinema, Winchcombe Street, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

1—Municipal Economy—In accordance with notice of motion duly given, it was moved by Councillor Weech and seconded by Councillor Scott Langley : " That, in view of the increasing urgency for Municipal Economy, a Committee of three be appointed to report to this Council at its next meeting with suggestions for rationing the spending departments of the Corporation and for securing a substantial reduction in the rates."

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor E. L. Ward : " That in view of the increasing urgency for Municipal Economy the Finance Committee do report to the Council at its meeting on the 30th October next with suggestions for reducing the current year's expenditure and rationing the spending departments of the Corporation in the next Financial year and thus securing a reduction in the rates."

Councillor Weech having withdrawn his motion the Amendment was passed as the Substantive Motion.

Resolved, also, That Councillor Weech be appointed a member of the Finance Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR, 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 October, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 9th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James and Pruen (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

i—Park Place and District Resewerage Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted 7 tenders received for the cost of carrying out this scheme. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. (being the lowest) as now amended, amounting to £23,165 be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 St. Paul's Terrace, St. Paul's Road ; The British Crown Inn, Dunalley Street ; 64 Upper Park Street ; 27 All Saints' Road ; Gloucester House, Gloucester Place, and 110 and 111 Tewkesbury 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.

3—Insanitary Property at (a) 9 Victoria Place, Fairview ; 32 Albert Street, St. Peter's, and 56 Brunswick Street —The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are houses occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

(b) 5 Mossleigh Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the Owners of this property had asked the Council to accept instalments of 3s 6d a month in repayment of the cost of £23 17s 0d. incurred for sanitary work carried out under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be repayable by monthly instalments of 3s 6d within a period of not exceeding 11 years with interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum until the total amount is repaid.

4-12 Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk reported that the sanitary work arranged had now been carried out and a letter was read from the Ministry of Health that the appeal of the Owner had now been withdrawn.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-32 Albert Street, St. Peter's ; and 8, 10, 15, 17 and 19 Russell 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.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 1/2 lb. Beef ; 9 lbs. Mutton, 1 cwt. 7 lbs. Pork ; 2 cwt, 2 qrs. 22 1/2 lbs. Tinned Foods, Fowls and Fish.

7—Overcrowding at 22 York 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.

8—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926--RESOLVED, That the applications of Charles Crescent Comely of Harthurstfield, Gloucester Road, Gladys Ann Wood of 216a High Street, and Alatheia Bennett Pope of 230 High Street to be registered as dairymen within the Borough in respect of their premises be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the order.

9—Fish Frier--RESOLVED, That the application of W. Renshaw to be registered as a fish frier in respect of his premises at 14 Fairview Road be granted.

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

11—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 177 Bath Road, 8 Suffolk Road, 1 Montpellier Terrace and 11 Suffolk Square—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement dwellings of these houses which did not comply with the regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit and that notice be served upon the persons having control of the houses, owners thereof, and mortgagees, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the parts of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof will be considered by the Council when any of the above mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

(b) 1 and 2 Home Cottages and 18 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the making of Demolition Orders be further adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) 4 Bennington Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now discontinued using these premises for sleeping purposes.

(d) Houses, King's Head Gardens ; 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15a, and 16 Casino Place, and Woburn Lodge, Albion Street—RESOLVED, That notice of the intention to make Orders for the demolition of these properties in respect of which Closing Orders were made on 6th July, 1929, and 28th October, 1929, and 8th April, 1930, be given to the Owners,

12—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—Read, circular letter of the Ministry of Health dated 14th July, 1931, No 1206 as to the contents and arrangement of Annual Reports for 1931 and asking that the report should be completed by not later than the middle of May. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer be instructed to make his report on the lines indicated in the circular.

13—Smoke Abatement—Read, invitation from the National Smoke Abatement Society to attend their Annual Conference at Liverpool on the 18th. 19th and 20th September next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

14—Milk—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Gloucester, asking the Council to support a resolution passed by the City Council urging the Ministry of Health to take steps to enable a definite bacteriological standard for milk to be fixed and to make it an offence for producers and retailers to sell milk not of a fixed standard. RESOLVED, That while the Committee consider the proposal desirable they are of opinion it is not an opportune time to press for this.

15—Slaughterhouse Byelaws--RESOLVED, That consideration of these draft byelaws be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

16—National Rat Week—Read, circular from the Ministry of Health with regard to the arranging for a National Rat Week in November. RESOLVED, That no special expenditure be incurred this year.

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17—Sewage Sludge—Read, letter, Mr. C. W. Kendall with regard to a plant for drying sewage sludge to powder form for use as fertilizer. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

18—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926--Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Health dated 23rd July, 1931, No 1207, calling attention to the extension of this Act by the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Act, 1931, and pointing out that it seems probable that the field of operation in urban areas could with advantage be extended

19—Slum Clearance-The Medical Officer of Health reported that in pursuance of resolution of the Housing Committee to consider whether any further areas in respect of which it is desirable to make Improvement or Clearance Schemes he had under consideration with regard to Swindon Passage and adjoining property. RESOLVED, That a special meeting of Committee be held on Thursday the 29th October at 3 p.m. to inspect the properties included in the Medical Officer's proposals.

20—Park Place District Drainage Scheme—Read, letter from the Manager of the Employment Exchange asking if the Council would consider the possibility of taking on one or two men from Depressed areas. RESOLVED, That having regard to the large number of unemployed in the Borough the Committee are unable to undertake this

21—Flooding—Read, letters from Mr. W. P. King with regard to flooding of his property in Wellington Street, also from Mrs. E. A. Falconer, in respect of 4 College Road, also from Mr. A. Butler in respect of flooding in Whaddon Road and from Rev. W. Seaver in respect of 18 College Road. RESOLVED, That consideration of these be adjourned pending report of the Borough Surveyor on flooding.

22—Sewage Works—Amonia Liquor—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gas Company had now discontinued their sulphate of amonia plant with the result that the liquor required to be discharged would be of a different character but he did not anticipate that this would be deleterious to the sewers or sewage disposal works, but had instructed Mr. O'Shaughnessy to make analyses thereof and to report thereon, the cost of the analyses would be payable by the Company. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

ARTHUR. S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) New Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the construction of the two cul-de-sac roads off Brooklyn and Kipling Roads on which the additional 58 houses are proposed to be erected amounting to £2,693 3s. 11d. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month

(b) Read, letter of 11th July last from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades Council forwarding resolution urging the Council to proceed with the building of more houses

2—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 31st July and 11th September. They recommended as follows:-

(a) 22 Milton Road—That the tender of Mr. Turner of £2 3s. 9d. for providing additional down pipe at these premises be accepted.

(b) 3 Kipling Road—That no action be taken on the complaint of the tenant of 29 Spenser Road with regard to the screen erected at the rear of these premises.

(c) 119 Tennyson Road—That a granolithic floor be laid in the living room of this house at an estimated cost of £7 12s. 0d.

(d) That the several matters mentioned in the reports requiring inspection be referred to the View Sub-Committee,

(e) That Councillor P. T. Smith be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

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3—Housing Department-RESOLVED, That Mr. J. Ponting (Assistant) and Miss Gourlie (Pupil trainee) be allowed the sum of per annum for bicycle allowance.

4-10 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter from Mr. A. E. Sinkinson enclosing plan of the fowl-house erected by him at these premises without permission. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

5-10 Milton Road- letter from Mr. Paul Fripp, the late tenant of this house, asking the Corporation to make him an allowance for the improvements made to the garden of these premises. RESOLVED, That this be not acceded to.

6-62 Kipling Road—Read, letter of 15th July last from the owner of this house, asking the Corporation to sell him some additional land at the rear of the house, and the architects submitted plan showing the land which could conveniently be sold. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to sell the piece of additional back land comprising approximately 148 square yards at the valuation of the District Valuer. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

7-24 Whaddon Avenue—Read, letter from the tenant of 22 Whaddon Avenue complaining of the gate erected by the tenant of No. 24 Whaddon Avenue in the side passage leading to both houses. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8-49 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter from the owner of this house that the gravel garage entrance to this house was not satisfactory and asking that this should be tar sprayed. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the architects.

9-1 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the tenant of this house asking for a transfer to a cheaper house on the estate. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

10—Drainage—The Sanitary Inspector recommended the provision of special stoppers for the drainage manholes on the several housing estates as the present stoppers were being forced off. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have 20 of the special stoppers fitted at a cost of £12 10s. 0d.

11—Outbuildings—The Housing Manager submitted plans of outbuildings. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the View Sub-Committee,

12-66 Hope Street—In view of the complaints received of the nuisance and annoyance to occupiers of adjoining houses caused by this tenant, it was RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give him notice to quit.

13—Garden Prize Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that 109 owners and tenants entered the competition for the garden prizes, and that the Sub-Committee met on the 18th July and awarded the prizes.

14—Extension of Brooklyn Road and Additional Land—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that no further grants would be recommended by the Committee for road or bridge improvement and that therefore the Scheme for the extension of Brooklyn Road was no longer eligible for grant. RESOLVED, That the proposed Scheme be not proceeded with. RESOLVED, also, That the proposed purchase of additional land from the late Mr. Unwin's executors be not proceeded with.

(NOTE.—The total estimated cost of the above Scheme including the purchase of the land was £18,729).

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st September, 1931 Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Pates, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—View Committee—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on 16th inst. : Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Sawyer, and Councillor Pates. They recommended as follows :—

Orrisdale Terrace—That the application of Mr. W. R. Chipp for removal of tree at corner of College Road be not acceded to,

All Saints' Road—That the application of Mr. G. W. Ward for removal of a lime tree in front of two houses now in course of erection be acceded to and that the trees on the opposite side of the road be lopped.

Pittville Villas—That Mrs. Parker's application for removal of tree near No. 6 be not acceded to

Hewlett Street—That no action be taken with regard to the objection made in respect of the notice on the lamp standard directing to All Saints' Church. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

- 2—Footpath from Churchill Road—Read, letter from Mr. H. E. Holyoake complaining of the condition of the public footpath from Churchill Road, leading to the footpath between Naunton Lane and Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.
- 3--Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaints of the unsuitability of the carriageway of Harp Hill for horses. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to coating a part of the surface with Damann non-slippery asphalt.
- 4—Light Railway—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Cheltenham District Traction Company had now paid the amount due for the reinstatement of the remainder of the tramway track amounting to £4,224 5s. 6d.
- 5—Whaddon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable damage had been done to the trees in Whaddon Road by boys, and that he had reported the damage to the Superintendent of Police
- 6—Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Miss Gambier Parry and Miss Cox, asking that the remaining portion of the ditch in Old Bath Road should be piped in. RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's main road estimates for carrying out this work,
- 7—Cloddimore Footpath—Read, letters from Mr. R. J. Stone and Mr. J. H. Evans complaining of the stile at the Hatherley Road end of this footpath having been altered in such a manner as to make it difficult and inconvenient. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the owner to have an additional step placed on the new stile which has been erected.
- 8—Regent Street—RESOLVED, That the footpath in front of Cavendish House Company's new premises be paved for a width of 10 feet and that the remaining four feet be thrown into the roadway subject to Cavendish House Company undertaking under seal to give up the frontage of their remaining property when required to enable the new footpath and road widening to be continued up to County Court Road.
- 9—Workmen's Hours—Read, letter of the 28th July last from the District Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers expressing regret at the Committee's decision not to grant their application for a 47 hour week, and asking if it was not possible for arrangements to be made for the men to leave work at 12 noon on Saturdays. Read, also, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Branch Secretary of the Union forwarding resolution from the employees of the Highways Department instructing the Union to ask the Highways Committee to adjust their working hours so that the starting time on Saturdays shall be 6.30 a.m., breakfast time reduced to 15 minutes, and to leave work at 12 noon without any reduction in wages The Union also asked (1) That the ashmen should start at 7 a. m. and leave work at 12 noon on Saturdays ; (2) That the casual labourers should be paid 7s 6d per day (45s per week) and that after six months service they should be entitled to four days holiday with pay, and

after 12 months service, six days holiday with pay, and also payment for Good Friday, Christmas Day and Bank Holidays (3) ; That the road sweepers be paid 7s 6d a clay (45s per week) of 48 hours and that the sweepers who work two hours on Sunday mornings be paid 3s 6d instead of 2s as at present ; (4) That the overtime rates should be as follows :—First two hours, time and a quarter ; after two hours, time and a half, Sundays, double time and the rates only to come into operation after the ordinary working day has been completed. Read, also, letter of the 6th inst., from the Cheltenham District Trades Council forwarding resolution recording a strong protest against the refusal of the Council to accede to the application for a 47 hour week and to leave work at 12 noon on Saturdays, and suggesting that the Committee should join up with other Local Authorities on the Joint Industrial Council (Non-trading services), RESOLVED, That the Union be informed that the matters raised in these letters have already been carefully considered by the Committee recently on several occasions, and that they must adhere to their previous decision not to grant their application

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10—Central Depot—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Branch Secretary of the above Union, asking for consent for the men to be allowed to pay their union contributions after working hours at the main depot, and also to have a notice board fixed up for their use. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it is desirable to grant permission for the depot to be used for matters outside the work of the Corporation, which would open the depot to persons not in the employment of the Corporation.

11—Notice Boards, etc.—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from Mr. G. Bradfield complaining of the obstruction to the footpaths by news vendors' boards. Mr. Bradfield attended the Committee. RESOLVED, That instructions be given to the Police to prevent the public footpaths being used for the display of advertisement boards so as to cause obstruction, annoyance or danger, contrary to Section 28 of the Town Police (Clauses) Act, 1847.

12—Street Traffic—Read, letter of 25th July last from the National Citizens Union suggesting that steps should be taken to round off street corners wherever possible, and that special attention should be given to eight corners mentioned in their letter. RESOLVED, That the Union be informed that the Committee will take the opportunity of improving the corners referred to, when favourable occasion arises.

13—Footpath, Old Bath Road and Sandy Lane—Read, letter of 19th July last from Mr. G. Bradfield drawing attention to the condition of this footpath, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view,

14—Gardner's Lane—The Committee considered the reference from the Allotments Committee of the condition of this road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask Mr. Warren to have the road repaired.

- 15—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs Edwards & Marshall, R. Coombes, and J. M. Smith to place projecting signs outside premises at 30 Winchcomb Street, 66 High Street and 432 High Street respectively, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.
- 16—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Cycle Company to erect a petrol pump at their new premises at 55 High Street with swing arm over the footpath be granted, subject to the usual agreement being entered into.
- 17—North Place—Hoarding—Read, letter of 14th ult., from the Black and White Motorways Ltd., that they had removed the large hoarding in North Place and now submitted plan showing a hoarding 12 ft. high and 24 ft. in length to be erected on the same site, RESOLVED, That this be not approved, and that it be suggested to the Company that a sign fixed on a lamp standard in High Street directing to the Motor Coach Station would meet their requirements.
- 18—Byelaws---New Streets and Buildings—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health with reference to the new model building byelaws, and repeating their offer to have a suitable amending series of byelaws prepared for the consideration of the Council. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.
- 19—Church Walk—Read, letter of 1st inst., from Mr. A. N. Cole that owing to a misunderstanding, he found that the proposed chute would necessitate his main wall being used for a depth of two feet, and that, therefore, he did not propose to proceed with this. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to the Agreement entered into by him being cancelled
- 20—Victoria Place, Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. Mitchell complaining of the hoarding erected in front of these cottages. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.
- 21—Road Fund—Read, circular of the 15th inst., from the Ministry of Transport with regard to the limitation of expenditure on the Road Fund, and that in order to achieve the required reductions, it was necessary to consider forthwith, the postponement of any other expenditure (except such as may be necessary for safeguarding proposed roads and road widening). The Borough Surveyor reported that this did not affect any work to be carried out by the Corporation.
- 22—Trees—Read, letters from Mr. R. F. T. Runnill and Mr. G. A. Sims asking for the removal of trees opposite No. 1 Glenfern Villas, Hewlett Road and 10 Montpellier Terrace respectively. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.
- 23—Brighton Road—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the majority of the owners in this road had now paid the Private improvement Expenses, and that arrangements had been made with other owners for payment of the expenses by instalments. RESOLVED, That Brighton Road be declared a highway, subject, as regards the portion on the north side of the road (East end) fronting undeveloped land, to the liability of the

abutting owners to pave the portion of the footpath, now gravelled, when required to do so under the provisions of Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852.

(b) 7 Brighton Road—RESOLVED, That the owner of this house be informed that the Corporation will undertake to pay half the cost of any repairs required; within the next two years, to the front fence which may be due to any defect in the underpinning of the stone plinth carried out by the Corporation in making the new road.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th September, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Capt. Trye, L. Ward and Yarnold ; and Messrs A Yiend and G. E. Arthurs (Councillor L. Ward in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3217	Harris, W. S. F.	Additional bedroom, Mimosa, London Road
3218	Smith, T. W.	Detached House, off Naunton Lane
3219	Miller, Rev. A.	Cycle house, 1 Chatsworth Villas, Old Bath Road,
3220	Dickens, C.	Alterations to premises at corner of High Street and New Street.
3221	Hill, Miss	Additional bedroom and bathroom, Aroff, Naunton Lane,
3222	Copeland, R. V.	Detached house, Tivoli Road.
3223	Steel, H. E.	Outside staircase, Lypiatt House, Lypiatt Road.
3224	Peacey, A. A.	Bungalow, Arle Village Road,
3225	Thomas, Miss B.	Motor house, 14 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street.
3226	Wild, G. E.	Motor house, Charlton Lane.
3227	Houghton, Col. J. H.	Motor house, Overdale, Painswick Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3218, 3225 and 3227 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3217, 3221 and 3224 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3222 be approved subject to the surface water from the front roof being carried to the surface water drains when laid ; That Plan No. 3223 be approved subject to the condition that the staircase shall be removed without compensation when required for widening ; That Plan No. 3226 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plans Nos. 3219 and 3220 be not approved

2—Town Planning Area----(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No of Plan.	Name.	Description,
247	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
248	Daft, A. G.	Workshop and stores, Riviera Gardens, Tewkesbury Road
249	Pearce, R. E.	Pair semi-detached houses, Station Road, Woodmancote,
250	Tibbetts, R.	Detached house, Two Hedges Road, Woodmancote.
251	Matthews, Mrs.	Alterations, 107 Gloucester Road, Winchcomb.
252	Pearce, Mrs.	Conversion of stables into dwelling house, The Villa, Greet, near Winchcomb

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 247, 249, 250, 251 and 252 be approved; and That Plan No. 248 be not approved.

(b) Plans Nos. 242 and 243—Read, letter of 8th inst., from Mr F. G. Cooke, together with plan of the layout of Russell's Piece at Boddington The plan showed the layout of the land in accordance with the scheme, leaving a large plot undeveloped at the western end of the land. RESOLVED, That the plans be now approved subject to the owner agreeing to the large plot being scheduled for agricultural purposes.

3—Town Planning Scheme—Objections—Read, report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 8th September, 1931. Present—Councillors E. L. Ward (in the chair), Capt. Trye and Dr Hayward. (a) Royal Crescent—Mr. Yeaman attended on behalf of the owners' objection to the scheduling of Royal Crescent Gardens as a car park, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the proposals be adhered to.

(b) Mr Gisborne attended and objected to the proposed bye-pass road from Gloucester Road as this would sever his land. The Sub-Committee pointed out that it was not practicable to modify the proposals and recommended that no alteration be made in the line of the road.

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(c) Ladies' College—Col. Tarrant and Dr. Kirkland attended in support of the College Council's objection to the proposed new bye-pass road on the south side of the town. They contended that the noise of the traffic along the road would be detrimental to the patients in their sanatorium in Leckhampton Road. The Sub-Committee pointed out that the new road would not be any nearer to the sanatorium than Leckhampton Road, and recommended that the line of the road be slightly amended to avoid the sanatorium grounds, but that the other proposals be adhered to.

(d) Railway--Mr. R. E. Field and Mr. R. S. Wood attended in support of the objection of this Company to a portion of the Company's property in Alstone Croft being scheduled for a recreation ground, and they asked that this should be scheduled for houses at a density of 12 per acre with industries by consent, Mr. Field thought that the

Company's objection would be partly met if the frontage to Alstone Croft were scheduled for houses, and the Sub-Committee adjourned consideration for the Town Planning Assistant to suggest an alternative site, RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Conference—Read, circular from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England inviting the attendance of delegates to a conference to be held at Bath on the 15th, 16th and 17th October next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Dr. Hayward and Capt. Trye be authorised to attend if they so desire and that the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for two 5s conference tickets,

5—Town Planning Expenses—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Clerk to the Winchcomb Rural District Council, that his Council were unable to make a contribution towards the cost of preparing the scheme. Read, also, letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that his Council had adjourned consideration of the matter.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th September, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward; Brig.-General R. C. A. McCalmont; Capt. Leschallas ; and Mr. A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

6—Plans of New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3212	Hawkins, G. A.	Porch, new house corner of Battledown Approach and Hales Road (Amended).
3220	Dickins, C.	Alteration to premises, corner of High Street and New Street (Amended).
3228	Burgess, Mrs.	Motor house, Aysgarth. Pilford Road.
3229	Love, S. H.	Addition at rear of Oakville, Sydenham Road South.
3230	Dickins, C.	Detached house and garage, Lansdown Road.
3231	Mills, C. V.	Bringing forward shop front, 16 Roman Road.
3232	Walker, J. & Co.	Glass roof over space at rear of 46 Promenade.
3233	Bastin, G. H.	Two garages, Braunston and Wallington, All Saints' Road.
3234	Lear, J. P.	Motor house, Milverton, Old Bath Road.
3235	Robins, J. T.	Motor house, 3 Mead Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3228 and 3235 be approved ; That Plan No. 3212 be approved subject to the projection of the porch not exceeding 4 ft. 6 ins. ; That Plans Nos. 3220, 3229 and 3232 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 3230 and 3234 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed

to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No. 3230, subject also to the roof water discharging into the surface water sewer, That Plan No. 3231 be approved subject to the space in front of the shop being thrown into the public footpath, and to no obstruction being placed thereon ; and That Plan No. 3233 be not approved.

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7—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
253	Watson, W. G.	Site plan, Old Bath Road (Amended)
254	Webb, E.	Bungalow, Salter's Hill, Near Tewkesbury.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 253 be approved ; and That Plan No. 254 be not approved.

5—Fullwood Park—Read, letter of 10th inst, from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeaman, asking that the height zoning for buildings in Fullwood Park should be increased from 40 ft. to 50 ft. RESOLVED, That the Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2 be amended, altering the restrictions as to height so as to permit parts of the building exceeding 40 ft. but not exceeding 50 ft.

9—Town Planning Scheme—Objections—(a) Read, report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 15th September, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Capt. Leschallas and Mr. A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the Chair).

(i) Mr. J. C. M. Stanton attended and objected to the scheduling of his land for allotments, which he considered would prejudice the sale of the land if he desired to dispose of it, but he was prepared to withdraw his objection if the half acre of land now used by himself was excluded The Sub-Committee recommended that this be agreed to and the plan amended accordingly.

(ii) Mr. H. E. Owen and Mr G. McIlquham attended in support of the objection of Mrs. Elwes to the proposed bye-pass road through Leckhampton, as this would sever Collum End Farm. They also objected to land on Leckhampton Hill being scheduled for agricultural purposes. It was pointed out that this land had been scheduled to safeguard the panoramic views of the town from the approach road over Leckhampton Hill. The Sub-Committee recommended that no alteration be made in the line of the proposed bye-pass road, but that the land on the Hill be scheduled for building purposes at a density of one house per acre.

(iii) Col. Elwes attended in support of his objection to the scheduling of any of his land in the scheme He suggested that the whole of his land should be scheduled as rural area and that an agreement should be entered into providing that any development should be

subject to the consent of the Town Planning Authority, and the Sub-Committee adjourned consideration of this proposal.

- (iv) Shurdington Road—Mr. W. M. Robertson attended on behalf of the Shurdington Parish Council in regard to their objection to the widening of this road. It was pointed out that many years might elapse before the widening was carried out and that the scheduling of the land had already prevented new buildings being erected to the existing frontage line which was the object of scheduling land for the widening of the road. The Sub-Committee recommended that the proposals be adhered to.
- (v) Mr. Troughton attended in support of the objection of the trustees of the will of the late Col. Fenwick Bulmer Sales de la Terriere to the scheduling of the land at the junction of Gloucester Road and Alstone Lane for allotments. He suggested that the land on the opposite side of the railway now used as allotments should be substituted. The Sub-Committee recommended that this be agreed to and that the plan be amended accordingly.
- (vi) Mr. Troughton also supported the objection of Miss A. M. Butt to the scheduling of her land in Alstone Croft for a recreation ground, and the Sub-Committee deferred consideration for a report from the Town Planning Assistant as to alternative sites.
- (vii) Mr. Troughton also supported the objection of the Trustees of the will of the late H. Unwin to the proposed bye-pass road from Gloucester Road to Leckhampton. The Sub-Committee recommended that the proposals be adhered to.
- (viii) Mr. Troughton also supported the objection of Mr. E. L. Baylis to the scheduling of his land off Folly Lane as allotments, and to a portion of Creamery Piece for an extension to Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the proposals be adhered to. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except the resolution to Paragraph (iv) in respect of which a letter was read from the Cheltenham Rural District Council protesting against the widening of the main Shurdington Road, and the Committee resolved to defer consideration of the matter until the views of the County Council have been obtained.
- (b) Read, letter of 21st inst., from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons that Mr. Shenton was not satisfied with the amended plan of the bye-pass road near Balcarras Farm, and that he was not prepared to withdraw his objection. RESOLVED, That the original line of the road be adhered to.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Miller, Pates, Thomas, Waite, Weech and E. L. Ward ; Drs. Howell and Kirkland (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1—Spa Manager—Dr. Howell (Chairman), Messrs. W. Ansell, H. W. Bennett, T. J. Craig, E. W. Dicks, C. C. Footitt, H. F. Midwinter and H. E. Steel attended as representatives of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the question of combining the Spa Manager's department and Town Hall Bureau as one department. in view of the financial crisis, the question of appointing an Entertainments and Spa Manager be postponed for the present : (b) That, in the meantime, the booking of the Town Hall, Winter Gardens, Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Gardens and Montpellier Baths, and also the organisation of the concerts, dances and entertainments, and advertising in connection therewith be transferred to the Town Clerk's Department ; (c) That the Borough Surveyor be asked to superintend the supply of mineral waters to the several spas and the lighting and heating at the Town Hall, etc., and supervision of staff in connection therewith ; (d) That Mr. R. Board be appointed to take charge of the evening dances at a fee of 10s 6d for each attendance, and that he be granted an honorarium of £5 5s. 0d. for his services up to this date in connection with the work of the Spa Manager.

2—Town Hall—(a) Library Conference—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Library Association conveying the thanks of the Association for the facilities granted for their recent conference.

(b) No More War Movement—The Town Clerk reported that the No More War Movement wished to have the use of the Drawing Room and two smaller rooms for Conference Meetings on Sunday 29th November, and the large Hall for a Public Meeting to be held at 8 p.m. on the Sunday evening. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this on the understanding that no charge is made for admission to the public meeting.

(c) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, that the switches for the flood lighting be removed from the Town Hall to the adjoining Sub-Station.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Brasher asking for an interview with the Committee in regard to his scheme for these baths. RESOLVED, That he be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on the 9th October.

(b) Laundry Woman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Betteridge, laundry woman at these baths would reach the age of 65 on the 26th November next, after 28 years service. She was not on the Superannuation Scheme but asked whether the Committee would either grant her a small retiring allowance or continue her services as at present. The Borough Surveyor also submitted particulars of her husband's wages, etc. RESOLVED, That the application for a pension allowance be not granted and that

the Borough Surveyor be authorised to appoint another laundry woman on the termination of Mrs. Betteridge's employment.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Elementary Schools Swimming Association for the usual grant of 12 season and 12 half season tickets to be awarded to school children successful in passing the examination of the Royal Life Saving Society be granted.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application of the 28th ult., from the Floral Fête Committee applying for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens for the 1932 Floral Fete to be held on the 29th and 30th June, 1932. RESOLVED, That in view of the disturbance to users of the tennis courts, etc., that it be suggested to the Floral Fête Committee, that next year, the Floral Fete should be held in the playing field portion of Sandford Park.

5—Dance Band—Read, letters from Mr. Peter Fielding enclosing particulars of an offer he had received for his band for the winter season, 1932/33, and asking whether the Committee could see their way to engage his dance band including provision of a quintette for the morning concerts at a charge of £45 5s. 0d. per week. He pointed out that this was the same terms as charged for the Season 1929/30 for a dance band only. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to make arrangements so far ahead.

6-1 Oriel Road—(a) Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of these premises wished to fix a bath and geyser which he would provide on the understanding that the bath and geyser would become the property of the Corporation at the end of his tenancy. He asked the Corporation to extend the water service and fix the waste pipe. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Read, complaint from the occupier of No. 1 Oriel Terrace that Ivy from these premises was growing on to his premises. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this cut down.

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7—Montpellier Baths—(a) Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent submitted his monthly report and return of the number of baths given in August.

(b) The Committee considered application from Mrs. Methold for reduced terms for medical baths, together with report from the Superintendent thereon. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Swimming Bath—Read, letter from Mr. C. S. Stuart Baker in regard to swimming lessons at the baths. RESOLVED, That no person, other than the authorised instructor be allowed to use the swimming bath for swimming instruction purposes or to use a belt, pole or other aids, without the consent of the Superintendent.

(d) illuminated Sign—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to move the illuminated sign over the swimming bath entrance to the main entrance of the medical baths and also that this sign be kept lighted until 10 p.m.

(e) RESOLVED, That an electric cooker be hired for the caretaker's quarters in place of the old gas cooker.

(f) RESOLVED, That these swimming baths be kept open after 30th September so long as this can be done without any financial loss.

8—Pittville Gardens—(a) Read, application from Mrs. Burton for the hire of the Pittville Pump Room for badminton. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let the Pump Room for badminton from the 1st October, 1931 to the 31st March, 1932 at the rate of for one hour a week during the season including lighting and heating, being the same rate as the room was let last year.

(b) Dog Shows—Read, applications from the Fox terrier Club and the Ladies West of England Kennel Society for the use of the gardens and Pump Room for Dog Shows to be held on the 25th and 4th May, 1932 respectively. RESOLVED, That the gardens and Pump Room be let at a charge of £5 for each show subject to the Society undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the property and paying the cost of cleaning. RESOLVED, also, That the gardens be closed to the public on these two days except to residents on the Pittville Estate.

9—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 25th August and the 1st and 8th September.

They recommended as follows, inter alia:-

(a) Refreshments at Dances—That Mrs. Stevens' offer to pay £25 for the right of providing the bar at Municipal Evening Dances for the ensuing season be accepted.

(b) Newspapers, etc.—That the supply of newspapers and periodicals at the Town Hall and Medical Baths be revised as now settled by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th September, 1931 Present--The Mayor; Alderman Stewart ; Councillors Pates, Thomas, Weech, Waite and E. L. Ward (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

10—Town Hall—Read, letter from Mr. S. G. Townsend, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Master Bakers and Confectioners Association that it had now been decided to hold the annual conference of the National Association in Cheltenham from the 6th to 11th June, 1932, and applying for the use of the Town Hall for the conference. RESOLVED, That the free use of the accommodation required be granted

11—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 22nd inst. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Pates and Weech (Councillor Pates in the Chair).

They recommended as follows;-

- (a) Military Bands—That military bands be engaged for four weeks only during the 1932 season as follows :—weeks commencing 15th May (Whit Week), 26th June (Flower Show Week), 31st July (August Bank Holiday Week) and 14th August (Cricket Week), and also that the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for touring concert parties to give performances at Montpellier Gardens during the weeks when a military band is not engaged.
- (b) Sunday Concerts—That consideration of providing Sunday Concerts during the forthcoming winter season be considered at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee,
- (c) That Mr. Michael Rinder and Sonia be engaged to give exhibition dances at the opening dance tea on the 16th October at an inclusive fee of £7.
- (d) Cheltenham Radio Night—That a Municipal Dance be held on the 27th October on the occasion of the Cheltenham Radio Night, during which dance music by Mr. Peter Fielding's band will be relayed by the B.B.C.
- (e) Races—That if it is found that a Race Ball is not being provided on one of the nights of the November Races that a long night Municipal Dance be held on one of these evenings. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12—Printing—The Committee considered four tenders received for printing the Spa Programme for the winter season. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing be accepted.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th September, 1931, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Capt. Trye and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—High Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the laying of the new distributor cables on both sides of High Street from St. George's Street to Hewlett Street was commenced on 10th August and completed within ten days, in spite of the loss of three days through wet weather,

2—Change of frequency—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Central Electricity Board referring to interviews and correspondence which had taken place between the Corporation and the Board and stating that the proposals for a financial contribution towards the cost of standardising the frequency of the Undertaking had now received the approval of the Electricity Commissioners, subject to the alteration being completed not later than 31st December, 1933 and to certain conditions in regard to the payment of the contribution. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Board accepting the conditions.

3—Extensions to Mains—The Committee considered the circular issued by the Ministry of Health to Local Authorities, recommending that they should consider whether development of any services could not safely and properly be slowed down till better times. They considered that Authorities should pay special regard to such questions as whether a service is or is not likely to be remunerative either at once or in the near future, and whether it is justifiable on the ground of the contribution which it makes to the provision of employment for local workers, thereby avoiding the throwing of charges on National or local funds. RESOLVED, That as the Committee have always considered each proposed extension specially and only sanctioned expenditure which showed a prospect of a reasonable return at an early date, no variation need be made in their present policy.

4—Electric Pillar—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement for the right to erect and maintain an Electric Switch Pillar on land in Old Bath Road belonging to Messrs. Bass & Co. in consideration of an annual acknowledgment of 5s and terminable by six months notice, and to a similar agreement with Mr. J. Jones in respect of a Transformer Pillar at his premises in Malvern Street.

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5—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a number of applications for a supply from occupiers in Swindon Lane, In order to provide these it would be necessary to extend the existing 11,000 volt underground cable from the Paddocks to a point near the G.W. Railway crossings with a low pressure overhead line from this point to Morality Farm. An underground cable would also have to be laid from the Paddocks to the entrance to Marle Hill Court. He estimated the cost of this extension at £623 5s. 3d. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to carry out this extension. RESOLVED, also, That application be made for the Consents of the Local Authorities concerned to the erection of the overhead lines and to Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of overhead lines under Section 10 (b) of the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary wayleaves for the laying of the lines and for payment of compensation for removal of trees,

(b) Arle and Uckington—Read, letters of 15th and 25th July last from the Cheltenham Rural District Council that they strongly objected to the overhead lines for the supply to these areas, except that portion from the transformer pole on the Home Crofting Estate

for the supply to Uckington Village. They suggested that the proposals should have included the County Council houses on the main Tewkesbury Road, Read, also, letter of 10th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council, that having heard the views of the District Council, the County Highways Committee were still opposed to overhead lines. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to consider the above proposals and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted the consent of the Ministry of Transport dated 23rd July, 1931 to the placing of overhead lines across land belonging to Mrs. M. J. Margrett.

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, reports of damage to lamp standards on the 19th ult. and 5th inst. in Shelbourne Road and Lypiatt Street respectively by vehicles belonging to Messrs. A. Riches and E. Cox. The estimated cost of replacing the lamp standards in each case was £6 10s. 5d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for making good the damage.

7—Public Lighting—Read, letters from Mr. W. Leishman and Mr. R. S. Maxfield asking for improvements in the lighting of Eldorado Road and Monson Avenue respectively. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

S—Accounts 1930-31—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that during the year ended 31st March, 1931 several renewals of old cables and other materials amounting to £3,072 15s. 10d. had been carried out which he recommended should be allocated to the Reserve for Renewals Fund. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

9—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 18th, 23rd and 31st July ; 8th, 13th, 18th, 23rd and 28th ult., and 5th and 15th insts., which showed the average calorific value on these dates to be 475.4, 468.1, 475.5, 477.6, 476.6, 472.4, 476.4, 473.1, 471.4 and 481.3 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.6, 5.4, 5.4, 5.7, 5.5, 5.5, 6.7, 5.0, 5.8 and 5.7 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Lipson, Capt. Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

10—Workmen's Wages—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letters from the Secretary of the Employers' side of the National Joint Industrial Council, stating that notice to terminate the sliding scale agreement was given by the Workmen's side which terminated on the 30th June last so that the existing scale under the agreement was no longer in force. Protracted negotiations had ensued without result as the Workmen's side refused to consider any reduction in wages or to refer the dispute to arbitration. If the sliding scale had remained in operation, a reduction of 1 ½ d.

per hour would now be due, but the Employers' representatives on the Council recommended that the wages of all employees should be reduced as follows :—

Weekly wages for 48 hours 3s per week
 Weekly wages for 47 hours 2s 11 ¼d per week
 Hourly wages by ¾ d. per hour.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the reduction operate as from and including the 15th October, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to give notice to the workmen concerned.

JAMES MOORE,
 Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ;
 The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1--Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Reports of the Borough Engineer for the months August and September were read –

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 10th August, 1931.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	329,000 gallons	190,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	590,000 "	360,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	72,000	48,000
Total	991,000	598,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th August, 1931		10th August, 1930.	
Hewletts		27,224,000 gallons		13,646,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 7ins.	87,099,000 "	24ft. 5ins.	63,478,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	9ft. 0ins.	1,215,000
Total Storage		115,943,000		78,339,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 14th September, 1931.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	392,000 gallons	201,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,210,000	557,000
Leckhampton Springs	67,000	41,000
Total	1,669,000	799,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th September, 1931		14th September, 1930.	
Hewletts		28,463,000		15,312,000
Dowdeswell	31ft. 3ins.	96,072,000	23ft. 7ins.	59,465,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	8ft. 0ins.	1,080,000
Total Storage		126,155,000		75,857,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of July and August.

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3—Boddington Water Supply--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries had now withdrawn their proposals for a grant towards the cost of laying a new main to supply Barrowcourt Farm, Boddington Manor, etc., and that if it was decided to proceed with the main, the whole of cost would now have to be borne by the various owners,

4—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer reported that owing to the extra work in connection with the Park Place and district re sewerage scheme, this scheme had been delayed, but that it was now being proceeded with, and that he hoped to submit the detailed plans and estimates to the Ministry in the course of two months. He proposed to continue the services of the temporary draftsmen engaged for the above scheme to assist with the preparation of the water works scheme, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir--The Borough Engineer reported that on the 5th inst., a motor car belonging to Mr. A. Morgan had damaged the fence near Dowdeswell Reservoir to the extent of £2 10s. 0d. and the Town Clerk reported that the Insurance Company concerned had paid the claim. RESOLVED, That the County Surveyor be asked to put up warning signs.

6—River Severn Development Association—Read, circular of 31st ult., from this Association pointing out that the subscriptions for the current financial year, was now due, and asking for

an increased subscription so that the Press Publicity Campaign might be extended.
RESOLVED, That the Committee subscribe the same amount as last year, namely £5.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 4th September, 1931Chairman.

1. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Moore, Sawyer and Stewart; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Cinematograph Licence—(a) New Cinema, Winchcomb Street—Mr. G. Trevor Wellington and Messrs. E. A. Crisp, A Saunders and J. Trent attended in support of the application of The Albany Ward Theatres Ltd. for a licence under the Cinematograph Act for a building intended to be erected on the site of the Congregational Church in Winchcomb Street. Mr. Cornock (for Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne) and Messrs. W. Simpson and J. Greenland attended on behalf of the proprietors of the other licensed picture houses in the Borough and opposed the application. RESOLVED, That the applicants be informed that the Council will be prepared to grant a licence subject to the usual conditions when the building has been completed in accordance with plans approved by the Council and the regulations of the Secretary of State provided that the building is commenced within six months and completed within a reasonable time thereafter.

(b) Palace Picture House—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson & Yeaman, applying on behalf of Messrs. W. G. and E. J. Vickary Ltd., of Taunton for the transfer of the Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Palace. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(Confirmed by Council on 7th September, 1931).

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Capt. Trye, J. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was now free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Inspector—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Albert James Wayman 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.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of W. Edwards of Tidminton Garage, Wellington Road, for a Hackney Carriage Driver's licence be granted.

4—Petrol Licences—(a) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum and carbide of calcium as set out in the Petroleum Inspector's Report Book be granted for one year from the 5th prox.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the following applications be granted

Mr. G. Readings ...	500 gallons	at showroom, Bath Road.
Major Bowle-Evans	1500	150/156 Bath Road.
Messrs. Niblett & Co. Ltd. .	. 500	Mineral Water works, St. James' Street.
Mr. F. B. Leopold ...	2000	(also 112 lbs. Carbide) at 85 High Street.
Cheltenham Motor & Cycle Co.	500	(also 224 lbs. Carbide) at 88 The Strand.
Mr. T. H. Stainton	990	at Place Garage, Lansdown Place Lane.
Mr. T. H. Stainton	3000	Lansdown Filling Station, Lansdown Road.
Mr. A. Riches	500	Wood Yard, Elm Street.

5—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, namely :—

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
4th August	98 Promenade	Not apparent	Not known	£7 11s. 0d.
8th “	“	Arson ...	Slight ...	£3 13s. 6d.
4th “	6 Albion Square, Albion Street	Not apparent	£25	£4 1s. 0d.
9th “	17 Montpellier Walk	Sun's rays	Slight ...	£3 8s. 6d.
14th “	Fleece Hotel ...	Not apparent	£250	£5 17s. 0d.
26th “	Badgeworth Road (Rick Fire)	Caused by boys	Not known	Not known.

(b) Woodmancote—The Town Clerk submitted offer from the Woodmancote Parish Council to pay the sum of £9 for the provision of the services of the brigade for this parish. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to an agreement similar to that made with Southam and Brockhampton Parish Councils being entered into.

6—Domestic Servants Registries—Read, report of the 22nd inst., from Superintendent Wayman that all the domestic servants registries had been visited and the books inspected and found in order. Miss Ellis had removed from 16 Clarence Street to 23 Clarence Street.

7—Road Traffic Act, 1930—(a) Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Clerk to the Traffic Commissioners enclosing the standard conditions attached to the several kinds of road service licences.

(b) Traffic Commissioners—Read, circular of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Transport asking the Council to nominate one person for the office of traffic commissioner for the western area. RESOLVED, That Councillor Capt. Trye be nominated.

8—Police Establishment—The Committee further considered the revised draft agreement submitted by the Standing Joint Committee together with two alternative accounts for the year 1929130 worked out under the existing agreement including contribution to cost of reserves and under the proposed draft agreement. The Borough Treasurer reported that the account as worked out under the new draft agreement showed an increase of approximately £353 over the account made out under the old agreement. RESOLVED, That the Standing Joint Committee be informed that the Council are unable to agree to the termination of the existing agreement, but are willing to enter into a supplemental agreement as previously offered, to pay for the cost of the Auxiliary reserve police in the same proportion as now paid for the ordinary police establishment.

9—Control of Films—Read, circular from the Birmingham Inquiry Committee inviting the Corporation to send representatives to a conference to be held on the 14th inst., at Birmingham with a view to urging the Home Secretary to institute a public inquiry into the production and exhibition of films. RESOLVED, That Major Potter (Film Censor) be appointed to attend.

10—Police Stations—Read, letter of 24th July last from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, enclosing draft of the revised tariff charges in respect of the extensions from three sub-police offices to the Central Police Station, and enclosing notice terminating the existing agreement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign a new agreement covering the revised rentals on behalf of the Corporation.

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11—Shops Acts—Read, letter from Messrs. F. Wilkins (Exhibition Agencies) Ltd., asking for a certificate of exemption from closing and extension of hours for retail sales under the Shops Acts, 1912 and 1928 for the Exhibition to be held in the Winter Garden from the 18th to 28th November next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 5 of the Shops (Hours of Closing) Act, 1928, in respect of this Exhibition as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition would be subsidiary or ancillary only to the main purpose of the Exhibition which is advertisement, and that in respect of such retail trade or business 10 p.m. in the evening shall be substituted for the general closing hours fixed by the Act, subject to the Shop Assistants employed in or about the retail trade in question not being employed for a longer number of hours each day than such Shop Assistants would ordinarily be employed in the trade in which they are engaged, and shall be secured the weekly half holiday required by the provisions of the Shops Acts, 1912.

- 12—Traffic Control (a) The Town Clerk submitted objections received to the one-way traffic orders from Mr. R. Ison and shop keepers in Pittville Street and Winchcombe Street, together with the observations he had made thereon to the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That these be approved.
- (b) Automatic Traffic Signals—Councillor Capt. Trye submitted estimates for the provision of automatic traffic signals at the three junctions previously reported on. RESOLVED, That consideration of installing these be adjourned for the present.
- 13—Ancient Monuments Acts, 1913-31—Read, circular of 25th ult., from the Office of Works, enclosing copy of Section 11 of the Ancient Monuments Act, 1931 which required ancient monuments to be registered in the Local Land Charges Register, and enclosing copy of the rules giving effect to this section.
- 14—Mortuary—Read, letter of 17th ult., from the Secretary of the General Hospital that they were endeavouring to find a woman to deal with bodies of women brought into the mortuary.
- 15—Animal Shelter, Leckhampton Road—Read, memorial from 12 residents in the vicinity of this shelter complaining of the nuisance caused by the barking of dogs at these premises. RESOLVED, That the memorialists be referred to the remedy under the byelaw made by the Council in regard to noisy animals.
- 16—International Union of Local Authorities—Read, circular asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend this Congress to be held in London in 1932. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.
- 17—Omnibus Fares—Read, letter of 19th ult., from the Cheltenham and District Trades Council that workmen's fares on the omnibuses were not made available to women workers and asking the Council to take the matter up with the Cheltenham District Traction Company with a view to these cheap fares being granted to women workers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Company thereon.
- 18—Market—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., that the two-deck shed was in a bad state, and that the market office roof was leaking. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the sheds at the market and report to the Committee.
- 19—Wheelchair Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of W. J. Trinder for a licence to ply for hire a wheelchair, be granted.
- 20—Marine Store Dealers—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Albert James Wayman be appointed officer for the purposes of enforcing compliance with the provisions of Section 86 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, and with authority to enter any premises used as marine stores and to inspect the books required to be kept under

the provisions of the said section and that the Common Seal be affixed to this resolution.

21--Town Police Clauses Act, 1847—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Albert James Wayman 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.

22—Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Albert James Wayman 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.

23—Marle Hill Estate—Read, correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with reference to the application for their consent to the sale of the Albert Road Allotments asking that the area to be appropriated for allotments on the Marle Hill Estate should be increased to 13 acres. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the portion of this Estate containing 13 acres shown on the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor be appropriated for allotments.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Gardeners Lane—The Chairman reported that this road was in a bad state of repair. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Street and Highway Committee with a view to the necessary repairs being carried out.

2—Crab Tree Piece Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that there had been flooding at these allotments owing to the ditches having been filled up with rubbish by allotment holders. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the ditches cleaned out and that notices be put up on the allotments warning allotment holders against tipping rubbish into the ditches and offering 10s reward for information of any allotment holder found doing so.

3—**Allotments Prize Scheme**—The **Sub-Committee** reported that only 18 allotment holders had entered for this competition. They recommended that the prize money of £6 6s. 0d. be allotted as follows :-3 prizes of 12s ; 3 prizes of 8s ; 5 prizes of 7s; 4 prizes of 5s ; 2

prizes of 4s ; and 1 prize of 3s. RESOLVED, That this be approved RESOLVED, also, That in view of the small number of entries the competition be discontinued.

4—Allotments near Leckhampton Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the vacant allotment be offered to Mr. W. Smith of 19 Fairhaven Road at a rent of 15s per annum.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the Chair).

1—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Borough Surveyor submitted certificate of Dr. Andrews showing that Mr. W. Hooper was now sufficiently recovered from his accident to follow his employment. Mr. Hooper attended and applied for re-instatement. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to find him temporary employment and that his application be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Pittville Park—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Howe of " Handley Cross " complained of trees in Pittville Park overhanging her garden. The Gardens Superintendent reported that two of the trees were very old and becoming dangerous and suggested that they should be removed and that two others be lopped. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Albert Road—Councillors P. T. Smith and Waite reported as to their inspection of this road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have pot holes filled in

4—Sandford Park—Weighing Machine—RESOLVED, That the application of the British Automatic Co. to install a weighing machine in Sandford Park be not acceded to.

5—Swindon Road Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Playing Field belonging to the Swindon Road Schools had been kept open during the August holidays. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Caretaker be paid 10s per week for supervision.

W. SAWYER,

Chair

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th September, 1931. Present—Aldermen Stewart and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Langley, Capt. Trye and Weech ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Library Association Conference—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Library Association Conference expressing thanks to this Committee for the facilities allowed for Meetings in the Art Gallery. The President of the International Federation of Library Associations, Dr. W. W. Bishop of Michigan University, also wrote thanking the Committee for the most attractive and convenient meeting place furnished by the Art Gallery Committee

2—Curator's Report—Visits—During July and August 5,789 (against 5,825)

Receipts -Catalogues, " Friends of Gallery and Museum" Fund, etc., £1 14s 0d.

Exhibition—The 12th annual exhibition by the Cheltenham group of Artists is on view from September 24th to October 24th.

Catalogue of the Permanent Collection—The new edition of this catalogue had been delivered (1000 copies). RESOLVED, That these be sold at 11- per copy.

Venetian Sculpture-4 pieces had been allocated to Cheltenham by the National Art Collections Fund. The apportionment of cost, of taking down and packing was estimated at £3 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to co-operate with Bath and Bristol with regard to transport.

3—Donations---From Miss E. M. Adlard, Bones and Skull of Skeleton found on Stockwell Common; Major Clift, Inkstand, Spirit flask and Snuff box of Pewter ; Miss Clare, Coloured engraving of Old Well Walk ; Miss Conder, Vinaigrette and coins; Mrs. D. W. Herdman, Harvester's Cider Bottle and Powder flask for muzzle-loading gun; Hereford Museum per Mr. F. C. Morgan, Shepherd's Crook ; Mr. W. Holliday, Fleam made in Gloucester; Mr. Mayall, Two Reckoning Counters; Mr. F. W. Robins, Old Sulphur Matches ; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Scott, Two Persian Bowls, " Gombroon Ware."

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

4—Loans—From Lady Keeble, Portrait of Herself by Charles Shannon, R.A.; W. Aymys[?], Portrait of Bishop Wilson by Miss Gardom.

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

5—Regional Group of Museums—Read, letter from the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery Committee, suggesting a meeting to consider the question of a Regional Group of Museums and Art Galleries, for mutual exchange of information and specimens in South Western counties.

RESOLVED, That the Curator attend this meeting in Bristol on the 7th October.

6--The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust Grant—The Curator read a letter from the Secretary of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust to the Town Clerk, expressing his trustees' approval of the arrangements made in connection with this Grant, and promising payment of the first instalment thereof on presentation of certificates of expenditure.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor : Alderman Stewart; Councillors Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 18th July, to 25th September, 1931. Interments 105 ; Grave Spaces sold 30 (Second Position 1, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 28) ; Memorials fixed 32 ; New Inscriptions 15.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8462 to 8491 of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein.

3—Cemetery—Mowing—The Cemetery Superintendent reported that the crop of grass was unusually heavy this Year and that some parts of the Cemetery would have to be mown a third time. RESOLVED, That the two temporary men be employed for another month.

4—Grave No. 8509 K—RESOLVED, That this grave be re-purchased from Mrs. M. A. Chawner.

5—Purchase of Graves—The Committee further considered the fees to be charged for graves purchased by persons who are not inhabitants and not ratepayers. RESOLVED, That the Resolution (b) of Minute No. 3 passed at a meeting of the Committee on 23rd January last be amended to read as follows :—" That the extra charge of 50 per cent be not made in regard to the purchase and first interment of a grave purchased by an inhabitant or ratepayer which may afterwards be used for the burial of a non-inhabitant or non-ratepayer, provided that the person so buried is the husband or wife or of blood relationship to the purchaser."

6—Repair of Roads—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect the roads at the Cemetery and to have only the necessary repairs carried out.

7—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of William Herbert Russell, William George Connor, Police Sergeant Gasside, Katherine Nona Haddon, John Charles Mitchell, Lewis Keeley

Stephens; Memorial Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Flora Bell Trinder, Emily and Robert Sutton, Edwin, Percy and George Sully, Elizabeth Ann Sweetman, Thomas James Wakefield; Memorial Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Herbert Jenner Spier and Edward Jenner Spier; Memorial Block and Kerbing to grave of Albert Williams ; Memorial Headstone to grave of William Bowd Parsons, Frances Parsons and Elizabeth Parsons ; Memorial Block to grave of Sarah and Annie Hill ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Alice Emily Osborne, William Pearce, and Eva Catherine Noyes ; Kerbing to graves of Charles Edward Hatten, Ellen Jane and Tom Stark, Annie Milliard.

HENRY T. YARNOLD, CHairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th September, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Pates, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Weech and Yarnold; and Messrs. E. C. Rogers, F. Vernal and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Library Association Conference—Before commencing the business the Chairman expressed the Committee's appreciation of the way in which the Librarian had carried out his duties as Hon Local Secretary of the Conference.

2—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Library Association conveying a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee, for the many courtesies extended to the Association, and for the excellent arrangements made for holding the Conference.

3—Librarian's Report for July and August—Receipts—£6 12s. 5d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 12,370 (last year 11,135) ; Lending Department 30,707 (last year 28,987) ; Junior Department 4,450 (closed last year). Total for months 47,527 (last year 40,122).

4--Donations—Anonymous (1 vol.) ; British Optical Association (1 vol.) ; Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees (1 vol.) ; Sir Charles Oman (1 vol.) ; Mr. Kenneth Parker (8 vols.) ; Lord Howard de Walden (4 vols.).

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

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5—Books—The Librarian reported that, as he had foreshadowed in his report to the Committee in July, an advantageous opportunity arose at the Library Association Conference Exhibition to purchase jointly with the Hereford Public Library Committee the whole of the book exhibits from Messrs. Mudie's stall. The apportionment for Cheltenham comprised 645 volumes for £82, which as compared with ordinary prices represents a net saving of about £45. This purchase would meet requirements to December.

RESOLVED, unanimously, That the Librarian's action be confirmed.

6—Co-operation with Gloucestershire County Library—The Librarian reported as to the approach which had been made to him, by the Gloucestershire County Library. RESOLVED, That this Committee give general approval to a scheme whereby the Town Library facilities be extended to districts immediately adjacent to the Borough boundaries, on terms to be the subject of further discussion.

7--Jubilee Tower—The Librarian read a letter from the Borough Surveyor reporting that the cornice of this tower, though weathering rather badly, is safe for the present.

8—Additional Lecture—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to arrange for an additional lecture on "The Story of the Medici," on the 21st September.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Lipson, P. T. Smith and Weech (The Mayor in the chair). Mr. J. Howell, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, also attended.

1—Winter Garden—(a) Repertory Theatre—Mr. and Mrs Rex. Burchell attended in support of their application to take the north transept of the Winter Garden for a repertory theatre, provided suitable stage and dressing rooms were constructed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit detailed plans and estimates for erecting a stage and dressing rooms, etc., to enable the proposal to convert this transept into a repertory theatre to be further considered,

(b) Boiler—The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the two boilers had been condemned by the Insurance Company and he recommended that a new boiler be installed, the other boiler was uneconomical to use but would serve as a standby. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain estimates for a new boiler.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors P. T. Smith and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Winter Garden—(a) Repertory Theatre—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for providing a stage and dressing rooms etc., and the Committee inspected the premises. They were of opinion that the stage should be at the north end of the transept, and that accommodation for dressing rooms etc., might be provided by utilising some of the space behind this transept RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit revised plans and estimates accordingly,

(b) Boiler—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been in further communication with the Boiler Insurance Company, and that they were now willing to agree to the

condemned boiler being repaired, and that he submitted estimate from Messrs. Such and Sons for carrying out the necessary repairs at a cost of £33. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillor Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

- 1—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of rates.
- 2—Proposals--The Committee considered proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of Assessments as now settled by the Committee.
- 3—Re-Valuation—Second New Valuation—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing particulars of the preliminary proposals of the County Valuation Committee for the Valuation for the Second New Valuation Lists to come into force on the 1st April, 1934. With a view to securing uniformity in valuation, they had asked to be supplied with returns of the assessment of houses erected by the Corporation and farmhouses. RESOLVED, That this return be supplied.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th September, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair),

- 1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £115,095 0s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,380 7s. 0d.
- 2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £18,741 10s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,919 4s. 2d.
- 3—Housing Bonds--The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £5 had been received for 4 ½ per cent Housing Bonds and that a certificate had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during August was 4,191 as compared with 3,694 for the corresponding month last year

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James and Waite.

The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for renewal of Debentures amounting to £8,250 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. J. Sutton retired District Foreman died on the 25th inst.

8--Loan of £23,561—The .Borough Treasurer recommended that application should be made to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of £23,561 at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent for the Park Place District Resewerage Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to mortgages of the General Rate to the Public Works Loans Commissioners for securing repayment of the loan of £23,561 and interest in respect of loan sanctioned by the Ministry of Health on the 29th July, 1931, such loan to be repayable by equal half yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within a period of 30 years and that the Common Seal be also affixed to the order authorising the delivery of the Commissioners certificate for the said sum to the Borough Treasurer.

9-16 Tivoli Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Corporation were collecting the rent of 8s per week of these premises in payment of sanitary work carried out by the Corporation under the Housing Acts, and that the owner had asked that he should be paid over some portion of the rent. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to pay over to him half the amount from time to time received.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 26th October, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 30th day of October, 1931,** 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 Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of ;—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING 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 WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th October, 1931, at 3 p.m. Present

The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Allen, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A. and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Alderman Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th September, 1931, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ... Meetings held September 9 & 14

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 16 with reference to National Rat Week, be referred back " was lost).

Housing.. . Meeting held September 15

Street and Highway Meeting held September 21

Subject to an Amendment, moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Pruen: " That Minute No. 6 with reference to the ditch, Old Bath Road, be referred back."

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor J. F. Ward : " That Minutes Nos. 9 and 10 be referred back " was not seconded).

Town Planning ... Meetings held September 10 & 24

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 18 & 25

Subject to the following Amendments :

(1) Moved by Councillor Weech and seconded by Alderman Sawyer: " That in view of the visit of the National Master Bakers Association, the Committee be empowered to engage a Military Band from June 5th to June 12th inclusive and that the week commencing June 26th be deleted from Minute No. 11 (a)."

(2) Moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Allen : " That Minute No. 11 (a) as amended be referred back for further consideration."

(3) " That Minute No. 8 (a) be amended and that the Pump Room at Pittville Gardens be let to Mrs. Burton for Badminton for three hours per week for the sum of £12 for the Winter Season."

(4) That Minute No. 9 (a) be not approved, and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the right to provide licensed refreshments at the evening dances, and that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be authorised to accept a tender."

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Thomas: " That the Mayor, Alderman Moore and Councillor Waite be appointed a Committee to deal with the appointment of a Spa Manager with power to act " was lost).

(An Amendment, moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Scott Langley: That Minute No. 11 (c) with reference to exhibition dances be referred back" was lost).

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Electricity and Lighting Meetings held September 16 & 28

Water Meeting held September 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 22

Allotments Meeting held September 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 18

Burial Board Meeting held September 25

Public Library Meeting held September 10

Winter Garden Development Meetings held September 17 & 29

Rating ... Meeting held September 28

Finance Meeting held September 29

Subject to an Amendment, moved by Councillor Dr. Hayward and seconded by Councillor Pruen : "
That Minute No. 9 in regard to No. 16 Tivoli Street be referred back."

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, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—Alderman Stewart—Read, a letter from Alderman Stewart that on medical advice he had decided not to stand again for election as an Alderman. Resolved, That the Council very much regret that Alderman Stewart is unable on the grounds of ill-health to offer himself for re-election as an Alderman and desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the town as a member of the Council for nearly twenty-five years, during which time he has devoted himself whole-heartedly to the service of the ratepayers.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, 30th October, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

- 1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses bag so proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-3 Belmore Place ; 43 Montpellier Villas ; 7 St. George’s Terrace, St. James's Square; and 10 Baker Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given 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) Roderic House and Bunwell House, Suffolk Square; Kilcrevan, Clun House and No 7 Carlton Street ; Taylor's Butchers Hide and Skin Co., Ltd.; Malthouse Cottage, Carlton Cottage, Glenthorne, Sidney Joinery Works and Pates' Yard, Hewlett 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) 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 St. Paul's Terrace, St. Paul's Road ; British Crown Inn, Dunalley Street; 64 Upper Park Street ; Gloucester House, Gloucester Place ; 110 and 111 Tewkesbury Road ; Roderic House and Bunwell House, Suffolk Square—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and that Notices 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 at 10 Baker Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is a house occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be to the persons having control of the house requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.
- 4—Overcrowding at 12 Fairhaven 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 26 lbs. Mutton 2 qrs. 19 lbs. Fish and 1 qr. 12 lbs. Poultry (2 geese).

6--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 177 Bath Road—The Committee further considered the question of closing the basement of these premises. Read, letters from the owner and the tenant of the premises stating that the sleeping arrangements had now been altered. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to inspect the premises and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) 8 Suffolk Parade and 1 Montpelier Terrace—The Committee considered making Closing Orders in respect of the rooms situate in the basements of the above premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are let for human habitation, and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered. so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said parts of the said buildings Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930, prohibiting the use of the said basements for the purpose of sleeping places.

(c) 11 Suffolk Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of closing the basement of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, to enable the Sanitary Inspector to report on the proposals for altering the premises so as to comply with the regulations.

(d) 1 and 2 Home Cottages—The Committee further considered the question of making a demolition order in respect of these premises, and the Town Clerk reported that statutory notice had been given to the Owner of the intention to make the order but that no communication had been received from him. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwelling houses which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the owners with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, requiring that the houses shall be vacated within 30 days from the date on which the Orders become operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the houses are not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which they are vacated.

(e) 18 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered the question of making a demolition order in respect of these premises. Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from Mr. E. Young that the work of reconditioning the cottages would be put in hand within 14 days. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(f) Vine Cottage and 3 Douro Cottages, Sherborne Street—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned dwelling houses are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notice be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owner, to the person having control of the houses and Mortgagee (if any) that the condition of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 16th November, 1931.

(g) 15 Park Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of this house, the back bedroom of which did not comply with the requirements prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned part of the said building is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit and that notice be served upon the persons having control of the house, owner thereof, and mortgagee, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof will be considered by the Council when any of the above mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

7—Slaughter House Byelaws—The Committee further considered the question of making new byelaws for the regulation of slaughter houses. RESOLVED, That consideration of this be adjourned for the present.

8—Abattoir—(a) The Sanitary Inspector reported as to the present arrangements made for allowing pigs to be brought into the lairs on Saturday. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) () Poling Hours—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the practice of some butchers of leaving their slaughtering until after the usual closing hours had tended to increase. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to inform the butchers that the slaughter house must be closed at the proper time except in cases of emergency,

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9—Health Lectures--RESOLVED, That it be left to the Medical Officer of Health to consider whether it is possible to arrange a series of health lectures to be given at the Public Library as last year.

10—Conference—Read, circular from the Central Council for Health Education, inviting the attendance of delegates to a conference to be held in London on the 19th
RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed,

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th October, 1931. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, and J. F. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—St. Mark's Housing Estate—Spare Land—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. G. T. Sindrey to rent the spare land at St. Mark's. RESOLVED. That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 2nd inst. Present :—Councillors Dr Hayward, Pates, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pates in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) That the members of the Sub-Committee be supplied with a list of the applicants for Houses on the St. Mark's Housing Estate.

(b) That in future housing contracts, the detailed specification and estimates be submitted to this Sub-Committee RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

3—New Houses—Read, letter of 17th ult, from the Manager of the Employment Exchange, stating that the Local Employment Committee had instructed him to send a monthly return to the Council showing the number of men unemployed in the various building trades, etc. The register of men unemployed had not fallen below 1,234 throughout the summer, a figure considerably in excess of the normal winter level, and that the register had since increased by 100, and indications pointed to a general increase for weeks to come, and his committee requested the Council to reconsider their decision as to the building of more houses so as to provide work for the more skilled men as a large number of skilled men were without prospects of work. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to obtain tenders for the erection of the additional 58 houses on the two cul-de-sac roads off Brooklyn and Kipling Roads. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,693 3s. 11d. for the construction of the two cul-de-sac roads.

4-47 Kipling Road—Read, letter of 1st inst., from Mr. M. A. Porter, the owner of this house asking to purchase a small piece of the garden of No. 37 Shakespeare Road for the extension of his garden. RESOLVED, That on No 37 Shakespeare Road becoming vacant or the tenant agreeing to give up the necessary land, the Council agree to the sale of the land at the valuation of the District Valuer. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

5-62 Kipling Road—The Town Clerk submitted the valuation of the District Valuer of the 148 square yards of land at the rear of this house. Read, also, letter from the owner of the house that he was not prepared to pay the price required.

- 6—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking whether in the event of their introducing a purchaser for some of the vacant land fronting this road, the Council would pay the usual agents commission. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay the usual commission.
- 7—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to a conference to be held at Blackpool from the 27th to the 30th November. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed
- 8—Stable, Etc., adjoining Benhall Cottage—Read, letter from Mr. H. J. Nethercott giving notice to terminate his tenancy of these buildings on the 25th December next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting offers for the tenancy.
- 9-8 Kingsley Gardens—Read, application from the tenant of this house to transfer to a cheaper house on the estate. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.
- 10-62 Whaddon Avenue—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this house be granted a transfer to a two-bedroom house when one is available,
- 11—**View Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported that he was the only member who attended the View Sub-Committee on the 30th ult. He recommended as follows—
- (a) 35 Margrett Road—That the portion of the fence of Nos. 35, 37 and 39 Margrett Road where it crosses the passage between Nos. 35 and 37 Margrett Road be removed.
- (b) Outbuildings—That the plans submitted for outbuildings at the following houses be approved :-6 Crab Tree Place, 22 and 28 Folly Lane, 1 and 5 Whaddon Avenue, 136 Tennyson Road, 34 Spenser Road, 64 and 68 Kipling Road, 7 and 53 Shakespeare Road, 95 Byron Road, 9 Shelley Road, 9 Brooklyn Road and 37 Pilley Crescent.
- (c) 64 Hudson Street—That the application of the tenant to erect two gates at the rear of these premises be referred to the full Committee.
- (d) 15 Hanover Parade--That the application of the tenant to erect a gate at the rear of these premises be granted subject to the adjoining tenants raising no objection.
- (e) 51 Whaddon Avenue—That the fence erected at the rear of these premises be approved, as altered.
- (f) 35 Paley Crescent—That the application of the tenant to place a water-butt at the rear of this house and to remove the lower portion of the rain water pipe be approved, subject to provision of suitable concrete base and overflow pipe discharging into gully.
- (g) 129 and 130 Tennyson Road—That the floors in the living rooms at these houses be taken up and relaid in granolithic.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that with regard to (c) the proposed gates be approved subject to the type of gates being approved by the Housing Manager.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th October, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Pates, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Annual Tenders—Stores, etc.—Read, letter from Messrs. Thelwall & Co., asking for the additional 2d. per gallon tax on turpentine to be allowed. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

2-15 Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of repairs required at these premises amounting to approximately £20. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the repairs carried out.

3—Victoria Place, Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the hoardings near these Cottages complained of by Mr. J. Mitchell had been erected many years. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

4—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Junior Clerk in his office had attained a Pitman's shorthand Certificate for 170 words a minute which was a record for the Cheltenham Technical College.

5—Road from Shurdington Road to Short Street—The Chairman submitted Memorial with regard to the condition of this road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this tar sprayed.

6—New Street—The Borough Surveyor reported damage on the 2nd inst., to a School Warning Sign in this road by a motor van belonging to Messrs. Hollings & Son. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage amounting to £3.

7—Cloddimore Footpath--Read, letter from Mrs. E. Hayward that she had given instructions for another step to be added to this stile as requested.

8—Gardener's Lane—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. J. K. Troughton that Mr. J. Warren was willing to haul and put down clinker and breeze from the Ash Destructor if the Corporation would supply this free of charge. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to on the understanding that the Corporation do not admit any liability for the maintenance of the road.

9— Whitehart Street- The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. C. Loveridge, the owner of No. 1 Whitehart Street, had renewed his application to purchase the small piece of garden ground in front of his premises or for the railings to be removed. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to grant the application.

10—Post Office Telegraphs—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place an underground telegraphic line near Holy Apostles Church be granted and that the reinstatement of the trench be undertaken by the Corporation subject to the cost of the work being paid for by the Post Office Telegraphs Department.

11—Surveyors Salaries and Travelling Expenses—Read, circular of the 28th ult., from the Ministry of Transport that the Minister had under consideration the question of grants from the Road Fund towards the salaries and travelling expenses of Surveyors and, in order that the Minister might be at liberty to revise the grants if necessary, giving notice to discontinue the present grant as from the 31st March next.

12—Traffic Signs—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Chief Constable asking the Committee to consider placing warning signs at the junction of Lansdown, Andover, Hatherley and Queen's Roads and the Chairman reported that he had had the words "Slow" painted at this junction in four positions. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Wires across Highways—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 25 of the Public Health Act, 1925, consent be given to the placing of an aerial wire across the road at the rear of Croft Lane by Mr. S. A. Arundell subject to this being placed at least 30 feet above the highway and being maintained and kept in a satisfactory condition and that the owner shall be responsible for any damage or injury arising by or in consequence of the wire crossing the highway and that the wire shall be removed by the owner within one month after notice from the Corporation requiring this.

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14—Trees—(a) Read, letters from Major Brooke Murray and Miss E. J. White asking the Corporation to remove trees opposite 2 Gainsborough, College Road, and 3 Lennox Villas, Hewlett Road respectively. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Read, application from Miss E. Jenking asking for removal of a tree in front of 123 Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

15—Promenade, etc.—Read, application of the 11th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Joint Disarmament Council for permission to have small tables on the pavement in the Promenade and three other streets mentioned in the letter during Armistice week, with a view to collecting signatures to the Disarmament Declaration. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this proposal for one day only provided no obstruction of traffic is caused thereby.

16—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. E. J. Horlick, Mr. S. Stew and Messrs. Fredk. Wright, Ltd., for permission to place projecting signs outside their respective premises at 14a Pittville Street, 135 Bath Road and Ambrose Street and New Street be not granted, as the proposed signs do not directly advertise the trade or business of the respective applicants.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Winterbotham ; and Councillors Pates and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

The Committee held their usual View Meeting and passed the following resolutions :—

- (1) Path from Stoneville Street to Bloomsbury Street—That no action be taken with regard to an anonymous letter re value and ownership of waste land at side.
- (2) Parabola Road—That the tree outside Savoy Hotel be pruned.
- (3) Montpellier Terrace—That the application of Mr. G. A. Sims for the removal of large trees opposite No. 10 be not acceded to.
- (4) Leckhampton—Footpath from Moorend Grove—That no action be taken with regard to the complaint of condition of this footpath which is not repairable by the Corporation.
- (5) Footpath off Churchill Road leading to Minnow Ditch—That the owner be written to with regard to Mr. H. C. Holyoak's complaint of condition as this footpath is not repairable by the Corporation.
- (6) Footpath from Sandy Lane to Old Bath Road—That Mr. G. Bradfield be informed that this footpath is outside the Borough and the occupation road is not repairable by the Corporation.
- (7) Keynsham Road—That Miss A. M. Frost's application for the removal of tree opposite " Brookfields " be not acceded to.
- (8) College Road-7That Major H. Brooke-Murray's application for the removal of tree outside No. 2 Gainsborough be not acceded to.
- (9) St. Anne's Road—That Miss E. J. White's application for the removal of tree overhanging 3 Lennox Villas be not acceded to.

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- (10) All Saints' Road --That Mrs. Burton Clarke's application for the removal of tr. outside " Rossmoyne " and " Lyndhurst " be not acceded to,

- (11) Hewlett Road---That the tree outside 1, Glenfern Villas, be pruned.
- (12) Harp Hill—That the attention of the Police be drawn to the riding of horses on public footpath complained of by Miss Cowie.
- (13) Pittville Crescent—That the Parks Committee be recommended to remove the silver birch tree outside No. 4 complained of by Miss E. Penny and also a tree near " Scoritan " and further to lop boughs of a wych elm at North end near Albert Road.
- (14) Wellington Square—That the Parks Committee be recommended not to accede to Major J. Haddon's application for the removal of the tree outside " Westbury."
- (15) Old Bath Road—That the piping in of the open water-course be continued a distance of 70 yards to the entrance of the Croquet Ground.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th October, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, Leech, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Mesdames F. Booy, E. Grist, E. C. Gurney and G. Mellersh (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1931

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows	Infants	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) .	37.8	43.1
At Clare Street (11 Meetings) ..	16.0	12.3
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	33.0	41.4
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	21.0	21.2

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1931

No. of Children on Register	2,502
Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	660
" (over 1 year)	576
Un-notified Births discovered	8
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,517
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	157
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	52
Children remitted to Hospital	8
Ante-natal cases visited ...	33
Chicken Pox cases visited	3
Whooping Cough cases visited	8
Mumps cases visited	1

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Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	47
New Orders ...	20
Orders discontinued during quarter	19
" continuing to coming quarter	48

Of the total number of orders during the Quarter, 36 have been issued for nursing or expectant mothers and 32 for infants or children under 3 years of age.

Children Act :

Health Visitors. School Nurses.

No. of Children on Register during the Quarter.	39	4
" visits (under Children Act) paid ...	22	14

3—Midwives Act— (a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that notices had been received from Mary Ellis, Ida Melville Harvey and Ivy Rita Germain, all of the Victoria Home, of their intention to practice and that notices of removal had been received from Nellie Rose Russell and D. M. Troughton, both of the Victoria Home.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of intimations from midwives that medical help had been required, during the period from the 1st April to the 15th October was 115, and he submitted account showing the total amount of doctors' fees paid from the 1st April to the 15th October, 1931, and the amounts rechargeable to patients and received in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to confer with the Borough Treasurer and report to the next meeting of the Committee as to suggested methods for collection of the portion of the fees chargeable to patients.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special intimations had been received from midwives between the 15th July and the 15th October : Still-births 5, Artificial feeding necessary 3, Liability to be a source of infection 1.

(d) Unqualified Practice—The Medical Officer of Health reported a case of a Maternity Nurse who was not a certified midwife attending a confinement otherwise than under the direction and personal supervision of a medical practitioner. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the nurse pointing out that this offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £10, but that the Committee will not take proceedings in this instance on receiving an undertaking from her that she will only attend cases in future where a medical practitioner is in attendance as required by the Act.

4--Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that it was desirable for the Health Visitor, Nurse Goddard, to be authorised to inspect nursing homes if required. RESOLVED, That Miss Goddard be authorised, under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, at all reasonable times to enter and inspect premises used for the purposes of a nursing home and inspect any records required to be kept under the Act.

(b) RESOLVED, That the certificate of exemption from registration as nursing homes of the General and Eye Hospitals be renewed for a period of 12 months expiring on the 31st October next.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th October, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description,
3236	Bowie, A. H.	Motor House, 48 Shakespeare Road.
3237	Laity, G. W.	Motor House, 46 Shakespeare Road.
3238	Lewis, D.	Motor House, rear of 1 North Parade, Winchcomb Street (Amended).
3239	Barnett, W. H.	Open timber shelter, rear of Bedford Cottage, Prestbury Road

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 3238 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3236 and 3237 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and that Plan No. 3239 be not approved.

2—Town Planning Area—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
255	Cooke, F. G.	Lay-out, Russell's Piece, Boddington,
256	Strawford, E.	Two detached houses, Russell's Piece, Boddington.
257	Hill, J.	Bungalow, Russell's Piece, Boddington.
258	Harris, C.	Bungalow, Warden Hill Road.
259	Winwood, B. F.	Bungalow, 14-airfields, Cleeve Hill.
260	Ridding, Mrs. A.	Alterations and additions, Evesham Road, Greet.
261	Togwell, Mrs. E.	Pair semi-detached houses, Withy Farm, Bishops Cleeve.

RESOLVED, That all these Plans be approved.

3—**Town Planning Scheme**—Objections—Read, report of the meeting of the **Objections Sub-Committee** held on the 1st inst Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward and Capt. Trye (in the chair) ; Capt. Leschallas and Mr. G. E. Arthurs.

They recommended as follows :—

- (a) Cheltenham-Broadway Road—That the County Council be asked to reconsider their proposed building and improvement lines through Winchcomb, and also that the County Council building and improvement lines near Foot Bridge, Winchcomb be incorporated in the Town Planning Scheme, and the Map amended accordingly.
- (b) Southam By-Pass—The Town Planning Assistant reported interview with the County Surveyor in regard to Mr. Hopcraft's suggested alternative by-pass at Southam, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the original proposals be adhered to as the suggested by-pass would be too costly having regard to the gradients.
- (c) Prestbury By-Pass—That consideration of the amended Plan of the Prestbury by-pass road be adjourned and that the County Surveyor's views be obtained thereon.
- (d) Prestbury Road—That the building lines prescribed by the County Council along Prestbury Road be incorporated in the Town Planning Scheme.
- (e) Shurdington Road—That the amended Plan for the widening of Shurdington Road for a short length fronting Dutch Villa Farm belonging to Miss Denne be approved and the Map amended accordingly
- (f) Crickley Hill—That the Walks Nos. 68 and 93a across this hill be taken out of the Scheme and that the walk across the hill be confined to the public footpath as at present.
- (g) Tredington Recreation Ground—That the alternative site at Tredington for a recreation ground suggested by Mr. Clegg be adopted and the Map amended accordingly.

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- (h) Cheltenham Cemetery—That the Plan showing the land reserved in the Scheme for the extension of the cemetery be included in the Scheme subject to the approval of the Burial Board Committee.
- (i) Recreation Ground, Alstone Croft—The Town Planning Assistant reported that he was unable to suggest a suitable alternative site for a recreation ground at Alstone Croft in lieu of the land belonging to the L.M.S. Railway Company and Miss Butt, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the frontage of the above land be scheduled for building purposes at a density of 12 houses to the acre, and that the remaining land remain scheduled as a recreation ground.

- (j) Allotments, Alstone Croft—That the suggested alternative site for allotments in Alstone Lane be approved and the Map amended accordingly.
- (k) Walk along River Chelt—That as the proposed aerodrome site at Boddington has now been abandoned, that the walk from Arle Road along the River Chelt to this site be taken out of the Scheme.
- (l) Aerodrome Site, Gloucester Road—That with a view to restricting the height of buildings in the area surrounding the proposed aerodrome site, that the clauses as now submitted to the Committee be included in the Town Planning Scheme in respect of the area adjoining the aerodrome site as shown on the Map and coloured and edged grey.
- (m) That the owners of land affected by the alterations and proposals above mentioned be informed thereof.

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

4—Preliminary Statement—Read, letter of 28th ult, from the Ministry of Health asking to be informed of the position in regard to the adoption of the Preliminary Statement, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Ministry stating that it was anticipated that the remaining objections would be dealt with in the course of the next two months, and that it was hoped to submit the Preliminary Statement for adoption by the Council at the end of the year.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd October, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Capt.. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs and A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3240	Daniels, Mrs.	Motor house, Stapleton, Old Bath Road.
3241	Coe, L. J.	Motor house, Rodney Road, rear of 18 Cambray.
3242	Whiting, Mr.	Shelter from back door to lavatory, 8 Mead Road.
3243	Gordon, Mrs.	Animals Shelter, Leckhampton Road.
3244	Soper, L. A.	Storey addition, 1a Winchcomb Street.
3245	Bastin, G. H.	Two garages, All Saints' Road.
3246	Morris, S. C.	Detached house and garage, Painswick Road.
3247	Engall Cox & Co.	Internal alterations, 21 Promenade.

3248	Trevaldwin, G. C.	Motor house, Woodcote, Shurdington Road.
3249	Premiere Polish Co., Ltd.	Store building, Great Western Road.
3250	Downham, D.	Bathroom, 1 Malvern Villas, Moorend Crescent.
3251	Dean Close School Council	Motor house, Walton Court, Lansdown Road.
3252	Beard, H. G.	New stage, North Street Picture House.
3253	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Amended lay-out plan of new road and sewers with houses, off Naunton Lane.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3242, 3246, 3248, 3249, 3251 and 3253 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3240 and 3241 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 3243 and 3245 be approved subject to the condition that the owners shall remove the buildings at their own cost and without compensation at any time when required by the Corporation ; That Plans Nos. 3247 and 3250 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3252 be approved subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority ; and That Plan No. 3244 be not approved.

6—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the General Interim Development Order, 1922 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
262	Williams, H. J.	Extensions to Glasshouses, Sheldon Nurseries, Tewkesbury Road, Boddington.
263	Eager, E.	Bungalow, Hatherley.
264	Millard, G. H.	Garage, Crickley Hill.
265	_____	Additions to bungalow, The Shanty, Crickley Hill.
266	Fuller and Maylam	Advertising sign, Little Herberts Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 262 and 264 be approved ; That Plan No. 263 be approved subject to the owner under-taking to set back the fence at his own cost and without compensation if and when required for road widening ; That Plan No. 265 be approved subject to satisfactory materials being used That Plan No. 266 be approved subject to the dimensions of the sign being approved by the Committee, and also to the approval of the County Council, and to the Owner agreeing to remove the sign at his own cost if and when required by the local authority.

(b) Garage, Lyefield Road—The Committee considered complaint received in regard to oil drums erected in front of the building line. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner pointing out that these erections contravene the Town Planning Scheme.

7—Objections—(a) Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that his Council approved of the Scheme except the proposals for

density and zoning together with the building lines laid down in conjunction with the proposed road widenings.

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that his Council were of opinion that the proposed open spaces and view points on Crickley Hill were unnecessary, and objecting to the inclusion of these in the Scheme. His Council also supported the resolution of the Leckhampton Parish Council that a recreation ground was unnecessary for this parish, and that if it was still decided to schedule a recreation ground, the site now scheduled in the Scheme was unsuitable
RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be informed that the Committee are unable to agree to take out the walk and open spaces on Crickley Hill, and that the Ministry of Health require the scheduling of recreation grounds but that the Committee will be prepared to consider an alternative site.

(c) Shurdington Road—Read, letters of 16th and 21st inst., from Mr. W. M. Robertson, the Chairman of the Shurdington Parish Council in regard to the objections of his Council to the widening of Shurdington Road, together with the Town Clerk's reply The Town Planning Assistant submitted plan for a suggested by-pass road around the village.
RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the views of the County Surveyor be obtained thereon.

(d) Swindon Village Allotments—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. J. C. M. Stanton, stating that as the half acre of his land now used by himself had been excluded from the scheduling for allotments, he withdrew his objection to the Scheme.

(e) The Borough Surveyor reported that another railway carriage was being placed on the frontage to London Road above Dowdeswell Reservoir. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner pointing out that this contravenes the Town Planning Scheme and also to the Northleach Rural District Council.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th October, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Allen, Pates, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—Mr. W. H. Brasher attended and submitted to the Committee plan and detailed estimates of his Scheme for modernising and improving the open air bath at Alstone. He suggested that the Baths should be used for mixed bathing only and the scheme provided for dressing accommodation for both sexes, lavatories, foot bath, shower bath, erection of screen and extension and deepening of the bath at the north end.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that a Meeting of the Committee be held at the Baths on the 13th inst.

2—Northampton House, Bath Road—Read, letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons offering this property for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the purchase be not entertained.

3—Military Bands—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the proposal to engage Military Bands for four weeks. Read also, letter of 30th ult., from the Chamber of Commerce enclosing Resolution passed by the Chamber asking the Corporation to provide, if possible, for bands to be engaged during the period of Conferences. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until a Meeting of the Committee on the 20th November next.

4—Refreshments at Dances—Three tenders were received for the right to provide licensed refreshments at the Dances, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Georges Ltd. of £37 10s. 0d. be accepted and that Minute No 9a passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 18th ult. be varied accordingly.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Rex Burchell had painted lettering on the exterior of all four sides of the Pavilion. RESOLVED, That Mr. Burchell be called upon to pay the cost of repainting, but that he be informed that the Committee are willing to defer doing the work for the present until it is decided what the Pavilion shall be used for next season.

6—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 7th inst. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Pates, Thomas, Waite and Weech (Councillor Pates in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Dance Band Shell—That in future no charge be made for the use of the Dance Band Shell to persons taking the Large Hall.

(b) That tenders be invited for the supply of groceries, ham, bread, milk, etc. for the catering carried out by the Corporation at the Town Hall.

(c) That Councillor Waite and Mr. R. Board be authorised to engage artists for the Thursday Popular Concerts, at an average cost not exceeding the rate of £2 2s. 0d. per concert, and that 1,000 complimentary tickets for admission to one Concert be printed and distributed amongst the large business houses in the town with a view to getting the young people of the town interested in the concerts.

(d) Race Ball—It was reported that Miss Kelley was organising Race Balls on the 18th November and 29th December, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Miss Kelley that they will be unable to grant definite bookings to her for next year's Race Meetings as they may decide to organize the Balls themselves.

- (e) The Sub-Committee considered letter from Mr. E. J. Martin, the Branch Secretary of the Musicians Society asking if their proposed band of local musicians could give a programme of music at the Town Hall to enable the members of the public and the Corporation to hear the band, and they recommended that in lieu of the weekly concert by Mr. Fielding's Band on Thursday, the 12th November, that the proposed local band be allowed to provide the programme and that the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the purpose and that the Society be given the receipts from the Concert.
- (f) The Sub-Committee considered letter from Mr. H. Teague asking for the free use of the Drawing Room on one afternoon for six weeks to enable him to provide a Concert with his Salon Orchestra and artists. The Sub-Committee recommend that the application be granted subject to the Drawing Room not having already been taken for any of the dates selected by Mr. Teague.
- (g) Municipal Evening Dances—The Chairman reported to the Sub-Committee interviews which he had had with local Dancing Mistresses with regard to their attending the Municipal Dances with some of their pupils with a view to enabling visitors attending the dances to obtain partners and they recommended that the local Dancing Teachers be supplied with one complimentary ticket for the Dance Teas (not including Tea) and Evening Dances and that Mrs. McLellen be supplied with six complimentary tickets for the Saturday Evening Dances for herself and Major Crawshay and four senior pupils and that Mr. Board be instructed to make arrangements with Mrs. McLellan for making known the facilities arranged for dancing partners.

RESOLVED, That with the exception of (f) the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that with regard to (f) that Mr. Teague be charged the sum of £1 1s 0d. for the use of the Drawing Room, including lighting for each of the six afternoons.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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At a meeting of this Committee held at the Alstone Baths on Tuesday, 13th October, 1931.

Present—The Depute Mayor Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors E. L. Ward and Pates (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

Mr. W. H. Brasher met the Committee and explained the details of his proposed Scheme.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 16th October, 1931. Present—Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Pruen, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech ; and Dr. Kirkland (Alderman Stewart in the chair),

7—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club stating that the wood-work round the green was decayed with the result that they were troubled with worms getting into the Green. The Club were willing to contribute one third of the estimated cost of £18 for providing new timber etc., and turfing the banks. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out that the Club is under covenant to maintain the Bowling Green in proper order and that the Council do not see their way to relieve the Club of their liability under the covenant and also to remind the Club that the Green was let at a very reduced rent.

8—Town Hall—(a) Catering—Read, letters from the Cheltenham and District Band of Hope Union and Temperance Federation and the British Women's Total Abstinence Union, urging the Corporation not to provide licensed refreshments at the Municipal evening dances. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) Piano—RESOLVED, That the charges for the hire of the piano at the Town Hall be fixed as follows :—Grand Piano—Up to 1 hour 10s 6d, Up to 3 hours £1 1s. 0d., For over 3 hours £1 11s. 6d., Upright Piano—Up to 1 hour 7s 6d, Up to 3 hours 15s. For over 3 hours £1. 1s. 0d.

9—Montpellier Swimming Bath—Read, letter from F. and G. Lovesey of 23 Bath Road, enquiring on what terms they could rent the swimming bath for dances for one night a week during the winter. RESOLVED, That the bath be let to them for ten nights at a charge of £15 plus cost of lighting.

10—Montpellier Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. W. Flemons to hire one of the hard courts at these gardens on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.45 p.m. to 8.45 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 2.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m., during the months of May, June and July, 1932, be granted on the same terms as this year, namely £10.

(b) Putting Course—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage a youth attendant to look after the putting green for a trial period of one month.

11—Alstone Baths—The Committee further considered Mr. W. H. Brasher's scheme for improving and modernising the open air bath at Alstone. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans for carrying out Mr. Brasher's scheme at a cost of not exceeding £700.

JAMES STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th October, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Great Western Terrace—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaint of the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to lop the tree at the corner of the road and that the lamp bracket on the old tramway standard in St. George's Road be altered so as to improve the lighting in Great Western Terrace

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to fix a lamp standard at the corner of the footpath leading from St. George's Road to Malvern Road.

(c) RESOLVED, That consideration of the complaint of Mr. E. Thomas of the lighting in Ewlyn Road be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to keep the trees in the roads trimmed to the height of the adjoining lamps.

2—Supply to Rural Areas—Arle and Uckington—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that the owners and occupiers of houses on the main Tewkesbury Road were willing to pay the extra cost of having the cables laid underground, and the Town Clerk reported that he had prepared and submitted draft agreement for execution by the owners concerned. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) RESOLVED, That the sum of be accepted in respect of the damage to the lamp standard in Lypiatt Street on the 5th ult., by Mr. E. Cox.

(b) Shelburne Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society Ltd., had offered to settle the claim for the damage to the lamp standard in this road and future claims on a Halving Basis. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

(c) Sandford Mill Road—The Town Clerk reported damage to a lamp standard in this road on the 28th ult., by Mr. F. C. Radcliffe. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage amounting to £15 17s. 11d.

4—Accounts, 1930-31—A statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March last was submitted showing a net surplus for the year of £1,104 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this sum be carried forward.

5—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended the 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 474.5 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Report—Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 23rd and 29th ult., and 7th and 14th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 477.7, 474.9, 481.8 and 475.1 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.9, 5.8, 5.4 and 5.9 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th October, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 12th October, 1931.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	337,000 gallons	184,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	621,000	496,000
Leckhampton Springs	67,000	40,000
Total	1,025,000	720,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 12th October, 1931.	Contents	Depth 12th October, 1930.	Contents
Hewletts		25,656,000 gallons		12,965,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 2ins,	85,425,000 "	25ft. 4ins.	67,206,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		112,701,000		81,791,000

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of September.

3—Extension to Mains—Badgeworth —The Borough Engineer reported that the main from Reddings Road to Badgeworth Cross provided by the Corporation had been completed at a cost of £186 6s. 10d., and that the main from the Cross to Shurdington Road provided by the Rural District Council had also been completed

4—Farms at Dowdeswell--Mr. C. C. Castle attended and submitted a report on the various farms and his recommendations with regard to applications from tenants for rebates in rent. RESOLVED, That the allowances recommended by Mr. Castle be made.

5—Sandford Mead—Piggeries—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. Davis, the tenant of the Piggeries was not willing to continue as tenant at the reduced rent of £10 but asked that the rent should be reduced to 16. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to and that the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting applications for the tenancy,

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Read, letter of 12th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee referring to the Committee's circular of the 14th ult., stating the reduction in the rate of grant for the above Scheme, and enquiring if the Council wished to proceed with the works on the basis of the reduced rate of grant and pointing out that they

had no authority to recommend a grant in respect of any works which will not be commenced before the 31st December next. The Town Clerk reported that as instructed at the last meeting he had written accepting the reduced grant but the Borough Engineer now reported that it would be impracticable to start the work before the 31st December next. RESOLVED, That the Unemployment Grants Committee be informed accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Sawyer and Stewart ; Councillors Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Tuberculosis (Amendment) Order, 1931 which had been published as required by the Ministry,

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that there had been no outbreak of fire since the last meeting of the Committee.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of G. Bridges, G. Edwards, H. C. Smith and E. Loud for transfers of Licences Nos 8, 34, 28 and 62 respectively to new cabs purchased by them be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of S. Olsbury for a licence in respect of Motor Cab AD.6648 be granted.

4—Extension of Borough Boundary—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that in the opinion of the Local Areas and Elections Committee of the County Council it was inopportune at the present time to consider applications for the extension of Borough Boundaries in view of the National Financial Crisis and need for economy. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think that any large expense will be incurred and that the County Committee be asked to meet representatives of this Committee and that Councillors Capt. Trye and Pruen be appointed the representatives.

5—Game Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. St. C. Hall for the transfer of the game licence held by him to Mr. William Dean, be granted.

- 6—Parking Places—Cambray—Read, letter from Miss L. Whitham enclosing list of owners of property in this road who objected to the road being used as a parking place. RESOLVED, That Miss Whitham be informed that the Committee consider that the parking place is necessary and that as an attendant has now been appointed to supervise the parking of cars, the Committee do not see their way to make an order rescinding the order making Cambray a parking place.
- 7—Numbering of Streets—Ashford Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted memorial received from residents in Ashford Road asking for the re-numbering of this road, and he submitted plan and estimate of the cost amounting to £1 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement (Clauses) Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers in this road to re-number their premises, and that if the notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the re-numbering carried out, and that no charge be made for re-numbering any premises which already have a number legibly marked thereon.
- 8—Marle Hill House--(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to the condition of the fence on this estate. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the post and wire fence between the field adjoining Tommy Taylor's Lane and the other land repaired.
- (b) RESOLVED, also, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to consider and report what arrangements can be made with regard to looking after the house and grounds when the premises are vacated by Mrs. Maby.
- 9—Omnibus Fares—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Mr. H. J. McCormick in regard to the complaint of the Cheltenham District Trades Council that workmen's fares on the omnibuses were not made available to women workers. Mr. McCormick stated that only two women in Cheltenham had asked for workmen's fares, and that their fares were lower than in some of the manufacturing towns in the midlands. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Cheltenham District Trades Council accordingly.
- 10—Parish Room—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign Wayleave Agreement for the erection and maintenance of a wire to the chimney of the Parish Room for connecting the Central Depot with the Cheltenham Fire Brigade.
- 11—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of A. H. Taylor, Ltd., for a licence to store 250 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at 34 Gloucester Place, be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ;
Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and
Yarnold; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the
chair).

1—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That an advertisement be issued inviting applications for vacant
allotments,

2—Creamery Piece Allotments--(a) Pig Sties—The Town Clerk reported that only three tenants had
not complied with the request to remove the pig sties, and the notice to quit had
now expired. RESOLVED, That they be informed that unless the pig sties are
removed and possession of the allotments given up proceedings will be taken for
recovery of possession.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ditches at these allotments
cleaned out.

3—Allotments, Asquith Road—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. C. E. Tomlinson complaining of
the condition of the allotments at the rear of his garden. RESOLVED, That no action
be taken.

4—Gapper's Field Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the
tenants of these allotments with ashes to lay on the footpaths.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1931, Present—Alderman Sawyer ;
Councillors Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward, Weech and
Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the Chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—(a) Custodian—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C.
Lodge had obtained an appointment as caretaker, and as his duties would not
commence until the 10th inst., he had asked to be allowed to remain in occupation
of the lodge until that date, and was willing to pay the rent thereof. RESOLVED, That
this be agreed to and that the new custodian be granted a rent allowance until he
commences occupation.

(b) RESOLVED, That repairs and decorations to the lodge be carried out a cost of £10.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the tree at the rear of 53
Marle Hill Road removed.

2—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—(a) Custodian—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Hooper was still attending the hospital, and had not commenced to do any work. RESOLVED, That he be given one month's notice terminating his appointment as custodian, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to find him light work for a month.

(b) Football Pitch—Councillor P. T. Smith complained that the football pitch at this recreation ground was not the requisite size. RESOLVED, That the Parks Superintendent be instructed to have the pitch re-arranged so as to provide this.

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Football Pitch—RESOLVED, That that the application of St. George's Football Club to play football at this recreation ground on alternative Wednesday afternoons be granted.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th October, 1931. Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward and Capt. Trye ; and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During September 3,747 (against 14,964 when " Morning " was on view).

Receipts--Catalogues, Postcards and " Friends of Gallery and Museum" Fund, etc., £2 0s. 9d.

Art Gallery Roof—The., e-fixing of all glass with copper ties, and the repairing and re-painting of roof timbers, had been carried out by the Borough Surveyor's Department, as provided for in current Estimate.

South-Western Museums Grout—The Curator reported on the inaugural meeting at Bristol on 7th inst RESOLVED. That this Committee join this Group and subscribe 10s per annum.

2—Exchange of Dutch Pictures—The Curator read letter from Capt. Koster (Paris) asking for a decision with regard to two pictures offered by him in exchange. RESOLVED, That the Curator enquire whether Capt. Koster can send his two canvasses to Cheltenham for inspection, and if so, at what cost.

3—Donations—From Major Clift, Lamb's Feeding Bottle in Pewter Mr. W. Rixon, Painting in tempera, " St. Kenelm of Winchcombe by Miss I. Pownoll Williams.

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

- 4—Proposed Bequest—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to visit Wendover, Bucks. at a convenient time with regard to a proposed legacy of a drawing by J. M. W. Turner.
- 5—Cotswold Flints—RESOLVED. That the Curator be authorised to arrange an exchange of a small number of neolithic flint implements with Mr. R. W. Wilson from South Africa.
- 6—Pedestals—RESOLVED. That the offer of two marble pedestals for £4 be not entertained.
- 7—Powder Box—RESOLVED, That a Worcester Porcelain Powder Box with view of Hygeia House be purchased for 30s from the " Friends of Gallery and Museum Fund."
- 8—Cheltenham Teachers' Association—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to give facilities for a Refresher Course in the Art Gallery on November 19th, 20th and 21st.
- 9—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That space be allotted in the Art Gallery for an exhibition of pictures by Miss F. Tomkins from 28th October to 30th November. RESOLVED, also, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for an exhibition by the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists in December and January, and that the proceeds of the Collection Box during that period be diverted towards the cost of carriage (£5).

CLARA F. WINTERBOTIAM.

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th October, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart: Councillors Selim Smith and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

- 1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 25th September, to 16th October, 1931. Interments 25 ; Grave Spaces sold 10 (First Position 1, Second Position 1, Fourth Position 8; Memorials erected 9; New Inscriptions 3),
- 2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8492 to 8502 both inclusive.
- 3—Designs--RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Marble Kerbing and Posts to graves of E. M. Clack, H. S. Blake, and F. Blake ; Marble Headpiece and Kerbing to grave of M. Mc Kinnon Milroy, and F. E. Batten ; Headstones to graves of H. T. James, and H. Millington ; Cross Base and Kerbing to graves of W. L. R. Brett, J. H. Blake, and Dorothy Thick.
- 4—Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that he thought the £200 allowed in the estimate for roads might be reduced to £70. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Town Planning—The Town Planning Assistant submitted plan showing about 16 acres of land adjoining the Cemetery which it was proposed to schedule for extension of the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Grave, 1956, Section A.1.—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. James Holder of 10s be accepted for the maintenance of this grave

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th October, 1931. Present—Councillors Pates, Thomas, Cat, Trye and Weech; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts-£11 7s. 6d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,852 (last year 5,906) ; Lending Department 17,552 (last year 15,570) ; Junior Department 2,936 (last year 3,521). Total for month 26,340 (last year 24,997).

Lecture—The following lecture had been given :—September 21st ... Mrs. Ianto Evans, " The Story of the Medici." (Attendance 215).

Doors—The five pairs of outer doors in Clarence Street had been re-varnished by the Surveyor's Department at a cost of £4

2—Donations—Mrs. S. H. Alexander (2 vols.) ; Mr. L. Bayley (1 vol.) ; The British Museum Trustees (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (6 vols.) ; The College of Preceptors (1 vol.) ; Miss Conder (4 vols.) ; Dr. John Howell (2 vols.) ; Sir Charles Oman (1 vol.) ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.) ; Madame Rivoira (32 vols.) ; Mrs. Smith (12 vols.) ; Mr H. Beresford Stevens (1 vol.) ; Mr. C. Teal (1 vol.) ; True Temperance Scientific Committee (2 vols.) ; Dr. O. H. Wild (1 vol.) ; Messrs. C. Lee Williams, H. Godwin Chance and T. Hannam-Clark (1 vol.), RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Re-binding—RESOLVED, That the sum of £20 be spent on re-binding.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1st October, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Allen, P. T. Smith, Waite and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Repertory Theatre—(a) Mr. Sabine attended with Mr. Davy and offered to take the North Transept for a Repertory Theatre at a rent of £500 per annum including rates and cost of heating, provided the Council would carry out the alterations required by him to adapt the building for use as a Repertory Theatre. As the cost of the proposed alterations would amount to several thousands of pounds and would interfere with the development of the building as a whole, it was RESOLVED, That Mr. Sabine be informed that the Committee cannot recommend the Council to accept his offer,

(b) Mr. Rex Burchell's offer was further considered and it was RESOLVED, That Mr. Burchell be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to accept him as tenant of the North Transept for a Repertory Theatre at a rent of £500 per annum including rates and cost of heating, provided he would take it for not less than a year and furnish a satisfactory guarantor for payment of the rent and provided that the expenditure to be incurred by the Corporation for erecting stage and dressing rooms, etc. would not exceed £500, and subject to a dramatic licence being obtained for the building.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th October, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Lipson, P. T. Smith, Waite and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Read, letter from Mr. Rex Burchell offering to take the North Transept for a Repertory Theatre for six months for £250. Mr Burchell also attended and submitted amended plans for altering the premises and providing Dressing Room and Lavatory accommodation, but he was unable to agree to take the building for a longer period than six months. RESOLVED, That Mr. Burchell be informed that the Committee cannot recommend the Council to entertain his offer.

3—Cinemas, etc.—Read also, offers from Messrs. E. Strong and R. W. Limbert to take the North Transept on a lease for a Cinema and other entertainments. RESOLVED, That these offers be not entertained.

4—Advertising—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to advertise inviting offers for the tenancy of the whole building on a lease for at least five years and that the Town Clerk be instructed to insert an advertisement in the Daily Telegraph for one day a week for four weeks at an estimated cost of £20.

FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th October, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors P. T. Smith and E. L. Ward ; Messrs. E. J. Burrow, T. J. Craig and A. W. Martyn (The Mayor in the chair).

RESOLVED, That the following report be made to the Town Council

This Committee have held 5 meetings. Five thousand copies of the brochure prepared by the Committee have been printed at a cost of £65 as authorised by the Council at their meeting on the 6th July last.

The Committee have obtained from the Department of Overseas Trade a list of the commercial and industrial organisations of the U. S.A., and a publication containing a list of the Chambers of Commerce in the United States of towns with a population of 5000 or over, and a list of addresses of commercial diplomatic offices and British Consuls on the continent. The Chamber of Commerce have undertaken to distribute about 1500 copies of the brochure to Chambers of Commerce in America, and copies of the brochure and particulars of the sites available have also been furnished to the River Severn Development Association, London Chamber of Commerce and a publication called " Business."

The Committee have also endeavoured to arrange to have copies of the brochure placed in the Saloons of the steamships, but the Shipping Companies have been unable to undertake this.

The Committee recommend that 2000 copies of the brochure in French and 2000 in German be printed at a cost of £50 8s. 0d. which the Chamber of Commerce have undertaken to distribute on the understanding that the postage will be repaid by the Corporation.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th October, 1931. Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Stewart ; Councillors Scott Langley, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Proposals—The Committee considered proposals submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officers, RESOLVED, That these be submitted for the revision of the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of rates, and gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for, in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly instalments were regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th October, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore. Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Miller, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair)

1—General Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £116,631 11s. 9d. Allowances to Owners £892 0s. 9d. Voids £3140 15s. 11d. Legally excused £211 4s. 11d. Otherwise irrecoverable £129 4s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £685 6s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1931. Amount collected £18,968 4s. 10d. Abatements £58 0s. 8d. Voids £127 14s. 1d. Defaulters £2 16s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £4,563 7s. 4d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £1,045 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—National Savings' Certificates—The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during September was 5,748 as compared with 5,910 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 20th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; and Councillor Miller The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £3,600 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation (a) Dowdeswell Waterworks Custodian—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Water Committee in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922 the services of J. Boulton be extended for one year up to the 2nd December, 1932.

(b) W. Hudson—It was reported that W. Hudson was due to retire on the 28th December next. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £13 13s. 0d., calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 14 years service.

(c) W. Curtis—The Borough Surveyor reported that W. Curtis, the custodian of St. George's Square convenience was unable owing to ill health to continue his work, and Dr. Pruen's certificate was submitted. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £30 16s. 0d., calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 36 years

service, and that he also be refunded the contributions paid by him together with interest at the rate of 3 per cent., amounting to £5 16s. 0d.

8—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased £1,335 17s. 1d. Corporation Stock. RESOLVED, That the sum of £1,335 17s. 1d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and 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--Loan of £23,561—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Public Works Loan Board that the Board was prepared to advance this loan for a term of 30 years to be repaid with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. RESOLVED, That these terms be not accepted and that Minute No. 8 passed at a meeting of 29th ult. be rescinded.

10—Economies—It was RESOLVED to submit the following report for the approval of the Council :—

(1) The Committee have held two special meetings to consider what reductions can be made in the expenditure of the current financial year and in the next financial year.

(2) Parks and Recreation Grounds—The Committee recommend that a reduction of £80 on Pittville Park and £40 on the Promenade Long Garden be made in this year's estimates and that the estimates for next year be reduced by 10 per cent. of the amount allowed for this year (a reduction of about £500).

(3) Public Health—As the Delancey Hospital Trustees had decided not to install new heating apparatus and disinfector, the £250 provided for this in the estimates will not be required, and £100 for loan charges on the Park Place district re-sewerage scheme will not be expended this year. The Committee recommend that the estimate for next year be reduced by 10 per cent. of the amount allowed for this year (a reduction of about £375).

(4) General Purposes—The Committee recommend that a reduction of £60 be made in the allowance for repairs at the Municipal Offices and £30 in the expenditure on Leckhampton Hill, and that the estimate for next year be reduced by £319 as compared with the estimate for this year.

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(5) Town Improvement—There will be a saving of £156 on the salary of the Spa Manager this year, and £350 next year. The Committee recommend (a) That a reduction of £1,720 be made in next year's estimate. This includes £1,100 reduction in amount provided for music and advertising. (b) That no attendant be provided at Montpellier Gardens

next year for dispensing the Mineral Waters. (c) That the Corporation discontinue their membership subscription of 175 to the Spa Federation.

- (6) Housing—The sum of £400 provided for loan charges for the Brooklyn Road extension will not be required as the scheme has been dropped. The Committee recommend that the services of the Housing Manager's pupil trainee be dispensed with on 31st December next, which will effect a saving of £20.
- (7) Streets and Highways—The Committee recommend a reduction of £200 in the current year in the expenditure at the Central Depot, and the Borough Surveyor estimates a saving of about £1,000 on maintenance of roads and footpaths. The amount required for main roads for next year will probably be reduced to £8,000 (on which the saving to the Borough will be about £1,000) as against £16,852 for this year, and £400 for contribution roads as against £758 this year, and there will be a credit balance of about £2,000 on the Slab Factory account available for next year's estimates, The Committee recommend (a) That the estimate for roads repairable by the Corporation be reduced next year by £3,000 and that provision for building materials be reduced by £225, (b) That the sum of £450 usually included for new plant be not provided next year. (c) That the expenditure on footpaths be reduced by 4.500. (d) That the Street and Highway Committee be instructed to consider the installation of mechanical sweepers for the streets.
- (8) Art Gallery and Museum—The Committee recommend that the current year's estimate be reduced by £10 and that the estimate for next year be reduced by £100.
- (9) Public Library—The Committee recommend that the current year's estimate be reduced by £45 and next year's estimate by £300.
- (10) Cycle Allowances—The Committee recommend that the cycle allowances of the following be reduced by £2 per annum .—Building Inspector, 2 Town Planning Assistants, Housing Collector, 3 Sanitary Inspectors, 6 Water Inspectors, Clerk (Rates Office), 10 Electricity Fitters and Collectors, and that the half time Water Inspector's allowance be reduced to 11, and the Tewkesbury Waterworks Foreman's to £1.
- (11) Motor Cars—The Committee recommend that all motor cars and transport vehicles of the various departments be required to obtain their supplies of petrol and oil from the Central Depot,
- (12) Salaries—The Committee further considered the question of reductions of salaries. A memorandum has been submitted by the officials, a copy of which accompanies the Minutes, pointing out that the Council did not adopt the Civil Service Scale of bonus although repeatedly pressed to do so by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour, and that the scale of salaries was (as recorded on the Minutes) " not based on the cost of living but on what was considered to be a fair value of the various positions," but the officials have offered to agree to the following scale of reductions if the Council consider that a reduction should be made:-

First £150	No deduction
Next £100 . . .	2 ½ per cent
“ £250 .	5 “
“ £500 —	7 ½ “
Over £1,000	10 “

The reductions to be subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) No Superannuation, Pension or other retiring allowances which may be due to any officer in the Council's employ to be affected as the result of the temporary reduction.
- (b) The scale of reductions to come into operation from 31st December, 1931 and to remain until 31st March, 1933, provided that in the event of the cost of living rising from the present figure of 45 points above the 1914 figure to 60 points, the temporary reduction shall be subject to revision,

A letter was received from the Borough Surveyor pointing out that his salary was a low salary for the dual position of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer but agreeing to accept whatever decision the Council may come to. The Town Clerk stated that he was willing to accept the decision of the Council, but he pointed out that the total cost of his department was some hundreds of pounds below the cost of other towns of similar size to Cheltenham, and he asked that if a reduction is made, he should either be released from his offer to carry on the work formerly done by the Spa Manager, or that the members of his staff should receive additional remuneration for the extra work and overtime involved by taking over these additional duties. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to express their appreciation of the spontaneous offer made by the officials, but in their opinion they are not overpaid for the services rendered, and they think it would be of advantage to the Council and avoid causing any serious hardship to the officials if there was some extension of working hours instead of requiring a reduction in salaries. The Committee therefore recommend that the office hours of all departments be from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 5th November, 1931.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Statutory **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 9th day of November, 1931, 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 2nd November.
2. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
3. To elect three Aldermen to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of Office of Aldermen Moore, Taylor and Stewart.
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 a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools, members of Education Committee to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term of office of Rev. W. L. Beck and Mr. G. Blagg.
8. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.R.—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.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Friday, 26th October, 1931, at 3 p.m.

Present : The Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.)

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pates, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A. and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Stewart and Councillor Thomas.

1 —Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th October, 1931, 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 Meetin,4s held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ... Meeting held October 6

Housing. ... Meeting held October 7

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Weech and seconded by Councillor Pruen: " That Minute No. 3 with reference to new houses, be referred back " was lost).

Street and Highway ... Meetings held October 12 & 21

Subject to an amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Yarnold : " That consideration of the proposal, to pipe in part of the water course in Old Bath Road (Minute No. 15 of the View Meeting) be deferred until March next."

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held October 19

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 4 with regard to the inspection of nursing homes " was not seconded).

Town Planning ... Meetings held October 8 & 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held October 9, 13 & 16

Except Minute No. 6 (g), and subject to the following amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Weech : " That Minute No. 11 with reference to Alstone Open Air Bath be not proceeded with."

Moved by Alderman Moore " That the engagement of a youth attendant for the putting course at Montpellier Gardens be postponed."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 14

Water Meeting held October 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 13

Allotments Meeting held October 6

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 6

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held October 9

Burial Board Meeting held October 16

Public Library Meeting held October 8

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Winter Garden Development Meetings held October 1 & 15

Factories and Industries Meeting held October 19

Rating .. Meeting held October 19

Finance Meeting held October 20

Subject to the following amendments :—

Moved by Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham : " That consideration of Minute No. 10, paragraphs Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be deferred until the next monthly meeting of the Council, and that the proposals contained in each sub-section be referred to the Committee concerned for full report to the Council on the effects of the proposed economies."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Waite: " That Minute No. 10, paragraph 12 be not approved and that this Council agrees that in view of the economic crisis and Circular 1222 of the Ministry of Health a temporary reduction in the salaries of its officials shall be made " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor J. F. Ward : " That Minute No. 7a with regard to the Dowdeswell Waterworks Custodian be referred back " was lost).

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, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—Town Hall—Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association for the free use of the large hall on the morning of Thursday, 19th November and the Supper

Room on the mornings of the 19th, 20th and 21st November and the afternoon of the 21st November for the Teachers' Refresher Course be granted.

4-Advertising-Read, letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., in regard to special advertising for attracting visitors to Cheltenham during the winter. Resolved, That this be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee with power to act.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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