

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd December, 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 December, 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 Statutory Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. Report of Town Clerk of Election of Councillor for East Ward.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of:- THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE and to appoint District Sanitary Inspector. 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
5. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES-To fill vacancies on the following Committees : Public Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, Town Planning, Water, Parks and Recreation Grounds, Allotments, Burial Board, Art Gallery and Museum, and Education.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a **Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 9th November, 1931, at 12 noon.** Present : The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A.) in the chair.

Aldermen Moore, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Lt.-Col. C. W. Biggs, Dr. W. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, L. Scott Langley, D. L. Lipson, M.A., H. Miller, J. P. Pates, A. S. F. Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim J. Smith, H. W. Thomas, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward, W. N. Weech, M.A. and H. T. Yarnold.

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 2nd instant or the following Councillors :—Henry Thomas Yarnold for the North Ward Charles William Biggs for the Central Ward Selim John Smith for the East Ward Lionel Scott-Langley for the Middle Ward William Curling Hayward for the West Ward Leigh James for the South Ward and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

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2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That 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.

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

Peter Philip Taylor, Creden, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, Esquire, J.P.	..	..	15
James Moore, 1 Oxford Place, London Road, Cheltenham, Company Managing Director	..	..	13
John Poytress Pates, Morecambe, Sydenham Road (South), Cheltenham, Coal Merchant	..	..	15
John Henry Trye, The Grotto, Moorend Road, Cheltenham, Captain R.N. (retired)	...	..	1

4--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.

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.
“ Pates	Central Ward.
“ Taylor ...	East Ward.
“ Clara Frances Winterbotham	South Ward.
“ Sawyer	Middle Ward
“ Moore	West Ward.

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6—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 26th 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.

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 and Moore Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold (one vacancy), 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.

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Housing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward 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, and plans for outbuildings on the several Corporation Housing Estates.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year to carry out all duties connected with Maternity and Child Welfare—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Langley, Lipson, Miller, 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 (one vacancy for Council member).

Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That Standing Order No. 37 be amended and the Street and Highway Committee be added to the Committees excepted under this Order, and that the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Langley, Lipson, 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 District Traction Company 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.

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Town Planning Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, P. T. Smith, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (one vacancy), 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).

To deal with the Town Planning Scheme 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, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, 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 except 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, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Miller, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, 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 Spa 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.

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Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Langley, Captain Trye, Waite, E. L. Ward 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, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Langley, and Selim Smith (one vacancy), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

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

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

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Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Park and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year:- alderman Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (one vacancy), 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 Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (one vacancy). Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, J. Waive 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 ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Langley, Thomas, Waite, 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 :—Councillors Langley, Miller, Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold (one vacancy), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

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Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor (ex-officio) ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Langley, Miller, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the Superannuation Scheme, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Treasurer's Department, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, and raising of Loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year:—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Lipson, 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, James Stewart, C. E. Walsh, B.A. and F. Vermin, 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 and Margrett ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Langley, Captain Trye and Weech (one vacancy) ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. C. R. Mapp, James Stewart 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, 1932, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

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Winter Garden Development Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Winter Garden Development Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Moore ; Councillors Lipson, P. T. Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Weech.

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 and Moore ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James, Lipson, Pruen, Selim Smith, Capt. Trye, J. F. Ward, Weech, Wheeler and Yarnold (one vacancy) ; also That The Rev. W. E. Beck and Mr. G. Blagg be re-appointed Members of the Education Committee for a further term of three years expiring on 9th November, 1934.

9—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Salvation Army in reference to the Soup Kitchen in New Street. Resolved, That this be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee, with power to act.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Deputy Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th December, 1931.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold.

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

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 12 St Anne's Terrace; Denton Lodge (5 Oxford Street) ; 5 and 6 Granville Street ; 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 Sandford Street ; Ardoise Cottage and Victoria Cottage, St. Luke's ; 14 Bath Parade and garages and workshops adjoining; and Sunnyleize (3 Carlton Place)—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 5 and 6 Granville Street ; Kilcrevan, Clun House and 7 Carlton Street ; Taylor's Butchers Hide and Skin Co. Ltd. ; Malthouse Cottage, Carlton Cottage, Glenthorne and Sidney Joinery Works, Hewlett

Street and Pates' Yard—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, except in the case of 5 and 6 Granville Street, the owners be required to do the work in 7 days.

(c) 5 and 6 Granville Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that as the Owners of these premises desired the Corporation to carry out the necessary drainage work at their cost he had obtained 4 tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. (being the lowest) amounting to £28 11s. 6d. be accepted in default of the Notice being complied with.

3—Insanitary Property at (a) 9 Royal Well Terrace ; 25 York Street ; and 16 Tivoli 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, also that if the specified works are not carried out by the Owner of No. 16 Tivoli Street the tender of Messrs. Mealing & Co. (being the lowest of 4 tenders) amounting to £40 2s. 0d. be accepted.

(b) 15 Ewlyn Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had obtained tenders for carrying out the necessary repairs and sanitary work to this house, which he now submitted. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. D. L. Turner & Sons of £22 8s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-5 Sun Street ; 6 Worcester Street ; 6 Granville Street ; 55 Waterloo Street ; and Johnville, Moorend Crescent—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. Beef, 1 cwt. 11 lbs. Pork, 1 qr. 22 lbs. Mutton, 37 Rabbits, 8 tins Tinned Foods, Fish, Milk, Fruit and Chicken and Ham.

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6—Overcrowding at 10 Malvern 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.

7—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.

8—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Frank Welch of Staverton to be registered as a retail purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

9—Congress—Read, Circular from the Royal Institute of Public Health, inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Congress to be held in Belfast from the 10th to the 15th May, 1932 inclusive. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

10—Health Department—District Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 17th ult., from Mr. H. L. Whitwham resigning his appointment as District Sanitary Inspector. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that as authorised at the Special Meeting of the Committee on the 29th ult. advertisements had been issued inviting applications for the appointment at a salary of £190 per annum rising to £250 per annum. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Curling Hayward and Leigh James be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications received and that they be authorised to recommend a suitable applicant for appointment by the Council.

11—Economy—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the expenditure next year should be reduced by 10 per cent. amounting to £375. RESOLVED, That the Council be informed, that while the Committee are unable to promise a definite reduction of 10 per cent., they will when considering the Estimates in February next, do their best to effect the economies suggested.

12—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1, 2 and 3 Grafton Passage, High Street ; 4, 5 and 6 Rose and Crown Passage—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 11th January, 1932.

(b) 2 Carnal Cottages, Rose and Crown Passage; 1 and 2 Albert Cottages, Russell Place; and Cumberland House, Grove Street—RESOLVED, That Notice be given to the Owners of the intention to make Orders for the demolition of these properties in respect of which Closing Orders were made on the 2nd December, 1929, 1st October, 1928 and 3rd March, 1930, respectively.

(c) 20 Grosvenor Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the ejectment of the tenant of this house in respect of which a Closing Order was made by the Owner by notice dated 22nd November, 1929.

(d) 177 Bath Road and 15 Park Place—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement of the above premises. Read, letter from Mr. Eckroyd, the Owner of 15 Park Place, undertaking not to let the basement for sleeping purposes. 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 undertakings 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 purposes of sleeping places.

(e) 11, 12, 13 and 14 Casino Place—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mr. Houghton, on behalf of the Owner, Miss Kimber, attended and stated that the Owner made no objection to the Order being made, and asked that the Corporation should demolish the premises. RESOLVED, That Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Sub-Section (2) of Section 14 of the Housing Act, 1925, requiring the demolition of the premises, the Council being of opinion that the continuance of the buildings is a nuisance and injurious to the health of the public or of the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses.

(f) 15, 15a and 16 Casino Place—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mr. Holyoake, the Owner, together with Mr. Theo Thompson attended, and asked the Committee to adjourn consideration to enable them to submit plans for the development of the site RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

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(g) Kings Head Gardens—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. Mr. Ride attended and asked that consideration might be adjourned for one year, as they were preparing plans for the enlargement of their stores, which would include this cottage. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one year.

(h) 11 Suffolk Square—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had agreed to undertake the necessary work to alter the basement of these premises so as to comply with the requirements, and that it would not now be necessary to make a Closing Order.

(i) Vine Cottage and 3 Douro Cottages, Sherborne Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Read, letter from Mr. T. L. Bence that he raised no objection to a Demolition Order being made in respect of Vine Cottage. The Town Clerk reported that notice of intention to make an Order had been given to Mr. G. F. Hall, the Owner of 3 Douro Cottages, but no communication had been received from him, RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that these 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 the 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.

13—Park Place District Re-sewerage Scheme—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with this Scheme.

(b) Hatherley Brook--The Borough Surveyor recommended that in view of the extra volume of water to be brought into Hatherley Brook between Hatherley Road and Shelburne Road under the new drainage scheme that the course should be improved and cleaned out at a cost of approximately £100. He anticipated that the riparian owners would be prepared to pay half the cost. RESOLVED, That subject to the Owners agreeing to pay half the cost, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

(c) St. Stephen's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been found that the sewer in St Stephen's Road passed through the bottom of the existing surface water culvert causing obstruction. To avoid this it would be necessary to re-lay the sewers in the neighbourhood, but as this would entail a cost of about £300, he recommended that for the present the sewer be syphoned under the culvert. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

14—Sanitary Certificates—The Sanitary Inspector reported as to the present practice and charges for drain examinations and reports for issuing Sanitary Certificates ; the charge for examination including a certificate for a house up to a rateable value of £40 was 10s 6d, and for over £40 rateable value £1 1s. 0d. plus a charge of 5s for a plan. RESOLVED, That the present arrangement be continued.

ARTHUR, S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

1—Health Department—(a) District Sanitary Inspector—The Sub-Committee met on the 26th and 30th inst. 20 applications were received for the appointment, but only three of these had obtained the Meat Certificate. RESOLVED, That Mr. A. C. Arnold, until recently District Sanitary Inspector, Kenya Colony be appointed District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £190 per annum and cycle allowance of £2 per annum, rising (subject to satisfactory service) by annual increments of £10 to £250 per annum subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, the appointment to be determinable by either party by six weeks' notice in writing. The appointment also to be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

(b) Abattoir—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Tallboy, the Abattoir Superintendent, had resigned his appointment at short notice. RESOLVED, That Mr. T. W. Agg of 6 Cleeve View Terrace, Whaddon Road be appointed at a salary of £3 5s. 0d. per week, the appointment to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing and to be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th November, 1931. Present—Aldermen Moore, Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith and Wahl (Alderman Pates in the chair).

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

2—**Sub-Committees**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, The Mayor, and Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, J. F. Ward and Yarnold be appointed the **Selection of Tenants and Repairs and View 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—**Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 13th inst. Present :—Alderman Pates ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith and Yarnold. RESOLVED, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Arrears—RESOLVED, That arrears due from former tenants of Nos. 26 Kipling Road, 26 Manser Street and 57 Malvern Street, amounting to 1,20 10s. 6d. as set out in the list now signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

5—Housing Department—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the services of the pupil trainee should be dispensed with as from the 31st December next. The Housing Manager reported that the present staff consisted of herself, one assistant and the pupil trainee, and that they were collecting the rents of 898 houses, which would be increased to 956 when the additional 58 houses were built. RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that the collection of the rents cannot be efficiently carried out with less staff, and that the Council be recommended not to dispense with the services of the pupil trainee as proposed.

6—Sale of House—The Town Clerk reported offer from Mrs. M. S. Vines to purchase No. 21 Shelley Road for £500 RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained to the sale and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their consent to the sale.

7—St. Paul's Street South Clearance Orders—(a) 1-4 St. Paul's Terrace—Read, letter from Miss Thomas, asking whether these four cottages could be used as workshops etc., or whether the Corporation would purchase the property. RESOLVED, That she be informed that under the Clearance Order the houses must be demolished.

(b) Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health enquiring the present position in regard to the Clearance Orders and the re-housing of displaced tenants, together with the Town Clerk's reply. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that there were now only seven families occupying parts of houses in this street. RESOLVED, That proceedings be taken (if necessary) to obtain vacant possession in these cases. RESOLVED, also, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the demolition of the houses on the west side of St. Paul's Street South.

8—St. Mark's Estate—Land in hand—The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the proposed extension of Brooklyn Road, Mr. Harris's tenancy of the land at St. Mark's had been terminated, but that as the extension of the road had now been abandoned, the land was not now required. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to relet the land available.

9—Stable etc., adjoining Benhall Cottage—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. F. Price to rent these premises on a tenancy as from the 25th September next at a rent of £6 be accepted subject to tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

10—Telegraph Poles—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department to place three telegraph poles in the field at the rear of Kipling Road and one pole close to the wail at the rear of 5 Cobham Road be granted subject to an annual payment of 1s per fixture subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the poles, the consent to be determinable by three months notice on either side.

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11—New Houses—Messrs. Rainger and Rogers submitted a plan showing a piece of land containing one rood and three perches part of Benhall Gardens in the occupation of Mr. Wasley which would be required in connection with the erection of the proposed new 58 houses. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Wasley terminating his tenancy of this piece of land.

12-109 Tennyson Road—Read, application of the 2nd inst., from the Chief Constable asking if the tenancy of this house, now occupied by P.C. Lambert could be transferred to him. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

13—Rents—RESOLVED, That the last resolution of Minute No. 4 of the meeting of the Committee on the 9th July last be varied to read as follows :—" RESOLVED, also, That the reductions take effect as from 20th July on St. Mark's Estate, and as from 11th or 13th July as the case may be, on all the other Estates."

14—No. 12 Crab Tree Place—It was reported that the tenant of this house was carrying on business as a Marine Store dealer at these premises. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out that this was contrary to the conditions of the tenancy.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th November, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Lieut.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith, T. Wilfred Waite and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair).

15—St. Mark's Housing Estate—New Houses—Five tenders were received for the erection of 58 Non-Parlour houses on this estate. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. A. F. Houfton & Co. Ltd., of £19,999 (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 £21,299 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 approval of the houses for the purpose of subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. RESOLVED, also, That the Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Act will be complied with in relation to the houses.

16--Selection of **Tenants and Repairs and View Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of Meetings of the Sub-Committee held on the 26th and 30th inst. They recommended as follows

(a) 9 Shelley Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to remove the fence between this house and No. 11 Shelley Road so as to provide a garage entrance be granted subject to the consent of the tenant of No. 11 being obtained and to the tenant of No. 9 agreeing to bear all the expense involved and to a proper crossing over the footpath being provided.

(b) 1 Folly Lane—That the application of the tenant to erect a fence between the garden of this house and No. 3 be not approved.

(c) 1 and 2 Elm Street—That the applications of the tenants for a fence to be erected between the gardens of these houses be agreed to.

(d) Outbuildings—That the following plans of outbuildings be approved :—

Workshop at 23 Margrett Road ; Cycle and tool shed at 43 Kipling Road Greenhouse, toolhouse and cycle shed at 52 Whaddon Avenue, subject to wire netting and concrete being placed round the base of greenhouse ; Fowlhouse at 7 Byron Road, subject to wire netting and concrete being placed round the base ; Pigeon house and cycle shed at 12 Margrett Road ; Cycle shed at 45 Whaddon Avenue ; Store shed at 54 Shakespeare Road, subject to trellis being erected to screen shed from road.

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

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17-6 and 7 Elm Street—The Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected these premises the roofs of which required re-slating at the rear, and the Sanitary Inspector submitted tender from Messrs. Trigg Bros., for carrying out the necessary work at a cost of £16 10s. 0d. per house. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

18—St. Paul's Street South Clearance Orders-It was reported that several of the owners had asked whether the Corporation would purchase the houses the west side of St. Paul's Street South. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to report as to the value of the cleared sites with allowance for the value of the houses for use as building materials, and also as to the value of the strip of land belonging to Corpus Christi College at the rear of the houses.

19-49 Shakespeare Road—Read, letter from the owner of this house asking whether the Corporation would sell him a strip of land containing 450 square yards at the rear of Nos. 47 to 53 Shakespeare Road. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rainger be asked to report as to whether this land can be conveniently sold, having regard to the lay-out of the Estate,

20—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Read, circular of 19th inst., from the Ministry of Health that the rate of interest under the Act had been increased from 5 per cent. to 5 ¼ per cent.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1931. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lipson, 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, Alderman Pates, and Councillors Scott Langley and Yarnold be appointed members of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3-103 Albion Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher for permission to place a rollingway to the cellar of these premises be adjourned for view.

4—The Drifts, Sandy Lane —RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to let the rough pasture land adjoining the refuse tip at Sandy Lane.

5—Footpath off Churchill Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. W. Smith had covered this footpath leading to the Minnow Ditch with clinker supplied from the destructor by the Corporation, but that the work had not yet been completed satisfactorily and Mr Smith had promised to have it put in good order.

6—Private Improvement Works—(a) St. Stephen's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the Private Improvement Works in this road, amounting to £31 2s. 6d., RESOLVED, That this be approved and that demand for payment be served upon the Owner named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. be made to the Owner on the amount apportioned provided payment is made within one month of the service of the demand.

(b) Folly Lane--The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this road, amounting to £93 5s. 7d. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the 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.

7—Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted report in regard to the continued damage to the Harp Hill footpath through horses being ridden thereon. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Police and urge them to take steps to prosecute persons found riding on the footpath.

8—Economy—The Committee considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee : (a) That the estimate for roads repairable by the Corporation next year be reduced by £3,000, and provision

for building materials be reduced by £225 ; (b) That the sum of £450 usually included for new plant be not provided next year, and (c) That the expenditure on footpaths be reduced by £500. The Borough Surveyor reported that these reductions would necessitate terminating the employment of some men who although not on the permanent staff had now been employed for several years. RESOLVED, That this Committee acquiesce in the recommendations.

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9—Traffic Signals—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the National Citizens Union, suggesting the placing of an automatic traffic signal as an experiment at the junction of Suffolk, Bath and Thirlestaine Roads RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates of the cost of the new automatic treadle system.

10—British Materials—Read, circular of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Transport drawing renewed attention to the circular issued on the 20th November, 1930, stating that it was a condition of all grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of works for the relief of unemployment that all materials so far as practicable should be of United Kingdom origin.

11—Telegraphic Lines—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department to place an overhead telegraphic line with one pole in Hewlett Road opposite Whaddon Avenue, and an overhead line with one pole and stay in Rowanfield Road 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.

12—Trees—(a) Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that at a recent meeting, a member suggested that a careful thinning out of the trees was desirable and necessary, and he was instructed to write and express the hope that the Council would give the matter further consideration and possibly enlist the services of an arboreal expert. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) Montpellier Terrace—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. W. Mitchell for the removal of a tree opposite No. 8 Montpellier Terrace be adjourned for view.

13—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. G. Tibbles to erect a petrol pump with swing arm over the footpath at his premises in Hewlett Street be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

14—Damage to Street Truck—Read, report of damage on the 22nd ult., to a street orderly truck by a motor car belonging to Mr. H. Little of Pilford Garage. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage amounting to 12s 6d.

15—Osborne House, Lansdown Road--Read, letter of the 19th ult., from Mr. C. Dickens offering to sell a piece of land, part of the garden of Osborne House at the junction of Queen's Road and Lansdown Road. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

16—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. T. Cooke & Sons, Mr. F. A. Satchell, Mr. W. Hodgson and Messrs. Griffiths Bros., for permission to fix projecting signs outside

the side frontage of 21 Promenade, 13 Bennington Street, 4a High Street, and the Plough Hotel be granted subject to the usual conditions.

17--Cloddimore Footpath—Read, letter from Mr. J. R. Stone that the additional step to the stile across this footpath had not been provided as promised. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mrs. Hayward that unless the step is provided within seven days instructions will be given to have the stile cut down.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley, Weech and Yarnold.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, P. T. Smith, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Cap Leschallas ; Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. J. Clifford and W. S. F. Harris, and Mr. Robinson of the Count); Surveyor's Office.

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

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

No, of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3244	Soper, L. A.	New storey addition, 1a Winchcomb Street. (Amended).
3254	Sawyer, F. W.	Store shed, rear of 7 Rotunda Terrace.
3255	Flower & Sons	New lavatories, The Grosvenor Inn, Albion Street.
3256	Harding, S. E.	Motor house, 3 St. Paul's Road.
3257	Higgs, D. K.	Glass and iron canopy over front entrance, Cotswold Hotel, 9 Portland Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3254 and 3257 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3244 and 3255 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No. 3256 be not approved.

3—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.
267	Hulme, Miss	Garage, Littleworth, Near Winchcomb,
268	Edmunds, Mr.	Alterations for bathroom, Highcliffe, Cleeve Hill.
269	Badham; P.	Additions to Charlesville, Cleeve Hill,
270	Hopcraft, G. P.	Pair of Cottages, Southam.
271	Peacey, Mrs. F.	Bungalow, Lyefield Road East, Charlton Kings.
272	Gabb, H. Escott	Garage, Sunnywell, Ryeworth Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 268, 269, 271 and 272 be approved ; and That Plans Nos. 267 and 270 be not approved.

(b) East End Service Station—The Borough Surveyor reported that a Garage at the East End Service Station, the plan for which was disapproved on the 20th December, 1929 as it contravened the building lines on two roads, had been erected by the owner,,

Lyefield Road Garage—The Borough Surveyor also reported that the Proprietor of Lyefield Road Garage, Charlton Kings had erected Oil Cabinets close to the road in contravention of the Town Planning proposals and for which no plans had been submitted.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners in both cases pointing out that as the consent of the Town Planning Authority under the Town Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1922 had not been obtained, they would not be entitled to any compensation for removal of the erections when the Scheme had been approved.

(c) Sign, Little Herberts Road—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the erection of a sign by Messrs. Fuller & Maylam adjoining Little Herberts Road, Charlton Kings, in accordance with the plan submitted, subject to the owners undertaking to remove this behind the building line when required.

4—Width of Streets—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the County Surveyor agreeing with the view of the Town Planning Committee with regard to plans submitted for new buildings, that it is important that the standard road widths should be provided for

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5—Prestbury By-Pass—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing alternative routes for the proposed By-Pass road and read letter from the County Surveyor stating that he preferred the line on the north side of Prestbury Road, but if there were serious objections to this he considered the line on the south side as the best alternative. RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Assistant be instructed to communicate with the owners affected by the proposed route on the south side to obtain their views.

6—Shurdington By-Pass—The Borough Surveyor reported that the plan of the suggested By-Pass road had been submitted to the County Surveyor for his observations thereon. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until a definite reply from the County Surveyor has been obtained.

7—Railway Carriage, Dowdeswell—The Town Clerk reported correspondence with the Clerk of the Northleach Rural District Council with regard to a Railway Carriage proposed to be erected on the frontage to London Road above Dowdeswell Reservoir and that he had received a reply stating that Building Byelaws were now in force in the District and that the owner had been warned by the Sanitary Inspector that no further buildings must be erected until plans had been approved by the Council and by the Town Planning Committee and that his Council were taking steps in the matter.

8—" Ribbon " Development—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Chief Town Planning Inspector of the Ministry of Health with regard to provisions to be made in the Scheme to prevent ribbon development. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the District Valuer the probable cost of compensation to be payable in the event of provision being made for " time zoning."

9—Tewkesbury and Winchcomb-Broadway Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted the proposals of the County Council for improvement and building lines from the Borough Boundary to Coombe Hill and from the Parish Boundary of Winchcomb to the Boundary of the Town Planning area. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to confer with the County Surveyor with regard to certain amendments which it was suggested should be made therein.

10—County Council—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the following Resolutions had been passed by his Council at their Meeting on the 4th inst. ;—

(1) That owing to the financial conditions at present obtaining, no further approval be given to any portion of the Scheme (more particularly by-passes and ring roads) which may lead to claims for compensation against the County Council on its approval by the Minister of Health.

(2) That a contribution of £125 per annum for five years being approximately one-quarter of the loan charges incurred by the Cheltenham Corporation on the preparation of the Scheme be made.

(3) That advantage be taken of the powers under the Town Planning Act in respect of the Improvement and Building lines now being prescribed by the County Council so far as the roads concerned be within the ambit of the Town Planning Scheme.

11—Winchcomb Rural District Council—The Town Clerk submitted copy of correspondence between the Winchcomb Rural District Council and the Minister of Health with regard to the proposal of the Winchcomb Rural District Council to withdraw from the Scheme. The Rural District Council had been informed by the Minister of Health that they agreed with the view expressed in a letter from the Town Clerk that it was undesirable, in view of the work already done and the money spent in connection with the preparation of the Scheme, so far as it related to the Rural District, that the portion of the Rural District included in the Scheme should now be omitted and that the Minister had no power to intervene in the matter except with regard to any objection made by the Rural District Council when the Preliminary Statement of proposals for development in connection with the Scheme is submitted for approval.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th November, 1931. Present—Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Capt. Leschallas; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3258	Bassett, J.	Motor house, 49 Shakespeare Road.
3259	Dickens, C.	Conversion into flats, Osborne House, Lansdown Road.
3260	Fisher, K. J.	Conversion into two houses, The Hall, Montpellier Parade.
3261	Phipps, T.	Motor house, rear of 1 St. Philip's Terrace, Gratton Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 3258 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3259 and 3260 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No. 3261 be adjourned for view,

13—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.
273	Murray, Dr.	Garage The Abbey, Winchcomb.
274	—	Additions, Prescott, Prestbury.
275	Hall, Mr.	Illuminated hanging signs, Hall's Garage, Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans No. 273 and 274 be approved, and That Plan No. 275 be not approved.

14—London Road—Read, letter of 12th inst., from Clerk to the Northleach Rural District Council that in spite of warnings from his Council Mr. Pearce had erected a Railway Carriage on land fronting London Road near the Reservoir, and that his Council before considering making an order for its removal desired to ascertain if satisfactory arrangements could be made for drainage. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the building and did not think that any effective drainage scheme could be carried out at a reasonable cost. RESOLVED, That the Northleach Rural District Council be informed accordingly and that it also be suggested to them that their Medical Officer of Health should consider whether the Building was fit for habitation.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 3rd November, 1931. Present—Alderman Stewart; Councillors Pates, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Alderman Stewart in the chair).

1--Montpellier Gardens—Fiona Fete—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Secretary of the Floral Fête Committee, asking the Council to reconsider the matter and grant the use of Montpellier Gardens as previously. Messrs, E. Baring, C. Cassidy and W. J. Green and Mrs. Bisset attended in support of this application. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens (with the exception of the Putting Course) be granted for the two days of the Show, namely, 29th and 30th June, 1932, subject to details of the positions of the tents and side shows etc . and the time to be taken for the erection and removal of these being submitted and approved by the Committee, subject also to the Floral Fête Committee agreeing to pay all out of pocket expenses, and to make good all damage and loss suffered by the Corporation, and to the music of the roundabouts, etc., being subdued so as to avoid causing any nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood and also to the Show being closed at 10 30 p.m., each night. RESOLVED, also, That the tennis courts at these Gardens be let one week earlier if the ground is suitable for play.

2—Advertising--The Committee considered Mr. E. J. Burrow's letter in regard to the short campaign of advertising to attract winter visitors, referred to this Committee by the Council with power to spend not exceeding £50. RESOLVED, That the newspaper advertising set out in Mr. Burrow's letter amounting to £36 12s. 4d. be approved

3--Town Hall—(a) Read, letter from Professor Bofeys that the International Brotherhood of Magicians were considering holding their annual conference in Cheltenham again next year. RESOLVED, That the free use of the rooms at the Town Hall used for Conference Meetings be granted, but that the usual charges be made for the use of the Hall for any public performances.

(b) Evening Dances—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. George's Ltd., were prepared to provide light suppers and suggested that terms for these catering rights might be considered after they had had experience of the demand. RESOLVED, That this proposal be agreed to.

4—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 20th October and 3rd November.

They reported as follows :—

The Sub-Committee have further considered the provision of Sunday Concerts, Mr. Board reported interview with Messrs. E. J. Burrow and A. D. Cole Mr. Burrow was willing to organise the concerts and to pay all expenses in connection therewith, and provide the staff for the concerts, subject to the Corporation granting the free use of the Town Hall including lighting, and it was resolved to recommend that this offer be accepted and that the free use of the Hall be granted for the Sunday Concerts up to Easter.

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

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th November, 1931. Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech.

5—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor T. Wilfred Waite be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

6—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Aldermen Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and Weech be appointed this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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7 —Visitors—RESOLVED, That the following 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 Pates and Councillor Selim Smith.

Alstone Baths ... Councillors P. T. Smith and E. L. Ward.

8—Municipal Entertainments—Sir Francis Colchester Wemyss attended in reference to his offer to organise an Indoor Gymkhana and Flag Bridge Entertainment at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks and that the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

9—Spa Baths—(a) The Superintendent reported that if additional dressing accommodation was provided in the balcony, the swimming bath could be used for mixed bathing. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider this Bath is large enough for mixed bathing but that the question of providing mixed bathing at Alstone Baths be considered at a later meeting.

(b) Medical Baths—The Committee considered what economies could be made at these baths and as it appeared that the number of treatments during the winter months was not likely to be sufficient to require the full time services of the two masseuses, it was RESOLVED, That Mrs. Lightwood be given a month's notice, but that she be informed that after the expiration of the notice, the Committee would be prepared to give her part time employment at £2 per week to cover 20 hours per week. This arrangement would effect an economy of £1 2s. 6d. a week.

(c) Swimming Baths Attendant—RESOLVED, That Mrs. Thornbury, Swimming Bath attendant, be given notice to terminate her employment, and that she be offered employment on Saturdays only during the winter season with a view to re-engagement at the opening of the Swimming Bath next Spring.

10—Town Hall—(a) Musical Afternoons—Read, letter from Mr. Horace Teague that he had decided not to proceed with his proposal to provide the weekly concerts.

(b) Read, application from the Christmas Relief Fund Committee for the free use of the Town Hall for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of this fund. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of cost of lighting.

(c) Floral Decorations—The Committee considered letter from Messrs. Hopwood & Son offering to provide plants and flowers for the platforms for the large Hall and Drawing Room during the Winter Season on the same terms as last year, viz : £20. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(d) RESOLVED, That no charge be made for the use of the Drawing Room for the Lecture held on the 19th October, 1931, in connection with the Faraday Centenary.

(e) Complimentary Tickets—RESOLVED, That Complimentary Tickets be issued for the Municipal Dances and Dance Teas (excluding refreshments) to the persons set out in the list now approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman

(f) Newspapers, etc.—RESOLVED, That the newspapers and periodicals for the Town Hall and Medical Baths for the year commencing 1st January next be obtained from Messrs. J. C. Holyoake & Sons instead of Messrs. Dodwell & Sons who have supplied these for several years.

11—Alstone Baths—The Committee re-considered the question of terminating the employment of the laundrywoman (Mrs. Betteridge), who had attained the age of 65 years but was not on the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That her services be continued for the present and that Minute No. 3 (b) passed at a meeting of the Committee held on the 18th September last be rescinded.

12—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from Mr. J. H. Evans that the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club were unable to undertake liability for the repair of the woodwork round the green which was decayed with the result that the edges of the green were wearing and the banks falling in. RESOLVED, That Mr Evans be informed that the Corporation will hold the Lessees responsible for this and any damage caused to the green resulting from failure to perform the covenant for maintenance of the green contained in the lease.

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13—Advertising—with reference to Minute No. 2 above, read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow suggesting that the Committee should carry out further special advertising to attract winter visitors. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to expend a further £13 6s. 8d. making with amount previously allowed a total of £50.

14—Winter Season, 1932-33—Read, offers from Mr. Horace Teague and Mr. G. Maisey to provide the morning concerts and dance band respectively for next Winter Season, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

15—Meeting—RESOLVED, That the first monthly meeting of the Committee be held at 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday after the Council Meeting subject to the Housing Committee agreeing to alter the date of their meeting.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th November, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Ward (Councillor T. Wilfred Waite in the chair).

16—Spa Baths —(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Swimming Bath was closed on the 31st ult.

(b) Masseuse—Read, letter from Mrs Lightwood asking the Committee to reconsider their decision, as on her engagement in July last, she had given up her home in Wales, and had taken a house in Cheltenham on a three years' lease. RESOLVED, That the Minute passed at the last meeting of the Committee be rescinded, and that notice be given to the probationer nurse, terminating her services, and that Mrs. Lightwood's full time services be retained at a salary of £2 15s. 0d. per week instead of £3 2s 6d. per week. This arrangement will result in an economy of £1 2s. 6d per week.

(c) Swimming Baths Attendant—The Superintendent reported that Mrs. Thornbury had been medically advised that she required a change and rest, and had gone away for one month. RESOLVED, That enquiry be made to ascertain if she is likely to be able to continue her work at the Baths or whether she should not be retired on Superannuation.

17—Summer Band, 1932—The Committee further considered alternative tender received from the Branch Secretary of the Musicians Society (Mr. E. J. Martin), and Mr. A. D. Cole to provide concerts next Summer. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Arthur D. Cole to provide a full band of 20 performers and himself as conductor for £90 per week to give concerts every weekday morning from 11 a.m. to 12 45 p.m. and for 2 hours on six evenings (including Sunday) per week, be accepted, the concerts to start on Saturday 14th May, 1932, and continue until Friday 26th August, 1932 (15 weeks) or such other dates not exceeding a period of 15 weeks as may be decided later and subject to not less than 75 per cent, of the Band being local musicians and to the band appearing in uniform dress and to Mr. Cole entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

18—Economy—The Committee considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee that the following economies be effected next year : (a) That next year's estimates be reduced by £1,720 (including £1,100 for bands and advertising); (b) That no mineral waters attendant be provided at Montpellier Gardens next year ; (c) That the Corporation discontinue their membership subscription of £75 to the Spa Federation. RESOLVED, (1) That the Committee acquiesce in recommendation (b) ; (2) That with regard to (a) the Committee agree to the net expenditure on bands and advertising being reduced by £1,100 but that with regard to the balance of £620 which represents 10 per cent. of this year's estimated expenditure on Montpellier and Winter Gardens, Town Hall and Mineral Waters, Montpellier and Alstone Baths, Alstone Mill and St George's Square Bowling Green, the Committee are unable at present to reduce the prospective expenditure by more than approximately £416 but every effort will be made to economise where possible when the estimates are considered in February next. (3) That the Committee recommend the Council to continue their membership of the Spa Federation for next year but that the subscription of £75 be provided out of the amount to be allocated for general advertising.

19—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Badminton Club for the use of these baths on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 17th December, 1931, to the 18th January, 1932, for their Junior Club and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on 2nd January, 1932, for their Open Tournament be granted at a charge of 6s per morning as in previous years.

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20—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 17th and 24th inst. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Chairman—Alderman Pates was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

(b) Christmas Programme—That the provisional programme of Christmas Entertainments submitted, be approved and that special artists be engaged for the Boxing Morning Concerts as in previous years ; That the sum oi £5 5s. 0d., be provided for the provision of Christmas novelties, etc., at the Municipal Christmas Ball on the 28th December; That the sum of £12 be provided for prizes as last year for the three Children Fancy Dress Dance Teas, and that Alderman Pates and Councillor Weech be authorised to purchase these.

(c) Indoor Gymkhana--That Indoor Gymkhana and Flag Bridge to be arranged by Sir Francis Colchester Wemyss held on the 30th December and 13th January respectively, and that Mr. Board be authorised to arrange with Sir Francis for the necessary printing, advertising, prizes, etc.

(d) Waltz Championship—That Monsieur Pierre, who had been engaged to judge the final heat of the Western Counties Amateur Waltz Championship at the Town Hall on the 5th December, be engaged at a fee of £5 5s 0d. to give exhibition dances as last year.

(e) Popular Concerts—That the prices of all seats be reduced to 3d. and that refreshments be served at small tables in the large hall.

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

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Scott Langley and T. Wilfred Waite.

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

H. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th November, 1931 Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Flood Lighting—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That no charge be made to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the flood lighting at the Town Hall.

3—Alma Road—Read, letter from the Electricity Commissioners asking for the Committee's observations on a letter from a resident in this road to the Commissioners in regard to the extension of a main along this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

4—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the application of Black & White Motorways, Ltd., to place a sign on a lamp post in High Street outside Messrs. Dodwell's premises and one on the lamp post outside the Liberal Club, directing to their Motor Coach Station be granted subject to the dimensions and design of the signs being approved by the Borough Electrical Engineer and to the wording of the signs being " Black & White Motor Coach Station."

5—Shop Window Lighting--The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended a slight modification of the shop window lighting rate and that the initial charge should be reduced to £6 per annum per kilowatt of maximum demand and the unit charge altered to 1d. per unit. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Public Lighting— (a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaints received of the public lighting in Swindon Road North, Rosehill Street, Monson Terrace, Sandford Road, Old Bath Road and The Park. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Fairfield Park Road and Ewlyn Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as a result of the re-arrangement of the lighting in Leckhampton Road, lamp standards which were formerly erected on the corners of these two roads had been removed and he recommended that an additional lamp should be erected in each road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—I.M.E.A. —Read, circular from the I.M.E.A., inviting attendance of delegates at the Annual Convention to be held at Cardiff in June, 1932, which in view of the need for economy had been limited to two days, and attendance had also been limited to two delegates. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Conference if they consider it desirable when the Agenda has been issued.

8—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Staverton—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to enquiries received for a supply to Staverton together with approximate estimates. RESOLVED, That a detailed canvass of the district be made for consideration at a later meeting.

(b) Uckington—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that up to the present his Council had been unable to obtain the approval of the residents of the Tewkesbury Road bungalows to the suggested agreement to pay for the extra cost of underground cables. Read, also, letter of 13th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council that the Highways Committee would make no objection to the scheme as agreed with the Rural District Council. As there appeared to be no prospect of the owners in Tewkesbury Road agreeing to pay the extra cost of an underground cable as suggested by the Rural District Council it was RESOLVED, That the application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of the overhead lines as originally proposed.

9—Sanctions to Loans---The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Electricity Commissioners of Sanctions to loans for £1,000 for plant (sub-station equipment), and £2,927 for plant (switchgear) both repayable within a period of 20 years.

10—Damage to Lamp Standards—Monson Avenue—Read, report of damage to lamp standard at the corner of this road on the 12th inst., by a motor lorry belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery, Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of replacing this, estimated at £6 9s. 10d.

11—Gas Tests—Read, reports of gas tests made on the 20th and 28th ult., 2nd, 9th, 15th, 18;11 and 23rd inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 480.6, 471.7, 484.0, 473.6, 480.2, 477.0, 475.9, B.Th.U., respectively and the pressure 5.1, 5.6, 5.6, 5.4, 6.9, 5.6, 5.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th November, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dr. Hayward and Selim Smith..

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 16th November, 1931.	Average for corresponding Period during past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	275,000 gallons	163,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,015,000	648,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	58,000	38,000
Total	1,348,000	849,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 16th November, 1931.	Contents	Depth 16th November, 1930.	Contents
Hewletts		21,143,000 gallons		9,067,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 0ins.	94,756,000 „	22ft. 7ins.	55,203,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	7ft. 0ins.	945,000
Total Storage		117,519,000		65,215,000

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

4—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that the owner of the land required for the extension of Tewkesbury Waterworks had now offered the land for £275, plus his Surveyor's and legal costs. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and the Common Seal affixed to the conveyance.

5—London Road—Trees—The Borough Engineer submitted letters from the County Surveyor asking again for the removal of the trees opposite Dowdeswell Reservoir. RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that if the Committee agree to the removal of the trees they consider the County Council should undertake the straightening of the road at this point.

6—Extension to Mains—(a) Warden Hill Road—The Borough Engineer reported that a length of 42 feet of 3 inch main had been laid in Warden Hill Road for the supply of a new bungalow, and that Mr. S. J. Harris had deposited the estimated cost, namely £24 subject to an agreement to refund this as and when the water charges produce 10 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay, such repayment to be repayable at the end of each financial year. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

7—Keynsham Street—The Borough Engineer recommended that the water main in this street should be replaced by a new 3 inch main at an estimated cost of £70. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred.

8—Sandford Mead—Piggeries—RESOLVED. That the piggeries and allotment No. 16 Orrisdale Terrace be let to A. Grinham at a rent of £10 per annum.

9—Dowdeswell Reservoir—RESOLVED, That 200 two year old trout be placed in the reservoir at an estimated cost of £16, and that a quarter of the cost be charged to Mr. Coxwell Rogers.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th November, 1931. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold,

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

2—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor ; the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; and Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed the Market Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—**Fire Brigade Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates and Sawyer, and Councillor Thomas be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

5—Marle Hill House—Read, Report of the Gardens Superintendent in regard to the condition of Marle Hill House gardens and grounds. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fences and entrance-drive gates and roof of the house put in good order when the premises are vacated by Mrs. Maby, and to engage a caretaker. RESOLVED, also, That he be instructed to engage a gardener for a month to tidy up the gardens, etc., and to report at the next Meeting whether further work was required

6—Fire Brigade—(a) The Captain reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had been called on the 2nd inst. to an outbreak of fire at No. 2 Oakland Cottages, Prestbury Road,

caused by a defective chimney ; damage about £25 ; Brigade Expenses £4 0s. 6d. ; and on the 15th inst. to 26 Lansdown Place, caused by defective fire grate ; Damage slight ; Brigade Expenses £5 5s. 0d.

(b) Winchcomb—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Clerk to the Parish Council of Winchcomb, enquiring on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the Brigade in the event of an outbreak occurring in the parish of Winchcomb, excluding the town of Winchcomb. RESOLVED, That he be asked to furnish a map of the area for which the services of the Brigade were required.

7—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. Bishop, J. F. Clifford, F. Ellis and W. C. Mann for the transfer of licences Nos. 31, 15, 9 and 70 to new cabs purchased by them be granted

(b) New Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of W. A. Mann and S. Alsbury for new licences in respect of Motor Cabs YL3240 and AD6648 respectively, be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners Association that they proposed to consider limiting the number of licences to be issued for taxi cabs.

8—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of W. G. Tibbles for a licence to store 1,000 gallons in an under-ground storage tank at his premises in Hewlett Street be granted.

9—North Street Picture House—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report as to the exits in this building, which since the grant of the cinematograph licence, had been altered for a repertory theatre.

10—Shops Acts—(a) Read, circular of 16th inst., from the Home Office that an Order had been made suspending the operation of the Shops Acts relating to closing hours from Saturday, 19th December to Thursday, 24th December.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Shops Acts Inspector be instructed to submit monthly reports of inspections made by him.

(c) Read, reports of the Shops Acts Inspector in regard to a complaint received of a shopkeeper employing an assistant for more than the hours permitted by the Act, and of the contravention of the hours of opening under the Acts by three shopkeepers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write warning these shopkeepers that if there is any further breach of the provisions of the Acts, proceedings will be taken against them.

11—Police Establishment—Read, letter of 15th ult., from the Clerk to the County Council pointing out that the additional sum of £353 which would be payable under the new draft agreement submitted by the County Council represented the Corporation's proportion of the cost of the Headquarters Staff (excluding the salary of the Chief Constable), which it was considered should be paid by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain particulars of the Headquarters Staff, to enable the Committee to consider whether a contribution should be made.

12—Armistice Day—RESOLVED, That the sum of £3 10s. 0d. be granted to the Cheltenham Remembrance Day Association towards the expenses incurred in connection with the observance of Armistice Day.

13—Employment of Ex-Members of Police Force—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Town Clerk, Bradford, enclosing resolution passed by his Council urging the Secretary of State to take steps to prohibit ex-members of the Police Force in receipt of maximum Police pension from undertaking employment for which they receive remuneration, and that in the event of a Police pensioner undertaking such employment the Police Authority should be empowered to reduce his pension by an amount equal to the remuneration received. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to support this resolution.

14—Municipal Elections—Read, circular of 11th inst., from the Non-County Boroughs Association asking whether the Council favoured a suggestion that candidates at Municipal Elections should be required to make a small but adequate deposit at the time of nomination in the same way as at Parliamentary Elections. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be approved.

15—Soup Kitchen—The Committee further considered the application of the Salvation Army for the re-decoration and provision of electricity and water to the Soup Kitchen in New Street. RESOLVED, That a grant of £20 be made to the Salvation Army towards the cost of fitting up the building so as to be available for meals to poor people during the coming winter

16—Parking Place—Cambray—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Miss Whittam that she and other Owners still objected to Cambray being used as a parking place. RESOLVED, That Miss Whittam be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

17—Charity—Primitive Methodist Chapel, King Street—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Charity Commission enclosing copy of an Order proposed to be made appointing trustees and for establishing a scheme for the regulation of this charity.

18—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the offices be closed for the Christmas Holidays on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th December.

19—Guardians Committee—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council asking for the names of the nine representatives of the Council to serve on the Guardians Committee of the Public Assistance Committee for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the following members of the Council be nominated :—The Mayor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Scott Langley, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Wheeler and Yarnold.

20—Omnibus Fares—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Cheltenham and District Trades Council that the Cheltenham District Traction Company were still refusing to carry women at workmen's fares. RESOLVED, That they be asked to submit particulars of the women whose applications for reduced fares had been refused.

21—Cinematograph Licence—Read, application from the Cinema House Ltd. for the renewal of the Cinematograph licence in respect of the Theatre and Opera House. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the January meeting of the Committee when the other applications are dealt with.

22—Market—The Chairman submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. F. J. Mason in regard to suggested improvements at the Market RESOLVED, That this be referred to the **Market Sub-Committee**

23—Town Clerk's Department—Second Assistant—The Town Clerk reported that his Second Assistant (Mr. F. F. Yarnall) had been taken ill and he had engaged a temporary Clerk. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that Mr. Yarnall be paid his full salary for three months, and that if still absent at the end of this period the matter be further considered.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, and Waite ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard and Yeend.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor J. F. Ward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year and that Alderman Sawyer do take the chair at this Meeting.

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

North Ward Councillor Col. Biggs and Mr. F. Vizard.

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

South Ward “ Waite and Mr. Clarkson.

West Ward “ P. T. Smith and Mr. J. Waine.

and that Notices be put up on the allotments of the names of the Visitors appointed.

3—Creamery Piece--Mr. Vizard reported that the tenant of No. 14 was still in possession although the notice to terminate his tenancy had expired and that the pigsties on the allotment were still being used. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to obtain possession.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, Mint Smith and Waite.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman Sawyer be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

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

Agg-Gardiner Councillors J. F. Ward and Waite.

Naunton Park “ Col. Biggs and Selim Smith.

Whaddon Road Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Waite.

Sandford Park “ “ “ “ Selim Smith.

St. Mark's Councillors P. T. Smith and Yarnold.

3—Whaddon Lane—Custodian—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Custodian was due for retirement on the 20th January next. RESOLVED, That his period of service be extended for twelve months from that date.

4—Sandford Park—Read, letter from the Secretary, Education Committee, asking for permission for the Central School Old Girls' Association to play hockey on this ground for four matches and also on Wednesdays, as they could not use the Central School playing field this season. The Parks Superintendent reported that the ground was fully used. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but it be suggested that they might be allowed to play on a pitch available on the St. Mark's Housing Estate.

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5—Trees---(a) Read, letter of 29th ult., from Mr. L. Greening asking for removal of a tree near gateway of No. 1 Wellington Square. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Parks Superintendent for report.

(b) RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Street and Highway Committee to remove the Silver Birch near No. 4 Pittville Crescent and also a tree near Scoriton, and to lop a Wych Elm at the north end of Pittville Crescent near Albert Road be approved and also their recommendation not to accede to Major Haddon's request to remove the tree outside Westbury,

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that a Motor Car DF2943 belonging to Mrs. Lilian M. Martin of "Byways," Marle Hill Court Road had damaged the tree and tree guard at the corner of Evesham Road and Pittville Chalet Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage caused.

6—Recreation Ground. St. Mark's—RESOLVED, That the application of 12th ult., from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs for consent to erection of one pole and stay in this Recreation Ground be granted subject to an annual payment of one shilling per fixture and to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the pole and to the consent being terminable by three calendar months notice in writing on either side.

7—Estimates—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a 10 per cent. reduction should be made in estimates for next year, which would amount to about £450.

As a reduction of nearly £700 was made by this Committee in making their estimate for the current year the Committee doubt if it will be possible to make such a large additional reduction without substantially reducing the standard of the upkeep of the Parks and Long Garden. It was RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended not to fix a definite sum but to leave it to the Committee to effect such further economies as may be practicable.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1931. Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward and Capt. Trye ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp.

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

2—Curator's Report—Visits—During October 3,415 (against 3,474), including 36 students from St. Mary's Training College, 35 boys from Parish Church School, and 8 girls from St. Monica's Home.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards and " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," etc., £5 12s. 10d.

Exhibition—Flower studies, miniatures and portraits by Miss Flora Tomkins were placed on exhibition on 29th October, and remain on view until 30th November.

Teachers' Refresher Course—Instead of lectures, an exhibition of school arts and crafts will be held in the Art Gallery from the 19th to 21st November.

3—Donations—From Mr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, 10 Wedgewood Portrait Medallions, Chinese lacquer dish, Chinese God of Laughter, and various engravings; Exors. of the late Mrs. Bowley of Siddington House, pre-historic and Roman reliques, bygone chaff cutter ; Trustees of the Bingham Library, Cirencester, the late W. J. Greenwood's Collection of Cotswold Flora in two oak cabinets ; Mr. C. R. Mapp, letter scale, medal of Cheltenham College, candle from the "Discovery" Expedition ; Mr. F. L. Sealey, Kiwi ; and Mr. Spencer Williams, Moor-hen. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

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4—Loan—From Mr. E. Courtney Gardner, Coin Scale, formerly the property of Jimmy Wood the Banker of Gloucester Old Bank.

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

5—Exchange of Dutch Pictures—The two pictures from Captain Koster (Paris) as proposed exchanges had arrived, and were inspected. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for one month.

6-Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society--The Curator reported that he had been invited by the Council of the Society to accept the position of Hon. Local Secretary for the Cheltenham District in the place of the late Col, J. C. Duke. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7-Finance Committee's Proposed Reductions—The request of the Finance Committee that the vote of £1,075 as per current year's Estimate should be reduced by £10, and next year's Estimate by £100, was considered by the Committee. The Curator submitted revised Estimates showing that by reductions under the headings of fabric repairs, carriage, show-casing, exhibitions and printing, the required economies might be met. RESOLVED, That The Finance Committee's recommendations be adopted.

8-Cotswold Horsebells—Two sets of four bells were submitted. RESOLVED, That these be purchased from the " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," at a cost of £2.

9—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 20th December.

10—Geological Room—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. Mapp's assistance in the work of re-organisation be accepted with thanks.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held Monday, 23rd, November, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Scott Langley and Yarnold

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th November, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley, Selina Smith and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 16th October, to 27th November, 1931. Interments 83 ; Grave Spaces sold 23 (First Position 3, Second Position 1, Fourth Position 19 ; Memorials erected 14 . New Inscriptions 11).

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8503 to 8525 both inclusive.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Jane Fielding, Louise Gertrude Hebblethwaite, and William James Skinner and Fanny Skinner ;

Cross Base and Kerbing to graves of Minnie Caroline Faulkner, Frances Elizabeth Knight, Helen Cleghorne Fairley and Sarah Helen Fairley, and Walter Arthur Crossbee ; Block and Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth Bishop and Martha Jane Jenkins ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Wilhelmina C. J. C. Dodson, Ann Rebecca Posford, and Elizabeth Everett, Elizabeth Walford, and Phyllis Edith Houghton ; Recumbent Cross and Kerbing to grave of Florence Mary Le Jeune ; Kerbing to graves of Albert Mansfield, and Charles Edward Brown.

5—Grave Space 957 A.1.—It was reported that owing to a confusion in the names of two deceased soldiers named Gregory the right of burial in this space had been granted to the Imperial War Graves Commission instead of Grave No. 726 K.1. and the Imperial War Graves Commission had now returned the grant dated 2nd February, 1931, for amendment. RESOLVED, That this be amended accordingly.

6—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell, Nos. 3134 and 3135 Q.—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain tenders for cleaning the Memorial on this grave and painting the iron railings.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1931. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, P. T. Smith, Capt. Tye and Yarnold; Rev. Canon Johnstone and Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. E. C. Rogers, James Stewart, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh.

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

2—Librarian's Report—Receipts—£13 17s. 0d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,595 (last year 5,652) ; Lending Department 19,759 (last year 18,497) ; Junior Department 4,341 (last year 5,561). Total for month 29,695 (last year 29,710). As compared with previous year's record, the issue for seven months indicates an increase of 17,558 volumes over the corresponding period last year.

Replacements—During the month 28 volumes had been replaced.

Binding—During the month 216 volumes had been returned from the Binder and placed in circulation.

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Lectures—The following lectures had been given (some in co-operation with various societies) :—

12th October Rev, Canon Maynard Smith, "The Background of the Gospels". (Attendance 146).

19th October Miss Florence Locke, recital of "The Bronze Horses." (Attendance 181).

23rd October Mr. W. S. Tomkinson, B.Litt., "A Modern View of Literature and the Child." (Attendance 74)

26th October Principal Basil A. Yeaxlee, B.A., Ph.D., " Broadcasting and other aids to teaching." (Attendance 91).

30th October Mr. A. Oswald, B.A., (O.C.), " Cotswold Domestic Architecture." (Attendance 170).

2nd November Miss Simonsen, "Your Servant, The Telephone." (Attendance 89).

3rd November Mr. S. Anderson, " Display Lighting." (Attendance 49).

9th November ... The Lord Bishop of Gloucester, " Inspiration." (Attendance 281).

Jubilee Tower—Replacement of sections of the rain water pipes inside the Tower had become urgently necessary, and the work had been done by the Borough Surveyor's Department at a cost of £5 16s. 6d.

3—Donations—Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (17 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. (20 pamphs.) ; Mr. Waldron Griffiths (1 vol.) ; Mrs Moore (2 vols.) ; Royal Institute of British Architects (1 vol.) ; Messrs. Town & County Directories Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. R. Wallis (21 vols.) ; Mr. Councillor W. N. Weech (3 vols.)

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

4—Finance Committee's Proposed Reductions—The request of the Finance Committee that the current year's Estimate of £2,345 should be reduced by and next year's Estimate by £300, was considered by the Committee, and the Librarian submitted revised Estimates indicating how these reductions could be met. He further submitted an alternative revision of expenditure by which £145 could be saved in 1931-32 (£45 from books, £50 by deferring installation of accelerator to heating system, and £50 deferred shelving), and £200 in 1932-33 RESOLVED, unanimously, That the alternative scheme be agreed to, as by its adoption the Finance Committee's recommendations could be most easily met without unduly crippling the book service

5—Notice of Motion by Capt. Trye—Following the decision to accept the Finance Committee's proposed reductions, Councillor Capt. Trye withdrew his notice of motion to suspend expenditure on books and binding.

6—Re-binding --The Librarian reported that 541 Junior Library volumes were out of action through need of re-binding. RESOLVED, That 270 volumes be re-bound immediately at an estimated cost of £27.

7—Leslie Young Benefaction—RESOLVED, That Lloyd's " History of the English House" be purchased at pre-publication price of 55s towards which Mr. Mellersh had given a donation of £1.

8—Boiler Insurance—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co., reported that the boiler was in satisfactory working order.

9—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Friday and Saturday, 25th and 26th December.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore ; Councillor Scott Langley, T. Wilfred Waite and Yarnold.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That The Mayor (Alderman P. P. Taylor) be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th November, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

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-2nd Valuation List—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum of 27th inst., from the Central Valuation Committee, in regard to communications received by them urging the desirability of postponing the date on which the new list should come into operation, The Central Valuation Committee had given careful consideration to all aspects of this matter and had come to the conclusion that the disadvantages and injustices which would arise from a postponement outweighed any arguments in favour of such a course, and they had therefore decided not to recommend the Minister of Health to postpone the date of operation, and that the new Valuation should be made to come into force on the 1st April, 1934.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st December, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Miller, Pruen, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £29,779 10s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £91,819 19s. 6d.

2-Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1932. Amount collected £6,671 19s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £13,844 18s. 8d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £525 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 October was 3,970 as compared with 4,785 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions .—

Date, 1931.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
26th October.	Electricity Switchgear ...	£2,927	20 years.
9th November.	“ Sub-Station Equipment	£1,000	20 “

6 Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillor Miller 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--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £7,600 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £2,400 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. were prepared to lend £5,000 in two instalments in January and February next for a period of 10 years with option to terminate at 5th or 7th year on the terms now reported. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to the Debentures.

8—Corporation 3 per cent, Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased £1,560 and £596 13s. 7d. Corporation Stock. RESOLVED, That the sum of £1,560 and £596 13s. 7d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

9—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922,

(i) On the recommendation of the Education Committee, That the services of Mr. J. Hope, School Attendance Officer, be extended for one year up to 22nd April, 1933.

(ii) On the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, That the services of Mr. W. J. Hamlin, Custodian, Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, be extended for one year up to 20th January, 1933.

(iii) On the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of Mr. H. J. Holbourn, Building Inspector, be extended for one year up to 13th January, 1933.

(b) S. C. Turtle—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. S. C. Turtle, Sweeper, whose services had been extended up to 2nd June next year, now wished to retire. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £29 12s. 7d. per annum, calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 33 years service.

(c) F. H. Wood, Ashman—The Borough Treasurer reported that this man died on the 9th ult. RESOLVED, That his widow be refunded the amount of his contributions with interest at 3 per cent. amounting to £37 0s. 9d.

(d) E. J. Lamer—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. E. J. Lamer, School Attendance Officer, was due to retire on 22nd January, 1932. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of £30 calculated on his salary for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 18 years service.

(e) Assistant Sanitary Inspector—The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value, payable to the Finchley Corporation in respect of Mr. H. L. Whitwham who had recently left the services of the Corporation to take up an appointment at Finchley was £41 11s. 7d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

(f) Abattoir Superintendent—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. E. H. Tallboy who had resigned his post as Abattoir Superintendent was entitled to a refund of his contributions with 3 per cent interest amounting to £51 19s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid to him.

(g) RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to transfer all matters under the Superannuation Scheme (except actuarial and financial matters) to the General Purposes and Watch Committee, and that the recommendations of the several Committees in regard to the retirement and extension of services of their respective officials and workmen be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee instead of this Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to review the position of officials and workmen whose services have been extended.

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

11—Tivoli and District Sewers—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from the Ministry of Health, returning sanction, dated 3rd October, 1910, which had been cancelled in respect of the unexpended balance of £12,060.

12—Discount on Rates and Rate Stamps—The Borough Treasurer submitted report as to the advantages and disadvantages of a discount on rates and payment of rates by means of Rate Stamps. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to adopt either of these proposals.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st December, 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 4th, day of January, 1932**, 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 consider acceptance of tender for 58 houses at St. Mark's Housing Estate. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE and to accept tenders for pipes for new main at Tewkesbury. 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

Ata Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th December, 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, Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E, J.P.; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B. B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, 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 Sawyer.

1—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 4th December of Samuel Charles Morris as Councillor for the East Ward.

2—Minutes of Previous Meetings--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 26th October, 1931, and the Statutory Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th November, 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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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 16

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Dr. Hayward: "That Minute No. 13 (a) with reference to the cleaning out of Hatherley Brook be referred back " was lost)

Housing Meetings held November 17 & 30

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 15 with reference to new houses, St. Mark's be referred back to the Committee with power to act."

Street and Highway .. Meeting held November 23

Town Planning .. Meetings held November 12 & 26

Town Improvement and Spa. .. Meetings held November 3, 20 &27

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 23 & 25

Water .. Meeting held November 19

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 24

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Yarnold and seconded by Councillor Lipson: "That Minute No. 15 be amended, and that the grant to the Salvation Army towards the cost of re-decoration of the Soup Kitchen be increased to no."

That Minute No. 19 be amended, and that Councillor Morris be appointed a representative of the Council to serve on the Guardians Committee of the Public Assistance Committee, in place of Councillor Dr. Hayward.

Allotments Meeting held November 16

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 16

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 12

Burial Board Meetings held November 23 & 27

Public Library Meeting held November 12

Rating Meetings held November 23 & 30

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Finance Meeting held December 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.

1—Committees—Resolved, That Councillor S. C. Morris be appointed a Member of the following Committees :—Public Health, Housing, Maternity and Child Welfare, Town Planning, Water, Parks and Recreation Grounds, Allotments, Burial Board, Art Gallery and Museum and Education Committees.

5—Unemployment—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Unemployment Committee enclosing resolutions passed by his Committee urging the Council to increase by 50 per cent. the number of houses proposed to be built without increasing the original estimates and asking the Council to give sympathetic consideration to proposals of any builders who may be desirous of erecting houses at an economic rent.

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, 4th January, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris, 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. :-210 High Street ; 20 Hatherley Street ; 4, 11 and 19 Burton Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 St. Paul's Terrace ; Dunalley Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a

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

(b) 12 St. Anne's Terrace ; Denton Lodge (5 Oxford Street) ; 12, 13 and 16 Sandford Street ; 14 Bath Parade and Garages and Workshops adjoining—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) 5 and 6 Granville Street, and 167, 167a, 168 and Poplar Cottage, High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted apportionments made by the Borough Surveyor between the Owners of the costs amounting to £30 1s. 0d. and £81 17s. 8d. 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 notices of the apportionments be served on the Owners and demands for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

3—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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 24 lbs. Mutton ; 2 qrs. 2 lbs. Pork ; and 4 qrs. 6 lbs. Beef.

5—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice Ada Evans in respect of " The Nelson," High Street ; Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street ; and " The Shamrock," Grove Street ; Mr. Michele Fortucci in respect of Rowton House, Grove Street ; and Mr. Alphonse Augustus Van Meulbrouck in respect of Cumberland Villa and No. 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 31st December, 1932.

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6—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 connect: 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, 1932, 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, 1932, unless previously revoked.

(ii) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Creamery Co. Ltd., for renewal of their licence to sell " Certified" Milk from 3 and 4 Pittville Street and their Prestbury Road Depot be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1932, unless previously revoked.

7—Flooding—The Committee further considered the Reports of the Borough Surveyor dated the 1st July and November last on the flooding in various parts of the Town. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Col. Biggs and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the Reports.

8 —Park Place District Re-Sewerage Scheme—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with this Scheme.

(b) Hatherley Brook—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Governors of Dean Close School had agreed to pay half the cost of improving and cleaning out the brook through their property. This only left a sum of £7 10s. 0d. payable by the other riparian owners. Read, a letter signed by nine owners in Hatherley Road that they would hold the Council responsible for any damage to their property as the result of the new drainage Scheme. The Borough Surveyor pointed out that the brook was the natural stream for taking this surface water and on the completion of the Scheme the brook would not receive any greater quantity of surface water than it does at present.

9—Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor reported that the water service pipe supplying two cattle troughs at this farm was defective, and he recommended that this defective pipe should be abandoned and connect the troughs to the service supplying Long Hill Hospital and to remove the hospital meter from its present position at the beginning of the main to near the hospital ; he estimated the cost of carrying out this alteration at £15, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—District Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health approving of the appointment of Mr. A. C. Arnold as District Sanitary Inspector from the 8th inst., on the terms contained in the letter.

11—Slum Clearance—Swindon Passage Area—With reference to the resolution of the Housing Committee of the 9th June last asking this Committee to consider the desirability of making further Clearance or Improvement Orders, Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham reported that this matter had been considered by the Medical Officer of Health, and he had submitted proposals for making a Clearance Order in respect of the Swindon Passage area. On the 29th October the Committee had inspected the property and considered the Medical Officer's proposals, and were of opinion that it was desirable to proceed with the Scheme for dealing with this area. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Housing Committee to consider and report as to the cost of the Scheme, and as to making provision for re-housing the displaced population.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 11th December, 1931, Present—Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Lieut.-Col, Biggs, Leigh James, P. T. Smith and Selim Smith (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—New Houses—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the tenders for the proposed 58 houses at St. Mark's Estate. RESOLVED, That advertisements be re-issued inviting tenders for all the houses or for one or more of three groups, namely 17 pairs in the cul de sac off Kipling Road, 9 pairs in the cul de sac off Brooklyn Road and three pairs fronting Brooklyn Road and that it be a condition of the Contract or Contracts that at least 90 per cent. of the workmen engaged shall be men whose permanent residence is in the Borough.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1931. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lieut. Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Morris and P. T. Smith (Alderman Pates in the chair).

2—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of this Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 11th inst. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee to grant the application of the tenants of Nos. 97 and 99 Tennyson Road for permission to erect arches over the front doors subject to these being erected to the satisfaction of the Committee be approved.

3—Gloucester Road School—RESOLVED, That the application of the Education Committee for 1,000 square yards of turf free of charge from St. Mark's Housing Estate for the playing field at this School be not granted.

4—St. Mark's Estate—Land in Hand—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle that he was taking steps to let this land He recommended that the gateways to the arable and adjoining pasture field should be made good and new gates provided. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done,

5—Lime Kiln Row Clearance Order—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Bursar of Corpus Christi College that it had not yet been decided what should be done with their property in Lime Kiln Row. Every effort was being made to accommodation for occupation three tenants still in occupation and he hoped the Corporation would not press matters as regards the demolition of the properties until they had been able to deal with these cases.

6—Housing Department—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Pupil Trainee (Miss Gourlay) giving one month's notice resigning her appointment as her salary was not sufficient for her maintenance in Cheltenham. Miss Mort pointed out that it would be of advantage to retain her services as she had now obtained experience of the work. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased to £2 a week.

7—Slum Clearance—Swindon Passage—The Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Public Health Committee was considered. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to attend the next Meeting of this Committee so that his proposals may be fully considered.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st December, 1931. Present —Aldermen Pates, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Scott Langley and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—View Committee—The following Members attended the View Meeting held on 9th December :—Aldermen Pates and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Imperial Square—That the decayed sycamore tree near the Town Hall be removed and a new tree planted.

(b) Montpellier Terrace—That Mr. W. Mitchell's application for removal of a tree opposite No. 8 be not acceded to, but that the owner of trees at Canobie be asked to have these pruned.

(c) Old Bath Road—That the Borough Electrical Engineer's application for removal of a tree near White House be not acceded to.

(d) All Saint's Road—That Brig -Gen. J. J. F. Hume's application for removal of a plane tree near Glenfall Lodge be acceded to, and that a lime tree at the corner of Pittville Circus Road be also removed.

(e) The Park—That the elm tree opposite Arundel Lodge be removed, and a young tree planted in its place.

(f) The Park—That the Borough Electrical Engineer's request for removal of trees near 5 Park Villas be not acceded to.

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

2—Albion Street—Rollingway—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher to construct a rollingway to the cellar of their premises at 103 Albion Street be granted subject to the following conditions :—

(a) The rollingway not to be used after 9 a.m.

(b) The two existing gratings in Pittville Street and one in Albion Street to be disused and replaced with Hayward's Lights.

(c) The use of the rollingway to be discontinued and the footpath reinstated at any time after three months' notice by the Corporation requiring this, and

(d) to the owners entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk embodying these conditions.

3—Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 28th ult., from the Borough Electrical Engineer asking for trees to be pruned where their branches are below the levels of the street

lamps, together with treeman's report thereon. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have trimmed the trees which he considers necessary.

4—Brighton Road—The Town Clerk reported that the statutory notices to take over this road subject as hereinafter mentioned had been given and no objections received. RESOLVED, That this road be now taken over repairable by the inhabitants at large, subject to the right of the Corporation under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the Owners or Occupiers of the land on the North side of the road lying between No. 17 Brighton Road and the East end of the road to pave the footpath adjoining the said land as and when required by the Corporation.

5—Theatre and Opera House—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall for permission to extend the canopy at the Theatre for the whole length of its frontage be granted, subject to a similar agreement being entered into as required in previous cases.

6—Harp Hill—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Supt. Wayman that several summonses had been taken out against persons riding horses on the footpath and observation was being kept to prevent further riding on the path. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be now authorised to have the footpath repaired and the road gritted when necessary.

7 -Railway Wagons—RESOLVED, That the usual commuted annual payment of 1s per wagon be made to the Railway Clearing House in lieu of Shunting and Siding Rent charges on wagons stopped for repairs.

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8—Traffic Signs—(a) Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce enclosing recommendations for the erection of directional signs in five places in the centre of the town and near Lansdown Castle and Holy Apostles Church, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the One-way Traffic Orders have been approved by the Ministry of Transport.

(b) Bath and Thirlestaine Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation for "Electo-matic" treadle traffic signal for this junction. RESOLVED, That traffic signals be not provided at present but that an illuminated "Stop" sign be erected in Suffolk Road at its junction with Bath Road.

9—Gloucester Road School—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide turf for the playing field of this school from the Marle Hill Estate when the removal of this is required for use of the land for tipping.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Thursday, 10th December, 1931: Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Morris, Cap, Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; and Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont (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,
3227	Houghton, Col. J. H.	Motor house, Overdale, Painswick Road. (Amended).
3261	Phipps, T.	Motor house, rear of 1 St. Philip's Terrace, Gratton Road.
3262	Carruthers-Little, Mrs.	Conservatory at rear of Sunny Patch, Moorend Park Road.
3263	Gregory, Miss	Bath-room addition, Norwood House, Great Norwood Street.
3264	Whitmore, Mr.	New scullery addition, 1 Hope Cottages, Hatherley Road.
3265	Hornett, A W.	Conservatory at side of Brookville, Millbrook Street
3266	Bendall & Sons	22 semi-detached houses, Mead Road.
3267	Billings, A. C. & Sons	Addition for new staircase, Southern House, Albert Road.
3268	Wynn, E. H.	Cycle shed and garden tool shed, Gloucester Road
3269	Emlyn, Dr.	New lavatory, 227 High Street,
3270	Greig David Ltd.	Addition to rear of 20a Winchcomb Street,
3271	Hall, S. G.	Bedroom addition, 14 Victoria Place, Bath Road.
3272	Wilson, Mrs. K.	Dining room addition, The Croft, Badgeworth Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 3227 be approved subject to proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 3261, 3262, 3266, 3267, 3268, 3271 and 3272 be approved ; That Plans. Nos. 3263, 3264, 3269 and 3270 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No. 3265 be approved subject to the owner agreeing to remove the building (which is in advance of the line to be prescribed by the Town Planning Scheme), without compensation, if and when required by the Corporation.

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.
277	Tomkins, J.	Three Bungalows, Priory Lane, Bishops Cleeve.
278	Bettison, R. D.	Playroom, The Shanty, Crickley Hill.

RESOLVED, That these Plans be approved.

(b) Plan No. 275—Read, letter from Mr. R. C. Hall with reference to the Plan submitted by him for a sign at his Filling Station in Lansdown Road. He was now willing to erect a sign in accordance with the Petroleum Filling Stations Byelaws and to undertake to remove this at his own cost behind the building line prescribed by the Town Planning Scheme when required to do so by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Plan be now approved on these terms.

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3—Town Planning Scheme—Objections—(a) Shurdington Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst, from the County Surveyor that he had now considered the suggested By-Pass Road around Shurdington

village and had interviewed Mr. Robertson the Chairman of the Shurdington Parish Council thereon. He had explained to Mr. Robertson that it was proposed to prescribe building and improvement lines through the village and that Mr. Robertson now understood that these lines were matters for the long future and not for immediate execution and he was of opinion that the proposed By-Pass should not be provided in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous proposals for the road through Shurdington.

(b) Prestbury By-Pass—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Mr. H. Cuss objecting to the alteration of the proposed By-Pass around Prestbury. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

(c) Treddington Recreation Ground—Read, letter from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. giving formal notice of objection on behalf of Mrs. E. M. Bishop to the scheduling to her land as a Recreation Ground.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1931. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs and W. S. F. Harris (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.
3273	Smith, T. W.	Two semi-detached houses off Naunton Lane.
3274	Cloutman, Rev. W. E.	New Congregational Church, Priory Terrace.
3275	Trenouth, E.	Addition at rear of Hadley House, Bayshill Road.
3276	Bradbury, H. L.	Detached house and garage, Naunton Park Road.
3277	Lamb, R. P.	Motor house, Cranfield, Painswick Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3273, 3274 and 3275 be approved ; and That Plans Nos. 3276 and 3277 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpaths being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

5—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.
279	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
280	Colwell, E.	Bungalow, Leckhampton Hill.
281	Coxwell Rogers, C.	Squash Racketts Court, Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell.

RESOLVED, That all these Plans be approved.

6—Contravention of Byelaws—The Borough Surveyor reported that corrugated iron and wood buildings were being erected in Coltham Field by Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard without Plans having been

submitted and approved, although Mr. Sheppard had been requested to submit Plans. RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. Sheppard to show cause why the buildings should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

7—" Ribbon " Development—Read, letters of 14th and 15th inst., from Mr. G. L. Pepler and the District Valuer respectively in regard to provision being made in the Scheme for "time zoning." RESOLVED, That the proposed " time zoning " be not proceeded with at present.

8--Town Planning Scheme—Prestbury Road By-Pass—The Town Planning Assistant reported that all the owners (with the exception of Mr. Cuss) of the land through which the proposed by-pass round Prestbury had been shown raised no objection to this proposal. RESOLVED, That this by-pass be adopted and the Scheme amended accordingly

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1931. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Pruen, Miller, Thomas, P. T. Smith and T. Wilfred Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1--Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—The Committee considered tenders received from Messrs. A. D. Cole, Peter Fielding, G. Maisey and H. Teague for the provision of Orchestra and Dance Band for next Winter season. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

2--Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. J. Bache for the free use of the Drawing and Card and Refreshment rooms on the 8th February next for the Meetings of the Western Centre of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Branch of the Electrical Association for Women for the free use of the Drawing Room on the 11th February next for their Annual Meeting be granted as in previous years.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Card Room for the fortnightly meetings of the Chamber be granted, when this is not otherwise engaged.

(d) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference of the National Chamber of Trade to be held in the Autumn of next year on dates to be arranged.

(e) RESOLVED, That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Industrial Trades Exhibition for a fortnight in the Autumn of next year, on the same terms as previous years, namely, £100 plus cost of lighting,

3--Spa Baths—Read, application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the swimming bath for a Saturday in February or March in connection with the "News Chronicle" Swimming Campaign, which was supported by the Amateur Swimming Association and would be

followed up by a week's campaign in the Summer. RESOLVED, That the use of the bath be granted subject to payment of all expenses for filling and heating the bath, etc.

4--Broadcasting -The Town Clerk reported that up to the 13th February next arrangements had been made with the British Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast Peter Fielding's band from the Town Hall on nine occasions.

5—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a suggested revised time table for these baths (including the open air bath) so as to include provision for public mixed bathing.

6—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 10th inst., from Mr. J. H. Evans stating that the Club still considered they were not liable for the maintenance of the woodwork around the green. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice under Section 146 of the Law of Property Act, 1925, in respect of the breach of covenant.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th December, 1931, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and J. F. Ward (Councillor Scott Langley in the chair).

1—Alma Road—The Committee further considered applications for a supply for houses in Alma Road, and the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted modified scheme which provided for a low pressure overhead line along the road and omitting the high pressure line originally proposed. for a distance of 400 yards. He estimated that the saving in the immediate cost of this modification of the Scheme compared with the original scheme was £123. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to carry out this extension. RESOLVED, also, that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of the overhead line.

2—Public Lighting—(a) RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Committee be held on the 6th January at 6 p.m., to inspect the lighting in the various streets in respect of which complaints had been received.

(b) Pilford Avenue and Mead Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted applications for the erection of public street lamps in these private roads. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have two lamp standards erected in Pilford Avenue and three in Mead Road.

3—South Wales Electricity Bill—The Town Clerk submitted a copy of this Bill. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to consider the same and that authority be given for the Common Seal to be affixed to a Petition against the Bill if this is considered necessary.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—Bishops Cleeve—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. W. J. Oldacre asking the Corporation to rebuild the wall of his house which he alleged collapsed through the opening of a

trench for electricity cable in the road adjoining the wall. Read, also report of the Borough Electrical Engineer thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accept the responsibility for this and are not prepared to rebuild the wall.

5—Gas Tests—Read, reports of gas tests made on the 1st and 11th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 474.4 and 477.0 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.6 and 5.1 inches of water.

L. SCOTT LANGLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th December, 1931. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Morris 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 14th December, 1931	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	419,000 gallons	397,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,222,000	2,215,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	67,000	62,000
Total	1,708,000	2,674,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 14th December, 1931	Contents 14th December, 1931	Depth 14th December, 1930.	Contents 14th December, 1930.
Hewletts		24,436,000 gallons		20,015,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 0ins.	94,756,000	31ft. 5ins.	96,896,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins	1,620,000	12ft. 8ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		120,812,000		118,531,000

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

3—London Road—Trees—Read, letter from the County Surveyor that the County Highways Committee could not consider widening this road by the Reservoir until the trees were removed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have these removed and the banks re-planted with shrubs.

4—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted twelve tenders received for construction of Pumping Engine house at Tewkesbury. RESOLVED, That subject to sanction to loan

and grant being received the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons of £2,299 (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Pumps—The Borough Engineer submitted 27 tenders for the pumps and recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Heythorn & Davis amounting to £7,475. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to contract and to sanction to loan and grant being made.

(c) Filtration Plant—RESOLVED, That the tender of The Paterson Engineering Co. of £4,295 be accepted for filtration plant subject to contract and to sanction to loan and grant being made

5—Supply to Gloucester—The Mayor of Gloucester; Alderman Gillett ; and Councillors Dr. Finlay and Edwards together with the Town Clerk, City Engineer and Medical Officer of Health attended as a deputation from the Gloucester City Council to discuss with the Committee the possibility of obtaining a standby supply of water from Tewkesbury Waterworks. It was pointed out that to provide for the supply required by Gloucester it will be necessary to substitute a 24 inch main for the 20 inch pipe provided in the scheme already submitted for the approval of the Ministry, and that to secure the grant offered by the Unemployment Grants Committee it was essential that the works should be started within the time stipulated by the Unemployment Grants Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to provide the supply asked for by Gloucester subject to satisfactory terms being arranged and provided that such terms can be arranged in time to prevent any risk of losing the grant offered by the Unemployment Grants Committee.

6—Land—The Grindalls—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle that Mr. T. Roberts, the tenant of Castle Barn Farm, had agreed to take this land as from Christmas at a rent of £45 per annum. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to tenancy agreement.

7—Dowdeswell Wood—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle recommending that about 15 to 20 acres of underwood be offered for sale in lots, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd December, 1931. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Pruen, Thomas and Capt. Trye (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

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

Date, 1931.	Place,	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
Dec 4th	Copt Elm Cottage, Charlton Kings.	Accident with light	Slight	£3 2s. 0d.
" 15th	Webb Bros. Brick Works, Hales Road.	Not apparent	£400-£500	£5 18s. 6d.
" 18th	The Moors, Tewkesbury Rd.	do.	About £150	£6 18s. 6d.

(b) False Alarm—Read, report of the Captain of a false alarm on the 1st December to a supposed fire at the Co-operative Stores, Gloucester Road, and the Town Clerk reported that the Chairman had authorised him to issue an advertisement offering a reward of £10 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who gave the alarm.

3—North Street Picture House—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor as to the exits of the Repertory Theatre, North Street. He recommended that the passage ways to the stage should be lined with fire-proof material, and that the bars carrying the curtains at the entrance to the two emergency exits at the stage end should be of more suitable character than those provided, and the exits better lighted, and that the passage and yard leading from one of the exits should be kept free of all obstructions. RESOLVED, That a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Police and Mr. Rex. Burchell.

4—Shops Acts—(a) Read, report from the Shops Acts Inspector of three traders in High Street who had opened their premises on Wednesday afternoon, the 16th inst. The Town Clerk reported that traders had been advised by the National Chamber of Trade that if notice was given to alter the early closing day in Christmas Week to Boxing Day Wednesday the 16th inst. would become the half-holiday immediately preceding Christmas, and entitle them to keep open on the 16th inst. but that he did not know whether the prescribed notice was given in the case of the shops reported. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) Read, reports of two traders keeping open after the usual closing hours. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write cautioning the traders against any further breach of the Acts.

5—Market—Read, letter from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society complaining that Mr. Castle had been selling fruit trees at the Market contrary to the provisions of his agreement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Castle thereon.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. J. Payne for the transfer of Licence No. 12 to Taxicab, registered No. DF 1101 be granted, and that the application of W. T. Mottram for the transfer of Licence No. 17 to Taxicab, registered No. DD 4832 be not granted.

(b) Drivers Licence—RESOLVED, That the applications of W. T. Mottram and Archie Martin for Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences be granted.

7—Contribution in Lieu of Rates—Read, application from the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls for a refund of the rates in respect of their premises at 24 Cambray. RESOLVED, That the application be deferred for consideration when the other applications are dealt with.

8—Flower Show—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Hon. Secretaries of the Flower Show thanking the Corporation for the support given to previous Shows and asking for cash prizes for the 1932 Show. RESOLVED, That the sum of £15 be provided.

9—Marle Hill Estate—(a) Caretaker—The Town Clerk reported the arrangements made for Mr. W. Cresswell to act as caretaker of the Marle Hill House. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Land—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from Mr. C. C. Castle offering to supervise this land along with the other agricultural properties of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) Marle Hill House—The Town Clerk reported his negotiations for letting this house, and the Borough Surveyor submitted report of the renovations necessary. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate terms for letting the premises and report to the Committee.

10—Ambulance Headquarters—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a statement of the amounts paid by the Ambulance Headquarters for disinfections during the year 1931, and in respect of which the Ambulance Headquarters had applied for a refund. RESOLVED, That a grant of £20 be made.

11—One Way Traffic--Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Ministry of Transport forwarding two alternative proposals for the proposed one way traffic. RESOLVED, That consideration of these proposals be referred to the Sub-Committee.

12—Petrol Licence- RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Motor and Cycle Co. for a licence to store an additional 500 gallons in an underground tank at their premises at 82 High Street be granted.

13—Superannuation-- RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, That the application of Mrs. Gleed, cashier at Montpellier Baths, to be placed on the Scheme be not acceded to..

14—Omnibus Fares—The Town Clerk reported that he had received complaints on behalf of parents of school children of the increase in children's fares on the Cheltenham District Traction Company's omnibuses. Mr. H. J. McCormick attended and stated that the Company were unable to reduce the fares and pointed out that the children's fares now in operation were the same as charged in London and other towns.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, T. Wilfred Waite and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—No. 36 Creamery Piece—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from Mr. J. Grinham asking to be released from his tenancy on the 25th December next owing to bad health. RESOLVED, That he be required to give three months' notice.

2—Allotment No. 44 Alma Road—Read, letter from Mr. F. W. Perkins asking for a rebate of rent to allow for labour in getting this allotment into order. RESOLVED, That an allowance of one quarter's rent be made.

3—Allotment No. 53 (b) Albert Road—Read, letter from Mr. P. E. Hill asking to be released from his tenancy. RESOLVED, That he be released from Christmas, subject to payment of rent due to that date.

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4—Allotments—Inspection—Mr. Vizard submitted a report on his inspection of the North Ward Allotments made on the 12th inst. RESOLVED, (a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the paths repaired in Crab Tree Piece, and the approach to the stream from No. 141 Crab Tree Piece improved.

(b) 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. 8, 9, 25, 127, 141, 148, 149, 151, 167 and 168 Crab Tree Piece.

5—Land in Albert Road—Read, letter from Mr. Gardom stating that the erection of the proposed school had been deferred and suggesting that the Corporation should take the land as tenants as the County Council were not an authority under the Allotments Acts. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to this proposal subject to satisfactory terms of tenancy being arranged.

J. F. WARD, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1931. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P.T. Smith, T. Wilfred Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Wellington Square—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Parks Superintendent That the application of Mrs. L. Greening for removal of the tree near the gateway of No. 1 Wellington Square be granted and that another tree be planted in a suitable position.

(b) Read, memorial from occupiers in Wellington Square asking that the gates on the south and west sides of the square should be kept open. RESOLVED, That this request be complied with.

2—Pittville Park—Read, letter from Mrs. Goodlake asking that all the gates to these gardens should be kept open on Sundays. RESOLVED, That this request be complied with.

3—Whaddon Road Recreation Road—Land adjoining—Read, letter from Mr. J. H. Davis offering the piece of land adjoining the Recreation Ground to the Corporation for the sum of £210. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that part of the surplus from the sale of the land in Albert Road be applied for this purchase.

4—Gifts of Plants—The Borough Surveyor reported gifts of Iris plants from Major-Gen. C. H. Bowle-Evans, Miss her and Mr. W. L. Mellersh. RESOLVED, That letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

W. SAWYER. Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1931. Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillor S. C. Morris ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Monthly Report—Visits—During November 4,047 (against 3,139), including a class of students from Dean Close School

Receipts--Catalogues, Postcards, Advertisement, Collection Box etc., £5 17s. 0d.

Exhibition--A special exhibition by the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists was opened on 4th December and remains on view until 25th January. Of the total cost of £11. 10s. 0d., £5 14s. 5d. has already been received.

Art Gallery Attendant—C. L. Jackson had been absent from duty owing to illness from 14th to 28th November inclusive.

Bequest—The Curator has visited Wendover with regard to a proposed bequest of a Turner water-colour.

2—Donations—From the Cambray Book Mart, 10 photographs of models made by W. Gorringe of Hale's Road, Cheltenham, c.1850 ; Mr. J. F. Crofts, painting of Old Sandford Mill, c.1820, from the collection of the late Mr. Christopher Bowly, a bronze wool-weight, period George I ; two mantraps, two badgertraps and one pair of horsebells by Robert Wells ; Captain Jackman, R.N., 6 examples of Early Victorian Dresses, two bonnets and an apron, Mr. C. R. Mapp, 9 skulls ; The National Art Collections Fund, 4 Venetian armorial shields, 16th to 18th centuries,

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

3—Exchange of Dutch Pictures—Further consideration was given to the matter of the offered exchange from Captain Koster (Paris) and it was resolved that the proposed exchange be declined, and the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Captain Roster for the trouble he has taken in this matter.

4—Resignation of Museum Assistant—The Curator reported the resignation of Miss G. E. M. Rodway on her securing a better appointment in a bank. RESOLVED, That consideration of filling the vacancy be deferred for a month.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM. Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th December, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley and Morris (Councillor Morris in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 27th November, to 30th December, 1931, Interments 59 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 3, Second Position 2, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 6; Memorials erected 19; New Inscriptions 6).

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8526 to 8535 both inclusive,

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Memorial Cross, Base and Kerbing to graves of Edith Court, William Henry Mellersh, and Edwin Buckman and Annie MacDonald Buckman

4—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell, Nos. 3134 and 3135 Q.—Five tenders were received for the cleaning of this memorial and painting the iron railings. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Trees—Read, letter from Mr. W. R. Chipp, asking for the pruning of the yew trees near the entrance to the Cemetery, as these were continually discolouring the memorial on his wife's grave. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee,

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th December, 1931. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts-£14 6s. 10d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,837 (last year 5,291) ; Lending Department 18,544 (last year 17,023) Junior Department 4,256 (last year 5,113). Total for month 28,637 (last year 27,427).

Replacements—During the month 120 volumes had been replaced.

Binding—During the month 300 volumes from the Junior Library had been dispatched to the Binder.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given (some in co-operation with various Societies) :—

November 16th . Mr. H. Browning Button, F.R.G.S., " Manxland—Its People, Old Customs, Poetry and Music." (Attendance 171).

November 20th . Mr. F. S. Russell, " The Great Barrier Reef Expedition, 1928-9." (Attendance 82).

November 23rd Rev. R. Dunkerley, B.A., B.D., Ph.D., "The Unwritten Gospel." (Attendance 102).

November 30th Rev. E. C. Hanson, M.A., "A Further Peep into Mediaeval England." (Attendance 129)

December 7th... Mr. Ed. J. Burrow, F.R.G.S., " Morocco the Mysterious." (Attendance 185).

Donations—Auctioneers' Institute (1 vol.) ; Mr. Ed, J. Burrow (7 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. (17 pamph.) ; Mr. H. M. Cashmore (3 vols,) ; Director of Census, Pretoria (1 vol.) ; Mr. E. J. Gibbins (8 vols.) ; Mr. S. Lloyd Kay (1 vol.) ; Captain Koster (1 vol.) ; Mr. J. A. Leckie (1 vol.) ; National Museum of Wales (1 vol.) ; Theosophical Society (1 vol.) ; Torquay Publicity Committee (1 vol.) ; Dr. E. F. Waddington (3 vols.) ; Councillor W. N. Weech (1 pamph.) ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham (11 vols.) ; Mr. F. B. Welch (29 vols. and 6 pamph.).

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

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

3—New Books—RESOLVED, That 9 vols. be purchased at a cost of £6 0s. 6d., from the H. W. Todd Bequest. RESOLVED, also, That 4 vols., published at £7 11s. 0d., be purchased from the Leslie Young Benefaction at a cost of £3 19s. 0d.

4—Cheltenham Teachers' Association—The Librarian reported the receipt of £5 5s. 0d., from the Cheltenham Teachers' Association as a donation to the Junior Library in recognition of the facilities given for the Arts and Crafts Exhibition in connection with the Refresher Course. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be tendered for the gift, and that the Librarian be authorised to purchase books to this value for the Junior Library.

5—Cheltenham Science Society—RESOLVED, That the annual storage rental (£2 2s. 0d.) be used for the purchase of scientific books, and that Ward and Whipple's " Fresh-water Biology," at 36s be added to the Library.

6—Binding—RESOLVED. That £30 be spent on re-binding, 250 of the volumes so treated to be from the Junior Library

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7—Co-operation with the County Education Committee—The Librarian read letter from the County Education Secretary relative to a proposed scheme of co-operation between the County Education Committee and the Cheltenham Public Library Committee, the principle of co-operation having been previously approved (see Minute No. 6, 10th September, 1931). RESOLVED :—

(a) That persons over the age of 14 years residing in the Urban District of Charlton Kings shall be allowed to borrow works of non-fiction from the Lending Department of the Cheltenham Library free of charge and that each borrower shall be entitled to two volumes at a time.

(b) That in return for this service the **County Library Sub-Committee** will pay an annual charge of 3s 6d for each person to whom cards are issued.

(c) That payment will be made half-yearly on the number of persons to whom tickets were issued during the preceding six months.

(d) That the Cheltenham Library Committee will use the money so received for the purchase of new books

(e) RESOLVED, further, That should persons taking up tickets under the foregoing scheme wish to borrow books of fiction, they be allowed to do so on payment of a direct contribution of 2s 6d a year for one volume at a time.

(f) RESOLVED, also, on the proposition of Councillor P. T. Smith, That it be suggested to the County Education Committee that the experiment of limiting this service to Charlton Kings (population 4,764) should be extended to other parishes adjacent to Cheltenham (population 5,802) as soon as possible.

8—Lectures--The Librarian read his list of proposed lectures for the Spring Session, RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that he be authorised to arrange for others.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st December, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley, 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 approved and submitted for the revision of assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. T. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th December, 1931. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James and Pruen (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 £53,520 19s. 1d., Leaving outstanding £68,078 10s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1932. Amount collected £9,739 1s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £10,777 16s. 2d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £420 had been received for 4 ½ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—**Accounts Rota Committee**—Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present--The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Leigh James and Pruen.

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

5—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received (900 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £8,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Superannuation—The Town Clerk reported that under Section 16 (3) of the Superannuation Act, the School Attendance Officer (Mr. E. J. Larnier) was entitled to include his services as an uncertificated teacher for the purpose of Superannuation, and the Borough Treasurer reported that his pension would therefore be $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of his salary of £200 per annum. RESOLVED, That he be paid this allowance, and that Minute No. 9 (d) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

7—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had purchased £913 12s. 11d. Corporation Stock. RESOLVED, That the sum of £913 12s. 11d. 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—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to substitute a 24 inch main for the 20 inch main provided for in the scheme submitted for the approval of the Ministry so as to enable a supply to be provided for the city of Gloucester, and that the Borough Engineer estimated the extra cost of this at £4,285. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to an additional loan of £4,285 for this purpose.

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, 4th January, 1932, 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, Pates, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris,

Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. rye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, and Weech, M.A.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th December, 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 December 14

Housing ... Meetings held December 11, 18 & 31

Except Minute No. 6, and that Miss Crawford be appointed pupil trainee in the Housing Department on the same terms as Miss Gourlay, namely £1 10s. 0d. per week, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side ; and subject to an Amendment, moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Weech: "That Minute of the Meeting on the 31st December, 1931, be not approved, and that the proposed erection of 58 houses at St. Mark's he not proceeded with."

Street and Highway Meeting held December 21

Town Planning Meetings held December 10 & 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held December 15

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 16

Water Meeting held December 17

Resolved, also, That the tender of The Stavely Coal and Iron Co. Ltd. for the supply of 24 inch pipes for the Tewkesbury Waterworks Scheme (being the lowest tender received) be accepted, subject to grant and loan being obtained and to Contract being entered into.

Resolved, also, That the Water Committee be authorised to accept a tender for laying the main, subject to grant being obtained.

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 22

Allotments Meeting held December 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held December 18

Burial Board Meeting held December 30

Public Library Meeting held December 10

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Rating Meeting held December 21

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.

3—Water Supply to Gloucester—The Council considered the question of a bulk supply to Gloucester, and memorandum containing tentative proposals for provision of a bulk supply. Resolved, That the proposals be sent to the Gloucester Corporation for their consideration. Resolved, also, That in view of the urgency of proceeding with the laying of the main, the Gloucester City Council be asked to undertake to pay half the interest and sinking fund charges on the extra cost of substituting a 24 inch main, so that as soon as the sanction to loan and grant are received, the Council can proceed with the work and provide a 24 inch main.

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, 1st February, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1932. Present—Alderman Clara P. Winterbotham; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moms, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Wheeler (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 7 St. George's Street ; Regentville, Swindon Road ; Regent Cottage; and Martin's Garages at rear of Regent Cottage—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 St. Paul's Terrace, Dunalley Street ; and Marine Store Dealers premises—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) Kilcreven, Clun House and No. 7 Carlton Street; Messrs Taylor's Butchers Hide, Skin, Fat and Wool Co's. premises; Malt House Cottage, Carlton Cottage, Sidney Joinery Works and Pates Yard, all in Hewlett Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these properties, in respect of which notice had been served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, had asked the Corporation to carry out the drainage work required and apportion the cost between the Owners. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to invite tenders for carrying out the work.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :—Rowton House, Grove Street : 5 Sun Street ; 16 Rutland Street; and 4 Malvern Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. Pork ; 2 qrs. 4 lbs. Mutton ; 12 lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 3 qrs. Lambs Livers (22 Tins) ; 12 Rabbits ; and 1 Turkey.

4—Insanitary Property at 6 Lower Park Street ; 9 Gloucester Place ; 1 St. James' Place; and 29 Rutland 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

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5—Notices not complied with—Elkstone House, Bath Road—Manure Receptacle—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Victor Parry had not provided a new manure receptacle at the stables at the rear of these premises in accordance with the Byelaws in respect of which notice was served on the 8th July, 1930 although he had drawn Mr. Parry's attention to this several times. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Parry that unless the receptacle is provided within 14 days a summons will be issued against him, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take such proceedings.

6—Slum Clearance—Swindon Passage Area—An official representation under the Housing Act, 1930 was submitted by the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the property in and adjoining Swindon Passage, comprising Nos. 4 to 38 Swindon Passage and Place and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Bubbs Cottages. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to take the representation of the Medical Officer of Health into consideration and that the same be referred to the Housing Committee with a view to Clearance Orders being made in respect of the area comprising the said properties.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation---(a) 1, 2 and 3 Grafton Passage ; and 4, 5 and 6 Rose and Crown Passage, High Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises, and it was reported that the Owner made no objection to the Orders being made. 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.

(b) 2 Carnal Cottages and Cumberland House, Grove Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mrs. Jackson, the Owner of Cumberland House, attended and consented to an Order being made, and the Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Norman Bros., the Owners of 2 Carnal Cottages, also consented to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Sub-Section (2) of Section 14 of the Housing Act, 1925, requiring the demolition of the premises, the Council being of opinion that the continuance of the buildings is a nuisance and injurious to the health of the public or of the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses.

(c) 2 Carnal Cottages—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the ejection of the occupier of these premises.

8—Hayden and Barn Farms—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. G. P. Rymer asking for an allowance in respect of his rent in view of the exceptionally bad season and condition of the farming industry. Mr. C. C. Castle attended, as agent for the Corporation, and stated that he had inspected the farms, and recommended a similar abatement should be made in the rent as had been done in the case of some of the other tenants of Corporation farms. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

9—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Jane Richardson Hunter of 86 Bath Road to be registered as a retail purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 31st December, 1931. Present—Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lieut.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Morris, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—New Houses—St. Mark's—Ten tenders were received for the erection of 58 houses on the St. Mark's Estate. The tenderers had the option of tendering for 3 pairs, 9 pairs, 17 pairs and 29 pairs, and it is a condition of the contract that at least 90 per cent of the workmen employed on the contract shall be men whose permanent residence is in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Drew for all the 29 pairs (being the lowest), be accepted subject to sanction to loan being obtained, and to 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 £21,573 for the cost of the houses, including architect's fees and 5 per cent for contingencies. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the houses, for the purposes of subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924. RESOLVED, also, That the Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Act will be complied with in relation to the houses.

NOTE.—This Minute was disapproved by the Council at their Meeting on the 4th January, 1932.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th January, 1932. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Pates ; Councillors Lieut. Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Selim Smith and T. Wilfred Waite (Alderman Pates in the chair).

2—New Houses—(a) Messrs. H. Addis, B. C. Slatter and G. F. Tawney attended as a deputation from the local branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, and urged the Committee to proceed with the building of more houses. They were of opinion that there was a large shortage of houses in the town and considered that houses were necessary at St. Mark's and in other parts of the town.

(b) Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Cheltenham branch of the National Council of Women enclosing resolution passed by the branch, asking for an assurance that work will be set in hand as soon as possible to provide houses for working people at present occupying slum property.

(c) Read, letter from the National Citizens Union enclosing a report on housing adopted by their Union. With regard to building additional houses, such as those at Folly Lane and Whaddon Avenue, they were of opinion that owing to the undoubted menace to health resulting from the tenancy of unhealthy basements some further provision of houses of this type at rentals from 8s to 10s 6d per week was desirable, but in view of the number of houses already built they considered that further building of such houses might be deferred until the more urgent need for the lower rented houses had been met to a greater extent. They supported the policy of reconditioning old houses which had been carried out by the Corporation and had resulted in a satisfactory return on the capital outlay incurred, but they urged that a programme of Slum Clearance Schemes should be steadily proceeded with until all the slum areas had been wiped out.

(d) Read, circular of the 12th inst., from the Ministry of Health that the present financial circumstances made it imperative that all expenditure on new houses should be used to the greatest possible advantage and suggesting that local authorities should concentrate their efforts on the provision of houses which can be let at a rent within the means of the more poorly paid workers.

The Ministry recognised that in certain areas there may be a special need for larger houses, but were of opinion that the provision of these houses should be quite exceptional, and it was hoped that the concentration by local authorities on the provision of smaller houses would widen the field in which private enterprise can operate, and that private enterprise would be induced to provide houses without Subsidy, of other types both for sale and for letting.

3—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, report of this Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 8th inst Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, P. T. Smith and Sam Smith.

St. Mark's Housing Estate—They recommended that the list of applications for tenancy of houses at St. Mark's be now closed, and that no more applications be received.

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4—Slum Clearance—The Committee further considered the question of making Clearance Orders in respect of the Swindon Passage and Swindon Place areas, and the Medical Officer of Health attended and submitted preliminary plans for the clearance of the areas and re-erection of houses on the cleared sites. The Town Clerk submitted the provisional valuation of the District Valuer of the cost of acquiring the sites of the houses on the west side of St. Paul's Street South. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms with the owners for the purchase of these sites, and also that the Chairman and Councillors Dr. Hayward and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect suitable building sites for the erection of houses for rehousing the displaced population from the Swindon Passage etc. area.

5—St. Paul's Street South etc. Clearance Areas—Read, letters from Mr. G. F. Tawney enclosing petition signed by tenants of Corporation houses in Folly Lane etc., asking that the houses at St. Paul's should all be let at the reduced rents of the houses built under the 1930 Act, and the Town Clerk reported that he had pointed out to Mr. Tawney that the rents had been fixed in accordance with the rules made under the Act, and that the rents of the houses built under the 1924 Act could not be further reduced without addition to the rates. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to make any reduction of the rents of the 1924 Act houses.

J. P. PATES.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th January, 1932. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Scott Langley, Lipson and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye. in the chair).

1—Alma Road—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the proposal of the Electricity Committee to fix a transformer pillar in Alma Road, and one in Hatherley Road, and to an overhead electricity line in Alma Road.

2-366 High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Georges Ltd., to erect a canopy over the entrance to these premises be granted subject to the canopy not being used for advertising

purposes, and to a proper plan being submitted and approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the canopy being removed at any time on receiving notice from the Corporation, and to the usual agreement being entered into.

3—Warwick Place—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to the footpath in Warwick Place by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Stevens & Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

4—Provincial Joint Industrial Council—Read, circular of 5th inst., from the Town Clerk, Bristol, that he had been asked by the three representatives of the Bristol Corporation on the Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) to ask the Council to consider rejoining the Provincial Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to rejoin.

5—Folly Lane—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Great Western Railway, enclosing cheque for payment of the Private Improvement Works in this road, and asking when the Corporation would take over the road. RESOLVED, That the road be viewed.

6—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. C. H. and H. G. Cleal and M. Williams for permission to place projecting signs outside their premises at 12 Bennington Street and 28 Clarence Street respectively, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

7—Weighbridges—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 7th inst., from the Ministry of Transport in regard to grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of erecting and hiring weighbridges.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th January, 1932. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Dr. Hayward, Lipson and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. 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 31st December, 1931

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows

	Infants	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	42.2	29
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	18	12.7
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	40	44
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	22	24.4

2—Health Visitors—Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended December, 1931 :—

No. of Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	1180
“ “ (b) over 1 year ...	2111
“ “ remaining on Register	2536
“ “ on Register under Children Act ...	58
Un-notified Births discovered	22
Still Births discovered ...	1
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	7726
First Visits	650
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	264
Children remitted to Hospital	36
Ante-natal cases visited ...	163
Chicken-pox „	12
Measles ..	63
Whooping-cough cases visited	23
Mumps ...	1
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	6

Grants of Milk :

No of cases assisted during the year ..	166
Cost of milk (approx.) during the year	£249 19s. 4d.

Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1931:—

No. of Children on Register	2,536
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ... ..	. 666
“ “ (over 1 year) . .	.. 583
“ Un-notified Births discovered	7
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors... .	1,924
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors 0	168
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	71
“ Children remitted to Hospital	8
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	43
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	.. 4
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	

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Grants of Milk Carried over from previous quarter	48
New Orders	56
Orders discontinued during quarter	15
“ continuing to coming quarter	89

Children Act :	Health. Visitors	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter .	42	3
“ visits (under Children Act)	42	6

3—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Johnson of Wenlock House, Wellington Passage, had taken a child for reward without giving the required notice under the Act, Mrs. Johnson had previously applied for permission to take a child but had been refused permission for the reasons now reported. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mrs. Johnson for offences under the Act

4—Midwives Acts--(a) Notices—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 14 Midwives had given the statutory annual notices of intention to practice, including one who had not previously notified her intention to practice.

(b) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 153 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the nine months ended 31st December last and that the total amount of doctors' fees paid for this period was £158 13s 0d., of which £59 1s. 6d. was rechargeable to patients.

The Committee further considered the question of recovery of fees paid to doctors called in by Midwives, together with report from the Medical Officer of Health thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider alteration is necessary in the method now adopted, but that the scale of income adopted for determining what part of the fee, if any, should be paid for by the patient be amended by increasing the allowance for each child from 5s to 6s

5—Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that three cases of Puerperal Pyrexia had occurred during December and that one request for blood examination and another for specialist opinion had been made, and he submitted accounts for the two services. RESOLVED, That these be passed for payment.

(b) Read, letter from the Secretary, General Hospital, asking if the Corporation would pay the sum of 50s per week for Cheltenham patients suffering from Puerperal Sepsis, being the same charge as paid by other public bodies RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay the sum of 4s per day for such cases, being the same charge as paid to the Delancey Hospital Trustees for Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia cases treated at the Delancey Hospital.

6—Local Government Act, 1929—Sections 93 and 101—Read, letter of 10th ult., from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry had now considered the observations of the County Council on the Ministry's proposals that the sum set aside for the Borough cut of the County apportionment should be increased from £552 to £750 as from the 1st April last. The County Council had represented that the County expenditure on Maternity and Child Welfare had increased in greater proportion than that of the borough and if the increase of grant is made to Cheltenham, a larger sum would have to be appropriated out of the County apportionment of the Exchequer Grant to provide for the increase ' required to meet the extra expenditure of the Borough and County which appropriation would reduce the amount of the Exchequer Grant available for the County Rate of which Cheltenham paid a large proportion, and it was therefore a question whether the financial result of

increasing the grant to Cheltenham and to the County for Maternity, etc, purposes[?] would be of any benefit to Cheltenham, and the Ministry assumed that the Town Council would desire to give the matter further consideration, and offering to arrange for a discussion of the matter with the officers of the Council. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer be authorised to interview the Ministry of Health thereon.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th January, 1932. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward; Major Shakspeare and Mr. A. Yeend (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.
3278	General Accident, Corporation Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Oriel Lodge, Oriel Road.
3279	Pow, F. H. A.	Motor House, 19 Shelley Road.
3280	Grace, G. H.	Four detached bungalows. Hester's Way.

RESOLVED, That Plan No, 3278 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3279 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and that Plan No 3280 be not approved.

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.
282	Organ, A. E.	Petrol Pump, Lilleybrook Lawn, Lilleybrook, Charlton Rings.

RESOLVED, That this plan be not approved:

E. L. WA ED,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st January, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward ; Capt. Leschallas ; Major Shakspeare; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend (Councillor E. L. Ward in the Chair).

3—Plans of New Buildings—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3281	Cheshire E. W.	Motor house, 15 Shelley Road.
3282	Sheppard, E. H. & Son	Lock-up garages, etc., Coltham Fields.
3283	Emms, E. A.	Motor house, Coltham Fields.
3284	Roberts, J.	Conversion of stables and coach-house into cottage, and new garages, Deanwood, Pittville Circus Road.
3285	Marshall, R. F. & C.	Alterations, 4 and 5 Clarence Street.
3286	Colcutt & Hamp (for Ladies' College Council)	Boarding house, Bayshill Court, Parabola Road.
3287	Bradshaw, H. & A.	Two semi-detached houses, Naunton Park Road.
3288	Stainton, Mrs. P. E.	Motor house, Belsted Cottage, Vittoria Walk.
3289	_____	Preliminary plan for bringing forward building, Carr's Hotel, Clarence Street.
3290	Yarnold, H. T.	Motor house, 1 Roseland Terrace, Rowanfield Road.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3285 and 3287 be approved; That Plan No, 3281 be referred to the Housing Committee; That Plans Nos. 3283, 3288 and 3290 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor That Plan No. 3286 be approved subject to the drains being laid in iron pipes instead of stoneware, and to the roof water being carried to a surface water sewer ; That Plans Nos. 3282, 3284 and 3289 be not approved, and in the case of Plan No. 3282, that Mr. Sheppard be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee to explain his proposals.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws—The Borough Surveyor reported that a wooden shed had been erected at the Paragon Laundry, Hatherley Road without plans having been submitted and approved. RESOLVED, That notice be given to the Paragon Laundry to show cause why the building should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

4—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
283	Cheltenham Corporation Electricity Department	Transformer pillar, Alma Road.
284	do. do.	Transformer pillar, Hatherley Road.
285	do. do.	Low Tension overhead extension, Alma Road.
286	Mason, W.	Garage, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 286 be approved ; and That Plans Nos. 283, 284 and 285 be approved subject to the Electricity Department undertaking to remove the Transformer Pillars and poles at their own cost if and when the land is required for road improvements.

(b) Evesham House—RESOLVED, That the proposal of the Victory Motor Co. to erect a showroom and garage at Evesham House, Evesham Road be not approved.

(c) The Committee considered the application of Messrs. Richardson & Gill for building lines to be prescribed in Rodney Road, Oriel Road and private road off Oriel Road as they had been instructed to prepare plans for a block of service flats on the land on the east side of Rodney Road. RESOLVED, That the building lines as now settled by the Committee be prescribed.

5—Cheltenham-Evesham Road--The Committee considered the plans for building and improvement lines along the Evesham Road from the Cheltenham Borough Boundary which had been prescribed by the County Council together with report of the Town Planning Assistant thereon, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Planning Assistant be instructed to interview the County Surveyor and explain to him the views of the Committee on the building and improvement lines. RESOLVED, also, That the plans be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee to consider, from the Corporation's point of view as owners of Marle Hill House Estate, Pittville Annexe and Gardens etc.

6—Preliminary Statement—RESOLVED, That the Preliminary Statement be now printed at an estimated cost of £10.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND. SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th January, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer: Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Ward (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Summer Orchestra, 1932—Mr. A. D. Cole attended with reference to his contract for the provision of a summer orchestra. He submitted particulars of the proposed uniform dress which was approved. He explained that in submitting his tender he assumed that the Council would be responsible for the Health and Unemployment Insurance contributions which would amount to about £23. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to Mr. Cole's contract being increased by £1 per week to provide a contribution towards the cost of Insurances.

2—Music and Dancing Licences—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for the renewal of the usual music and dancing licences in respect of the Town Hall, Winter Garden Bandstand, Montpellier Gardens Bandstand and Montpellier Baths, and that in the case of the Town Hall application be made for the extension of the hours to 2 a.m.

3—Town Hall—(a) Christmas Festivities--Read, report of the Christmas Festivities at the Town Hall.

(b) Evening Dances—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Georges Ltd., for the provision of suppers at the evening Dances be accepted.

4—Winter Orchestra and Dance Band—The Committee further considered the tenders received for the provision of a Winter Orchestra and Dance Band for next Winter Season. RESOLVED, That, subject to the usual agreement being entered into, Mr. Pete': Fielding's tender to provide a band of eight performers (including himself), to play for all dances and dance teas as and when required, and at a weekly Thursday Popular Concert or other entertainment, and a string quintette for the morning concerts, for the sum of £45 5s. 0d. per week (being the same charge as now-paid), be accepted.

5—Travel Association—Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Travel Association asking the Corporation to subscribe at the new rate proposed, namely quarter farthing rate. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inquire what action the Spa Federation is taking in the matter.

6—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 5th inst. They recommended that the terms arranged with Eve Drury and Ramond, the English and European dancers to give Exhibition Dances at a Municipal Dance on Thursday, 11th February on sharing terms similar to last year, be approved RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd January, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Pruen, Selim Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Wand (Councillor T. Wilfred Waite in the chair).

7—Spa Baths — Read, further letters from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club in regard to the use of the swimming bath in connection with the News Chronicle Swimming Campaign. The afternoon session of the day selected would be for school masters for instruction in mass teaching, and in the evening special coaching would be given for advanced swimmers, and the date suggested was the 23rd March. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Baths be granted on this date or on another date to be arranged, subject to payment of cost of towels, slips etc. and also to the details of the arrangements for the Campaign being first submitted to and approved by this Committee.

8--Medical Baths — RESOLVED, That the thorough Surveyor be instructed to have the Brine, Aeration and Whirlpool Baths redecorated forthwith.

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9—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Archery Ground—Read, application of the 15th inst., from Mr. F. - Williams-Thomas, Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Archers, for the use of the Archery Ground for the 1932 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.

(b) Proscenium—The Town Clerk reported that he had asked Mr. A. W. Newton whether he could arrange for touring Concert Parties for the Montpellier Gardens for next season, and he submitted

letter of the 19th inst., from Mr. Newton that he would endeavour to introduce some suitable parties. In his letter he mentioned that he had arranged for the filming of the Meet of the Cotswold Hounds in the Promenade on last Boxing Day morning, which had made an excellent picture, and was shown in all the large Cinemas throughout the country. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Newton for getting this film taken.

10—Spa Federation—(a) Travel Association—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Spa Federation that the question of the subscription of the Federation to the Travel Association would be considered at the meeting of the Association in London next month.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chairman be appointed to attend the meeting of the Spa Federation to be held in London on the 25th February next.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 28th January, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and Weech (Councillor T. Wilfred Waite in the chair).

11--**Medical Baths**—Read, report of the **Sub-Committee** appointed to consider ways and means of making these Baths better known in the district around Cheltenham,

They recommended as follows :—

(a) That the Baths be redecorated where necessary forthwith.

(b) That the four mineral waters now dispensed at the Town Hall be available for drinking at the Baths.

(c) That cards be printed containing particulars of the treatments provided at the Baths, for circulation amongst medical practitioners within a radius of 50 miles of Cheltenham, together with a letter from the Mayor drawing attention to the Baths.

(d) That signs directing to the Baths be placed in the Promenade, High Street and Cambray.

12—Advertising—Read, letter of the 27th inst., from the Secretary of the Conference of Health and Pleasure Resorts stating that the Conference was organising a campaign to urge upon the public the attractions and claims of British Health and Holiday Towns. The campaign included the broadcasting of holiday talks, exhibition of films of British holiday tours, and the display of posters at Railway stations throughout the country ; a poster had been prepared, and arrangements were now being made with the Railway companies for the display of this, provided that the cost of the production was borne jointly by the holiday towns. They asked if the Council would undertake to contribute to the cost of the poster, and on the basis of rateable value, the amount to be apportioned to Cheltenham would be approximately £8. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to guarantee payment of a share of the expenses not exceeding £8.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley and Capt. Trye (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Change of Frequency—RESOLVED, That the terms now recommended by the Borough Electrical Engineer with Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd., in respect of the change of frequency of their motors at Sunningend Works be approved.

2—Signs on Lamp Standards—RESOLVED, That the application of the Stationmaster of the L.M.S. Railway for permission to erect signs directing to the L.M.S. Station on lamp standards near the Lansdown Castle, and in High Street near the Gas Works be not granted.

3—Supply to Rural Areas—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted scheme, plans and estimates for the extension of the mains to supply Staverton ; he reported that a canvass of the district had been made, and recommended that the extension should be proceeded with. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to carry out the extension at an estimated cost of £2,000. 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. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the extension.

4—Loan of £10,000—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £10,000 for prospective expenditure on mains and services.

5—Luminous Gas Tube Signs—The Committee further considered the making of rules in regard to the erection of Luminous Gas Tube Signs. RESOLVED, That the draft rules submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer which are in accordance with usual requirements of the London County Council Fire Brigade be adopted, and the Common Seal affixed thereto, (A copy of the Rules accompanies the Minutes),

6—British Industries Fair—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Moore) and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend this Fair in Birmingham as in previous years.

6—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 476.5 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Report—Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 23rd and 30th ult., and the 6th and 15th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 473.9, 4738, 4790 and 475.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.6 inches of water on all dates.

P. P. TAYLOR.

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th January, 1932, Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley, Morris and Selim Smith (Alderman 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 11th January, 1932	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	396,000 gallons	485,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	998,000	1,951,000
Leckhampton Springs	72,000	80,000
Total	1,466,000	2,516,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th January, 1932		11th January, 1931.	
Hewletts		25,861,000 gallons		26,507,000 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		127,504,000		128,150,000

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

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Damage to Wall—Read, report of the Borough Engineer of damage to the wall near the lodge by a motor-car on the 31st ult. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage estimated at £4 16s. 8d., if the owner of the motor-car can be traced.

(b) Fishing—It was reported that the proprietor of the Rossley Manor Club, Dowdeswell, had included in his prospectus free fishing in the Reservoir. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to him pointing out that the right of fishing only included the owner or occupier, members of his family and private, but not paying, guests.

4—Salts Farm—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle that Mr. Dunn, the tenant of this farm, had asked that the trees in the field opposite the filter beds should be removed, as they were damaging a large area of the field, and he recommended that the middle tree should be cut down. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have this done,

5—Land, The Grindalls—Read, letter from Mr. T. Roberts that he was not prepared to take this land at a rent of £45 per annum, but that he would take the land as from Christmas last at a rent of £40 per annum. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and the Common Seal affixed to the tenancy agreement.

6—Shooting—Read, letter of 13th inst, from Major H. Mason, the tenant of the shooting rights on Woodlands Farm and Dowdeswell Wood offering £60 per annum for the shooting rights on the whole of the Corporation land at Dowdeswell, including the sporting rights to be given up by Mr. Coxwell Rogers. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

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7—Dowdeswell Wood—Underwood—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle, on further inspection of the wood, thought it desirable to defer the proposed sale of underwood until next year. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Town Clerk reported interview which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had with the Mayor of Tewkesbury and Alderman Baker in reference to the decision of the Committee to allocate 10 per cent, of the labour on this scheme to Tewkesbury men, and which they asked should be increased to at least 25 per cent. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Town Clerk reported interview which the representatives of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Corporations had with the Ministry on the 11th inst.

(c) RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to report on any claims made for compensation by owners and occupiers of land through which the proposed new water main would be laid.

9—Supply to Gloucester—Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Town Clerk, Gloucester in regard to the proposed bulk supply and the Town Clerk reported that the representatives who attended the interview with the Ministry on the 11th inst., agreed to pay half the interest and sinking fund charges for the loan period in respect of the additional cost of providing the larger main.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th January, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer: Councillors Dr Hayward, Scott Langley and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

10—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that the Ministry of Labour now approved of the proposed scheme in principle for the purposes of grant for a total estimated cost of £44,284. The grant would be made conditional on :—

(a) The Ministry of Health approving the details of the scheme and sanctioning the necessary loans.

(b) The negotiations between the Corporation and the Gloucester City Council being concluded not later than the 5th February, 1932.

The Unemployment Grants Committee required to be informed of the result of the negotiations and of the terms of any agreement between the two authorities.

The Town Clerk and City Engineer of Gloucester attended and discussed the terms of the letter with the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerks and Engineers of the two Corporations be asked to

meet and endeavour to arrive at heads of agreement for a supply to Gloucester to be submitted for approval.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Scott Langley and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

11—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Mayor of Gloucester, Alderman Gillett and Councillors Dr. Findlay and W. H. Nicholls, together with the Town Clerk, City Engineer and City Treasurer of Gloucester attended, and again put forward a request for the Committee to consider the establishment of a joint Water Board in respect of the Tewkesbury Water Works, and were informed that the Committee must adhere to their decision not to entertain this proposal.

Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Town Clerk, Gloucester confirming the arrangements made that the interest and sinking fund charges on half the extra cost of substituting the 24 inch main for the 20 inch main originally proposed should be paid by the Gloucester Corporation.

The Town Clerk of Gloucester pointed out that his Council had not yet considered the terms of supply submitted by the Corporation, and that it was practically impossible to come to a definite agreement as to the terms of the bulk supply by the date stipulated by the Unemployment Grants Committee, namely the 5th February.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerks of Cheltenham and Gloucester be asked to interview the Unemployment Grants Committee, and point out that the two towns had now come to an agreement in regard to the provision of the larger main, and that they would lose no time in discussing the terms of the proposed supply.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd January, 1932, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, L. Scott Langley and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

12—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) Grant—The Town Clerk reported interview which the Town Clerk of Gloucester and he had with the Unemployment Grants Committee and Ministry of Health on the 21st inst. He submitted draft agreement to be entered into between the two Corporations, providing for the payment by Gloucester of half the extra cost of the larger main, and for Gloucester to prepare forthwith plans and estimates of the cost of the works which would be necessary to be executed by them for taking a bulk supply, and to make application without delay to the Ministry for approval, and also for both Corporations to give their earnest attention to the discussion and

arrangement of terms for the bulk supply with a view to such terms being settled by the 1st March, 1932, RESOLVED, That this agreement be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

(b) Tenders for Laying Pipes--The Borough Engineer submitted 12 tenders received for laying the 24 inch pumping main from Tewkesbury Waterworks to Stonehouse Farm. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., amounting to £7,687 0s. 5d. be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th January, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had been called on the 17th inst., to an outbreak of fire at 6 Grove Street ; cause not apparent ; damage about £50 ; brigade expenses £4 17s. 6d.

2—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the premises of Mr. A H. Flay at Williams' Allotments, Gardener's Lane, had been declared free from Swine Fever, and that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Movement Regulations—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council that in order to incorporate certain amendments suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in these Regulations, the County had now made new Regulations. RESOLVED, That new Regulations be made by the Council to bring these into line with the Regulations made by the County Council.

3—Domestic Servants' Registries—Read, report of the 12th inst., from Superintendent Wayman that all the Domestic Servants Registries had been visited, and the books inspected and found in order.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of G. B. Bridges for the transfer of Licence No. 8 to Taxi Cab Registered No. NP 7901 be granted.

(b) Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr. W. T. Mottram asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to grant his application for the transfer of Licence No. 17 to Taxi Cab No. DD 4832 purchased by him having regard to the expense incurred by him in purchasing the cab RESOLVED, That under the circumstances the application be granted, and that Minute No. 6 (a) passed at a meeting on the 22nd ult., be varied accordingly.

5—Market—Read, letter of 12th inst., from Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., that the Local Secretary of the British Womens' Temperance Association had applied for permission to enlarge the but used as a canteen. The work would be done at their own cost and no compensation would be payable in the event of the canteen being given up RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

6—International Congress of Local Authorities—Read, circular from the Association of Municipal Corporations asking the Corporation to subscribe towards the fund for defraying the expenses of this Congress to be held in London in May. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to subscribe.

7—Soup Kitchen—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of renovating the Soup Kitchen had now been carried out. He suggested that the Salvation Army should be asked to see that the building is maintained in proper order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Salvation Army accordingly.

8—Petrol Licences—Read, letter of 28th ult., from Shell Mex Ltd., that their Company had been amalgamated with the British Petroleum Company, and a new Company, Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd., had been formed to carry on the business, and applying for the transfer of their Petrol Storage Licence to the new company. RESOLVED, That the licence already granted be amended accordingly.

9—Cinematograph Licences—(a) New Cinema, Winchcomb Street—Read, letter from Mr. W. Ansell asking for an extension of one month of the period by which the work on the new cinema was to be commenced. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

(b) RESOLVED, That the Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Winter Garden, Theatre, Palace Picture House, Coliseum and North Street Picture House, and the Daffodil Picture House be renewed for a period of 12 months expiring on the 6th February, 1933.

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10—Police Establishment--Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee enclosing particulars of the members of the Headquarters Staff with pay and allowance etc. RESOLVED, That this be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of The Mayor, Alderman Moore, Councillors Pruen and Capt. Trye for their consideration and report.

11—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Mr. F. T. Preston, Assistant Storekeeper, be added to the Certificate of Exception, he having completed three years service in a designated post on the 4th June, 1928.

12—Town Clerk's Department—Second Assistant—The Town Clerk submitted report from the Doctor attending Mr. F. F. Yarnall stating that he anticipated he would be fit to resume work in three months time, RESOLVED, That he be paid half his salary for the next three months.

13—St. Mary's Training College—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeaman enclosing notice under Section 84 of the Law of Property Act of application for an Order for the removal and discharge of restrictions imposed by covenants contained in deeds relating to Belfont, Lyncourt and Fullwood, The Park. Read, also a letter from the official Arbitrator asking for the observations of the Council thereon. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Council object to

the removal and discharge of the covenants except so far as will permit of the property being used for the purpose of a School or College for which the property has been acquired.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Morris, Selim Smith and T. Wilfred Waite; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Albert Road Allotments—(a) Allotment No 20—RESOLVED, That this Allotment be let to Mr Newman and that he be allowed the first three months' rent free in order to clean same.

(b) The Committee further considered the request of the County Council that the Corporation should take this land as tenants when the purchase by the County Council was completed. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to take the land on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £25 per annum.

(c) 59 Albert Road—RESOLVED, That Mr. Yeend be asked to inspect this allotment and report to the Committee on the tenant's application for an allowance in respect of the rent due.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th, January, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Morris, Salim Smith and T. Wilfred Waite (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—(a) Shelter—Read, report of Gardens Superintendent of an incendiary fire in the shelter in these grounds caused by two boys. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the boys' parents that if the cost of making good the damage is promptly paid proceedings will not be taken in this instance but failing such payment that proceedings be taken.

(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 1932 season on weekday evenings and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons as last year, and for the netting adjoining the private gardens to be heightened. RESOLVED, That the Club be granted the use of these courts on the same terms as last season, and that provision be made in the next year's estimates for the cost (estimated at £5) of extending the wire netting.

2—Sandford Park—Trees—Read, letter from Mr. N. Morgan asking for the removal of the trees on the Chelt banks near Keynsham Road. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to but that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to remove any branches that he considers necessary.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th January, 1932. Present—Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, S. C. Morris and Captain Trye ; (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Monthly Report—Visits—During December 1,837 (against 2,542).

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Collection Box etc., £7 7s. 2d.

2—Donations—From Mr. B. C. Clayton, 9 photographs of Gloucestershire Fonts ; Miss Dufour, 2 Candle Lamps c.1840, formerly the property of Chas. Wm. Macready ; Miss E. Mathieson, Chinese sang de boeuf vase.

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

3—Loans—From Mr. W. N. Bubb, Dutch 17th century sepia drawing by Van Loo; Mrs. Maby, 10 drawings of South African snakes.

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

4 —" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That 37 photographs of Cheltenham Ironwork be purchased for 50s. RESOLVED, further, That the purchase of two etchings submitted by F. L. Griggs, R.A., be not entertained at present.

5—Exhibition—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the School of Arts and Crafts for an exhibition of school work during a period to be arranged.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd January, 1932. Present—Councillors Selim Smith, Thomas and E. L. Ward (Councillor Thomas in the chair),

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 30th December, 1931, to 22nd January, 1932. Interments 71 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 2, Fourth Position 10 ; New Inscriptions 4). The number of Interments for the year ended 31st December, 1931, was 697.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8536 to 8548 both inclusive.

3—Designs—(a) RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved .—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to grave of J. T. Compton ; Headstone and kerbing to grave of E. Coole ; Marble block to grave of A. J. Cook, and Headpiece to grave of W. T. Cox.

(b) Read, application from Mr. H. Parkin for permission to erect a wooden Crucifix on a grave at the Cemetery, RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

4—Grave of Mrs. L. H. Thackwell, No. 3134 Q.—Five Tenders were received for cleaning the memorial on this grave, renovating the lettering and painting the iron work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. D. A. Bowd & Son of £3 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

5—Trees—The Committee further considered the application of Mr. W. R. Chipp for the removal of trees near the entrance to the Cemetery, together with the report of the Superintendent thereon. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th January, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Thomas and Capt. Trye; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; and Mr. F. Vernall (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts—£29 19s. 1d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,838 (last year 5,636) ; Lending Department 16,655 (last year 15,307) ; Junior Department 3,167 (last year 3,976). Total for month 25,660 (last year 24,919).

Replacements—During the month 142 volumes had been replaced.

Binding—During the month 248 volumes had been dispatched to the Binder, and 291 volumes returned and placed in circulation in the Junior Library.

Donations—Lt.-Col. F. J. Ashburner (2 vols.) ; Miss Clare Benedict (1 vol.), London Association of Accountants (1 vol) National Children's Home (1 vol.) ; Miss Poynter (1 vol.) ; Mr. L. Richardson (44 vols.) ; Mr. Councillor Thomas (6 vols) .

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

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2—Binding—RESOLVED, That £30 be spent on re-binding.

3—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the following periodicals be purchased :—

(1) " Good Housekeeping," monthly, 1s.

(2) " Law Notes," monthly, 1s

(3) " The Journal of Careers," monthly, annual subscription 10s 6d.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th January, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed defaulters and gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for, but to be suspended as long as weekly instalments now settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

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—Read, circular from the Central Valuation Committee enclosing copy of a letter from the Ministry of Health concurring in their recommendation that the second Valuation List should not be postponed and which would now accordingly come into force on the 1st April, 1934. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to have the necessary forms of return printed and that the Rating and Valuation Officers be authorised to obtain temporary clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the draft valuation list, as in the case of the first valuation.

4-108 High Street—The Town Clerk reported that Notice of appeal to Quarter Sessions had been given on behalf of Messrs. G. A. Dunn & Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to enter appearance and to take the necessary steps to oppose the appeal.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th January, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate, Amount collected £96,043 18s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £25,555 16s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1932. Amount collected £15,723 12s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £5,263 18s. 11d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £15 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 December was 5,187 as compared with 5,931 for the corresponding month last year.

5--Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillors Langley and E. L. -Ward.

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 £1,900 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £27,400 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had made application to the Middleton Corporation for payment of the transfer value of £64 2s. 8d. in respect of the recently appointed Electricity Department Chief Clerk (Mr. H. V. Williams).

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, 1st February, 1932, 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 Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim J. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, Weech, M.A., and Wheeler, M.B.E.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Moore and Sawyer ; and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Morris and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th January, 1932, 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 11

Housing Meeting held January 15

Street and Highway Meeting held January 18

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Selim Smith and seconded by Councillor Thomas: " That Minute No. 2 with reference to Canopy at 366 High Street be not approved," was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Weech and seconded by Councillor Pruen: That Minute No. 2 be referred back," was also lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 25

Resolved, also. That the Committee be authorised to obtain tenders for supply of milk.

Planning Meetings held January 7 & 25

Town Improvement and Spa. • • Meetings held January 12, 22 & 25

Electricity and Lighting ••• Meeting held January 20

Water Meetings held January 14, 18, 20 & 22

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 19

Allotments Meeting held January 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 15

Burial Board Meeting held January 22

Public Library Meeting held January 7

Rating Meeting held January 25

Finance Meeting held January 26

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

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3—Stansby Charity— Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham be re-appointed representative Trustees of the Stansby Charity for a term of 4 years.

4—Trees—Councillor E. L. Ward moved, in accordance with Notice of Motion duly given : " That this Council are of opinion that many of the trees in Cheltenham have been allowed to remain too long and may constitute a menace to the health and wellbeing of the town, obstructing both light and air from the streets and dwellings. They call upon the Street and Highway Committee to seek the advice of an expert in tree planting as applied to streets and roads and to report thereon to this Council."

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Pruen, and upon being put to the Meeting was declared to be lost.

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, 7th March, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1932, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (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. —7, 8, 9, 11, 19 and 27 Burton Street--
RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 19 to 25 Bath Parade ; 5 to 13 Sandford Street ; 77 Duke Street ; and 2 to 5 Princes Place—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 7 St. George's Street ; Regentville, Swindon Road ; Regent Cottage and Martin's Garage at rear of Regent Cottage—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) Kilcrevan, Chin House and 7 Carlton Street ; Messrs. Taylors' Butchers Hide and Skin Co. Ltd. Premises, Malthouse Cottage, Carlton Cottage, Sidney Joinery Works and Pates' Yard, Hewlett Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these premises desired the Corporation to carry out the necessary drainage work at their cost, he submitted 5 tenders for carrying out the work, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son (being the lowest) amounting to,*64 4s. 0d. be accepted in default of the notices being complied with.

3—Insanitary Property at 25 Albert Place ; and 1 Edward 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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 15 lbs. Pork; 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. Beef ; 3 qrs. 22 lbs. Mutton ; 2 cwt. Herrings (2 barrels) ; 2 fowls and 1 rabbit.

5—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.

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Claridge Bros. of Vine Cottage, Gretton, Winchcomb, to be registered as retail Purveyors of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

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7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1 Victoria Place, Fairview—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 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, owners thereof, and mortgagees, 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) Rhodville, Moorend 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 dwellinghouse is unfit for human habitation and is 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 house and Mortgagee (if any) that the condition of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or the future user of the house will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on 11th April, 1932.

(c) 15, 15a and 16 Casino Place—Mr. Hollyoake, the owner, together with Mr. Theo Thompson, attended and submitted plans for converting these premises into workshops, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that plans be submitted to the Town Planning Committee.

(d) Woburn Lodge—A representative from Steel & Broom attended in regard to the proposal to make a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months

(e) 7 Montpellier Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the basement of these premises had now been rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order determining the Closing Order made by the Council on 2nd November, 1931.

8—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular of 28th ult., from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to the 43rd Congress and Exhibition to be held at Brighton from the 9th to 16th July. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend.

9—Rodney Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Richardson & Gill, architects of London for consent to build over the sewer running through the land on the East side of Rodney Road, RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to give their consent subject to a new sewer being built in the position of the old sewer at the owners cost, or to their providing another sewer in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

10—Park Place Resewerage Scheme—(a) Read, letter from the Ministry of Health that they were unable to agree to the District Valuer undertaking the settlement of any claims for compensation in connection with the laying of the new sewer. RESOLVED, That Mr. J. H. Boulter be appointed to act on behalf of the Corporation.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers complaining of the overtime worked by the employees of Messrs, Mark Williams & Co. on this contract, Mr. H. Towell attended and stated that while he was anxious to avoid working overtime as much as possible it was necessary to work some overtime to prevent flooding of ground. He was at present working a day shift of 8 hours and a night shift of 10 hours. RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that no unnecessary overtime is being worked on this contract.

11—Carlton House, Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of this house had not yet removed the bricks and refuse from the Chelt adjoining the premises, although he had been asked to do so several times. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the bricks etc. removed.

12—Flooding—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor be added to the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Borough Surveyor with regard to the flooding in the College Road districts.

13—Diphtheria--Read, Memorandum from the Medical Officer of Health in regard to the admission of carrier cases of diphtheria to the Delancey Hospital having regard to the result of action taken in the General Hospital during last year. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to confer with the General Hospital and convey to them the Committee's observations on this matter.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th February, 1932. Present—The Mayor Alderman Pates Councillors Lieut.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward and Selim Smith (Alderman Pates in the chair),

1—**Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub committee**—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 5th inst.

They recommended (inter alia):-

(a) 15 Shelley Road—That the plan for a garage at this house be disapproved.

(b) 6 Kingsley Gardens—That the Application of the tenant of this house to let the house furnished for a period of four months be acceded to. RESOLVED. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

2—**View Sub-Committee**—Alderman Pates and Councillor Dr. Hayward attended the View Sub-Committee on the 10th inst. They recommended that the following plans of outbuildings be approved :-

25 Spenser Road, Cycle Shed, subject to the shed being painted green ; 14 Kipling Road, Poultry Shed, subject to the roof of the shed having a fall of at least four inches, and to the floor being raised off the ground ; 12 Shelley Road, Poultry Shed, subject to the floor of the shed being raised at least six inches off the ground 14 and 21 Shelley Road, subject to the floors of the sheds being raised off the ground, or wired and concreted to prevent rats ; 15 Shelley Road, Garage, subject to the garage being built at the rear of the house ; 3, 32, 36 and 39 Crab Tree Place, 21 Crab Tree Place, subject to the roof of the shed being secured ; 6 Margrett Road, but that the plan for a poultry shed at 314 Swindon Road be disapproved. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—**Slum Clearance**—The Committee considered the suggestion of re-conditioning the back-to-back houses in Swindon Passage, and also as to the purchase of land which would be required for re-housing if a Clearance Order is made. RESOLVED, That further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

4-13 Spenser Road—Read, letter from the Building Society that the borrower was in arrear with his payments. RESOLVED, That the Building Society be asked to inform him that unless the arrears are paid, instructions will be given to realise the security.

5—**Karenza, off Bath Road**—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering this property comprising about five acres for sale as a housing site at a price of £3,500. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

6-10 Kingsley Gardens—Read, report from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers of their inspection of the defects of which the tenant had complained. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the back door adjusted and cracks in the scullery floor made good, but that the tenant be required to make good the other defects mentioned in accordance with the covenant in the tenancy agreement.

7-92 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED. That the application of the owner of this house for the vacant land adjoining his house to be drained be referred to the architects for inspection and report.

8-5 Spenser Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of this house, who was in arrear with the payments to the Building Society, had now arranged to sell the house to Miss E. Baskott subject to the mortgage. and asked if the Corporation would continue their guarantee in respect of the mortgage in favour of the purchaser. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Housing (Rural Workers) Act. 1926—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from the Ministry of Health that the Treasury had now increased the rate of interest to 5 ½ per cent. for loans and grants under this Act.

J. P. PATES.

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd February, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Scott Langley, Lipson, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Telegraphic Lines--RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department to place an overhead telegraphic line with two poles in the lane between Hatherley Street and Tivoli Street 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 base of the poles if required.

2--View Committee—The following members attended the View Meeting held on the 10th inst — Councillors Capt. Trye, Lt.-Col. Biggs and Lipson.

They recommended as follows

(a) Folly Lane--That the portion of this road from Craven Cottage to the allotments be not taken over

(b) Christ Church Road —That the three partly dead lime trees in this road be removed and new trees planted.

(c) Lansdown Place—That the decayed lime tree in this road be removed, and a young tree planted.

(d) Lansdown Place—That a plane tree near Lypiatt Terrace be removed.

(e) Bayshill Road—That the partly dead silver birch and lime trees in this road be removed and three catalpa purpuria trees planted.

(f) Montpellier Parade--That the wych elm outside " Calderwood be removed, and a silver birch planted.

(g) Wellington Square--That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee he recommended to remove the partly dead silver birch tree outside No. 7, and that a young silver birch be planted.

(h) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of planting small flowering trees on the various Housing Estate roads where no trees have been planted.

3—Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 22nd inst. Present :— Alderman Pates ; Councillors Scott Langley and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair). 200 tenders were received. It was recommended that the tenders of the following firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedules:—

Castings—John Needham Sons Ltd. ; Thomas Spittle Ltd.

Cement—George Bence & Sons Ltd., subject to trial order being satisfactory, failing which the tender of Sharpe & Fisher for Oxford Cement, be accepted.

Disinfectants—Burt, Boulton & Haywood Ltd. ; Dussek Bros. & Co. Ltd. ; Johns & Sons . Vaxsan Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. Forage—W. J. Oldacre Ltd. ; Mr. J. T. Wyatt ; Mr E. Cullimore.

Household Goods and Sundries—Pryke & Palmer Ltd ; A C. Woodrow & Co. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd ; W. & F. Archer Ltd. ; Jackson & Painter ; Johns & Sons, E. Joyner & Son ; Betterwear Brushes Ltd. ; The Premiere Polish Co. Ltd. ; W. M. Deft & Co. ; Drake & Co. ; Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind ; Adam, Lane & Neeve Ltd. ; E. L. Ward Ltd. ; Dentons (1923) Ltd. ; Briggs Emmott & Co.

India Rubber Goods—Pryke & Palmer Ltd.

Ironmongery—John Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; George Bence & Sons Ltd. ; Oxy Acetyline & Welding & Smithing Works ; Pryke & Palmer Ltd ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; George Bence & Sons Ltd. ; Frederick Bird & Co.

Lead Piping, Fittings, etc.—John Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; Pryke and Palmer Ltd. ; Lead Pipes Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; George Bence & Sons Ltd.

Lime, Bricks, etc.—Webb Bros. Ltd. George Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—Harvey & Healing ; Norman Sawyer Co Ltd., J. J. Gillham & Son, Charles Knight & Co. Ltd. ; Mr. F. H. Yeend.

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Stoneware Pipes—Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., subject to satisfactory samples being submitted.

Timber—Smith Bros. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; George Bence & Sons Ltd.

Tools—A. C. Woodrow & Co. ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; John Fisher & Sons Ltd. ; Pryke & Palmer Ltd John Yates & Co. Ltd. ; Hardypick Co. Ltd.

Uniforms and Overalls—Mr. Charles Watts ; Mr. A. N. Cole, The Famous.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Thelwall & Co. Ltd. ; Sir W. A. Rose & Co. Ltd. ; John Fisher & Sons Ltd. Middleton Bros. Ltd. ; Henry Matthews & Co. Ltd. ; George Bence & Sons Ltd. ; Johns & Sons ; Martin Dunn Ltd. ; Pryke & Palmer Ltd. ; Shell Mex & B. P. Ltd. ; Anglo American Oil Co, Ltd. ; Sharpe & Fisher

(1924) Ltd. ; and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain sample paraffin from Stevens & Co. and report to the Committee.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—The Oxy Acetyline Welding & Smithing Works ; Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. ; D. E. Moore ; John Fisher & Sons Ltd.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and that the tenders recommended be accepted subject to formal contracts being entered into where required.

4—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Read, circular of 10th inst., from this Institution inviting the attendance of Delegates to the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Institution to be held at Glasgow on the 15th to 18th June. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend.

5—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. H. Messenger, Capt. J. T. Curtis and Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore to fix projecting signs at The Cheltenham Cycle Co., High Street, Exmouth Arms, Bath Road and The Empire Hall respectively, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr: Rex Burchell to fix a projecting sign outside the Repertory Theatre in accordance with the plan now submitted be approved.

6—National Safety-Week—Read, circular of the 17th inst., from the National Safety First Association asking the Corporation to organise a National Safety Week. RESOLVED, That this be not undertaken.

7—Harp Hill—Transformer Pillar—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Borough Electrical Engineer for permission to fix a transformer pillar at the back of the footpath in Harp Hill opposite Oakley Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—Promenade—Temporary Direction Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Royal Automobile Club for permission to fix temporary signs on three lamp standards in the Promenade directing to the R.A.C. Control at the Queen's Hotel from the 1st to 5th March. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

9—Fire Brigade—RESOLVED, That members of the Fire Brigade in the employment of the Corporation be allowed their usual wages for not exceeding 2 hours while absent for attending a fire.

10—Oriol Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. L. W. Barnard on behalf of the General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, had offered to give up the land in front of Oriol Lodge. He also asked for the removal of a tree on land already given up by the owner of this house. RESOLVED, That the offer of the land for an addition to the highway be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That consideration of the application for the removal of the tree be adjourned for view.

11—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. Jackson to attach a swing arm to a petrol pump at his premises in Great Western Road for use over the footpath be granted, subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

12—Streamer across Colonnade—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Water Polo Club for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the occasion of their galas, and one day previous to each gala during the season, 1932, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Musical Festival to place a streamer across the Colonnade advertising the Musical Festival be granted for six days subject to the usual conditions.

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13—Damage to Footpath, Regent Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 19th inst., a lorry belonging to J. Sears & Co Ltd, of 376 High Street, ran on the footpath in Regent Street and damaged same. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to 5s.

14—Damage to Tree, The Park—The Borough Surveyor reported damage on the 3rd inst., to a young lime tree near Arundel Lodge, The Park, by a horse and cart belonging to Mr. A. Holmes. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

15—Telegraph Poles—Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, Cardiff, that it was desired to accelerate the provision of telegraphic services to new applicants, and asking the Council to agree in principle to the erection of poles in all roads shown on the plan now submitted, and that arrangements should be made so that consents to the erection of poles might be given within 48 hours of the receipt of application. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree in principle to the poles being erected in the areas shown on the map, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to consent to the applications received after consultation with the Chairman and Borough Surveyor.

16—Omnibus Stopping Places—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. H. J. McCormick, asking permission to erect signs to the fixed stopping places and " Request " stopping places set out in the list sent by him. RESOLVED, That the list of stopping places be referred to the Chief Constable for approval, and that permission be granted for the erection of signs at the points approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Company be asked to provide clock dials at the fixed stopping places on which the conductors can indicate the time of departure of the next omnibus.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, February 23rd, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; and Councillor Leigh James (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Milk Supply—Seven tenders were received for supply of milk during the period 1st March, 1932, to 28th February, 1933. RESOLVED, That the tender of Alfred Squire of Ashcroft, Swindon Road, to supply and deliver milk at the rate of 1s 3d. per gallon from April to September (inclusive), and at the rate of 1s 7d per gallon for the remaining months, be accepted.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th February, 1932. Present—Councillors Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward; Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, Capt. Leschallas, Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the County Surveyor (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.
3280	Grace, G. H.	Four detached bungalows, Hesters Way (Amended).
3291	Fulton, H. W.	Addition and garage, Brooks Lodge, The Park.
3292	Hawkins, G. A.	Lavatory addition for conversion into flats Queensholme, Pittville Circus Road.
3293	Cheltenham Corporation Electricity Department	Alterations to Electricity Sub-Station, Manchester Street.
3294	Roberts, J.	Preliminary plan for bungalow, Pittville Circus Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3280 and 3293 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3291 and 3292 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 3291, subject also to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plan No, 3294 be not approved.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws—Plan No. 3282—Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard attended and submitted plans for the buildings which he had erected on land at Coltham Fields without first obtaining the consent of the Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

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.
287	Selley, Chas.	Bungalow, Shurdington Road.
288	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
289	“ “	Garage, “ “
290	Whitern, L.	Slaughter-house, High Street, Winchcomb.
291	Webb, Mrs.	Bungalow, Priory Lane, Bishops Cleeve.
292	Radburn, H.	Alterations and additions, Pear Tree Cottage and Spring Cottage, Cleeve Hill.
293	Wilton, Mr.	Additions, Oakland Villa, Prestbury Road.

294	Elliott Bros.	Shed, Sandpit, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury.
295	Hall, R. C.	Sign, Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road (Amended).

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 287, 288, 289, 290, 292, 293, 294 and 295 be approved ; and That Plan No. 291 be approved subject to the owner undertaking to give up the land required for the widening. of Priory Lane to a standard width without compensation if and when required for road widening.

3—Town Planning Scheme—Objections—Crickley Hill—Read, letter of the 19th ult., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council enclosing petition which had the unanimous support of his Council protesting against the proposal to schedule land on Crickley Hill as view points, on the ground that this was unnecessary and extravagant. Read, also, correspondence with the County Surveyor thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their proposals and that the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the District Council that the mere scheduling of the land as view points will not give the public right of access to the land, but will prevent the development of the land for building purposes for which it was not suitable and enable the Local Authority to purchase the land or rights thereover if at any time it is thought desirable to do so.

4—Petrol Filling Stations Byelaws—Two representatives of Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd. attended and asked that dark rural green should be prescribed as the standard colour for petrol filling stations and petrol pumps and apparatus in connection therewith, which was the colour adopted by the County Council. RESOLVED, That they be informed that dark rural green might be regarded as the colour which would be approved as a general rule, but the Council must reserve the right to require another colour in cases where this would harmonize better with the surrounding property.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th February, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, COL Trye and E. L. Ward Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, Mr. W. S. F. Harris, Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont, Capt. F. E. Reiss, Major Shakspeare and the County Surveyor (Councillor E. L. Ward in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
3282	Sheppard, E. H. & Son	Garages, etc., Coltham Fields,
3284	Roberts, J.	Enlargement of cottage by addition of coach house, Deanwood, Pittville Circus Road.
3295	Longridge, Lt.-Col,	Motor house, 1 St. Stephen's Lawn, Oakfield Street.
3296	Smith, W. H. G.	Detached bungalow, Cleeve View Road.
3297	Engall Cox & Co	Lock-up shop, 21 Promenade (Amended).
3298	Webster, J. E.	Motor house, Handley Cross, Albert Road, Pittville.

3299	Finch, Mrs. F.	Motor house, Keynsham Road.
3301	Joyce, E. M. B.	Extension of study, Northwick, Douro Road.
3302	Jones, H. H.	Motor house, Mead Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3296, 3297, 3298, 3301 and 3302 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3282, 3295 and 3299 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and with regard to Plan No. 3295 subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building at any time, when required and without compensation, and That Plan No 3284 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws--Plan No 3300—Mr. P. Stevens attended on behalf of The Paragon Laundries Ltd., and submitted plans for the wooden cycle shed which had been erected at the Paragon Laundry, Hatherley Road, without first having been approved by the Corporation.

RESOLVED, That the plans be approved subject to the shed being removed at any time when required, without compensation.

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.
296	Marshall, Mr.	Pair semi-detached houses, Pumphrey's Road, Charlton Kings.
297	Hudman, R. J.	Alterations and additions, Holmsdene Cottage, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
298	Mallinson, R.	Detached house, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
299	Gorton, G. P.	Detached house for small holding, Witcombe Court.
300	Cheltenham Corporation	Transformer Pillar, junction of Birchley and Ashley Roads, Electricity Department Battledown.
301	Hopcraft, G. P.	New bathroom, Old Gable House, Southam.
302	Lane, C.	Extension to greenhouse, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote.
303	Green, F.	Detached house, Gretton Road, Winchcomb.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302 and 303 be approved ; and That Plan No. 296 be approved subject to the depth of the land being the same as shown on the plan.

7—Railway Carriage, Dowdeswell-- Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Clerk to the Northleach Rural District Council that his Council had decided not to call for the removal of this hut, on the condition that suitable drainage was provided in accordance with the plans prepared by his Council's Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the Committee thereon in three months time.

S—Cheltenham-Evesham Road—The Committee further considered the plans for building and improvement lines along the Evesham Road from the Borough Boundary, which had been prescribed

by the County Council, and which had now been amended to meet the views of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the plans be now approved.

9—Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2—The draft of the Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2 were submitted to the Committee as finally settled after consideration of the various objections received thereto. RESOLVED, That the Council be now recommended to adopt the Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th February, 1932.

Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and Weech (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended, and submitted his scheme for the allocation of the 1:750 for advertising during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That of £700, as now allocated by the Committee, be approved.

2—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Central School for 12 half season tickets to be awarded to scholars successful in the Life Saving Examinations, be granted as in previous years.

(b) 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, and 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.

3—Summer Orchestra, 1932—Mr. A. D. Cole attended in regard to the points raised by him on the agreement to be entered into with him for the provision of an Orchestra. He asked that he should be allowed to appoint a deputy conductor for afternoon performances except on Saturdays. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the Committee approving of the proposed deputy, and that the draft agreement, as now settled by the Committee be approved.

(b) Read, application from Mrs. Rose for the use of the proposed Municipal Orchestra for her pageant to be held on the 25th and 27th June next, and for two rehearsals. RESOLVED, That she be informed that the Committee are unable grant the use of the Orchestra free of charge but are willing to allow the Orchestra to play at two performances of the pageant and one rehearsal at a charge of £30, plus the cost of conveyance of the band and instruments.

4—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Lord John Sanger and Sons Ltd., and Messrs. Gleich to rent a portion of Sandford Park for a circus and menagerie respectively be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.

5—Films—Read, letters from the Manager of the Daffodil Picture House that he had been instrumental in arranging for the film of the Meet of the Cotswold Hounds and other films of local events to be made which had been exhibited in the principal Cinemas throughout the Country. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Daffodil Picture House Co. Ltd.

&—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for a Music and Dancing Licence in respect of the Winter Garden building, so that this may be available for concerts during the Summer season if desired.

7—Travel Association—The Town Clerk submitted several letters from the Travel Association, enclosing particulars of the various advertising matter issued by the Association, all of which contained references to Cheltenham. An exhibition and lecture had recently been given in Sweden at which literature advertising Cheltenham had been displayed. The Association were now also devoting their attention to obtaining new industries for England.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th February, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Pruen, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and Weech (Councillor T. Wilfred Waite in the chair).

8—Spa Baths— (a) Read, application from the Swimming and Water Polo Club for these Baths to be opened earlier than the middle of April. RESOLVED, That these be opened on the 14th March, and in future years on the Monday nearest the 15th March, and closed on the Monday nearest the 15th October.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender for chair covers for these Baths.

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(c) RESOLVED, That Miss Smith be appointed attendant at these Baths at a salary of 25s per week inclusive of swimming fees in place of Mrs. Thornbury who had retired.

(d) The Superintendent reported as to the attendance of the junior section of School Children at these Baths and that he considered the shallow end of the Bath was too deep for these young children. RESOLVED, That classes of children from the Junior Sections of the Schools be not allowed to attend the Baths.

(e) RESOLVED, That during the months, of May, June, July and August the Swimming Baths be opened at 7.30 a.m.

(f) Medical Baths—The Superintendent reported that (with the exception of 8 treatments) a charge for a course of Baths had been fixed and he recommended that a course charge should be fixed for these treatments. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, and that the charges as now settled by the Committee, be approved.

9—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender for new linoleum and matting for the large hall.

(b) Mr. H. H. Chandler attended in support of the application for the free use of the Town Hall for the Musical Festival to be held from the 24th to 28th May and 4th June next RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant the free use of the Hall but that a nominal charge of £10 plus lighting be made as last year.

(c) Chamber of Trade Conference—The Town Clerk reported that the National Chamber of Trade had now definitely decided to hold their Conference at Cheltenham commencing on the 14th October next.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Munro Briggs for the free use of the Town Hall from the 28th June to 2nd July next for the annual conference of the League of Nations Union be granted.

(e) Lighting—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to inspect and report on the lighting of the Town Hall

10—Winter Garden—Read, letters of 1st and 25th inst., from Mr. L. W. Barnard asking the Council to meet him in regard to the expenses incurred by him in preparing the various schemes for Medical Baths, etc., at the Winter Garden and suggesting a payment of £100. RESOLVED, That he be paid the sum of £25 for preparing plans and estimates, etc., as agreed with the Committee in June, 1927, plus the sum of £10 for the cost of prints and photographs supplied for members of the Council.

11—Alstone and Spa Baths—The Committee considered the time-tables for these Baths. RESOLVED, That these be revised as now settled by the Committee.

12—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Admission—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to continue free admission to these Gardens which was previously granted up to the 1st May next.

(b) Pavilion—The Committee considered applications from Messrs. J. C. Miller of the Clyde Repertory Theatre and J. E. Delacey to rent the Pavilion for plays and concert parties during the summer season. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to a meeting to be held on the 7th March.

13—Pittville Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the use of the Pump Room be granted to Mr. It W. Bloodworth on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. from the 1st April to the 1st September for Badminton at a charge of £12 12s. 0d. plus cost of lighting and heating.

(b) Read, applications from Miss M. M. Eager and Mrs. Rose for the use of the Pump Room for rehearsals for the Boddington Manor and Charlton Park Pageants respectively. RESOLVED, That the use of the Pump Room be granted at a charge of 10s 6d per rehearsal.

14—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 2nd and 16th inst.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Easter Festivities—That the usual number of Dance Teas and Dances be held during Easter, and that the charge for the Easter Monday Ball be 3s 6d exclusive of refreshments.

(b) Whit-Monday Fete—RESOLVED, That this Fete be held as last year in the Marle Hill Annexe and the Council be recommended to close the Marle Hill Annexe to the public after 6 p.m., when the charge for admission be 6d.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th February, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore, Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair):

1—Public Lighting—(a) View Meeting—Read, report of View Meeting held on the 5th inst. The Committee recommended that no change be made in the lighting of the following roads :—Parabola, Eldorado, Hatherley, Shelburne and Sandford Roads, Pilford Avenue, Berkeley Street, Pittville Circus, Monson Avenue, Monson Terrace, Swindon Road North and Clarence Street. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted

(b) The Park—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as instructed by the View Committee he had prepared and now submitted alternative schemes for the lighting of The Park. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare a survey of the lighting of the whole town

(c) RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the View Committee that additional lamps be erected in Fairfield Park Road, Old Bath Road (2 lamps), Rosehill Street and Dunalley Parade.

2—Electricity Department—Electricity Accountant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the new chief clerk (Mr. Williams) had now commenced his duties and that Mr. C. T. Bastin now wished to retire after 48 years service in the employ of the Corporation. He asked if the Committee would recognise the last eight years of his services as eligible for Superannuation purposes or that leave of absence be granted him for a period instead. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request, but that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to retain his services to the 31st March next, or for such further period not exceeding one month as the Borough Electrical Engineer considers necessary. RESOLVED, That the Council desire to express their appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by Mr. Bastin and to wish him every happiness in his retirement.

3—Manchester Street, Sub-Station—Six tenders were received for the building, alterations and additions to this Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Amos-Wilson & Son of £467 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4—Switch Gear—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the tenders of George Ellison Ltd., for a supply of additional switch gear for the Swindon Road, Town Hall

and Sandford Park Sub-Stations, amounting to £971 11s. 0d., be accepted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

5—Workmen's- Wages—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Arbitrator had now issued his award on the recent arbitration respecting the men's wages, and had awarded that the wages should be reduced by 2 ½ per cent. provided that the reduction should not operate so as to reduce the rates of wages of any workman by more than ½ d. an hour or below 11 ½ d. an hour, the reduction to commence from the first full week following the date of the Award (19th February). RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to give notice of the reduction to the workmen concerned.

6—Electric Lorry—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted three tenders for a new battery for the lorry, and recommended that the tender of the Tudor Accumulator Co. of £160 10s. 0d., less an allowance of £16 1s. 0d., for the old battery should be accepted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7--Demonstration House—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Cheltenham Circle of the Electrical Development Association had now arranged for an all electric demonstration house at 1 Pittville Terrace. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to contribute to the cost of advertising, printing and provision of apparatus such sum as may be approved by the Chairman.

8—District Joint Industrial Council and District Joint Board—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated representative of the Undertaking on the Employees' side of the District Joint Industrial Council No 6 (West of England Area), and the Chairman be nominated representative of the Undertaking on the Employers' side on the District Joint Board No. 6 (West of England Area) both for the year ending the 31st March, 1933.

9—Alma Road—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines in Alma Road subject to the regulations with respect to overhead lines dated 22nd May last, and to the lines being erected along the route shown on the map deposited with the Ministry. The Ministry reserved the power to review the situation at the expiration of five years.

10—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th ult. and the 1st, 7th, 12th, 18th and 22nd inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates, to be 472.6, 474.5, 472.3, 471.3 and 472.0 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.5, 5.6, 5.6, 5.3, 5.6 and 5.6 inches of water.

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11—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a lamp standard on the 4th inst., by a motor lorry. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage caused estimated at £8 9s. 3d.

12—Direction Signs—RESOLVED That the application of the Secretary Highbury Congregational Church to remove the sign in High Street to the lamp standard at the corner of Grosvenor Street directing to the temporary church be granted.

13—Change of Frequency—Read, letter from the Central Electricity Board that the Board were prepared to make payments of the sums agreed upon on the due dates subject to an undertaking being given to refund any amount which may be found on audit to have been overpaid together with interest at Bank Rate from the date of the excess payment by the Board to the date of such repayment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to give this undertaking.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th February, 1932 Present—The Mayor : Deputy Mayor; and Alderman Pates (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 8th February, 1932	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	520,000 gallons	524,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,366,000	1,949,000
Leckhampton Springs	82,000	85,000
Total	1,968,000	2,558,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th February, 1932.		8th February, 1931.	
Hewletts		28,864,000 gallons		29,656,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft 0ins.	94,756,000	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		125,240,000		131,299,000

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

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3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Town Clerk reported the further negotiations which had taken place with the Town Clerk of Gloucester and the City Engineer in regard to the terms for a supply of water to Gloucester. He also reported further interview which the representatives of both Corporations had had with the Ministry of Health on the matter.

(b) Compensation—The Town Clerk reported that he had made application to the Ministry of Health for consent to the District Valuer undertaking the negotiations and settlement of any claims for compensation which may arise in connection with the laying of the new main, but that the Ministry

are unable to agree to this. RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be appointed to act on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Shooting—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Major H. Mason, whose offer to take the Sporting Rights for now, season had been accepted by the Council, asking whether the Council would grant him the Sporting Rights for go, period of three years at the same rent as agreed for one year, namely £60 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd February, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Pates; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Supt. Wayman reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the premises of Mr. Thorndale of Beulah, Swindon Road, had been declared free from Swine Fever ; and that the Borough was now 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.
26th January	Hatherley Farm	_____	£400—£500	£5 1s. 0d.
“ “	White House, Moorend Grove	Gas setting fire to curtains.	£40	£4 15s. 0d.
3rd February	Hut, Eldon Road ...	Not apparent,	Unable to estimate.	£5 0s. 6d.
11th “	Arle Cottages, Arle Road ...	Defective chimney	£40	£5 12s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, letter of 12th inst., from Mr. W. T. Mottram withdrawing his application. : "or Hackney Carriage Licence.

4—Pawnbroker's Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of H. Higgins for the renewal of his Pawnbroker's Licence be granted up to the 9th November, 1932.

5—Association of Municipal Corporations—RESOLVED, That The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at the Guildhall, London on 27th May next.

6—Election of Aldermen—Read, circular of 15th inst., from the Town Clerk, Sunderland, asking the Council to supra resolution passed by the Sunderland County Borough Council that the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act, 1910, which took away the right of Aldermen to vote in the election of an Alderman should be repealed and the rights of voting which Aldermen enjoyed prior to the passing of that Act restored. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

7—Market—Read, application from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, for permission to place one pole and stay in the Cattle Market. The Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire Marketing Society raised no objection to this. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to an annual payment of and on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the works. The consent to be terminable by 3 months' notice in writing on either side.

8—Lord's Day Observance Act, 1677—Read, circular of 11th inst., from the Town Clerk, Penzance asking the Council to support a resolution passed by his Council "That the Lord's Day Observance Act, 1677, and other Acts imposing similar petty restrictions, constitute a serious obstacle to the development of British holiday resorts, more particularly winter resorts." RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Promenade Parking Place—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee to discontinue the use of the space in front of the War Memorial as a parking place. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the words " No Parking" painted across this space.

10—Broadcast Relay Service—Read, applications from Mr. G. B. Clark of Ipswich and Mr. S. Cooper of Gloucester for permission to establish a wireless relay system in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted.

11—Prince of Wales' Call to Youth Meeting--Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A, asking the Corporation to make a contribution for the use of their Lecture Hall and Café in connection with the meeting held on the occasion of the broadcast of the Prince of Wales' Call to Youth on 27th ult. RESOLVED, That a contribution of £2 2s. 0d. be made.

12—Road Transport—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Great Western Railway stating that the four Main Line Railway Companies had again drawn the attention of the Minister of Transport to the heavy losses which they had sustained as the result of road motor competition, and enclosing copy of a statement which they had submitted to the Minister, and asking the Council to support their request that the Government should take action to adjust the balance fairly between the two competing industries, RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

13--Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Mr. F. C. Horlock, Store Keeper, be added to the Certificate of Exception under this Act, he having completed three years service in a designated post on 21st December last.

14—Shops Acts—RESOLVED, That proceedings be taken against Mr. W. J. Winters and Mr. A. V. C. Painter (both of whom had been previously reported) for contravention of the Shops Act, 1928.

15—Town Clerk's Department—Second Assistant—The Town Clerk reported that his second assistant (F. F. Yarnall) died on 22nd inst RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr and Mrs. Yarnall conveying the Committee's deep regret at his death and their sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise inviting applications for the appointment at a salary of £180 rising by two annual increments to £200.

16—Postal Service, Arle—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Head Postmaster asking for the Council's observations on a proposal to commence the afternoon delivery of letters one hour later in the Coombe Hill and Arle districts. The Parish Councils concerned had consented to the re-arrangements. RESOLVED, That this Council raise no objection to the proposal.

17—Parking—Messrs. H. W. Bennett, T. Craig, H. Poulton and Reed attended as a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the existing four parking places in the Borough. They urged

(1) That an attendant should be provided at the Imperial Square and Montpellier Walk Parking Places and that a charge of 6d. should be made for the supervision of cars at these places.

(2) That the time limit of parking cars should be two or three hours and should be strictly enforced, and if necessary offenders prosecuted.

(3) That the attendants should be supplied with a printed list of approved garages near the parking places with accommodation for garaging cars, and that these should be handed to motorists who desired to stay longer than the stipulated time.

(4) That the annual season 5s parking tickets should be dispensed with.

RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the appointment of parking attendants for the parking places mentioned or the provision of approved lists of garages but see no objection to the garage proprietors themselves having a list printed and to these being distributed by the attendants

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18--Contributions for Local Charities and Public Institutions—(a) RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 and the Cheltenham Order, 1905 the following subscriptions be made to the undermentioned Institutions in lieu of the remission of the General 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 and Throat Hospital	12	0	0
Boys' Orphanage	3	0	0
Children's Hospital, 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)	9	0	0
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	£162	0	0

General Hospital--Annual Contribution due 1st January 1931, in lieu of free supply of water ... £87 12 0

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the applications of the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls, and the Y.M.C.A. for a refund of the rates in respect of 24 Cambray and 51/55 Promenade respectively, be not granted.

19—Censorship of Films—Read, circular of 19th inst. from the Film Censorship Consultative Committee of the Home Office inviting the Council to co-operate with them in securing a greater measure of uniformity in the exercise of local control over the character of public cinematograph exhibitions and urging that the model conditions of the Home Office should be adopted. The Committee also hoped that licensing authorities would lay before them any difficulties experienced and that before adopting any new methods of control to consult them thereon The Town Clerk reported that the model conditions of the Home Office had already been adopted by the Council.

20—Marle Hill Estate--(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Sub-Committee had inspected this property and the Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of carrying out the repairs which the Sub-Committee considered should be carried out by the Corporation if a satisfactory tenant of the property was obtained. RESOLVED, That the sum of £450 be included in the estimates for repairs to the Marle Hill House and outbuildings.

(b) The plans submitted by the County Council of the proposed building and improvement lines to be prescribed along the Evesham Road were considered. RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to the proposal so far as the Marle Hill Estate property is concerned.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer, and Councillor Pruen (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

21—Censorship of Films—Major Potter, Film Censor. attended and reported the proceedings of the Conference of Film Censors and representatives of Watch Committees and others held at Birmingham on the 27th ult., when a resolution was passed asking the Home Secretary to receive a deputation urging a comprehensive inquiry into the arrangements by which films are licensed for public exhibition. Major Potter reported as to the nature of the films recently exhibited in Cheltenham and that he felt some concern at the increasing number of "gangster" and "crook" type of films which he considered were unsuitable for exhibition to children. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Managers of the Cinema Houses asking them what steps are taken to secure compliance with the condition that children unaccompanied by a parent or guardian are excluded when a film not passed for Universal Exhibition is shown and also expressing the Council's view that films of the "gangster" and "crook" type should not be exhibited and that more British films should be included.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1932, Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Biggs in the chair).

1--Creamery Piece—RESOLVED, That the Pigstye erected on Allotment No. 24 be allowed to remain subject to an undertaking being given by the tenant to remove the same, if any complaint is received in respect thereof.

2—North Ward—Read, letter from Mr. J. Rutland asking that shed and greenhouse on Allotment No. 180 be allowed to remain. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to no compensation being payable in respect thereof at the end of the tenancy.

3—Albert Road—(a) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant of Allotment No. 23 Albert Road, reported to be in a bad state of cultivation

(b) Mr. Yeend reported on the application of the tenant of Allotment No 59 for allowance off the arrears of rent. RESOLVED, That he be allowed 17s 6d subject to his cleaning the allotment and paying the balance of 17s 6d by the 1st March

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1932 C. W. BIGGS, Chairman.

Present—Councillors Lt -Col. Biggs, Selim Smith and T. Wilfred Waite (Councillor Biggs in the chair).

1—Wellington Square—Tree—Read, application from Mrs. Greening for a tree by No 1 Wellington Square to be removed, and the Garden Superintendent recommended that the tree should be felled. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

2—Promenade Balustrading—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of not exceeding £18 10s. 0d., for repairing damage recently done to this balustrading by a motorist. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to carry out these repairs and that the General Purposes Committee be asked to discontinue the use of the space in front of the War Memorial for parking cars.

3—Pittville Roads—Read, letter from the Borough Surveyor stating that many of the Pittville roads were in need of repair. RESOLVED, That the maintenance of these roads be placed under the direction of the Street and Highway Committee.

4—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That the consideration of the applications for pitches be adjourned to the next meeting.

5—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had approved of the application of part of the proceeds of the sale of the land in Albert Road for the purchase of the land to be added to this ground. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the land seeded down at an estimated cost of £5, and also that the 4 Poplar Trees on the land be removed.

C. W. BIGGS, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer; and Councillor Selim Smith (Alderman Saner in the chair)

6—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Gleich and Messrs. Lord John Sanger & Sons Ltd to rent a site at Sandford Park for a menagerie and circus respectively be not granted.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th February, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward Captain Trye and Weech; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward in the chair) .

1 Curator's Report—Visits—During January 2,837 (against 3,469).

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Collection Box, " Friends of the Art Gallery Fund," etc., £13 3s. 5d.

Exhibitions—The First Annual Exhibition by the Cotswold Art Club was on view until 29th inst., to be followed by an Exhibition by 10 Women Artists.

2 --Donations—From Mr. Walter Clifford, 11 Watch-Cocks (1695-1875) Mr. W. M. Nicholson, 73 Watch-Cocks (1765-1880)

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

RESOLVED, further, That the offer of an oil-painting of Still Life from an anonymous donor be declined with thanks.

3—Loan—From Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss. "Seascape " (water-colour) by George Barret, Junr., and " Waiting for the Ferry " (water-colour) by David Cox.

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

4—Re-organisation of Geological Room—The Curator reported as to further correspondence with the Carnegie Trustees, and he was authorised to obtain tenders from suitable firms for the installation of a new glass casing.

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for :—

(a) An Exhibition of Posters from the School of Arts and Crafts during the week April 13th to 20th.

(b) An Exhibition by the New Group, if available.

(c) An Exhibition of Students' Work from the School of Arts and Crafts, during June.

6—Easter Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday, and open on Easter Saturday, 26th March, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Easter Monday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

W. CURLING HAYWARD,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM, AND PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT MEETING).

At a Special joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, 17th February, 1932.

Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Thomas : Messrs. C. R. Man), A. Miles, F. B. de Sausmarez and F. Vernall (the Mayor in the chair),

1—Curator and Librarian—It was reported that owing to the illness of the Director of the Leicester Public Libraries, Museum and Art Gallery, Mr. Herdman had been asked at short notice to take his place on a survey of Museums in the Mediterranean area arranged by the Museums Association. RESOLVED, unanimously that the application be granted.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th February, 1932. Present—Councillors Selina Smith and E. L. Ward (Councillor Selim Smith in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of Superintendent for the period from 23rd January to 29th February, 1932. Interments 90 ; Grave Spaces sold 31 (First Position 3, Fourth Position 28) ; Memorials erected 5 ; New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9549 to 9576 both inclusive.

3—Designs--RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Francis Alexander Hudson, Henry Joshua George Gallop, Richard Johnson, and Margaret Ann Holmes ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Alfred Ford Newman, Emily Jane Newman and Selina Newman, Lucy Ann Goodall, Charles Cocks and Annie Cocks, John Thomas Houghton, Seymour Douglas Vale, Harriet Jane Jenkins, Emilie Rosser, and Doreen Eleanor Margaret Bullock, Edwin Alfred Cook and Clara Cook, and Charles Edward Cook and Elizabeth Mary Cook ; Cross and Bases to graves-of Charles Evelyn Rainger and Henry Rainger, Hubert Oliver Browne-Mason ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of John Wallis Howling, Sarah Ann Howling and Ethel May Howling, Winifred Irene Hopkins, Josephine Waters, and George H. James ; Kerbing on Stone Plinth to grave of Percy Edward Smith ; Kerbing to graves of Alice Annie Woolliams, and Caroline Harding Harkness.

4—Re Grave 8510 K.—The Town Clerk reported that this space had now been re-assigned to the Corporation at the price of £5 15s. 0d.

5—Sections A.—L.----RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a new lay-out map of these sections which it was proposed to begin using again for fresh interments and that a new register be purchased.

SELIM J. SMITH,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th February, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, P. T. Smith and Thomas; Rev. Barbara Thomas; and Messrs. F. Vernal' and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts—£25 3s. 6d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,551 (last year 6,425) ; Lending Department 19,466 (last year 19,171) ; Junior Department 3,634 (last year 4,477) Total for month 29,651 (last year 30,073).

Lectures—The following lectures had been given :-

18th January -Mr. Harold H. Holden, A.R.C.A., " English Water Colour Painting." (Attendance 160).

25th January Mr. Gui St. Bernard, "The French Exhibition." (Attendance 331).

28th January Dr. Wells, "Earthquakes and Volcanoes." (Attendance 79). (Arranged by the Cheltenham Science Society).

Donations—From Mrs. Allen (22 vols.) ; Anonymous (2 vols.) ; Mr. Barlow (2 vols.) ; Mrs. Curling Hayward (1 vol.) ; Mr. Hamilton Kilgour (31 vols.) ; The late Miss Kilgour (150 vols.) ; Mr. Herbert Putnam (1 vol.) ; Mr. Elliot Stock (1 vol.) ; Mrs. C. Teal (1 vol.) : Trinity College of Music (1 vol.) Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham (6 vols.)

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

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2—Co-operation with County Library—The Librarian read letter from Mr. Household stating that arrangements were being made for facilities to be given to certain residents in Charlton Kings, as from April 1st, 1932.

3—Books—RESOLVED, That (a) 45 vols., published at £18 12s. 6d., be purchased for £13 18s. 0d.

(b) 24 vols., published at £17 17s. 0d., be purchased for £15 4s. 3d., out of the Horace William Todd Bequest.

(c) The sum of 125 be spent on Binding,

(d) The sum of £10 be spent on Replacements

4—Periodicals--RESOLVED, That the following periodicals be purchased :—

(1) "Week-End Review," weekly 6d.

(2) " Popular Wireless," weekly 3d. (in place of " Radio Times," weekly 2d.).

RESOLVED, also, That the purchase of " Economica," " The Packing Record " and the "The Insurance Record," be not entertained.

5—Easter Holidays—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and open on Easter Saturday, March 26th.

6—**Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee with regard to interior alterations should meet to consider how best to re-arrange existing shelving in the Lending Library.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th February, 1932. Present-The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Lipson and P. T. Smith ; Messrs. E. Baring and J. Howell (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—The Committee considered a proposal for the erection of an Ice Rink on the Winter Garden site. Mr. J. R. Wilkins, architect, and Mr. H. T. Bush attended, and submitted plans for the erection of the Rink on the South side of the Winter Garden ground. The proposed building would be a two storey building, and the measurements of the ice surface would be 180 feet by 80 feet. The building would comprise a cafe, balcony, with seating capacity of 2,000, a restaurant, club room etc., and six lock-up shops on the frontage to the Promenade.

The proposed building would involve pulling down the Winter Garden building. The erection of the Ice Rink on the southern side of the land would leave ample room between the proposed new building and the Town Hall for development for other purposes. It was proposed to form a private Company to provide the Rink and they asked that the Council should grant them a long term lease of the portion of the land required for the Rink.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve generally of the proposals submitted and that Mr. Wilkins be asked to submit detailed plans for the approval of the Council and that the Committee be authorised to negotiate terms of lease to be submitted for the approval of the Council.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th February, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillor T. Wilfred Waite (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Remission of Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the excusal of payment of Rates

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th February, 1932. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Thomas and E. L. Ward (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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—Remission of Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the excusal of payment of Rates.

4—Assessment of Schools—Read, circular of 25th January last from the County Councils Association and Associations of Municipal Corporations and Education Committees enclosing a joint memorandum as agreed by the three Associations in regard to the assessment of Schools and expressing the hope that the Corporation would endeavour to secure the assessment of schools on the lines suggested in the memorandum. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending consideration of the memorandum by the County Valuation Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st March, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £114,562 10s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £7,036 19s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1932. Amount collected £15,796 11s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £2,591 0s. 4d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £1,135 had been received for 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 4,717 as compared with 7,183 for the corresponding month last year.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillors Waite and E. L. Ward,

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 the sum of £23,250 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

7—Housing Bonds—Read, memorandum of 1st ult., from the Ministry of Health increasing the rate on interest on Housing Bonds after the 1st ult. to 5 per cent.

8—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. L. Smith, first assistant, had been appointed assistant accountant to the Rugby Council, and he recommended that he be authorised to advertise for applications for the appointment at a commencing salary of £200, rising to £250 by annual increments of £25. He also proposed to take this opportunity of re-arranging his staff as follows:-

	Present Scale.	Proposed New Scale.
1st Assistant	£255	£200—£250
C. P. G. Neat	£190-£200	£200
E. J. B. Wills	£160—£180	£180—£200 by increments of £10
R. J. Browning	£110—£117	£110—£130 by increments of £10
G. Waite	£84 10s.—£91	£91--£110 by increments of £10
D. McArthur	£71 10s.—£78	£78—£91 by increments of £6 10s.
J. Morrell	£39	£52
L. Browning (in place of former typist)		£52

The saving for the first two years would be £41 per annum and the 3rd year would result in an increase of £21 per annum. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

9—Financial Statement—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Auditor was unable to sign the financial statement for last year and previous year owing to the dispute in regard to stamp duty. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write and ask the Ministry of Health to expedite the settlement of this matter.

10—Superannuation—(a) Baths Attendant—The Borough Treasurer submitted Medical Certificate that Mrs. Thornbury was unfit for work. RESOLVED, That she be paid a pension of £16 15s. 0d. per annum calculated on her wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 20 years service together with a refund of her contributions amounting to £32 15s. 5d. including interest.

(b) Electricity Accountant—It was reported that Mr. C. T. Bastin was retiring on the 31st March, 1932, or on such date not later than the 30th April after 48 years service. RESOLVED, That he be paid

a pension of £100 per annum calculated on his salary for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 40 years service.

(c) J. Bullock—It was also reported that Mr. J. Bullock was due to retire on the 8th April, 1932. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of £44 13s. 8d. calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 36 years service.

(d) F. P. Yarnall—RESOLVED, That the executors of F. F. Yarnall deceased, late second assistant, Town Clerk's Department, be refunded the sum of £23 2s. 9d. being the amount of his contributions including interest.

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 March, 1932, 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, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Lipson, M.A., Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim J. Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward and Wheeler, M.B.E.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Morris, breech and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st February, 1932, 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 undermentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held February 8

Housing Meeting held February 18

Street and Highway Meeting held February 22

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held February 23

Town Planning Meetings held February 4 & 25

And it was Resolved, That in connection with the Town Planning Scheme, the Council adopt the Preliminary Statement and proposals for development and Map No. 2 to which the Statement refers, and direct that the Statement and Map be signed and certified by the Town Clerk.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 19 & 26

Subject to an amendment, moved by The Mayor and seconded by Councillor P. T. Smith : " That Minute No. 9 (b) be not approved, and that the application of the Musical Festival for the free use of the Town Hall from the 24th to 28th May and 4th June next be granted, subject to payment of cost of lighting."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Alderman Moore : " That Minute No. 9 (b) be referred back " was withdrawn).

Resolved, also, That this Committee be authorised to arrange terms for the letting of the Montpellier Gardens Pavilion for the Summer Season.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 24

Water Meeting held February 9

General Purposes and Watch Meetings Held 23 and March 2

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith to refer back Minute No. 17 in regard to the parking of Motor Cars, was withdrawn).

Allotments Meeting held February 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held February 8 and March 2

Subject to an Amendment, moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Lipson " That Minute No. 3 with reference to Pittville Roads, be referred back."

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Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held February 12

Art Gallery and Museum and Public Library (Joint Meeting) ... Meeting held February 17

Burial Board Meeting held February 29

Public Library. Meeting held February 4

Winter Garden Development Meeting held February 11

Rating ... Meetings held February 9 & 29

Finance ... Meeting held March 1

Subject to an Amendment, moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 10 (c) with reference to the retirement of J. Bullock, be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration of his application for an extension of service."

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—General and Eye Hospitals—Resolved, That Councillors Dr. Hayward and Lipson be nominated representatives of the Council on the Board of Management for the ensuing year.

4—Mr. H. J. McCormick—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from Mr. H. J. McCormick that he had retired from the active management of the Cheltenham and District Traction Company, and conveying to the Council his grateful thanks for the many kindnesses and the courtesy shown to him during the past 32 years. Resolved, That the Council desire to record their appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between Mr. McCormick and the Council, and to wish him every happiness in his retirement.

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, 4th April, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Pruen and T. Wilfred Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 19-25 Bath Parade ; 5-9 and 11-13 Sandford 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.

2—Insanitary Property at (a) Billbrook House (basement), Winchcomb Street ; and 3 Princes Terrace, Tivoli—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) 15 Ewlyn Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on 16th November last, the work specified to be done at these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. D. L. Turner & Sons at a cost of £22 8s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

(c) 16 Tivoli Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on 16th November last, the work specified to be done at these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Mealing & Co. at a cost of £40 2s. 0d. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be repayable by monthly instalments of £6 11s. 1d. within a period not exceeding six years with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. RESOLVED, also, That in pursuance of the Statutory powers conferred by the Housing Acts, Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles who had already been appointed Receiver in respect of the Private Improvement Expenses incurred, be appointed Receiver in respect of these expenses.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :—1-7 Field View, Whaddon Road ; Billbrook House, Winchcomb Street ; and 3 Princes Terrace, Princes Road—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

4 —Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 12 lbs. Mutton : 1 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. Pork ; 10 lbs Lambs Livers (1 Tin) ; 3 qrs. 6 lbs. Fish ; and 2 ½ lbs. Rabbits.

5—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.

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6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. James Jackson of 86 Bath Road to be registered as a retail purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 77 Duke Street ; 2-5 Princes Place, Duke Street ; and 5-7 Portman Terrace, Upper Bath 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 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 9th May, 1932.

(b) 15, 15a and 16 Casino Place—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these houses be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) The Town Clerk pointed out that under the Housing Act, 1930, a subsidy could be obtained in respect of houses required for rehousing persons displaced from individual houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended that in providing new houses in connection with the Swindon Passage etc. area, some additional houses should be provided for rehousing persons from individual houses demolished.

8—Conferences—Read, circulars from the National Veterinary Medical Association and Institute of Public Cleansing inviting the attendance of delegates to Annual Conferences to be held at Folkestone and Manchester respectively. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

9—Gas Liquor —The Borough Surveyor submitted report dated 9th January last from Mr. F. R. O'Shaughnessy on the admission of amoniactal liquor from the Gas Works into the sewers. The report showed that the sewage works were capable of dealing with the output of amoniactal gas liquor of 0.5 per cent of the average dry weather flow when the liquor was discharged under control at a uniform rate over 24 hours, but Mr. O'Shaughnessy recommended that further observations should be taken to obtain information as to the adaptation of the bacteria beds to the new conditions. RESOLVED, That the present agreement with the Gas Company be amended so as to provide for the amoniactal gas liquor to be discharged into the sewers under the same conditions as the former liquor with the provision for payment by the Gas Company of the cost of the further examination of the beds as recommended by Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

10 —Leckhampton Sewerage—The Committee considered the proposal of the Cheltenham Rural District Council that the agreement for permitting the sewers in Leckhampton to communicate with the Corporation sewers should be renewed for a further term of years on the same basis, except that no charge should be made in respect of properties having a Rateable Value of over £100 which were void for a period of not less than six months or more. RESOLVED, That this proposal be not accepted, but that the Council be recommended to renew the agreement for a further term of years on the same conditions as the present agreement.

11—Disposal of Offal—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the offal from the Abattoir was taken by Mr. A. Smith, but that it was desirable to erect a small corrugated iron enclosure on his land to prevent rats getting access to the offal. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have this provided.

ARTHUR S. F. PEFEN.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th March, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lieut.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward and Leigh James (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1-13 Pilley Crescent—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to substitute an open fire grate for the range be granted subject to the type of grate to be installed

being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Housing Manager.

2—Prospect Villa—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. H. Davis in regard to the outside painting of this house, and recommended that this should be painted at a cost of approximately £12 RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

3—National Aviation Day—Read, letter from National Aviation Day Ltd., that Sir Alan Cobham was carrying out an extensive air tour this year in connection with a mandate for obtaining greater support from the Government for British (civil) aviation, and that on his tour Sir Alan Cobham hoped to get a million signatures. Sir Alan Cobham would lead a squadron of about 10 machines round the country, carrying out his National Aviation Day Display and would like to include Cheltenham in his tour. They asked that the Corporation should grant them the use of the two vacant fields on the St. Mark's Housing Estate and to remove the hedge and trees dividing the two fields to make it suitable for a landing ground. The Town Clerk reported that he had interviewed Capt. E. B. Fielden, the chief pilot of the tour, and suggested that the playing field of the Grammar School would be more suitable, and that Capt. Fielden was approaching the County Council thereon. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

4--St. Paul's Street South Clearance Areas—(a) Demolition—The Town Clerk submitted six tenders received for the demolition of Nos. 1 to 4 St. Paul's Terrace and 1 to 16 St. Paul's Street South, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. of £94 15s. 0d. (being the most favourable tender received) be accepted.

5—Assisted Housing Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 11th inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of the Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes) Amendment Regulations, 1931, which prescribed the conditions under which, as from the 1st April last, the Exchequer Subsidy payable under this Act shall be determined. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer,

6—Slum Clearance—The Committee further considered the question of purchasing land which would be required for rehousing if Clearance Orders were made in respect of the Swindon Passage Area etc. A suggested layout plan of the land at Alstone Croft belonging to the L.M.S. Railway Co. was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the Co. are willing to dispose of the frontages to Alstone Croft and Alstone Lane and also to obtain the valuation of the District Valuer of this land.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Scott Langley, Lipson, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—St. George's Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. M. Cairn for permission to erect a sign at the foot of the lane joining Parabola Road and St. George's Road, directing to Moray House Private Hotel, be not granted.

2—Annual Tenders—Paraffin—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed by the Committee at their last meeting, he had obtained sample paraffin from Messrs. Stevens & Co, and that the storekeeper had reported that he had found it satisfactory for burning in lamps and for running the tractors, but that before making a final report he wished to examine the engines to see the effect of the paraffin on the working parts. RESOLVED That the tender of Messrs. Stevens & Co. be accepted subject to the examination proving satisfactory.

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3--Housing Estates—Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of planting trees on the several Housing Estates, amounting to RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have trees planted in Pilley Crescent, Whaddon Avenue and Margrett Road.

4—Projection Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. A. Wallace to erect a projecting sign outside 6a Clarence Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

5—Naunton Way—Two representatives from Naunton Estates Ltd. attended and submitted plans for the making up of a portion of this new road off Naunton Lane with concrete, and they asked whether the Corporation would take over this part of the road on the completion of the work. RESOLVED, That they be informed that subject to the specification being first approved by the Borough Surveyor the Committee will favourably consider taking over this part of the road on the completion of the work.

6—Marle Hill Refuse Tip—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of 20th inst. from the Park Constable in regard to four boys setting fire to this tip on the 19th inst. RESOLVED, That Supt. Wayman be asked to take proceedings against the boys concerned.

7—Destructor Works—RESOLVED, That this Committee concur in the decision of the Electricity Committee not to recommend the Council to dispose of any part of the site of the Electricity Works and Destructor

8—Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the suggestion of the Assistant District Auditor that an expert valuer should be engaged to make a valuation of the Stores, Plant, Tools etc. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that it is necessary to incur this expense.

9—Omnibus Stopping Places---(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from Supt. Wayman that he had no objection to the list of proposed stopping places for the omnibuses belonging to the Cheltenham District Traction Co. with the exception of the two stopping places in the Promenade which he considered should be opposite the Royal Insurance Co's. office instead of by the Post Office and opposite Messrs. Plant's shop in the Colonnade instead of on the corner of County Court Road, and that the stopping place in High Street should be opposite Woolworths' stores instead of opposite Messrs Dickens, RESOLVED, That the Committee' agree with the first and last mentioned stopping places, but they do not approve of the stopping place in the Colonnade, and suggest that the stopping place be opposite the north end of Cavendish House, RESOLVED, also, That as suggested by

the Cheltenham District Traction Co. the Borough Surveyor be instructed to paint with white lines the stopping places outside Cavendish House and in the High Street opposite Messrs J. Lance & Co's. shop.

(b) One Way Traffic Order—Messrs. R. Pittard and W. J. Green attended on behalf of the Bristol Tramways Co. in regard to the stopping places for their omnibuses which would have to be altered if the One Way Traffic Order is approved by the Ministry of Transport. They suggested the following routes and stopping places:—

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough along the Bath and Leckhampton Roads.—To proceed via Oriel Road across the Promenade into St. George's Road, thence along Royal Well Lane to a stopping place in Clarence Parade.

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough via Lansdown Road.—To proceed along Montpellier Walk and Royal Well Lane to a stopping place in Clarence Parade.

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough via Tewkesbury Road.—To proceed in along Ambrose Street and Manchester Street to a stopping place between the Library and the Company's office in Clarence Street and out via Clarence Street and High Street.

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough via Evesham- Road and London Road—To follow the route prescribed in the One Way Traffic Order to a stopping place between the Library and the Company's office in Clarence Street.

10—Congress—Read, letter from the National Safety First Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Congress of the Association to be held in London from 4th to 7th May. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be appointed to attend.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th March, 1932. Present---Councillors Dr. Hayward Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward; Capt. Leschallas, Major Shakspeare; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and G. E. Arthurs, together with the Assistant County Surveyor (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 namely

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3303	Smith, T. W.	Two detached houses off Naunton Lane.
3304	Ford, H. W.	Addition to Holmside, Charlton Lane.
3305	Gloucestershire County Council	New dormitories and alterations, Poor Law Institution, Swindon Road.
3306	Hall, G. A. M.	Four semi-detached houses, Keynsham and Argyle Roads.

3307	Black & White Motorways Ltd.	Motor Coach station, St. Margaret's Road.
3308	Edwards, H. E.	Bathroom addition, Oakfield Villa, Albany Road.
3310	Morgan, W. J.	New bathroom, Gleneldon, Hewlett Road.
3311	Nutt, W.	Tool shed, Greenhills, Old Bath Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3307 and 3311 be approved : That Plans Nos. 3304, 3305, 3308 and 3310 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector : and that Plans Nos. 3303 and 3306 be not approved.

(b) Winter Garden—The preliminary plans of the proposed Ice Rink at the Winter Garden were considered. RESOLVED, That while the Committee approve generally the plans submitted as building plans, they recommend that the Winter Garden Development Committee should be asked to re-consider the position in which the building should be erected, as they do not think it desirable that the building should project beyond the entrance to the present Winter Garden building, and also that the exterior of the building should be constructed so as to harmonise with the exterior of the Town Hall.

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.
304	Knight, H. G. A.	Detached house, Cheltenham Road, Bishops Cleeve.

RESOLVED, That this plan be approved.

3—Maps—RESOLVED, That extracts from Map No. 2 asked for by the Divisional Engineer of the Ministry of Transport and by the County Council and the several District Councils be supplied.

4—Land, Gloucester Road—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from Mr. W. Drew asking for an increase of density on the land in Gloucester Road, and a corresponding reduction in the density on the back land, and enclosing preliminary suggested lay-out plan. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Mr. Drew be asked to submit his proposals for the lay-out of his estate.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th March, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward and Capt. Trye; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs and A. Yiend (Councillor Capt. Trye in the Chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3303	Smith, T. W.	Two detached houses off Naunton Lane (Amended).
3306	Hall, G. A. M.	Four semi-detached houses, Keynsham and Argyle Roads (Amended).

3312	Holyoake, W. J.	Conversion of cottages into stores, etc., Casino Place
3313	Holyoake, C. J. & Sons	Alterations and additions, 62 Bath Road
3314	Hawkes, A. & Co.	New shop front, 28 Promenade.
3315	Whiting, R. E.	Greenhouse, Rosehurst, Sandford Park,
3316	Colan, Mrs.	Motor house, Percy House, Wellington Square.
3317	Woodward, N. W.	Detached house, Pilford Avenue.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3312, 3314, 3315, 3316 and 3317 be approved ; That Plan No 3303 be approved ; That Plan No, 3306 be approved subject to a proper sewer being laid by the owner in the centre of Argyle Road up to the new houses, with a manhole at the junction of Keynsham and Argyle Roads ; and That Plan No. 3313 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector,

6—Town Planning Area—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.
305	Pocketts, W.	Bungalow, The Reddings, Near Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That this plan be approved subject to the owner undertaking to surrender the necessary land without compensation for making the road a standard width of 36 feet if and when required by the Road Authority,

7—Fullwood Park—The Town Clerk submitted copy of a draft order which the Official Arbitrator proposed to make in the matter of the application by the Trustees of St. Mary's Church of England Training College for the removal and discharge of restrictions on Belfont, Lyncourt and Fullwood Park, with the alteration as suggested by Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeaman so as to permit of the erection on these premises of a school or college or a hostel in connection therewith, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Petrol Filling Stations Byelaws—Read, letter of 8th inst., from Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd. enclosing a list of their customers who come within the provisions of these Byelaws. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to view some of these garages to determine whether dark rural green should be prescribed as the standard colour for these premises, and if not what colour they should be painted

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 7th March, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite and E. L. Ward (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—The Committee further considered the several applications received for renting the Pavilion at these Gardens for concert parties etc. for the summer season. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Council at their meeting to-day, be recommended to authorise this Committee to arrange terms with a suitable applicant.

[APPROVED BY COUNCIL 7TH MARCH, 1932],

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas and T. Wilfred Waite (Councillor T. Wilfred Waite in the chair).

2—Spa Treatment for Friendly Societies—The Town Clerk submitted scheme for Spa Treatment for independent or voluntary members of Friendly Societies prepared by the Spa Federation (a copy of the scheme accompanies the Minutes). He reported that the local division of the British Medical Association had appointed Dr. J. Davy, Dr. Allman Powell and Dr. David Clow as the Spa Sub--Committee, and that the Medical Advisory Committee had considered the scheme and approved the same with the exception that they recommended that two representatives of their Committee should be appointed on the Committee of Control. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman and Councillor P. T. Smith be appointed the representatives of this Committee on the Committee of Control, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the local branches of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows and the Ancient Order of Foresters to appoint two members to represent the Friendly Societies. RESOLVED, also, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to prepare a register of approved Hostels or Lodgings. RESOLVED, also, That the Superintendent of the Baths (Mr. T. Hudson) be appointed to act as Hon. Secretary of the Local Committee of Control.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, Scam. Smith, Thomas and T. Wilfred Waite (Councillor T. Wilfred Waite in the chair).

3—Montpellier Gardens—(a) The Chairman reported the damage which was being done to the tennis courts at these gardens by persons walking across the gardens. RESOLVED, That until the tennis nets have been erected, the three small gates at the corners of the Gardens be kept closed.

(b) Putting Course—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make arrangements for the engagement of an attendant for the Putting Course.

4—Spa Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate amounting to £10 of the cost of decorating and furnishing a room at these Baths for the purpose of a clinic in connection with the scheme for the treatment of insured patients, and also for converting the Sedative Bath room for a consulting room at a cost of £8 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(b) RESOLVED, That these baths be advertised in the " Cheltenham Chronicle and Graphic " once a month for three months at a cost of £7 10s. 0d. per month plus the cost of photographs and blocks.

5—Advertising—Read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow in regard to advertising in the " Times " and the " Telegraph." RESOLVED, That in lieu of the amount of £100 included in Mr. Burrow's scheme approved at the meeting of the Committee last month for an electric sign in Trafalgar Square, that Mr. Burrow be asked to arrange for advertisements in the " Times " and the " Telegraph " up to this amount.

6--St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club that the Club had now decided to have the repairs done to the woodwork of the green.

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7—Musical Festival—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Hon. Secretary of the Musical Festival thanking the un oil for the free use of the Town Hall for the Festival. The Secretary asked that the Municipal Orchestra should not play in the Winter Garden bandstand on the days of the Festival. RESOLVED, That she be informed that the Committee will keep this in mind when arranging the band concerts.

8—Pittville Pump Room—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. E. Lloyd for the use of the Pump Room on one evening per week during the summer months for badminton, be granted at a rent of £5 as in previous years.

9—Winter Garden—Read, application from the New Automatic Weighing Machine Co, for the right to place one of their new talking weighing machines in Cheltenham for which they were prepared to pay one third of the gross takings. RESOLVED, That the Company be allowed to place one of these machines in the semi-circular entrance to the Winter Garden, the right to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing.

10—Whit Monday Fete---RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. F. Peters & Sons of £25 for the amusement rights for this Fête and for permission to open the amusement fair on the previous Saturday evening be accepted subject to the amusement fair on the Saturday evening closing not later than 10 p.m. RESOLVED, also, That the offer of Mr. A. R. Sabbatella of £3 for the right to sell confectionery etc. be accepted.

11—Travel Association—Councillor P. T. Smith reported that at the meeting of the Spa Federation held in London it was decided to recommend the several Spas to continue to subscribe to the Travel Association jointly through the Spa Federation on a population basis of £1 per thousand. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th March, 1932. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Capt. Trye and T. Wilfred Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Gordon. Road—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from residents in this road asking for a street lamp to be erected in the road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to have this done

(b) Queens Parade (Rear)—Read, letter of 25th ult., from Messrs. Bubb & Co. asking on behalf of Miss Skillicorne for an improvement in the lighting of the lane at the back of this road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request.

2—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the alternative 66,000 volt transmission line from Stourport to Cheltenham via Redditch and Evesham was placed into commission on the 6th inst.

3—Electricity Works—The Committee considered request from the Factories and Industries Committee as to whether this Committee were prepared to sell any or part of the site of the Electricity Works when these are closed down. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to dispose of any part of the site.

4—Conference— Read, circular from the Association of Public Lighting Engineers inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual Conference to be held at Blackpool in September next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

5—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th ult. and 7th and 15th insts. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 484.6, 473.9, 470.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.6 inches of water on each occasion.

6—Damage to Lamp Standard—Read, report of 29th ult. from the Borough Electrical Engineer of damage to lamp standard in Lansdown Road by a motor car belonging to Mr. A. L. Ups-tone. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £16 18s. 0d.

JAMES MOORE. Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th March, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Scott Langley (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 14th March, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	292,000 gallons	420,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	557,000	1,214,000
Leckhampton Springs	62,000	730,000
Total	911,000	1,707,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th March, 1932.		14th March, 1931.	
Hewletts		22,375,000 gallons		31,709,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 8ins.	82,953,000	32ft. 0ins.	100,023,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0ins.	1,485,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
	Total Storage	106,813,000		133,352,000 "

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

3—Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted 7 tenders received for the supply of pipes and specials during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co. Ltd, (being the most favourable tender received) be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

4—Tivoli Road—The Borough Engineer recommended that the three inch main in Tivoli Road should be replaced by a four inch pipe from Ashford Road to The Park at an estimated cost of £160. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work done.

5—Boddington Water Supply—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. J. S. Gibbons and Mr. G. McIlquham had recently informed him that there was now a possibility of the interested persons coming to terms in regard to the proposed new main to supply Barrow Court Farm and Boddington Manor and other properties at a total estimated cost of £1,500 towards which the Committee had previously agreed to contribute 4/15ths. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute 4/15ths of the cost of the main, and the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for laying the main when definite arrangements have been made by the owners interested to provide the balance.

6—Extension to Main—Shurdington—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Messrs. Rickerby Thompson and Yeaman that their clients had no objection to the Corporation entering into an agreement with the Rural District Council for the repayment of the cost of laying this extension. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with the Cheltenham Rural District Council for the repayment to them of the cost of £1023 18s, 3d. expended by the Rural District Council in extending the main from Badgeworth Cross to Shurdington Road to be repaid as and when the amount received for Water Charges gives a return of 10 per cent on such cost.

7—Underwood—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle that he had sold about six acres of underwood for £15 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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8—Clarence Street—Burst Water Main—RESOLVED, That an ex gratia payment of be made to the proprietor of the Spa Radio Stores in respect of the damage sustained to goods through the bursting of a water main.

9—London Road—Trees—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle had now sold the larch trees in London Road for the sum of £35.

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

11—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Read, report of the Borough Engineer of damage to the fence at Dowdeswell Reservoir by a motor lorry belonging to Mr. A. Blake. The estimated cost of making good the damage was £1 13s. 0d. The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd. offering to settle the claim on a halving basis, RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the usual form of agreement on behalf of the Corporation for the settlement of future claims on a halving basis.

12—Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs—Sunday Opening—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, urging that both reservoirs should be opened to the public on Sundays. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to open Dowdeswell Reservoir to the public, but recommend that Hewletts Reservoir be opened to the public on Sundays commencing on the 1st May to the 25th September, from 2 p.m. to half an hour after sunset, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to make arrangements for an attendant to be on duty during these hours.

13—Supply to Gloucester—The Town Clerk and Borough Engineer reported the negotiations with the Town Clerk and City Engineer of Gloucester but they had not yet been able to agree to terms to recommend for adoption by their respective Councils, but they submitted terms of supply for the consideration of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Town Clerk of Gloucester that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to provide the bulk supply on the terms as now settled by the Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd March, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was now 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.
12th March	Motor caravan, New Barn Lane	_____	_____	£2 5s 6d.
14th March	6 Mansfield Place, Horsefair St.	Defective chimney and roof.	£40	£4 6s. 6d.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Captain be authorised in his discretion to attend serious outbreaks of fire outside the district at present served by the Brigade when requested to do so by the Chief Officer of a neighbouring Fire Brigade.

(c) J. Privett—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to try and find temporary light work for this man who was injured while attending an outbreak of fire on the 14th August last.

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3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of G. Edwards and R. Taylor for the transfer of licences Nos. 34 and 64 to Taxi Cabs Registered Nos. HT9932 and LL868 respectively be granted.

4—Shops Acts—Read, report of the Shops Acts Inspector of two traders keeping open after the usual closing hours. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write cautioning the traders against any further breach of the Acts.

5—Coat of Arms—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Manager of the Midland Bank for permission to embody a reproduction of the Borough Arms on tapestry for the Board Room at their Head Office in London. RESOLVED, That permission be given.

6—Market—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., complaining that certain stall-holders were selling fruit and bedding-out plants in the Market which was contrary to the terms of their lease. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Market Superintendent to this.

7—King's National Roll—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Local Employment Committee asking the Corporation to renew their Undertaking to employ disabled ex-service men which expired on the 11th December last. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be renewed for a further period of two years.

8—Kiosk--The Town Clerk submitted application from the Hon. Secretary, Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind asking the Corporation to grant them a site for a kiosk for the sale of cigarettes, papers etc. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

9—Post Office Control and Organisation—Read, circular of 3rd inst., from the General Secretary, Union of Post Office Workers, asking the Corporation to give their support to a statement presented to the Postmaster General by a deputation from the principal Post Office Staff Organisations in reply to the memorial recently sent to the Prime Minister by a number of Members of Parliament urging that an enquiry should be made into the present system of control and organisation of the Post Office. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—Censorship of Films—The Town Clerk submitted letters received from the Managers of the Daffodil, Theatre and Opera House, Coliseum and Palace Picture Houses as to the steps taken by them to secure compliance with the conditions of their licence in regard to the exclusion of children from the exhibition of " A " films.

11—Superannuation—J. Bullock—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee That the application of this employee for an extension of his services be not granted.

12—Wireless Relay Service—RESOLVED, That the application of Broadcast Listeners Service Ltd. for permission to operate a relay service in Cheltenham be not granted.

13-2 Albert Place—Read, letter from the Chief Constable that it was proposed to replace the existing private wire telephone at this house occupied by a detective inspector, with an ordinary telephone at the cost of the County. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating the agreement for the private wire telephone.

14—**Borough Extension**—The Town Clerk reported interview with a representative of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council. RESOLVED, That a **Sub-Committee** consisting of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Moore, and Councillors Pruen and Capt. Trye be asked to confer with representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council on this matter.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th March, 1932 Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and P. T. Smith ; Messrs. Clarkson, Waine and Yeend (Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs in the chair).

1—Allotment No. 1 Brooklyn Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. Ford offering to take this allotment if the Committee would grant him six months rent free to enable him to clean same, instead of three months as granted at the last meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That he be allowed six months rebate in the rent.

2—Allotment No. 13 Whaddon (Old)—The Borough Surveyor reported that $\frac{1}{4}$ chain of this allotment (containing $1 \frac{1}{4}$ chains) was in a bad state of cultivation, and that there was about a cart load of brickbats, tins etc. on it, and he recommended that the Corporation should remove the rubbish and grant the tenant the $\frac{1}{4}$ chain rent free for twelve months. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

C. WT. BIGGS,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and P. T. Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds---(a) Sunday Opening—The Gardens Superintendent reported that very few persons used the Recreation Grounds on Sunday mornings. RESOLVED, That the opening of the grounds on Sunday mornings during the summer months be continued for the present.

(b) Cricket—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the following Clubs to play cricket on the Recreation Grounds during the 1932 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 .	Cheltenham Labour Hall Cricket Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Wesley Sunday School Cricket Club .	.. “ “
St. Mark's .	St. Stephen's Cricket Club .	“ “
“	Marle Hill Cricket Club ...	“ “
“	Municipal Officers' Cricket Club	“ “
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Cricket Club ‘..	“ “
“	St. Philip's and St James' 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. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Central School Old Boys Cricket Club be not granted, the Garden Superintendent having reported that this Club had now obtained another ground.

2—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent recommended the removal of 3 more poplar trees from this ground, and, that two *acer rubrums* should be planted in place of the trees. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the notices forbidding walking on the grass be replaced with notices with the words " Please keep off the grass."

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4—Wellington Square—RESOLVE, on recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the silver birch tree outside No 7 in this Square be removed, and a young silver birch tree planted.

5—Pittville Estate Roads—The Committee considered the reference back of Minute No. 3 of the last meeting of this Committee recommending the Council to transfer the maintenance of these roads to the Street and Highway Committee. RESOLVED, That the resolution be rescinded, and that the sum of £1,000 be included in this Committee's estimates for maintaining the roads by this Committee as hitherto.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman,

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th March, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley and Captain Trye ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During February 3,219 (against 2,518), including three classes from Cheltenham Ladies' College totalling 54.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues and " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £2 13s. 0d.

Exhibitions—The First Exhibition by the Cotswold Art Club had been on view from the 1st to 29th February. Commission on sale of pictures and catalogues amounted to £1 6s. 1d. An Exhibition by 10 Women Artists had been opened on the 4th inst., and will remain on view until 9th April. The Permanent Collection will be re-hung according to a pre-arranged plan on the 18th April.

2—Secondhand Showcase—The Curator reported that he had received an offer of a mahogany-framed glass centre showcase, 7 ft. 6 ins. high, 9 ft. 6 ins. long, and 2 ft. 6 ins. wide from Messrs. Shirer & Haddon Ltd, As a decision had to be arrived at promptly, he had purchased this for £10, the removal charges amounting to a further £2 12s. 3d. RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in purchasing this case be confirmed.

3—Cotswold Art Club—The Curator read letter of thanks received from this Club for facilities given during their recent Exhibition.

4—Picture by Miss Sarah Ball Dodson—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to negotiate further with regard to a possible gift of an oil-painting by this artist.

5—Offer of piece of Statuary—The Curator read letter from Miss E. Maude Bubb offering a marble figure of "Cupid" by G. M. Benzoni as a gift to the Museum. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred until the Chairman or other members of the Committee have had the opportunity of inspecting the piece.

6—Photographs—An application from Miss Ellis of Little Dean to photograph two water-colours of " Over Bridge, Gloucester" was read RESOLVED, That permission be granted for this to be done.

7—Re-organisation of Geological Room with aid of Carnegie Grant—Four tenders were received, two local, two non-local, for six desk-cum-wall cases for this Room. RESOLVED, That subject to confirmation by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust the tender of Messrs. A. Edmonds & Co. Ltd. of Birmingham, in the sum of £354, be accepted, subject to the condition that they shall be responsible for a period of twelve months to rectify any defects which may arise through the use of insufficiently seasoned timber.

8—South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—RESOLVED, That the Chairman be asked to attend the first Annual Meeting at Bristol on the 30th March, if she deems it advisable.

J. H. 'FRYE,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1932, Present—Councillors Selim Smith and Thomas (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 1st March to 23rd March, 1932. Interments 52 ; Grave Spaces sold 15 (First Position 2, Second Position 3, Fourth Position 10) ; Memorials erected 18 ; New Inscriptions 4.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9577 to 9591,

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Marble Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Charles F. Jelfs and Lavinia Mary Jelfs, Eda Clapham, and Frank Jones ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Mary Pope ; Alterations to existing Memorial to grave of Martha Elizabeth Cotton Kilgour ; Headstone to grave of Albert Arthur Johnson ; Scroll to graves of Harry Forder and Nellie Elizabeth Holloway.

4—Excavation Shield—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, That another Excavation Shield be purchased at a cost of £7.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th March, 1932. Present—Councillors Lipson, Thomas and Captain Trye; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; and Mr. F. Vernall (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report —Receipts—£12 12s. 6d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,540 (last year 5,888) ; Lending Department 18,548 (last year 17,711) ; Junior Department 3,559 (last year 4,093). Total for month 28,647 (last year 27,692).

Replacements—During the month 48 volumes had been replaced.

Binding—During the month 94 volumes had been returned from the Binder, and a further 187 volumes dispatched for Binding. Lectures—The following lectures had been given :—

February 8th Mr. E. J. Batstone, "Glorious Devon." (Attendance 265).

February 10th Mr. W. J. Quixley, " Monotype., (Attendance 63).

February 22nd ... Miss C. A. Simpson, B.Sc., F.R.G.S., " Rural Survey Making." (Attendance 86).

February 29th Dr. E. Catherine Morris Jones, M.B., D.P.H., " A Good Start." (Attendance 76).

March 1st Mr. Leonard Jay, A.R.B.S.A., "Modernism in Printing." (Attendance 46).

March 7th Mr. A. P. Higham (read by Mr. W. E. Ansell), " Russia—Its people and customs before the War." (Attendance 162).

Donations—From an Anonymous Donor (1 vol.); Messrs. The Arthurs Press Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. M. Cashmore (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Chandler (1 vol.) ; Secretary for Education, Gloucester (1 vol.) ; Miss Howie (1 vol.) ; Miss E. J. James (1 vol.) ; Captain R. Lee-Roberts (26 vols.) ; Mr. H. F. Morgan (1 vol.) ; Mr. G. R. Newcombe (1 vol.)

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

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2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 60 vols., published at £17 3s. 6d., be purchased for £12 13s. 3d.

(b) That the sum of £13 be spent on Binding.

2—Staff—The Librarian reported that the following members of his staff were successful in the recent Library Association Examination :—

Miss D. E. Parry Classification (Now holds 3 certificates).

Mr. W. M. Martin .. Classification (Now holds 2 certificates).

Miss M. Nealon Literary History (Now holds 1 certificate) ;

and also that Miss a Joan Parry, B.A. had been elected a Fellow of the Library Association.

He also submitted applications from Mr. Martin, Miss Nealon and Miss D. E. Parry for an increase in salary, and he recommended that the salary of Mr. Martin (age 23) be increased from 22s 6d to 27s 6d per week ; Miss Nealon (age 20) from 12s 6d to 17s 6d ; and Miss D. E. Parry (age 19) from 27s 6d to 30s. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

4—Lecture—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to arrange for a lecture by Sir Maurice Abbott-Anderson, C.V.O., in the Art Gallery on 24th October.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That " Time and Tide " (weekly 6d), be added to the list of periodicals purchased, and that the Librarian apply to the publishers for the supply of this publication at a special rate.

(b) That the offer of presentation copies of the " Rechabite Magazine " and the " Juvenile Rechabite," monthly be accepted with thanks.

6—Boiler Insurance—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. reported that the boiler was in satisfactory working order.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1932. Present-The Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Thomas and E. L. Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed defaulters and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but to be suspended as long as weekly instalments as now settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th March, 1932. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward. The following members of Committees also attended :—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Thomas and Capt. Trye (The Mayor in the chair).

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 10s 10d in the £ for the year.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th March, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Scott Langley, Miller, Pruen, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £115,617 3s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £5,982 5s. 9d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1932. Amount collected £19,709 18s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £2,172 11s. 6d.

4—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £375 had been received for 5 per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5--National Savings' Certificates- The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of Savings Certificates sold during February was 4,264 as compared with 6,589 for the corresponding month last year.

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

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

7—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £5,300 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

8—Superannuation—(a) F. Whiting—The medical certificate that this man was unfit for work was submitted. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of £25 7s. 3d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 27 years service, together with a refund of his contributions amounting to £42 3s. 0d. including interest.

(b) M. Betteridge—It was reported that Mr. M. Betteridge (Ashman) was due to retire on the 28th April. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 12s 8d per week calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 33 years service.

9—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. E. J. B. Wills (Internal Audit Clerk) had passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Treasurers and had secured the " Dundee " prize for the best essay on Costing Accounts.

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10—Auditor's Report--Read, report dated 11th inst., of the Assistant District Auditor, on the Accounts for the year ended the 31st March, 1931. The Borough Treasurer reported that the recommendations and suggestions of the Auditor in regard to the following paragraphs had already been given effect to :—No. 4 (Loans) ; No. 6 (Rates) ; No. 8 (Collectors Accounts) ; No. 19 (Miscellaneous Income) ; and No. 20 (Superannuation). RESOLVED:-

(a) Tools, Plant and Working Stock Surplus Assets Account—That the Committee concur with the view of the Street and Highway Committee that it is unnecessary to incur the expense of a professional Valuer to value the stores, plant, tools etc.

(b) Electricity Accounts and Water Fund—That the paragraphs under these headings be referred for the consideration and observations of the Electricity and Lighting and Water Committees respectively.

(c) Financial Control—That consideration of the recommendations under this heading be adjourned until the observations of the Electricity and Lighting and Water Committees have been obtained.

(d) Housing Rents—That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a return of the total arrears due from tenants on all the Housing Estates.

(e) Rechargeable Works—That the paragraph under this heading be referred for the consideration and observations of the Street and Highway Committee.

(f) Cemetery and Town Hall Lettings and Catering—That the paragraphs Nos. 14, 15 and 16 under these headings be referred for the consideration and observations of the Burial Board and Town Improvement and Spa Committees respectively.

11—Financial Statement—Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Ministry of Health that the question of the stamp duty on the Financial Statement was still under the consideration of the Ministry.

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, 4th April, 1932, 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, Pates, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pruen, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, Weech, M.A., Wheeler, M.B.E. and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris and E. L. Ward.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd March, 1932, 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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Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held March 14

Housing Meeting held March 17

Street and Highway Meeting held March 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Leigh James : " That Minute No 9 with regard to the omnibus stopping places be referred to the **Traffic Sub-Committee** for consideration."

Town Planning Meetings held March 10 & 24

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 7, 15 & 23

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye: "That Minute No. 2 with regard to Spa Treatment for Friendly Societies be referred back" was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 16

Water Meeting held March, 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 22

Allotments Meeting held March 15

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Yarnold : " That Minute No. 1 (b) in so far as it relates to the decision of the Committee not to grant a cricket pitch to the Central School Old Boys Cricket Club be referred back for further consideration."

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held March 10

Burial Board Meeting held March 23

Public Library Meeting held March 10

Rating Meeting held March 21

Finance Meeting held March 17

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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Winter Garden Development . Meeting held April 1

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Thomas : " That the resolution of the Winter Garden Development Committee be amended and that the words 'and that the Committee be authorised to negotiate terms of lease to be submitted for the approval of the Council' be deleted " was lost).

3—General Rate—Resolved, 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 these purposes (including the amount required for the purposes of the Public Libraries Acts) during the period commencing on the first day of April, 1932, and terminating on the thirty-first day of March, 1933, 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 10s 10d. in the £ on the rateable value on each hereditament as shown by the Valuation List and in the form shown on pages 1 to 25 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, 1932, and terminating on the thirty-first day of March, 1933, and that the said rate be payable by two instalments namely, one moiety thereof forthwith and the other moiety thereof to be payable on the first day of October, 1932, 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 Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd May, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 1, 6 and 7 Swindon Street ; West Cottage, Tivoli ; and 23 Albert Place—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) 23 Albert Place—Read, letter from the owner of this property asking the Corporation to carry out the work mentioned above, and to make an order for the payment of the cost by instalments. The Sanitary inspector submitted five tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That in default of the notice being complied with, the tender of Mr. E. Eager of £17 10s. (being the most favourable) be accepted.

(c) 5, 6, 7 and 8 Fairfield Walk----The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective combined eaves guttering and rainwater down pipe. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the work specified therein.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Rhodenville, Moorend Street—The Committee considered the question of making a demolition order in respect of these premises. Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles attended on behalf of the owner. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward and Leigh James be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the property and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) 1 Victoria Place, Fairview—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises. Mrs. Parslow, the owner, attended, and consented to an 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 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.

(c) Woburn. Lodge—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. Read, letter of 30th ult., from Messrs. Steel & Broom that the

Magistrates had now made an Order for the ejectment of the tenant, and that Mr. H. Messenger had bought the premises with a view to converting the same into workshops and offices. RESOLVED, That if the work is carried out satisfactorily a Demolition Order need not be made.

(d) 15, 15a and 16 Casino Place—The Town Clerk reported that the plans for the conversion of these premises into workshops had now been approved by the Town Planning Committee. RESOLVED, That if the work is carried out satisfactorily a Demolition Order need not be made.

(e) 11-14 Casino Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that as instructed at the meeting of the Committee on 16th November last, he had obtained five tenders for the demolition of these premises. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Griffiths Bros. of £25 for demolishing the premises (being the most favourable tender) be accepted, and that on the completion of the work, the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Owner for payment of this sum.

(f) 4-6 Swindon 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 Owners, to the person having control of the houses and Mortgagees (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 13th June, 1932.

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(g) 16 Priory Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement 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 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.

(h) Hereford House, Suffolk Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the occupiers of the basement of this house had not complied with the Closing Order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the ejectment of the tenant.

3—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted two Notices arising from want of a proper ash receptacle and defective drains, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles----The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-6 Lower Park Street ; 6 Stoneville Street ; and 23 Albert 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. Beef ; 2 qrs. 6 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 15 lbs Chicken, 1 qr. 14 lbs. Fish and 7 Tins of Fruit and Milk.

6—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 61, 63, 65 and 67 Brunswick Street ; 188 Bath. Road ; and 1 and 2 Southam Cottages, Prestbury 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) Kilcrevan, Clun House and 7 Carlton Street ; Messrs. Taylors' Butchers Hide and Skin Co. Ltd. premises; Malthouse Cottage, Carlton Cottage, Sidney Joinery Works and Pates' Yard, Hewlett Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the drainage work to these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons at a cost of £59 16s. 6d. The apportionment made by the Borough Surveyor between the Owners of the costs amounting to £59 16s. 6d. of the drainage work at these premises was submitted. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses and that notices of the apportionment be served on the Owners and demands for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had obtained from the Superintendent of Police a list of milk purveyors etc. outside the Borough, who sold milk within the Borough, and he had written to these requiring them to register within the Borough under the Order, and he now submitted applications from the following for registration :—

RETAIL PURVEYORS :—

Mrs. Alathea B. Pope	236 High Street, Cheltenham.
Albert E. Williams ...	14 Tivoli Road, Cheltenham,
Albert Adams	Abington, Croft Avenue, Charlton Kings.
W. T. Aldridge	5 Glebe Road, Prestbury.
Sydney John Hick	Home Farm, Swindon, Nr. Cheltenham.
H. W. Bliss & Sons	Coldpool Farm, Up Hatherley.
Arthur J. Boroughs	East End Farm, Charlton Kings
James Brierly	Charlton House, Charlton Kings.
G. F. Burrows	Yew Tree Farm, Little Shurdington.
Harold J. Davis	Newlands, Evesham Road, Cheltenham.
Miss E. Gibbins	2 Lynworth Terrace, Prestbury.
Howard a James	Little Herberts Farm, Charlton Kings.
Fanny E. Kirkby	Rapsgate Farm, Cirencester,
William Parslow	Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
R. B. Prettijohn	Staverton Court Farm, Staverton.
R. H. Procter & Sons	Elm Farm, The Reddings, Nr. Cheltenham
William J. Rouse ...	Ham Dairy Farm, Charlton Kings.
Alfred Wiggett	Church Farm, Prestbury.
J. K. Birt	Lynworth Farm, Prestbury

A. D. Mitchell	Ham Court Farm, Charlton Kings.
Leslie L. Rouse	Oak Farm, Shurdington.
H. Newman ...	Manor Farm, Up Hatherley.
C. Hobbs	South View, Prestbury.
George H. Walton	Green Farm, Up Hatherley.
F. H. Kendrick	Up Hatherley Farm.

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William Haslum	Cockbury Butts Farm, Cleeve Hill,
D. G. Andrews	Clintondale, Marle Hill Court Road.
G. H. Pearce ...	Swindon House, Nr. Cheltenham.
B. W. Parker	Darke's Farm, Prestbury.
W. A. Harris ...	Swindon Hall Farm, Nr, Cheltenham.
Alfred Spencer.....	Bamfurlong Farm, Badgeworth.
M. P. Davis	Old Dole Farm, Andoversford, Glos.
C. H. Richings & Sons	Collum End, Church Road, Leckhampton.

WHOLESALE TRADERS :-

Alec C. Cresswell	Dean Farm, Stoke Orchard, Nr. Cheltenham.
Frank Townsend...	The Farmery, Fullwood Park, Cheltenham.
H. A. Wilson...	Home Farm, Charlton Kings.
F. H. Hopkins...	Southam Field Farm, Bishops Cleeve.

WHOLESALE TRADERS AND RETAIL PURVEYORS :-

C. E. Holder ...	Ashgrove Farm, Charlton Kings.
Gilbert Adcock	Lower Noverton Farm, Prestbury,
Frank Burrows	White House Farm, Shurdington.
G. H. Groves ...	Manor Farm, Stoke Orchard, Nr Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That the applications for registration be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

8—Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following general statistics from his annual report for the year ended the 31st December last which would in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry, be an ordinary report and not printed.

The Birth-Rate for 1931 was 12.91 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 be comparable with other districts in the country was reduced to 11.2 per thousand inhabitants as compared with 12.3 per thousand inhabitants for the whole of England and Wales. The Death-Rate of children under one year of age was 36.53 per thousand live births, which was a remarkably low rate. The corresponding figure for England and Wales was 66 per thousand live births, and the previous lowest rate for Cheltenham was 52 per thousand live births in 1927.

9—Conferences--(a) Read, circular from the Sanitary Inspectors Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Colwyn Bay from the 5th to the 10th September. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

(b) Read, also, circular from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, inviting the attendance of delegates to their Annual Conference to be held in London in July next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed to attend.

10—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had sent circular letters to 26 Hospitals to ascertain the nature and extent of the preventive action adopted against the introduction of diphtheria into their Children's Wards and he submitted a summary of the replies received from 23 Hospitals of their practice in regard to this, from which it appeared that 82 per cent. did not adopt routine swabbing and that in the remaining 18 per cent. routine swabbing was adopted but in no case was a rigid rule adhered to of discharging all " positive" cases. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send a copy of the summary to the Secretary of the Hospital for consideration and suggest that unless the " carrier " condition is proved to be virulent the Hospital Authority might make satisfactory arrangements for retaining the patients in Hospital for the treatment required.

11—Nutrition—Read, circular of 21st inst., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of two reports made by the Advisory Committee on Nutrition, the first being a Report on Diets in Poor Law Childrens Homes, and the second a Memorandum on the Criticism and Improvement of Diets, RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

12—Health Department—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to purchase a new typewriter at a net cost of not exceeding £23.

13—Delancey Hospital—The Chairman reported that the Delancey Trustees had appointed Dr. Morley as temporary Medical Officer of the Hospital during Dr. Lidderdale's absence, subject to the consent of the Council. RESOLVED, That this consent be given.

14—Park Place District Re-sewerage Scheme-(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress of the work made on this scheme,

(b) Read, letter of 14th inst., from the Local Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, regretting the decision of the Committee not to require the contractor to cease working overtime on this contract, and intimating that they were placing the matter before the Ministry of Labour.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th April, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lieut.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, P. T. Smith and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair),

1-57 Whaddon Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint received in respect of a large oak tree at the rear of this house which overshadowed the garden, together with report from the treeman thereon, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree felled.

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 8th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair), Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, P. T. Smith and Yarnold, RESOLVED, That this report be approved and adopted.

3—Rents—(a) The Housing Manager submitted report showing the rents collected during the year ended 31st March last, and the arrears etc. RESOLVED, That copies of this report be sent to each member of the Committee.

(b) The Housing Manager reported that the wife of a tenant in Hope Street had signed the name of the rent collector on the rent card as having received rent for two payments of 5s 6d. The sum of 10s 6d had actually been paid, for which separate receipts had been given as the rent card was not produced at the time of payment, RESOLVED, That the Chairman be asked to see the wife of the tenant, and reprimand her.

4—Royal Sanitary Institute--Read, letter of 8th inst., from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to a Sessional Meeting of the Institute to be held at Gloucester on the 27th May. RESOLVED, That Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward and Yarnold, together with the Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Sanitary Inspector and the Housing Manager be appointed to attend.

5—Conference----Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of Local Authorities in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset to be held at Bath on the 10th June. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Dr. Hayward and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend.

6- Extortionate Rents—Read, circular from the Town Clerk, Gateshead, asking the Council to support the following resolution

That this Council views with grave concern the extortionate rents being charged for de-controlled and other classes of properties occupied by the lower paid workers and urges the Minister of Health to consider the desirability of immediately promoting legislation to obviate this evil by (a) legalising the establishment of Fair Rents Courts under the jurisdiction of local Town Councils or (b) amending the existing Rents etc., Restriction Act and the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925 to deal with this class of property.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to support the resolution.

7—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Town Clerk submitted memorial signed by 67 tenants on this estate for a reduction in their rents. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the memorialists that the rents are calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Acts, and the Committee are unable to make any reduction.

8—Manser and Hudson Streets—Read, letter from Mr. O. Newman asking the Council to have gates provided to the entrances to the side passages of the houses in these streets. RESOLVED, That this request be not acceded to.

9—St. Paul's Street South Clearance Areas—The Town Clerk reported the negotiations for the purchase of the sites of the houses in this street. RESOLVED, That subject to satisfactory terms being arranged for the purchase of the land at the back of the houses belonging to the Corpus Christi College, Oxford, the following offers of sites in St. Paul's Street South be accepted, namely :—No. 3, £20 ; Nos. 2, 8 and 15, £66 ; and Nos. 1 to 4 St. Paul's Terrace, £45, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyances.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th April, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1----View Meeting—Read, Report of the View Committee at their meeting on 13th inst. Present—Alderman Pates and Sawyer (in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) Eldorado Crescent—That Mr. H. A. Wadley's renewed application for the removal of three trees outside " Haverstock " and his offer to pay the cost of replacing these with three smaller trees be not acceded to.

(b) Oriel Road—That the two trees in the centre of the footpath outside Oriel Lodge be removed.

(c) Victoria Terrace—That Mr. W. H. Horseley's application for the Corporation to lop trees in this private road be not acceded to, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to serve notices on the owners requiring the pruning and lopping of the trees, and that in default of the notices, he be instructed to have the trees lopped.

(d) Dumfries House—That the application of the owner of this house for the removal of a tree near the entrance drive be not acceded to.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Trafalgar Street—Entrance Crossings The Borough Surveyor submitted application from H.M. Office of Works for permission to construct three entrance crossings 25 feet wide to the Post Office garages in Trafalgar Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to suggest to the Post Office that they should use their present entrance in Vittoria Walk,

3—R.A.C. Direction Signs—RESOLVED, That the application of the Royal Automobile Club for permission to fix about a dozen temporary signs on lamp standards in the vicinity of Pittville Gardens in connection with the West of England Ladies' Kennel Club Show on 4th May be granted.

4—Warning Signs—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Rev. C. H. Lancaster for a stop bar and warning signs to be erected near the main entrance to St. John's Junior Mixed School in Albion Street, having regard to the danger to the children caused by the traffic in this street. RESOLVED, That permission to erect a "stop bar " on the footpath be granted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have "School " signs erected.

5—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 8th inst., from Mr. J. J. Wheeler, complaining of the bad state of the footpath in front of Nos. 9, 11 and 13 and Ewey, caused by the laying of cables etc. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath gravelled.

6—Aerial Across Highway—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 25 of the Public Health Act, 1925, consent be given to Mr. H. Rogers to place an aerial wire across the footpath at the back of 17 Royal Crescent to the telegraph pole (to which the Post Office had consented) subject to this being placed at least 20 feet above the pavement 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.

7—Direction Signs—The Town Clerk submitted application from the L.M.S. Railway Co. for permission to erect signs about 18 inches by 8 inches, directing to the L.M.S. Station at Lansdown in four positions in the town. RESOLVED, That permission be given for the erection of the signs in three of the positions, namely :—opposite King Edward Statue, Montpellier ; junction of Gloucester and Lansdown Roads ; and junction of St. George's and Gloucester Roads, subject to the consent of the Electricity Committee as to the erection of any of the signs on public lamps.

8—Projecting Signs—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Griffiths Bros. and Mr. C. Lane to fix projecting signs at the Plough Hotel, High Street and 101 Albion Street respectively be approved subject to the usual conditions.

9—Petrol Filling Stations—The View Committee reported that as requested by the Town Planning Committee they had inspected several of the Petrol Filling Stations included in the list submitted by Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd. to determine whether dark rural green would be a suitable colour to paint the premises, and they were of opinion that dark rural green would be suitable in the case of all the garages included in the list with the exception of the following, which they considered were now satisfactory :—A. R. Chick, Church Road, Leckhampton; Place Garage, Lansdown Road ; Waghorne & Evans, Shurdington Road ; and Grove Garages, High Street, except that the proprietors of the last named be asked to have the oil pumps and containers also painted black and white to harmonise with the remainder of the premises. RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved and adopted.

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10—Road Adjoining St. James's Station—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Co., with regard to the road at the north side of St. James's Station, which the Company claimed . to be a private road and were entitled to close if necessary and which it was stated they had closed annually from 1898 to 1925, when a notice under Section 65 of the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1924 was erected to preserve their right, It

was admitted in the letters that there was a right of way over the footpath in the road leading to Workhouse Lane. RESOLVED, That no action be taken in the matter.

11—Montpellier Terrace—Trees—Read, letter from Mrs. G. A. Sims asking again for the removal of trees outside No. 10 Montpellier Terrace. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to agree to the removal of the trees, but that the owner of "Canobie" be asked to have the trees growing on these premises thinned out.

12--Telegraphic Line—Read, application from the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an overhead line with two poles and stay in Naunton Lane. RESOLVED, That the Department be asked to erect the one pole in Naunton Park Recreation Ground and the other in the School playground,

13—Junction, Queens and Gloucester Roads—Read, letter from Mr. W. T. Allen drawing attention to this junction, and suggesting that a sign should be erected on the island lamp requiring traffic to keep to the left. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Auditor's Report--The Committee considered the portions of the Report of the District Auditor for the year ended the 31st March, 1931, affecting this Committee,

(a) Asphalt Plant and Slab Factor—The Borough Surveyor recommended that these two accounts should be kept as trading accounts separate from the stores etc., surplus account, and that a cash balance of £4.000 should be maintained on each account to provide for new plant when required. This would enable the Committee to consider at the end of each financial year whether any reduction should be made. With regard to the Slab Factory, the Borough Surveyor reported that the Committee would shortly have to consider closing down the works owing to the reduction in the requirements for slabs. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Rechargeable Works-- -With regard to the Auditor's statement that income and expenditure in connection with rechargeable works had been merged in the Highway account, the Borough Surveyor reported that this had not been done except where it was impracticable to keep the costs separate, as in the case of stork charged to the Cheltenham District Traction Company where it was impossible to separate the work recharged to the Company, and there was no object in doing so, as the price recharged to the Company was fixed by the Act.

With regard to the rechargeable works stated by the Auditor to have resulted in a financial loss to the Corporation, in one instance there was actually a profit of 4s 1d instead of a loss of £5 7s. 3d., the balance of the item was included in the current year's account, and in the other case the extra cost over estimate included work on a branch sewer which was chargeable to the Corporation. He strongly recommended that it was desirable that the practice of obtaining payment in advance based on an estimate in each particular case should be continued, as at present no bad debts were made, and as it was sometimes difficult to draw the line between the cost of the work to be recharged and the other work done at the same time, the present method avoided any dispute. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

With regard to the item of £113 for work done at Sandford Park in making good after Bertram Mills' Circus, it was contended that this sum included work beyond what was required for making good, and the sum of £96 7s. 2d. was ultimately accepted in settlement.

(c) Leckhampton Quarries—With regard to the suggestion that sales of stone should be controlled by weighing or measurement checking, the Borough Surveyor pointed out that there was no weighing machine at the Quarries, and that all stone coming within reasonable distance of the weighbridge was weighed at the Depot, but other stone could only be sold by estimation of the quantity.

(d) Depot Weighbridge—With regard to the Auditor's statement that old receipt books were being used at the Depot, the Borough Surveyor reported that these were not receipt books, but old weighing tickets used up instead of ordering new ones.

(e) Private Street Works—With regard to the Auditor's statement that the Register of Streets was inaccurate in regard to Brighton Road and the road at the rear of Gloucester Crescent the Town Clerk reported that the resolution to take over Brighton Road as a public highway was not adopted by the Council until January, 1932, and that the road at the rear of Gloucester Crescent had not been taken over as it was a back road.

(f) Manure—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the manure at the Depot.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 25th April, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, Weech and Yarnold: Mesdames E. Booy, E. Grist and G. Mellersh (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association -- Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th April, 1932. The attendances at the Centre had been as follows:—

	Infants. Toddlers.	
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	45	41
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	16	19
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	44	51
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	18.5	21.4

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report- The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1932 :—

No. of Children on register	2,524
“ Children Visited (1 year and under)	677
“ “ over 1 year)	595
“ Un-notified Births discovered	4
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors... ..	1,882
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors .	.. 136
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	72

“ Children remitted to Hospital	... 8
“ Ante-natal cases visited	31
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	.. 1

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter ..	89
New Orders ...	51
Orders discontinued during quarter	43
“continuing to coming quarter	97

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	46	4
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	52	8

3--Midwives Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that notices of intention to practice had been received from Miss Frances E. Simkins and Miss Frances May Smith both of the Victoria Home.

(b) The number of intimations received from Midwives that medical help had been required during the year ended 31st March, 1932, was 204, and the amount of doctors' fees for the year amounted to £191 14s. 0d., of which £72 4s. 9d. had been charged to patients.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from midwives during the quarter ended 31st March last : Still-births 2 ; Deaths of Infants 3 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that three cases of Puerperal Pyrexia had occurred during the last quarter, and that one request for urine examination but no request for specialist opinion had been made.

5—Local Government Act, 1929—Sections 93 and 101—The Town Clerk submitted amended scheme made by the Town Council under Section 101 of this Act approved by the Ministry of Health on the 10th March last providing for a payment of £265 to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association instead of £80, and in addition a fee of 10s 6d per case for ante-natal opinions given by doctors at the home in respect of patients of doctors and midwives other than those employed at the home.

With regard to the letter of the 10th December last from the Ministry of Health with reference to the proposals that the sum set aside for the Borough of the County apportionment should be increased from £552 to £750 the Borough Treasurer had now been into the matter both with the Ministry of Health and the County Council, and was satisfied that it was not desirable to press this application so long as no further application was made by the County Council for an increase of the amount appropriated out of the County apportionment for health services.

6--Dentistry--The Medical Officer of Health reported that 26 mothers and 14 infants had attended the School Dentist in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee.

7—Umbilical and Inguinal Hernia--The Chairman (Mrs. Mellersh) of the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association asked the Committee to approve of the supply of abdominal belts in necessitous cases of hernia. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

LEIGH JAMES.

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th April, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; 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.
3318	Wenman, A.	Motor house, Auburn, Hatherley Road.
3319	Fawn, F.	Cycle shed, Ledstone, All Saints' Road.
3320	Ball, W. H.	Motor house, Hewittville, London Road.
3321	Leishman & Copeland	Two semi-detached houses with garages, Andover Road.
3322	Wheeler, C. G.	Motor house, Brangwyn, Libertus Road.
3323	Williams, Mrs.	Addition, Fernihurst, Parabola Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3319 and 3323 be approved ; That Plans Nos 3318, 3320 and 3322 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpaths being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No. 3320 (which is front of the building line under the Town Planning Scheme) subject to the owner undertaking to remove the building at his own cost and without compensation, if and when required by the Corporation ; and that Plan No. 3321 be approved subject to the water from the front roof being carried to the surface water sewer.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
306	Summers, W.	Three lock-up garages, Back Lane, Winchcomb.
307	Ward, G.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan NO. 307 be approved, and That Plan No. 306 be approved subject to the roof of the garages being painted so as to tone with the surrounding buildings.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st April, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, COI- Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs and W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3324	Richardson, H.	Cycle and tool shed, 4 St. Paul's Street North.
3325	Green, P. R.	Detached house, Cleeve View Road.
3326	Luce, L.	Addition at rear of 9 St. Philip's Street.
3327	Lethbridge, L. J.	Dairy, rear of 17 Morley Terrace, Fairhaven Road.
3328	Roberts, J.	Enlargement of cottage by taking in portion of stable, Deanwood House, Pittville Circus Road. (Amended).
3329	Robinson, Mrs.	New bay windows and balcony, 87 Promenade.
3330	Hall, G. A. M.	Two semi-detached houses, Argyle Road,
3331	Brooke, Col.	Motor house, The Pines, Tivoli Road.
3332	Reason, C. H.	Two semi-detached houses, Francis Street
3333	Bendall, G. H.	Detached house, Mead Road.
3334	Simmonds, Mrs. L.	Shop and dwelling house, Gloucester Road.
3335	Cooke, T. G.	Two semi-detached houses with Garages, Keynsham Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3324, 3325, 3330, 3331, 3332, 3333 and 3334 be approved : That Plans Nos. 3326 and 3327 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, That Plan No. 3328 be approved subject to at least one foot of soil being removed from the portion of the site under the building which was formerly occupied as a stable ; That Plan No, 3335 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and that Plan No. 3329 he not approved.

(b) 5 Spenser Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that a large wooden shed had been erected at this house without plans having been submitted and approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner pointing out that this is contrary to the conditions under which the house was sold, and also to give the Occupier notice to show cause why the building should not be removed as being in contravention of the byelaws.

4—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.
308	Parker, E. R.	Alterations, Oakley Lodge, Battledown.
309	Leopold, F. B.	Detached house, Old Bath Road, Charlton Kings.
310	Williams, H. J.	Detached house, Sheldons' Nurseries, Near Boddington,
311	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Shurdington Road, Shurdington.
312	Bendall, H. A.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.

RESOLVED, That all these plans be approved.

5—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of Local Authorities in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset to be held at the Guildhall, Bath on the 10th June. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

6—Charlton Kings Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association in regard to the land scheduled at Charlton Kings for a recreation ground. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the views of the Urban District Council on the matter.

7—Recreation Ground at Alstone—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the L. M. & S. Railway Co. that the Company could, not agree to their land lying between Alstone Lane and Arle Road being scheduled as a public open space with the frontages scheduled for building purposes, and suggesting that the Corporation should consider purchasing the land. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

8—Fullwood Park—The Town Clerk submitted copy of the order made by the Official Arbitrator in the application for the removal and discharge of restrictions on this and other property in the Park so as to permit of the erection of the proposed new St. Mary's Training College.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th April, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Miller, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Thomas Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Spa Baths--(a) Masseuse—The Committee further considered the staffing of the Medical Baths, ESOLVED, That the assistant masseuse (Mrs. Lightwood) be given three months' notice terminating her appointment.

(b) RESOLVED, That an electric kettle be purchased for these Baths in place of the gas ring which has been removed.

2—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Pavilion—The Town Clerk reported that the Committee had been unable to come to terms with Mr. Clay Thomas for taking the Pavilion for Concert Parties. He reported that he had let the Pavilion for a fortnight to Miss Gwen Lewis for her Concert Party, and was in negotiation with two other Parties for short lettings. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that another advertisement be inserted in the " Era "

(b) Read, application of 4th inst, from the Central Brotherhood for permission to hold religious meetings in the Pavilion on Sunday afternoons as last year. RESOLVED, That the application be granted when the Pavilion is not otherwise engaged.

3—Tennis Courts—The Town Clerk reported as to the number of tennis courts let at the various gardens RESOLVED, That he be instructed to advertise the vacant courts in the " Echo."

4—Town Hall ---(a) Morning Orchestra—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. E. J. Burrow, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, expressing the Chamber's regret that the Council had not provided an Orchestra during the period from the expiration of Mr. Fielding's contract to the commencement of the Summer Orchestra, as they considered this a serious detriment to the amenities of the town, and they asked the Committee to consider engaging an Orchestra until the Summer Concerts commence. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to provide an Orchestra for this period.

(b) Read, letter of 30th inst., from the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers thanking the Council for the use of the Town Hall for their Annual Conference held at Easter, and expressing their appreciation of the services of the Custodian and staff for the arrangements made for their various meetings, and to Mrs. Bisset and her staff for the assistance given by them in arranging accommodation for the delegates.

(c) Summer Charges—RESOLVED, That the reduction of 20 per cent. allowed in the hire charges for the Town Hall from the 1st May to the 31st August be extended so as to commence as from the date of the termination of the engagement of the Winter Orchestra and Dance Band which this year was on the 9th April.

(d) Read, report of damage to a gate pier at the Town Hall, by a motor car on the 1st inst RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £9 10s. 0d.

5--Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the Stationmaster of the L. M. & S. Railway for permission to place an advertisement board on the railings of these gardens. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

6—Spa Treatment for Friendly Societies—(a) The Chairman submitted letter from the Spa Manager, Bath, in regard to the payment by patients where a grant-in-aid was made by the Friendly Society RESOLVED, That the Local Control Committee be recommended to require payment in advance for the Spa treatment, medical services, etc. and lodgings where the whole cost is not guaranteed by the Friendly Society concerned.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Local Branches of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and the Ancient Order of Foresters, asking them to appoint representatives on the Local Control Committee, and that the Oddfellows had appointed Mr. C. T. Bastin.

7—Summer Concerts—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Winter Garden on the 5th inst., to consider arrangements for the Summer Concerts, as owing to the several Conferences and the Musical Festival, the band would frequently not be able to play in the Town Hall when the weather was unfavourable. They recommended as follows ;—

That when the weather is favourable, the band play in the Winter Garden bandstand, and that on weekdays a charge of 3d. be made for admission to the Gardens to include a chair, and that on Sundays admission to the Gardens be free, and a chair 3d.

That when the weather is unfavourable, the band play in the centre transept of the Winter Garden, and that the vestibule and lounge of the Winter Garden be decorated and linoleum laid in place of the worn out carpet near the entrance ; that the centre be chaired ; that the platform from Sandford Park be adapted and placed in the transept ; transept ; and that the piano taken over from the Winter Garden Company be repaired; that a part of the partition dividing the vestibule from the tennis court be removed ; and that Messrs. Georges Ltd. be asked to tender for the right of providing afternoon teas and light refreshments in the vestibule.

The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of carrying out this work at the Winter Garden, including cleaning and touching up the centre transept at £29 15s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Crichton's Ltd of £17 12s. 6d., for renovating and repairing the Bechstein grand piano taken over from the Winter Garden Company accepted.

The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Georges Ltd. were willing to provide teas and refreshments at the Concerts for a trial period of one month, when they would consider making an offer for the right to continue for the remainder of the season. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—Alstone Baths—The Mayor submitted an application from the Central School for 14 additional half season tickets to be awarded to scholars successful in the life saving examinations. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

9—Winter Season—RESOLVED. That the Committee record their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. R. Board in connection with the Dances, Concerts etc. at the Town Hall during the Winter Season, and that he be granted an honorarium of £32 in respect of duties carried out by him after ordinary office hours.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd April, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Proem P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Waite in the chair).

10—Town Hall—Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and submitted plan of the proposed enlargement of the Sub-Station at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That this plan be approved.

11—Sports Rally—With reference to the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee to grant the Cheltenham Combined Sports Association the free use of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Marle Hill Annexe and Pittville Gardens for the Sports Rally to be held on the 23rd July. RESOLVED, That the Committee concur in this recommendation and also agree to the Association having the Band for the afternoon and that a charge of £10 be made as last year.

12--Borough Meteorologist's Report—The report of the Borough Meteorologist was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have 100 copies printed.

13—Montpellier Gardens—(a) The Committee considered the decision of the Council to discontinue providing mineral waters at Montpellier Gardens during the summer. The Town Clerk reported that the last season the cost of this was £5 and the receipts £7. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to rescind their previous decision, and that mineral waters be dispensed in the Gardens during the summer as in previous years,

(b) Pavilion—The Town Clerk reported negotiations with Mr. Fred Williams and Mr. Harry Benet to take the Pavilion for Concert Parties for 10 weeks and 8 weeks respectively. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let the Pavilion as now settled by the Committee.

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14—Winter Garden—Read, application from the Pittville Radio Stores for permission to place their public address van with loud speaker apparatus in these gardens for the purpose of bringing to the notice of the public the forthcoming visit of Sir Alan Cobham and his National Aviation Day Display, and to distribute entry forms available for free flights on dates to be approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Committee have no objection to the van being placed in the Gardens but do not agree to the loud speaker apparatus being used.

15—Tennis Courts—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let tennis courts to persons taking more than one court at the reduced terms as now settled by the Committee.

16—Season Tickets—RESOLVED, That the charge for admission to Pittville Gardens be 2s 6d as last year, and that weekly books of 12 tickets for admission to the Concerts at the Winter Gardens etc., including a chair be issued at a charge of 2s, and season tickets at a charge of 7s 6d.

17—Auditor's Report —The Committee considered the Auditor's Report for the year ended the 31st March, 1931, so far as far as it affects this Committee,

(a) Town- Hall—The Committee consider that the suggestion of the Auditor that payment for the hire of the Town Hall should be obtained in advance is impracticable, and would result in a decline in the bookings. The Town Clerk reported that the practice at present was for the Custodian of the Hall to be supplied each week with a list of bookings which were entered in his diary and the Committee considered that this was satisfactory.

(b) Catering—This was only undertaken because the Caterers refused to do so, but the Committee intend to invite tenders for the Catering required for the next Winter Season.

15—Entertainments Manager—The Committee further considered the appointment of an Entertainments Manager for which provision had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued inviting the appointment of an Entertainments Manager at a salary of £250 per annum, and that this Committee be authorised to select a suitable applicant for appointment by the Council.

19—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That delegates attending the Master Bakers Association Conference and the League of Nations Conference be admitted to Pittville Gardens and the Band Concerts free of charge on the production of their Conference badges.

(b) Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Teachers Association that his Association had invited the National Union of Teachers to hold their annual Conference in Cheltenham at Easter. 1934, and asking the Council to send an official invitation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to invite the Union accordingly, and that the free use of the Town Hall be offered for the Conference.

20—**Concerts Sub-Committee**--Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 5th inst

They recommended as follows:-

(a) Musical Festival—That approved competitors entering for the organ classes of the Musical Festival be allowed to practice on the organ at the reduced charge of 2s per hour.

(b) Whit Monday Fete—That the tender of £30 of Messrs. Pain for their usual display of fireworks at Pittville be accepted.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th 1932, Present—Alderman Moore; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and E. L. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the portions of the Auditor's report for the year ended the 31st March, 1931, affecting this Committee.

(a) Financial Control—The Committee considered the paragraphs under this heading referring to the Electricity Department. The Borough Electrical Engineer pointed out the Committee had adopted the recommendation of the Auditor made in his report for the year ended the 31st March, 1929, that the collection of electricity income should be under the Borough Treasurer, and his report for the year ended the 31st March, 1930, the Auditor noted that this recommendation had been given effect to. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting for the Borough Electrical Engineer to make enquiries as to the systems adopted in other towns.

(b) RESOLVED, That as recommended by the Auditor, the surplus collections of £20 19s. 3d. and £12 9s. 4d. be credited to revenue.

(c) Churches and Chapels—With reference to the charges for current supplied at reduced rates to churches and chapels, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he proposed to get a

declaration signed by the owners that the premises for which the concession is granted will only be used for religious services. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Guarantors—With reference to the suggestion of the Auditor that a Register of Guarantors, a Register of Consumers having reduced terms and a register of consumers who had made deposits should be compiled, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that particulars of the Guarantors and concessions and deposits were endorsed on the respective consumers' accounts sheets but that there would be no objection to Registers being made. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the Registers made as recommended by the Auditor.

(e) Stocks and Stores—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the annual stock taking was now carried out by the storekeeper assisted by another employee as suggested by the Auditor.

(f) Hire Purchase—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he would give instructions for a stock taking to be carried out of the hire purchase appliances as recommended by the Auditor.

(g) Arrears—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit a list of arrears regarded as irrecoverable for consideration by the Committee.

2—Direction Signs--(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application from the Cheltenham District Traction Co for permission to erect approximately 150 stop and request stop signs for their omnibuses on electric lamp standards where possible. RESOLVED, That permission to fix the signs on lamp standards be granted in positions approved by the Borough Electrical Engineer subject to payment of 1s per annum for each sign so fixed, and to this permission being terminable by the Corporation at any time.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the L. M. & S. Railway Co. for permission to erect direction signs on the lamp standards near the Gas Works, Lansdown Castle and Montpellier (opposite the King Edward Statue) and the junction of St. George's and Gloucester Roads be granted subject to the signs and positions being approved by the Borough Electrical Engineer and to payment of 1s per annum per sign, and to the signs being removed by the Company at any time when required by the Corporation.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Royal Automobile Club for permission to erect temporary direction signs on lamp posts directing to the Pittville Gardens on the occasion of the West of England Ladies' Kennel Club Dog Show on the 4th May be granted.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Circle of the Electrical Development Association for permission to erect temporary direction signs on lamp standards indicating the route to the proposed demonstration house at 1 Pittville Terrace from the 4th to the 28th May be granted.

3—Change of Frequency—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders received for the motors required for the Change-over and also for 60-cycle transformers, and he recommended that the following tenders be accepted :—

Three-phase Motors ...	Brooks Motors Ltd. ...	£216 6s. 4d.
Single-phase Motors ... “	“	£439 3s. 1d.
Single-phase Transformers ..	English Electric Co. ...	£359 6s. 0d.

Three-phase Transformers	Crompton Parkinson Co., Ltd. ...	£360 0s. 0d.
Scott Transformers	Hackbridge Electric Construction Co.	£376 0s. 0d.
Single-phase Public Lighting	British Electric Transformer Co., Ltd.	£1,418 16s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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4—Public Lighting—(a) RESOLVED, That consideration of the complaints of the lighting of Church Lane, St. Mark's, and America Passage be adjourned pending the proposed re-survey of the street lighting of the Borough.

(b) Queen's Parade—Read, further letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co, in regard to the Committee's decision not to provide an additional lamp in the lane at the back of Queen's Parade RESOLVED, That the existing bracket of the lamp be extended so as to avoid the shadow at present cast by a large telegraph pole.

5—Coal Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as instructed he had ascertained that Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Sons, the present contractors, were willing to continue their existing contract for a supply of coal for a further period of six months from the 1st April. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the contract continued accordingly.

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Co. and their associate Office the Premier Motor Policies had agreed to enter into halving agreements similar to other companies for the settlement of future claims on the halving basis. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreements on behalf of the Corporation.

(b) Knapp Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a lamp standard at the corner of this road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

7—Electrical Research Association—RESOLVED, That the Committee continue their subscription to this Association, and that the sum of £5 5s. 0d. be subscribed for the ensuing year.

8—Town Hall Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans for the alteration of the Sub-Station at the Town Hall at an estimated cost of £ 116 12s. 0d. It was proposed that the Borough Surveyor should carry out the work. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended the 31st ult., which showed the average calorific value to be 474.9 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 22nd and 29th ult., and 6th and 15th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 476.9, 476.2, 470.7 and 480.9 B.Th.U, respectively, and the pressure 5.6, 5.6, 5.6 and 5.7 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th April, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott 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 9th April, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	226,000 gallons	305,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	654,000 "	913,000
Leckhampton Springs	50,000 "	66,000
Total	930,000	1,284,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 9th April, 1932.	Contents	Depth 9th April, 1931.	Contents
Hewletts		16,247,000 gallons		29,236,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft. 8ins.	78,089,000	31ft. 2ins.	95,633,000
Leckhampton	9ft. 0ins.	1,485,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		95,821,000		126,489,000

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

3—Conference—Read, circular from the British Waterworks Association, inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Bournemouth from the 22nd to the 25th June next. RESOLVED That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

4—Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported the arrangements he had made for the opening of these reservoirs on Sundays during the summer. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that children under 14 years of age be not admitted unless accompanied by an adult, and that dogs be not admitted unless on a lead.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th April, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Thomas, Capt. Trye, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Imported Animals Order of 1932 which had been published as required by the Ministry.

2—Fire Brigade--The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date,	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
1st April	East End Post Office, London Road	Not apparent	£50	£3 14s. 6d.
4th "	Bayshill Lodge, Montpellier.	Defective Electric Heater .	£15 to £20	£3 16s. 6d.

3—Domestic Servants Registry Offices-- Supt, Wayman reported that all the Agencies in the Borough had recently been inspected and the books inspected and found in order

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of G. Harris for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of Taxi Cab DF3314, and also for a Driver's Licence, be not granted.

5—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee

(a) That the services of A. Dodwell, bricklayer, be extended for six months up to 30th September next.

(b) That the services of S. Bee, General Labourer, be extended for one year up-to 20th June, 1933.

6—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the application of the Black and White Motorways Ltd. for permission to fix an advertisement board on the railings of the Municipal Offices be not granted.

7—Market—RESOLVED, That the application of the L.M.S. Railway Co. for permission to fix a timetable board to the railings of the Market be granted.

8---All-Electric Demonstration House—Read, application from the Cheltenham Circle of the Electric Development Association for permission to use a loudspeaker at the opening ceremony of the All-Electric Demonstration House, 1 Pittville Terrace on 3rd May RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

9—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of the Black and White Motorways Ltd. for a licence to store an additional 1,250 gallons at their Motor Coach Station at St. Margaret's be granted.

10—Soup Kitchen, New Street—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence from Messrs. Ranger Burton and Frost in regard to the Soup Kitchen which was handed over to the Salvation Army in 1928. They now proposed that the property should be retained by the Corporation but that the Salvation Army should be allowed to use the premises when required. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to take back the property and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see that the premises are kept in a proper state of repair.

11—Marle Hill House—The Town Clerk reported further negotiations for letting this property, and submitted offers from Mr. F. E. Healing and col. Whitmore Jones, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms of lease with Mr. F. E. Healing, and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed a Sub-Committee to settle any points arising on the draft lease.

12—Omnibus Stopping Places—Read, report of the **Traffic Sub-Committee** at their meeting held on the 19th inst. Present—Councillor Capt. Trye (in the chair), Alderman Moore and Councillor Thomas. The Sub-Committee had considered the reference back by the Council of Minute No. 9 of 21st ult., of the Street and Highway Committee, and they recommended as follows :—

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(a) That the following routes and stopping places be fixed for omnibuses other than the local services of the Cheltenham District Traction Company when the One Way Order is in operation :—

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough along the Bath and Leckhampton Roads.—To proceed via Oriol Road across the Promenade into St. George's Road, thence along Royal Well Lane to a stopping place in Clarence Parade.

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough via Lansdown Road.—To proceed along Montpellier Walk and Royal Well Lane to a stopping place in Clarence Parade.

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough via Tewkesbury Road.—To proceed in along Ambrose Street and Manchester Street to a stopping place between the Library and the Company's office in Clarence Street and out via Clarence Street and High Street.

For omnibuses coming in and going out of the Borough via Evesham Road and London Road. —To follow the route prescribed in the One Way Traffic Order to a stopping place between the Library and the Company's office in Clarence Street.

(b) That the list of stopping places of the Cheltenham District Traction Company be approved with the exception of the following which be fixed as follows :—

(i) That the stopping place for omnibuses coming from the High Street into the Promenade be in the Colonnade outside Messrs, Plant's shop.

(ii) For omnibuses coming down the Promenade, the stopping place be outside the Royal Insurance Company's offices.

(iii) That the stopping place in High Street be opposite Messrs. Woolworths Stores.

(c) That as a trial, the omnibus stopping places in the Colonnade opposite Messrs. Plant's shop and in High Street opposite Messrs. Lance & Company's premises be marked with a white line on the roadway, and the words " Bus Stop " painted on the road.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Superintendent of Police be asked to take the necessary steps to prevent obstruction by parking of cars in the Promenade opposite Cavendish House,

13—Borough Extension—Read, letter from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Rural District Council suggesting that representatives of the two Councils should meet and discuss the proposed extension of the Borough boundaries. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to meet the representatives of the Rural District Council, and that the Mayor be added to the Sub-Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGEETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith and Waite; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and E. Al. Yeend (Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs in the chair).

1—Allotment No. 19, Alma Road—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. F. W. Clarkson That the application of the tenant of this allotment for three months rebate in the rent owing to the dirty condition of the allotment be granted.

2—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the list of arrears amounting to £8 4s. 4d., as now signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

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3—Orrisdale Terrace Allotments—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place two poles and three stays in these allotments be granted subject to the exact positions of the poles and stays being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to an annual payment of 1s per fixture and on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done to the allotments in the placing or maintenance of the works. The consent to be terminable by three months' notice in writing on either side,

4—Asquith Road Allotments—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. W. Johnston that he had had the boundary hedge between Naunton Bank and the allotments cut and trimmed and asking the Committee to have the other side of the hedge attended to. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done if he considers it necessary.

C. W. BIGGS,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th. April, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith and Waite (Alderman Sawyer in the chair),

1—Cricket—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the Central School Old Boys' Club to play cricket during the 1932 season at St. Mark's Recreation Ground on alternate Saturdays.

2—Pittville Estate—(a) Wellington Square—Read, letter from Mrs. E. C. Gurney, regretting the removal of the two chestnut trees in this Square, and asking that no more trees in the Square should be cut down without consulting the residents and also suggesting that some more flowers should be planted. The Borough Surveyor reported that since the gates to the Garden had been left open at the request of the residents, dogs had done considerable damage to the newly planted beds and it was useless to plant the beds while this continued. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Gurney be so informed and that her request as to the removal of trees will be borne in mind.

(b) Chaseley Lodge—Read, letter of 4th inst., from Miss R. F. H. Armitage asking for permission to construct a private entrance from her garden into the Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

3—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. J. Harris who had been acting Custodian at this ground since the former custodian's accident nearly a year ago, had given satisfactory service, and recommended that he be appointed on the terms and conditions settled by the Committee. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Sports Rally—Read, letter of 7th inst., from Mr. W. H. B. Windebank, the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Combined Sports Association applying for the use of Pittville Gardens, Marle Hill Annexe and the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturday, 23rd July for a Sports Rally to be carried out on the same lines as last year. RESOLVED, That the free use of these grounds be granted subject to the Association undertaking to make good all damage which may be done to the property, and to detailed programme being submitted for the approval of the Committee, and to amusements, side shows and pitches and water polo course being placed in positions approved by the Gardens Superintendent.

5—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department to fix a wire stay in the recreation ground to a telegraph pole in Naunton Lane be granted subject to an annual payment of 1s, and on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the works, The consent to be terminable by three calendar months' notice in writing on either side.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 22nd April, 1932. Present—Councillors Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report. Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th March to 22nd April, 1932. Interments 60: Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 1, Second Position 2, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 8) ; Memorials erected 13 ; New Inscriptions 11.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8592 to 8607 both inclusive.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Francis Henry Buzzard and Reginald E. Chaffey ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Albert Dimmond Elizabeth Dimmond and Frances Bramley, William Edward Coombes and Emily Elizabeth Kesterton ; Kerbing with Slab and raised Metal Cross to grave of Hazel Palmer and Edwin James Palmer; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Lizzie Fisher and Rosina Ellen McLean, Frederick George Whitcombe, Clara Seabrooke and Hilda Bruce Seabrooke, and Ann Mortlock ; Rock Vase and Faced Panels to grave of John F. Willis, Elizabeth Ann Willis and Sidney Willis; Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth Downton.

4—Trees—Read, further letters from Mr. W. R. Chipp in regard to the trees overhanging his grave space. RESOLVED, That Councillor Selim Smith be asked to inspect the trees and to authorise the Superintendent to prune the same if he considers necessary.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 1st April, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Lipson, P. T. Smith, Waite and Weech ; together with Messrs. E. Baring, E. J. Burrow and J. Howell (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—Mr. J. R. Wilkins attended and submitted fresh plans for an Ice Rink including Swimming Bath, Restaurant, etc. on the Winter Garden site. The proposed building would comprise :—

An Ice Rink 180 ft. x by 80 ft. similar to the previous Scheme with balcony etc., Club Rooms and Dressing Rooms.

A Restaurant and Palm Court each 100 ft. x 40 ft. with a glass division and a connecting corridor from the Town Hall to the Palm Court.

A Swimming Bath 100 feet x 40 ft. with 110 dressing rooms and 1,150 seats, together with the necessary Club Rooms etc.

A Terrace would run the whole length of the building and could be used as an open air Café.

There would also be a large entrance Hall facing the Promenade 70 x 43 ft. incorporating Cloak Rooms, Travel Bureau and staircases, etc.

On the first floor there would be 5 squash racquets courts, lounges, club rooms with kitchens, etc.

The shops included in the first scheme had been omitted.

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The building would be constructed of stone so as to harmonise with the Town Hall, and would be set back about 130 ft. from the Promenade railings, and it would not be necessary to alter the position of the Bandstand.

Mr. Wilkins had not yet prepared a plan of elevation but he was prepared to design an elevation to submit for the approval of the Corporation.

RESOLVED, That the Committee approve generally of the Scheme now submitted, and that Mr. Wilkins be asked to submit detailed plans and plan of elevation and that the Committee be authorised to negotiate terms of lease to be submitted for the approval of the Council.

[APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL, 4TH APRIL, 1932]

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th April, 1932. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair)

1—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.

2—Unpaid Rates—A Statement of Unpaid Rates was submitted and signed.

3—Second Valuation—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Valuation Committee had decided to engage the services of Messrs. Eve & Sons of London to advise Rating Authorities and Assessment Committees in regard to expert valuations as in the case of the first valuation, and that the County should bear the whole cost of the valuation of special properties and one third of the cost of the valuation of other properties which Rating Authorities or Assessment Committees desired to be valued. The special properties referred to were as follows :— manufacturing premises where the present net annual value is £100 or over ; Canal, dock, gas, water, electricity, tramway and other public utility undertakings except such as are dealt with under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930 ; Hereditaments containing machinery or plant which is deemed to be part thereof ; Collieries, quarries, brickworks, licensed premises, public assistance institutions, hospitals and infirmaries ; Colleges and schools (except rate-aided schools) and premises occupied in connection therewith ; Places of amusement ; Dwellinghouses where present rateable value is £60 or over Business premises where present rateable value is £150 or over; and Fisheries. The County Valuation Committee were of opinion that it would not be necessary for Rating Authorities to refer all special properties to Messrs. Eve, but these should be confined to properties not previously valued by them or value of which may, in the opinion of the Rating Authority, have since been altered by some change of user or circumstances. RESOLVED, That the Committee

approve of the proposals of the County Valuation Committee except that it be suggested that Colleges and Schools (except rate-aided Schools) and premises occupied in connection therewith ; Places of amusement ; Dwellinghouses where present rateable value is £60 or over ; Business premises where present rateable value is £150 or over ; and licensed premises need not be referred to Messrs. Eve & Sons but can be efficiently dealt with by this Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th April, 1932, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Pruen, E. L. Ward, Leigh James and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £117,207 4s. 6d. Allowed to Owners £890 13s. 8d. Voids £3,425 15s. 7d. Excused £238 10s. 2d. Irrecoverables £395 10s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £613 2s. 4d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1932. Amount collected £19,959 10s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £4,202 19s. 4d.

3—Housing Bonds—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £565 had been received for Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum from the Ministry of Health reducing the rate of interest on Housing Bonds to 4 ½ per cent as from the 20th inst.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Pruen and E. L. Ward.

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

5—Loans --(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £3,900 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £1,100 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that 60 applications were received for the appointment of First Assistant in his department and that having interviewed five applicants he had appointed Mr. M. A. Stacey of Bridgewater. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Read, circular inviting the attendance of Delegates to the Annual Conference of this Institute to be held at Edinburgh from the 15th to 17th June. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Borough Treasurer be appointed to attend.

8—Auditor's Report—(a) The Committee further considered this Report and the Town Clerk reported the minutes passed by the various Committees concerned. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That instructions be given to carry out the suggestion of the Auditor that the expenses of officers attending Conferences should be paid direct by the Borough Treasurer.

(c) Working Balance—With regard to the balance on the Stores, plant, etc. Surplus Assets Account it was RESOLVED, That £12,000 be appropriated as a standing working balance (such sum to include any cash balances credited to the asphalt plant and Slab Factory accounts), and that any balance from time to time over this sum be transferred to the General Rate Fund after making provision for Plant renewals and depreciation fund.

(d) Housing Arrears—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of the total arrears of rent on all the Housing Estate on the 31st March last which amounted to £476 15s. 3d., as compared with £470 0s. 8d. on the 31st March, 1931.

9—General Rate—Read, resolution unanimously passed by the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens Union on the 6th inst., conveying their appreciation of the steps taken by the Council which enabled the rates to be reduced by 1s 6d

10—Superannuation—It was reported that W. H. Watkins (Clerk at Destructor) was due to retire on 17th May, 1932, RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of £27 15s. 1d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 21 years service.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd June, 1932.

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 June, 1932, 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 and to consider as to giving consent to appointment of Medical Officer of Health as Medical Officer of Delancey Hospital. HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE and to approve report as to negotiations for bulk supply to Gloucester. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to grant applications for renewal of Hackney Carriage and Drivers' Licences for ensuing year. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Lipson to move That any full time Officer of the Council who shall henceforth accept any other paid office shall pay the sums received for such work into the Borough Fund for the relief of 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, 2nd May, 1932, at 3 p.m. Present:

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

Aldermen Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M. B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Wheeler and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th April, 1932, 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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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 11

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Dr. Hayward " That further overtime on the Park Place Resewerage Scheme be stopped, and that if it is necessary to speed up the work, additional men be engaged" was withdrawn).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Weech : " That Minute No. 13 re Delancey Hospital Medical Officer be referred to the Finance Committee to consider and report on the financial aspect of the proposed appointment " was lost).

Housing Meeting held April 14

Street and Highway Meeting held April 18

and that Mr. W. D. A. Hodson, Pittville Park Constable, be authorised to lay information against the four boys who set fire to and damaged the refuse tip on the Marle Hill House Estate on 20th March.

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Dr. Hayward and seconded by Councillor Pruen " That Minute No. 1 with reference to the removal of trees outside Haverstock, Eldorado Crescent, be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith : " That Minute No. 8 in regard to the applications for permission to erect projecting signs be not approved," was not seconded).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 25

Town Planning Meetings held April 7 & 21

Town Improvement and Spa. Meetings held April 15 & 22

Resolved, also, That the Council is of the opinion that discussions with the Chamber of Commerce should be commenced without delay with the view of arriving at a working agreement, whereby the duties of the new Entertainments Manager and the work of the Town Hall Bureau may be unified.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Sawyer: " That Minute No. 7 be amended so as to provide that admission to the Winter Gardens be free on weekdays as well as Sundays " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 20

Subject to Amendments moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by the Mayor :

" That Minutes Nos. 2 (a) and (b) be amended and that no charge be made in respect of the erection of signs on lamp standards by the Cheltenham and District Traction Co., and the L.M.S. Railway Co."

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Water Meeting held April 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Weech ; " That Minute No. 6 in regard to the application of the Black and White Motorways to fix an advertisement board on the railings of the Municipal Offices be referred back for further consideration.",

Allotments Meeting held April 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 15

Burial Board Meeting held April 22

Rating Meeting held April 25

Finance Meeting held April 26

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 8 (c) in regard to the Working Balance on the Stores, Plant etc. Surplus Assets Account, be amended by substituting the words and that provision be made ' for the words after making provision ' in the last line of this minute."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 8 (c) be referred back " was not seconded).

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.

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 June, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1932. Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James and Pruen (Councillor Pruen in the chair)

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-45a, 46a, 47a, 46 New Street ; 16 and 33 Waterloo Street ; and 3a Alexandra Street, Tivoli—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation,

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 1 and 2 Southam. Cottages ; 100 Albion Street ; Miles Garage, High Street ; Lamb Hotel, High Street ; and 27 St. James's 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 premises 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) 188 Bath Road--The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration He submitted 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 (a) 27 St. James's Street ; 68 Queen Street ; 3 and 4 Derrett's Cottage, Alstone Croft—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) 15 Ewlyn Terrace—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from the Owner of this house asking the Council to accept payment of the £22 8s. 0d. for repairs to this house by weekly instalments of 3s. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to, and that if the account is not paid forthwith the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery, and if necessary to obtain an order for the sale of the property

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 22 lbs. Beef, 1 qr. 10 lbs Pork ; 8 Fowls ; and 28 lbs. Kippers.

5—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.

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6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 77 Duke Street ; 2, 3, 4 and 5 Princes Place ; and 5, 6 and 7 Portland Terrace---RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) 11 to 14 Casino Place—The Committee reconsidered the tenders received for the demolition of these premises. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Middleton & Son amounting to £30 be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, and that Minute No. 2 (e) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(c) Rhodville, Moorend Street—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had inspected this house. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a demolition order be adjourned until the meeting

of the Committee on the 5th July to give the Owner an opportunity of making the premises fit for human habitation on the understanding that if the Owner adopts means other than in accordance with the specification prepared by the Sanitary Inspector and the work carried out does not result in putting the premises in a proper state the Committee will have to consider the necessity of making the Demolition Order.

7—Overcrowding at 28 Sandford 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 W. Pleydell of Noverton Farm, Prestbury, and John Burrows of Coxhorne Farm, Charlton Kings to be registered as Wholesale Traders and Retail Purveyors of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

9—Park Place District Re-sewerage Scheme--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress of the work on this Scheme,

(b) Read, letter of the 14th ult., from the Manager of the Local Employment Exchange enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Employment Committee regretting that the Council had not yet seen their way to adopt a system of three shifts on this Scheme with a view to avoiding the overtime worked by the two shifts at present employed together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Health Week—Read, circular of the 21st ult., from the Royal Sanitary Institute urging the Corporation to organise a Health Week in the Borough from the 9th to 15th October next. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

11—Diphtheria—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Secretary of the General Hospital that the Board were anxious to cease routine swabbing at the earliest possible moment and that it was adopted as an emergency measure and had not been and was not intended to be a regular practice. No case had been discharged when such discharge would injuriously affect the patient. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Board that the Committee did not wish to question the policy of routine swabbing but were concerned that patients should not be discharged who required hospital treatment.

12—Hayden Sewage Farm—RESOLVED, That consent be given to the erection of an overhead line with two poles on part of this farm in connection with the supply of electricity to Staverton subject to payment of an annual wayleave of 1s per pole.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th May, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lieut.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James, Lipson, P. T. Smith and Waite (Alderman Pates in the chair),

1 —House Manager's Report—The House Manager submitted report on her work for year ended 31st March last together with Statement as to rents. RESOLVED, That copies of these be sent to the members of the Council.

2---Selection of **Tenants, Repairs and View Sub-Committee**—Read, report of this Sub-Committee of their meeting on 6th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) ; and Councillor Dr. Hayward.

They recommended inter alia :—

(a) 1 and 2 Elm Street—That the tender of Messrs. Ed, Eager & Son of £10 9s. 0d. (being the lowest) for carrying out the necessary repairs to these houses be accepted.

(b) Exterior Painting—That the Borough Surveyor be asked to obtain tenders for exterior painting of houses in Elm Street and Malvern Street.

(c) 10 Orchard Terrace—That the defective plaster work in the scullery of this house be removed and the room redecorated.

(d) 125 Tennyson Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the large elm tree in the rear garden of this house lopped.

(e) Outbuildings—That the plans of outbuildings erected at 49 Kipling Road, 48 Folly Lane and 15 Crabtree Place be approved as now settled.

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

3—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the sum of £12 be offered in prizes for gardens on the following estates :—St. Mark's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, Whaddon Lane and Pilley Lane, and that be the first prize on each estate and that the balance of £7 be awarded at the discretion of the Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor P. T. Smith be added to the Sub-Committee.

4—Arrears—The House Manager submitted particulars of several tenants in arrear who were in receipt of transitional benefit. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Guardians Committee calling attention to these cases and suggesting that the rent should be taken into consideration in fixing the transitional benefit allowance.

5—St. Paul's Street South Clearance Areas—The Town Clerk reported further negotiation for the purchase of the land belonging to the Corpus Christi College- Mr. Rainger also submitted suggested layout plan of the street providing for 9 houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire if the Ministry of Health would approve of a scheme for erection of three storey tenement buildings.

6—Slum Clearance—Read, letter of 4th inst, from the L.M.S. Railway Company that they were not willing to sell the frontages only of their land at Alstone, but offering the whole of the land

containing 5 acres 1 rood 15 perches at the price of £3,500. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the valuations of the District Valuer of the whole of the land and alternatively of the frontages to Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft.

7—Conference—Read, circular from the Royal Institute of British Architects inviting the attendance of delegates to their annual conference to be held at Manchester in June. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

8-92 Tennyson Road—Mr. Rainger reported that he had inspected the land adjoining this house and found that the grubbing up of the old hedge along the boundary of this house and the vacant land had allowed the surface water to collect and flow into the garden of this house and he recommended that a surface water drain should be provided along the line of the old hedge, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd May, 1932. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates. Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Scott Langley, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor. Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Trafalgar Street—Three representatives of the Post Office Engineering Department attended in reference to the entrances to their proposed garage for mail vans at Wolseley House. RESOLVED, That the proposed entrances in Trafalgar Street be approved subject to these being used for entrance of mail vans only except in cases of emergency, The Exit into Victoria Road being used for outgoing vans.

2—Annual Tenders—(a) Wrought Iron, etc.—The Borough Surveyor reported that The Oxy-acetylene etc. Works wished to withdraw their tender for sash cords and nails, and could only supply wrought iron in 4 cwt. lots. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons be accepted.

(b) Manhole Covers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sample manhole cover supplied by Messrs. A. C. Woodrow & Co., had proved satisfactory. RESOLVED, That their tender be accepted.

3—Manure—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been invited by advertisement for the stable manure but no tenders had been received. RESOLVED, That the present contract with Mr. A. W. Smith of 7s. 0d. per ton be continued.

4—County Court Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Cavendish House Co. Ltd. to construct a rolling way in the footpath of this road be not acceded to.

5—**Byelaws**—New Streets and Buildings—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Lt.-Col. Biggs and Scott Langley be appointed a **Sub-Committee** to consider the proposed revision of these byelaws.

6—Eldorado Crescent—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the decision of the Committee not to grant Mr. A. J. Wadley's application for the removal of three trees outside "Haverstock." RESOLVED, That the trees be viewed again.

7—Mechanical Sweepers—The Committee considered the purchase of mechanical sweepers RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain particulars of these.

8—Marle Hill House—The Town Clerk reported that in negotiating the lease of this house to Mr. Healing he asked that tipping should be confined to the area shown on the plan submitted. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the tipping for the next ten years being limited to the west of the roadway running across the land.

9—Streamer across Colonnade—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the International Brotherhood of Magicians for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the 25th June on the occasion of the public entertainment in connection with their annual convention be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Cheltenham Motor Club for permission to place a streamer on the days of the Motor Cycle Football matches be also granted on the usual conditions.

10—Evesham Road—RESOLVED, That a sign directing to Evesham be placed on the corner of Wellington Road.

11—Telegraph Line—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place an overhead line along the Cross Hands-Haydon Road be granted subject to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and that consent be given to a portion of the line being laid underground under grass verge.

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12—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of S. C. Morris & Sons on behalf of Kendall & Sons Ltd., for permission to place a lamp outside No, 28 Promenade similar to the lamps outside Paris House, Promenade, be granted subject to the usual conditions and to the lamp not being used for advertising purposes.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the applications of P. Meadows and Baker and Sons to place projecting signs outside their respective premises at 281a High Street and 68 Winchcomb Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

13—Loudspeakers, etc.—The Committee considered correspondence with Pittville Radio Stores in regard to the recent refusal of their application to use a loudspeaker van. RESOLVED That the Council be recommended to make the following byelaw under Section 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and that application be made to the Home Office for confirmation thereof :-

"No person shall in or in connection with any shop, business premises or other place which adjoins any street or public place and to which the public are admitted, or in any street or highway, operate or cause or suffer to be operated any wireless loudspeaker or gramophone in such a manner as to cause annoyance to or disturbance of occupants or inmates of any premises or passengers."

14—Evesham Road—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to have warning signs erected at the Central Cross Drive junction with this road if they consider this necessary.

15—Folly Lane—The Town Clerk reported when the Notices were served for making up the portion of this road from Craven Cottage to the allotments, the Great Western Railway Co, agreed to withdraw their objection on condition that the Company were relieved of any further liability in respect of the road. RESOLVED, That notice be given of the intention to take over this portion of Folly Lane.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th May, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward and E. L. Ward; Major Shakespeare ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend (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.
3329	Robinson, Mrs.	New balcony, 87 Promenade.
3338	Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.	Rebuilding of top storey, Imperial Lane,
3339	Townsend, F.	Motor cycle house, 1 Hill View, Church Road, Leckhampton.
3340	Darke, W. J.	Motor house, Priory Street.
3341	Grinnel, G. C.	Conversion of stables into dwellinghouse, Hatherley Hall Cottage and stables.
3342	Trigg, H. J.	Four detached houses, Sydenham Road South.
3343	Fletcher, Mrs.	New bakehouse, 4 Tivoli Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3339 and 3342 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3338 and 3341 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 3341, subject also to at least one foot of soil being removed from the portion of the site formerly used as a stable, and to a damp course being put in if not already provided ; That Plan No. 3340 be approved subject to the building being removed by the owner at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Corporation ; That consideration of Plan No. 3329 be adjourned ; and That Plan No. 3343 be not approved.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws-5 Spenser Road—Read, letters from Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Baskott in regard to the shed erected at this house without plans having first been approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

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.
313	_____	Alterations and additions, Dowdeswell House, Dowdeswell.
314	Hull, L. A.	Two detached bungalows, Leckhampton Hill.
315	Proctor, Mr.	Detached bungalow, near Reddings Farm, Badgeworth.
316	Little, O. G.	Detached house, Russell's Piece, Boddington.
317	De la Cherois, C. H.	Detached house, London Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 313, 315, 316 and 317 be approved ; and That Plan No. 314 be not approved.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th May, 1932: Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Morris, E. L. Ward, and Yarnold; and Capt. F. E. Reiss (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name,	Description:
3329	Robinson, Mrs.	New balcony, 87 Promenade.
3336	Car Maintenance Club	Offices, Club Room, washing and repairing buildings, Rodney Road
3343	Fletcher, Mrs. F.	Bakery, 4 Tivoli Street
3344	Broadbent, H. J.	Reconstruction of outbuildings, rear of 27 Lypiatt Street.
3345	Clack, E. S.	Garden tool shed, 81 Roman Road
3346	Gater, C. P.	Motor house, 5 Mead Road.
3347	Johnson, J.	New shop addition, 74 Duke Street.
3348	Harwood, Mrs. M.	New porch, 28 Lypiatt Street.
3349	Pates, F.	Rebuilding kitchen with bedroom addition and wash-house, 41 Francis Street.
3350	Miles, Miss	Motor house, 4 Pittville Villas, Prestbury Road
3351	Clemons, J. S.	Bathroom addition, Selby Lodge, Cambray.
3352	Carless, Mrs. E. M.	Motor house, rear of 19 Royal Parade, Bayshill Road.
3353	Jefford, F. R.	Motor house, Needwood House, Clarence Square.
3354	Moore, E. W. & W.J.	Motor house, Craigmore, Queens Road.
3355	Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.	Alterations to premises, Imperial Lane.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3344, 3345, 3346, 3348, 3353 and 3354 be approved ; That Plan No. 3336 be approved subject to the condition that no heavy machinery shall be installed and that no business shall be conducted on the premises likely to cause annoyance or injure the amenity of the area by reason of smoke fumes, dust, noise, smell or other cause ; That Plans Nos. 3343, 3349, 3351 and 3355 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 3350 and 3352 be approved subject to the doors not being made to open over the road ; and That Plans Nos. 3329 and 3347 be not approved

(b) Contravention of Byelaws-5 Spenser Road—An amended plan in respect of the shed erected at these premises was submitted. RESOLVED, That the plan be disapproved, and that the owner be required to pull the shed down,

4—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,
318	Bendall & Sons	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
319	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
320	_____	Layout of Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 318 and 319 be approved ; and That consideration of Plan No. 320 be adjourned.

5—Town Planning Scheme—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Col. Elwes had now entered into an agreement in regard to the scheduling of his property at Coberley. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

(b) Recreation Ground, Leckhampton—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, enclosing letter from the Leckhampton Parish Council suggesting an alternative site for the proposed recreation ground, The Borough Surveyor reported that this land was not suitable as the proposed by-pass road from Gloucester Road to Leckhampton Road would run through the land. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous proposals.

6—Winter Garden—The Plans of elevation, layout etc. of the Ice Rink, Swimming Bath, Restaurant and Palm Court proposed to be erected on the Winter Garden site were considered. RESOLVED, That these be generally approved, subject to full detail drawings in accordance with the byelaws being submitted.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 2nd May, 1932. Present—Councillors Miller, Pruen P. T. Smith, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Waite in the chair).,

1—Entertainments Manager—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to issue advertisements inviting applications for this appointment in the " Echo" and " Daily Telegraph," and that the

following be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications received, and select three applicants for interview by the Committee.—The Mayor ; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th May, 1932, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Waite in the chair).

2—Chairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the contract with Messrs. J. Lance & Co., for the maintenance of 990 chairs at the Town Hall and 1,600 chairs used at Concerts etc., will expire on 2nd July next. RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for two years' maintenance.

3—Spa Baths—(a) Smoke—The Sanitary Inspector asked the Committee to further consider the question of installing carburettors at a cost of £120 to prevent any cause of complaint on account of smoke. RESOLVED, That no action be taken for the present.

(b) Medical Baths—The Monthly report of the Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be provided with uniform at a cost of about £3.

4—Spa Treatment for Friendly Societies—Read, letter from Mr. J. Hatton enclosing list of the Friendly Societies who had agreed to participate in this Scheme and enclosing list of practitioners approved as Spa Physicians. Read also, letter from the Ancient Order of Foresters appointing Mr. J. Ford of 55 Leighton Road as their representative on the Local Control Committee. Mr. Howell also reported that the Medical Advisory Committee had appointed Dr. Grace Billings and himself as their representatives on the local Control Committee.

5—Musical Festival—RESOLVED, That the use of the Municipal Orchestra be granted to play at the Prize Winners' Concert on Sunday 29th May at a charge of £10.

6—Concerts—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucester County Association for the Blind for the blind people of Cheltenham to have free admission to the summer Concerts with their guides be granted as last year.

7—Montpellier Gardens—The Town Clerk reported application from the Rector for the use of these gardens on a date to be arranged in September, for a Parish Church Fete. RESOLVED, That the use of the gardens be granted at a charge of £3 subject to the Tennis Courts not being interfered with and to tennis players being admitted free and to 50 per cent. of the receipts from the Putting Course being paid to the Corporation.

8—Municipal Orchestra—The Chairman reported interview he had had with the Deputy Director of the B.B.C. Birmingham in regard to broadcasting the concerts by the Municipal Orchestra and that he had provisionally arranged for broadcasts on one morning and evening per week commencing 22nd June. The Fees to be paid by the B.B.C. be £6 6s. 0d. per broadcast ; the B.B.C. would also provide and pay for a vocalist for the evening broadcasts. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved and that the fees for the morning broadcasts which were not included in Mr. Cole's

agreement be paid to Mr. Cole for the additional remuneration of the Orchestra and that Mr. Cole be also paid £1 1s. 0d. in respect of the evening broadcasts.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of a room at the Town Hall be granted for the Meeting of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Branch of the Sanitary Inspectors Association to be held on 2nd July next.

(b) Matting—RESOLVED, That the tender of E. L. Ward Ltd., of £39 7s. 6d., being the most favourable tender received for new matting for the Town Hall, be accepted.

10—Montpellier Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the offer of N. Giddings of 1 Suffolk Parade to pay 5s per week for the right to provide refreshments at these gardens up to 30th September next be accepted.

(b) Pavilion—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. R. Pitt to take the Pavilion for his Concert Party "Vaude Variety" from 4th July to 10th September at a rent of £6 per week including Electricity Charges be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to provide some plants for the front of the stage, and that permission be given for a suitable sign to be placed at the N.W. entrance gate.

11--Advertising—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the "Daily Telegraph" that they had discontinued the weekly Cheltenham paragraph under "British Spas and Resorts" as the G.W. Rly. Co. had withdrawn their advertisement of three lines. The charge for the three lines was 10s a line. RESOLVED, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked to endeavour to obtain local Hotels to make up this deficiency so that publication of the paragraph may be continued.

12—Sunday Concerts—Read, letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow in regard to the Sunday Concerts at the Town Hall next Winter Season together with statement of account of the last series of concerts. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Burrow for next season as last year, but that the Committee regret they are unable to provide the Corporation staff for the Concerts as suggested by Mr. Burrow.

13--Alstone Baths--The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Cheltenham Elementary Schools' Swimming Association for the grant of full Season Tickets for every child obtaining the Proficiency Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society and half Season Tickets to children obtaining the Elementary Certificate, together with Report from the Superintendent of the Baths thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this application, but that full Season Tickets be granted to children obtaining the Medallion and half Season Tickets to children obtaining the Proficiency Certificate.

14—Entertainments Manager—(a) The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the applications reported that 101 applications had been received for the appointment, and that they had selected the following three applicants for interview :—

R. C. S. Sharp, Musical Director, Torquay ;

J. D. Voak, late Chairman of Ventnor Amusements Committee ;

G. A. M. Wilkinson, Assistant Manager, Buxton Pavilion.

The above three candidates attended and were interviewed by the Committee. RESOLVED, unanimously, That Mr. G. A. M. Wilkinson be appointed Entertainments Manager at a salary of £250 net, after payment of superannuation contributions, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice in writing by either party. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to agree to the post being subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to make application to the Buxton Corporation for payment of the transfer value in respect of Mr. Wilkinson.

(b) Messrs. E. J. Burrow (Chairman), E. Baring, T. Craig, W. J. Green, J. Howell and H. F. Midwinter attended as a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the suggested collaboration of the work of the new Entertainments Manager and the Town Hall Bureau. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to allow the Chamber of Commerce to appoint three representatives to serve on the Town Improvement and Spa Committee in an advisory capacity, and that the office of the Entertainments Manager be at the Town Hall, and that the Chamber of Commerce be asked to allow one of the shorthand typists employed in the Bureau to be available for assisting the Entertainments Manager for two hours each morning.

15—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read. Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 3rd, 13th and 18th May. They recommended as follows

(a) Flannel Dances—That instead of using the full Orchestra, Mr. Cole's offer to provide a small dance band at a charge of £4 4s. 0d. per dance for the Wednesday evening Flannel Dances from 8 to 10 p.m. be accepted, and that the Dances commence on 6th July.

(b) Montpellier Gardens—That a telephone with coin meter be installed at the entrance chalet to these gardens for use in connection with the Concert Parties, for a temporary period of four months.

(c) Winter Garden—That a board advertising the Orchestral Concerts be placed over the entrance to the Winter Garden. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th May, 1932. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley, Waite and E. L. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Cleeve Hill—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Post Office were shortly opening a trench on Cleeve Hill for a telephone line, and he recommended that the opportunity should be taken to lay a spare duct in part of the trench from Stockwell Lane to the corner of Wickfield Lane, a distance of 760 yards, at an estimated cost of £143. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange for this.

2—Coal Wagons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the negotiations with the Princess Royal Colliery Co. in regard to the Corporation wagons which would be no longer required when the Electricity Works are closed, and he submitted an offer from the Company to purchase the wagons at each, the Company being at liberty to deliver the coal by road at the present contract charge of 16s 10d per ton. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3—Public Lighting—Dunalley Parade—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was not practicable to erect a bracket lamp in this street. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have a new lamp post erected at a cost of £6 10s. 0d.

4—Extensions to Mains—Blacksmith 's Lane and Southfield Farm—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted applications for supplies to Southfield Farm and to Mrs. Yeo's premises in Blacksmith's Lane. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to make the extensions on the terms now approved by the Committee RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of the overhead lines under Section 10 (b) of the Electric Lighting Clauses Act, 1899, and also for the consents of any local authorities concerned, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary way leaves for the laying of cables and erection of lines and for payment of compensation for removal of any trees.

5—Mains and Services—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the Electricity Commissioners forwarding sanction to a 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.

6—Supply to Rural Areas—Arle and Uckington—Read, letter from the Ministry of Transport that the Minister had agreed to grant the application for consent to the placing of overhead lines for the supply to Arle and Uckington with the exception of one pole.

7—Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders from ten firms for twelve months' supply of cables. The tenders comprised schedule prices of the various sizes and types of cables required, with provision for variation in the market price of copper and lead. RESOLVED, That the tenders be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

8—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 21st and 26th ult., and 8th, 19th and 24th inst., which showed the calorific value on these days to be 474.1, 475.6, 479.7, 480.3, 472.1 and 473.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.6, 5.6, 5.5, 6.8, 5.6 and 5.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th May, 1932 Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore; and Councillor Scott Langley, E. L. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

9—Tenders for Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the tenders for cables opened at the last meeting. He had examined the schedule of prices on the basis of the lengths of cable used during the previous twelve months, and he recommended that the tender of Messrs. Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd., London, be accepted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th May, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; 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 7th May, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	250,000 gallons	280,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,144,000	1,117,000
Leckhampton Springs	46,000	57,000
Total	1,440,000	1,454,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 7th May, 1932.	Contents	Depth 7th May, 1931,	Contents
Hewletts		12,992,000 gallons		28,010,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	30ft. 7ins.	92,611,000 "	31ft. 10ins.	99,145,000 "
Leckhampton	8ft. 0ins.	1,080,000	11ft. 6ins.	1,485,000
Total Storage		106,683,000		128,640,000

Pumping—The Borough Surveyor reported that he proposed to commence pumping during the day time from Tewkesbury on the 17th inst.

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

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks. (a) The Borough Engineer reported the progress with the laying of the new 24 inch pumping main.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of a report from Sir Alexander Houston, dated the 27th ult., which had been obtained at the suggestion of the Ministry of Health with regard to the desirability of providing a storage tank. Sir Alexander Houston recommended the provision of a storage tank of 15 hours capacity. RESOLVED, That a copy of this report be sent to the Ministry of Health.

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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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th May, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley and Saint Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

5—Supply to Gloucester—Alderman Roberts, Councillors Edwards and Nicholls, together with the Town Clerk, City Engineer and Treasurer attended as representatives of the Gloucester Corporation to discuss the terms for the proposed bulk supply to Gloucester. The Deputation stated that the City Council still had under consideration alternative sources of supply. They could not accept the offer made by this Committee of :-

7d. per thousand for the first 500,000 gallons.

5 ½ d. “ “ “ second 250,000 “

4 ½ d. “ “ “ third 250,000 “

but were prepared to recommend the City Council to agree to :-

6d per thousand for the first 500,000 gallons.

4d. “ “ “ second 250,000 “

3d. “ “ “ third 250,000 “

RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot entertain this offer.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee drawing the attention of the Council to the failure of the scheme to provide the measure of employment expected and on which the grant was made, and pointing out that the requisite proportion of labour from depressed areas was not being employed, and reminding the Council that the grant was approved inter alia on the condition that negotiations with the Gloucester Corporation were concluded not later than the 1st March last. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Health that the Council have not been able to come to terms with Gloucester, and that in view of the necessity of proceeding with the works held up by the negotiations with Gloucester, the Ministry be urged to issue their sanctions to loans for the works required for the supply to Cheltenham only, and that the Ministry be asked to receive a deputation from the Committee at an early date.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Unemployment Grants Committee that the Contractor has fulfilled all the requirements of the Local Labour Exchange with regard to labour, and that the reduction in the estimated number of men was due to the works being held up by the negotiations with Gloucester, and to point out that the time for the negotiations with Gloucester had been extended by the Ministry of Health, and that it was understood that this

extension had been granted with the knowledge and approval of the Unemployment Grants Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th May, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Pruen, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Importation of Meat, etc. (Wrapping Materials) Order of 1932, which had been published as required by the Ministry.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date.	Place,	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
19th April	New Home, The Reddings	Oil lamp	Unable to estimate	£4 3s. 6d.
24th "	The Crown and Harp, Bishops Cleeve	Not apparent	About £150 ...	£5 17s. 6d.

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3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of C. F.. Mann for the transfer of Licence No. 70 to Taxi Cab Registered No DF2882 be granted.

4—Market—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to dispose of the old sheep pen hurdles by Tender.

5—Shops Acts—Read, report of the Shops Acts Inspector of a trader keeping open after the usual closing hours. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write cautioning the trader against any further breach of the Acts,

6—Municipal Offices—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the application of the Black and White Motorways Ltd. for permission to fix an advertisement board on the railings of the Municipal Offices. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, subject to the board being used for the exhibition of time tables only, and to the Company granting a site for one of the Corporation Spa Programme boards at their Motor Coach Station,

7—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. A. Barnfield, F. B. Cypher, S. Yates, W. G. Constable, P. C. A. Wiggall and J. H. Jordan for the renewal of their licences under this Act be granted.

S—Superannuation—RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 6 (3) of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922 :—

(a) On the recommendation of the Street and Highway and Water Committees, That the services of Mr. J. S. Pickering (Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer) be extended for one year up to 14th June, 1933.

(b) On the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of W. Swinford, Plasterer, be extended for six months up to 6th January, 1933,

9—Borough Extension--Read, report of the **Borough Extension Sub-Committee** at their meeting on 27th inst. Present—Councillors Capt. Trye (in the chair) and Pruen.

(a) Cheltenham Rural District—The Sub-Committee reported that they met representatives of the Cheltenham Rural District Council on 27th ult., who stated that their Council would agree to an extension limited to the property belonging to the Corporation comprising Pittville Park and Marle Hill Estate. but after discussion they offered to recommend their Council to extend the offer so as to take in the houses on the west and east approach drives at Pittville, Albert Road and Cakebridge Farm. The Sub-Committee did not recommend the acceptance of this offer, but with a view to coming to an agreement (if possible) and to meet the objection that the proposed Extension would encroach on the village life of Prestbury, they recommended that an offer be made to reduce the area applied for by a line defined by hedges or fences and having regard to drainage facilities, to be drawn from New Barn Lane to the Borough boundary, which would exclude the eastern portion of the area applied for including Coronation Road, Bouncers Lane and the Cemetery, as shown on the plan now submitted, This would reduce the Extension from 504 acres to 357 acres. RESOLVED, That this offer be made to the Rural District Council, without prejudice, in the event of the same not being accepted.

(b) Charlton Kings Urban District—The Sub-Committee also met representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council who suggested that their Council might agree to an extension being made so as to include the Hewletts Reservoirs, and some additional land adjoining the Reservoirs, on which the springs supplying the Reservoirs were situate, if the Corporation were willing to agree to a reduction in the Water Charges. The Sub-Committee recommended that this proposal be not entertained. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved. 10—Street Trading—The Committee considered complaints received from Mr. Stephen Sharpe and Miss Bartlett, of flower vendors being allowed to pitch outside their shops RESOLVED, That Supt. Wayman be asked to arrange for these vendors to stand on the wide pavement near the Post Office.

11—One Way Traffic Order—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Transport that the Minister had decided to make a one way traffic order as applied for by the Corporation for a trial period of one year in order that the matter may be reviewed in the light of experience gained during the ensuing year.

12—Contribution in lieu of Rates—RESOLVED, That the application of the Y.M C. A. for a contribution in lieu of a rebate in rates be not granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Selim Smith; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs in the chair).

1—Allotment Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted his report on the recent inspection of the allotments. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the several allotments on Gapper's Field and Baglin's Piece drained at a cost of about £5 and also to have the weeds on vacant allotments cut down.

2—Crab Tree Piece Allotments—(a) Nos. 20 and 21—Read, letter from Mr. G. Hopkins stating that he was willing to take one of these allotments, but was unable to agree with Miss Mabson as to compensation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Miss Mabson 6 months' notice to quit.

(b) Nos. 200 (h), 200 (j) and 201—Read, letter from Mr. F. Vizard complaining of the bad condition of the allotments adjoining his land. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants requiring them to put their allotments in a clean state of cultivation,

C. W. BIGGS,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Selim Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Greenhouses—RESOLVED, That the Committee meet at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 13th inst., to inspect the stock at Pittville greenhouses.

2—Chelsea Flower Show—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend this show as last year, reasonable expenses being allowed.

3—Chaseley Lodge—Road Drainage—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Mr. W. J. Rogers, architect, on behalf of Miss R. Armitage, the owner of Chaseley Lodge, Pittville West Drive, complaining of her drive being flooded with surface water from the roadway, together with his replies thereto. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

4—Albert Road—Damage to Seat—Read, letter from the Royal Insurance Co. asking for a refund of £2 9s. 3d. in respect of the sum of £4 18. 6d. paid for damage to seat in Albert Road in accordance with the halving agreement entered into with the Company. RESOLVED, That the sum of £2 9s. 3d. be refunded.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th May, 1932, Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward and Captain Trye; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. C. R. Mop (Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for March and April—Visits—During March 3,430 (against 2,398), ; during April 2,452 (against 3,241).

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," etc., £7 14s. 6d.

Exhibitions----A Collection of Posters by students at the Cheltenham School of Arts and Crafts had been on view from 12th to 25th April, followed by the Permanent Collection.

2--Donations—From Mr. G. E. Barker, Sheepshead Clock ; Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr, Prehistoric implements from Somaliland ; Mr. E. C. Sewell, Flint implements and stone axe Captain R. P. Wild, Cotswold Sheep Bell, specimen of Chromite, and 13 cases of birds (formerly on loan) ;,Town Clerk's Dept., Playbill of Royal Old Wells Theatre, Cheltenham, 1854.

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

3—Water-colour by Henry Parsons Riviere---The Curator read letter from Mrs. K. Arrowsmith offering as a gift a water-colour, " Return from the Campagna," by Henry Parsons Riviere, 1870.

RESOLVED, That the picture be accepted with thanks.

4—Carnegie Trustees—The Curator read letter to the Town Clerk with regard to the Grant-in-aid.

RESOLVED, That the re-organisation work in question be proceeded with, and that the first instalment of show-casing be ordered,

5—Picture of Dixton Manor—The Curator read letter from Lt.-Colonel Leveson offering to purchase a mid-17th century painting of Dixton Manor. RESOLVED, That the Committee could not entertain the offer.

6 ---Exhibitions--RESOLVED, That the 13th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists be held from September 17th to October 22nd. RESOLVED, further, That the Curator be authorised to make enquiries as to the possibility of getting together a display by the Broadway School of Painting.

7—Victoria and Albert Museum Loans—RESOLVED, That a further change of exhibits be authorised.

8—Museums Association Conference—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend this Conference at Birmingham from 27th June to 1st July

9—Curator—The Curator expressed his thanks to the Committee for the facilities granted him so that he might participate in the Empire Survey of Museums.

W. CURLING HAYWARD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1932. Present—Councillors Scott Langley, Selim Smith and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd April to 27th May, 1932, Interments 60 ; Grave Spaces sold 18 (First Position 2, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 14) ; Memorials fixed 14; New Inscriptions 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8608 to 8625 both

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of John MacNolty and Eliza Jane MacNolty, Louisa Nicklen, Joan Mary Gillham and Betty Gillham, Mary Loraine Bird, Sidney Bertram Carter, and Francis Floury Harris and Elizabeth Harris ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves Em Row Hitchcock, Joseph William Roberts, Joy Harwood, Edith Honoria Matthews, Thomas E. Harper and Evangelina Harper, Frederick William Williams, Ada Clarke, James Minett and Rose Hannah Minett and Crofts Cross and Kerbing to grave of Charles Parsons ; Scroll and Kerbing to graves of Beatrice Mary Johnstone and Mary Robinson Lewis; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Elizabeth Jane Butler ; Scroll to grave of Alfred Galloway ; Kerbing to graves of Miriam Hannah Edwards, Edmund C. S. Elmslie, Violet Ann Wilkins, Ellis James Walters and Mirianne Walters, and Samuel Astley Went and Emma Went.

4—Driving in Cemetery—RESOLVED, That the permits now issued by the Town Clerk to invalids etc., to drive into the Cemetery in future be issued by the Superintendent. RESOLVED, also, That notices be erected at the Cemetery restricting the speed of motor vehicles to 5 miles per hour, and directing in-going traffic to enter by the roads on the north side of the chapel and out-going traffic to proceed out along the roads to the south of the chapel.

5—Grass at Cemetery—Mr. J. R. Birt the tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery attended, and stated that owing the weather he was unable to clear the grass within a reasonable time after this had been cut, and asked whether Committee would release him from his obligation of doing this under his tenancy agreement. RESOLVED, he be allowed a rebate of £5 in the current year's rent, provided he continues clearing the grass under the terms of his agreement. RESOLVED, also, That the Superintendent be authorised to obtain additional staff for cutting the grass as last year.

6—Sections A-L—The Borough Surveyor submitted new layout plan of these Sections which were now being used for fresh interments. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

7—Maintenance of Grave Space, 3428 R—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. G. H. Searle and H. L. Dyce had paid the sum of £50 for the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That the Common be affixed to the agreement.

HENRY T. YIENOLD,

Chairman.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 28th May, 1932, Present—Alderman Moore; Councillor Weech; Dr. Howell and Mr. E. J. Burrow (Councillor Weech in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted plans prepared by Mr. J. R. Wilkins showing the elevations, layout and site plans of the proposed Ice Rink, Swimming Bath, Restaurant and Palm Court on the Winter Garden site which had been generally approved by the Town Planning Committee. RESOLVED, That the plans and elevations be approved and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare draft lease for approval.

W. N. WEECH,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th May, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson and Weech ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; and Mr. F. Vernal (Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for March and April—Receipts—March £13 18s. 1d., April £14 9s. 1d. Number of volumes issued during March in Reference Department 6,227 (last year 6,036) ; Lending Department 19,993 (last year 18,242) ; Junior Department 3,672 (last year 4,171). Total for March 29,892 (last year 28,499). Number of volumes issued during April in Reference Department 6,220 (last year 4,913) ; Lending Department 19,497 (last year 16,867) ; Junior Department 3,785 (last year 3,438). Total for April 29,502 (last year 25,218).

Binding—During the two months 370 volumes had been returned from the Binder and placed in circulation.

Replacements—During the two months 59 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given :—

11th March Miss Start, " History as it is written in Tapestries and famous embroideries." (Attendance 53).

14th March Dr. Stuart L. Mucklow, M.B., Ch.B., "The Past and Present of Electricity in Medicine." (Attendance 83).

21st March Professor A. F. Newell, M.A., " Anglo-American Relations—a Key to World Peace." (Attendance 103).

25th April Mr. Henry G. Dowling, F.R.S.A., "Art and Industry—the Good Companions." (Attendance 38).

The late Mr. A. J. Miles—The nine albums containing transcripts, cuttings and illustrations dealing with the History of Cheltenham brought together by the late Mr. Miles had been received from his executors, with a mahogany case for the display of the volumes.

Donations—Mrs. Allen (23 vols.) ; Anonymous (1 vol.) ; Miss A. Baumann (5 vols.) ; Mrs Beadnell (30 vols.) ; Mrs. Bellhouse (12 vols.) ; Mr. J. Monro Briggs (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Burgess (21 vols.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (7 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (16 pamphs.) ; Mr. A. Chandler (1 vol. and a map) ; The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (2 vols.) ; Mr. Alfred Hacking (1 vol.) ; Mr. T. Hannam-Clark (1 vol.) The Rosicrucian Fellowship (1 vol.) ; Miss Josephine V. Rowe (2 vols.) ; Lady Agatha Russell (1 vol.) ; Mr. R. Owen Seacome (2 vols.) ; Mr. G. D. Smith (2 vols.) ; Mr. S. C. Wall (1 vol.).

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

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2—Annual Report—During the year ended 31st March, 1932, 318,135 volumes had been issued, the highest on record (previous year 296,650 volumes), showing an increase of 21,485 volumes. Ten years ago the total issue was 203,662 volumes. RESOLVED, That 700 copies of the " Annual Report " be published in form similar to that of last year,

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 56 volumes, published at £34 2s. 0d., be purchased for £14 is. 9d.

(b) That the sum of £30 be spent on Binding. (c) That the sum of £20 be spent on Replacements.

4—Whitsuntide Closing—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Whit Monday.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That (a) The offer of " Lloyds Bank Monthly Review" from the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham, be accepted with thanks.

(b) The offer of the " Electrical Review " and the " Light Car and Cycle Car," weekly, when a few days old, from Mr. J. S. Burgess, be accepted with thanks.

(c) " The Wireless World," weekly 4d., be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

6—" Radio Times "—The Librarian, read letter from reader with regard to the " Radio Times." RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

7—Librarian and Curator----Mr. Herdman expressed thanks through the Committee to the Mayor and Corporation for the facilities which had been afforded him to take part in the Survey of Empire Museums. The Chairman welcomed him back to duty from his Mediterranean tour. It was RESOLVED, That the Committee's appreciation of the efficient services of Miss H. Cicely Wise during Mr. Herdman's absence be recorded on the Minutes.

W. CURLING HAYWARD, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th May, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair)

1—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.

2—Remission of Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applications for the excusal or rebate in respect of Rates.

3—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment Committee had allowed the proposal of the Corporation and reduced the assessment of the Winter Garden to -350 gross and £288 Rateable.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st May, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £21,210 8s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £87,427 4s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1932. Amount collected £5,659 1s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £14,408 2s. 0d.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £1,150 had been received for 4 per cent Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction to loan of £10,000 for Electricity Mains and Services repayable within a term of 25 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) Councillors Scott Langley 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 the renewal of Debentures amounting to £5,782 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a surplus of £5,579 3s. 10d. from the year's working of the Superannuation Fund ended 31st March, 1932, and he proposed to utilise £5,500 of this surplus to complete Housing Loans. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. Chas. Potter, ex Farms Foreman, died on the 10th inst,

8—Fire Insurance—The Borough Treasurer reported that the five years agreement with the County Fire Office would expire on 24th June, and recommended that the policy with the County Fire Office should be continued on the same terms for a further period of five years. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

9—Income Tax—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 12th inst., from the Inland Revenue Office in regard to the announcement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the institution for the benefit of employees of local authorities of arrangements for the payment of Income Tax by instalments by means of deductions from pay, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Municipal Officers Guild for their observations.

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, 6th June, 1932, 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, Pates and Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, Weech, M.A., Wheeler and Yarnold.

Apology—Apology for absence was received from Alderman Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd May, 1932, 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 Meeting's held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held May 9

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor P. T. Smith : " That the appointment of Dr. Morley as Medical Officer of the Delancey Hospital Trustees be not approved " was lost).

Housing Meeting held May 19

Street and Highway Meeting held May 23

Town Planning .. Meetings held May 5 & 26

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 2, 20 & 27

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs: " That Minute No. 14 (a) be amended, and that the new Entertainments Manager be paid a salary of £264 per annum, and that he pay his own Superannuation contributions."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller " That Minute No. 1.4 (b) be amended, and that the Corporation provide their own staff for the office of the new Entertainments Manager at the Town Hall " was not seconded).

Electricity and Lighting .. Meetings held May 26 & 30

Water .. Meetings held May 11 & 20 & June 3

General Purposes and Watch Meeting Held May 24

NOTE.-A correction was made by the Sub-Committee in their Report with regard to the Borough Extensions by inserting after the word "discussion" the words "suggestion was made that their Council might agree" instead of the words they offered to recommend their Council."

Resolved, also, That the applications for renewal of Hackney Carriage Licences and Drivers' Licences be granted as approved by the Committee at their Annual Licencing Meeting on the 3rd June, 1932. (An Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 6 in regard to the application of the Black & White Motorways Ltd., to fix an advertisement board on the railings of the Municipal Offices, be not approved " was lost).

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Allotments Meeting held May 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 9

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 31

Burial Board Meeting held May 27

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 4 in regard to the driving of motor vehicles in the Cemetery, be referred back," was not seconded).

Winter Garden Development Meeting held May 28

Public Library Meeting held May 5

Rating Meeting held May 30

Finance Meeting held May 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.

The Mayor having left the Meeting it was Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman.

3—Full-Time Officers—Councillor D. L. Lipson moved, in accordance with notice of motion : " That any full-time Officer of the Council who shall henceforth accept any other paid office shall pay the sums received for such work into the Borough Fund for the relief of the Rates."

Councillor Capt. Trye seconded the motion.

To this an Amendment was moved by Councillor Weech and accepted by the mover of the motion : That the motion should only apply to full-time Officers of the Council appointed after this date."

To this a further Amendment was moved Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by Alderman Moore : " That the motion should be amended to read as follows :— 'That any full-time Officer of the Council appointed after this date who shall accept any other paid office not under the control of the Council shall pay the sums received for such work into the Borough Fund for the relief of the Rates.' "

This Amendment was carried, and upon being put as a substantive motion was also carried.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval 1at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 4th July, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1--Houses without limper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpit, or ash receptacles, viz, :-3 Blenheim Terrace, Portland Street ; 1 and 2 Bank Cottages, Arle and 19 Burton Street. -- RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 139, 141 and 143 Bath Road ; and 15 and 16 Hermitage 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 premises 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) 15 to 20 and 22 to 25 Bath Parade ; and 6 to 9 and 11 to 13 Sandford Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these premises desired the Corporation to carry out the

necessary work at their cost, and submitted four tenders received for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos. Wilson & Son (being the lowest) amounting to £135 16s. 9d. be accepted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

3—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted Notice arising from dirty walls, ceilings and leaky roof, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 10 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 27 lbs. Veal, 1 qr. 17 lbs. Mutton ; 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs. Pork ; 7 lbs. Fowls ; 14 lbs. Kippers and 1 qr. Crabs.

5—Insanitary Property at (a) 11 Tewkesbury Road ; and 38 Fairview 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.

(b) 15 Ewlyn Terrace—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Statutory powers conferred by the Housing Acts Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles be appointed Receiver of the rent in respect of the expenses amounting to £22 8s. 0d. for repairs to this house and that Minute No. 3 (b) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

6—Leckhampton Sewerage—Read, letter of the 24th ult. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D C. that his Council regretted that the Committee were unable to continue the agreement for permitting the sewers in Leckhampton to communicate with the Corporation sewers, so as to exempt properties having a rateable value of over £100, and which were void for longer than six months, from payment. and asking, as an alternative, whether the Committee would be prepared to exempt Leckhampton Court so long as this property remained unoccupied. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement continuing the old agreement for a further period of 10 years with provision for excluding Leckhampton Court from payment so long as these premises are wholly unoccupied.

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7-Barn Farm Outfall Sewer--The Borough Surveyor submitted application on behalf of Capt. J. M. Bailey for permission to drain the proposed house and bungalow on Field No. 39 at Uckington into this sewer. RESOLVED, be That this agreed to subject to an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, providing for a payment by the owner of 2s in £ the on the rateable value of the premises connected to the sewer, and to the agreement being determinable by the Corporation if at any time it is found necessary to abandon the use of or divert the sewer.

8-Rodney Road--Building over Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of proposed buildings in Rodney Road for the Car Maintenance Club Co. The buildings would be erected over the sewer

belonging to the Corporation RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to allow the buildings as now shown on the plan approved by the Town Planning Committee to be erected over the sewer subject to the Company entering into an agreement indemnifying the Corporation against any additional cost which may be incurred in opening up the sewer owing to the buildings thereon.

9-Lansdown Crescent—Read, memorial from seven occupiers in Lansdown Crescent complaining of the nuisance caused by a yard situate behind Nos. 27 to 33 Lansdown Crescent being used as a dumping place for the debris of broken up motor cars etc. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner requiring him to abate the nuisance.

10 -Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Howard Leslie Whitaker of Old School House, Prestbury, to be registered as a Wholesale Producer and Retail Purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions

11- Offensive Trade—Fried Fish Shop, 74 Duke Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Johnson to be registered as a fish frier in respect of his premises at 74 Duke Street be granted for a period of two years, subject to the provisions of the Byelaws being complied with and to the plans being approved by the Town Planning Committee

12—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 77 Duke Street ; 2 to 5 Princes Place; and 6 and 7 Portland Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) 16 Priory Terrace—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Closing Order in respect of this house be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) 4 and 6 Swindon Road—Read, letter of 9th inst., from the owner of these premises in respect of which notice of intention to make a demolition order had been given, undertaking to take the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession of the premises, and that on obtaining possession, not to use the premises for human habitation until they have been rendered fit, and also undertaking within six months to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the premises fit for human habitation RESOLVED, That this undertaking be accepted.

13---Nuisance from Smoke—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported as to the several complaints received of the nuisance caused by the emission of black smoke at four premises in the Borough, and that in one case the Company concerned had undertaken to install the necessary plant for the abatement of the nuisance, and in the other cases, observation was still being kept.

14-Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Ministry of Health and the County Analyst in regard to the reduction in the fees to be paid by the Ministry for bacteriological examination of samples of graded milk taken under this order, and reported that the County Analyst had now agreed to accept the reduced fee of 4s 6d per sample.

15—Milk Supply—Read, circular of 30th ult., from the Royal Institute of Public Health that they had had under consideration the question of improving the milk supply generally, and asking for the Corporation's support of the following steps which it was proposed to urge the Ministries of Health and Agriculture to take :-

1. The necessity for more strict application of the present powers.
2. The re-classification of Milks under the Milk Special Designation Order, 1923.
3. The standardization and efficient control of supplies of tuberculin.
4. The necessity for pressing on with measures to eradicate Bovine Tuberculosis, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to support the proposals of the Institute.

16—Gas Liquor—The Town Clerk submitted supplemental agreement to be entered into with the Gas Company which the Gas Company suggested should be for a period of 10 years. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th June, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, Morris and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Conference—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Housing and Town Planning Conference held at Bath on the 17th inst. It transpired at the Conference that Cheltenham was one of the first local authorities to make a slum clearance scheme under the 1930 Act.

2—New Houses—The Town Clerk reported that at a recent interview with the Ministry of Health he was informed that the Ministry would raise no objection to the erection of three storey tenements if these could be erected economically. It was also suggested that the Committee might consider the erection of small houses for old people for which special provision was made in the Housing Act, 1930. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be instructed to consider and report as to the erection of three storey tenements and houses for old persons.

3—Vacant Land at St. Mark's—RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to sell the grass on the vacant land at St Mark's.

4--Arrears—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Clerk to the Guardians Committee, that the Town Clerk's letter in regard to the rates of transitional benefit allowances had been referred to the Public Assistance Committee.

5—Rent Restriction Acts—Read, circular of 31st ult. from the Town Clerk, Darlington, asking the Council to support the following resolution passed by his Council :—

" RESOLVED, That evidence having been brought before this Council that exorbitant rents are being charged for the whole or part of decontrolled houses having a rateable value of £13 or under, and for single rooms in and portions of houses of a higher rateable value, the Government be asked to take immediate steps to deal with the situation by

(a) re-imposing control under the Rent Restriction Acts over houses of a rateable value of £13 and under, and

(b) taking effective measures in the case of the other class of lettings referred to in this Resolution." RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to support this resolution and that copies be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health, and the Borough Member.

6—House Manager's Department—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Miss E. M. Crawford, resigning her appointment as pupil trainee. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to engage another pupil trainee on the same terms as Miss Crawford's appointment.

7—Slum Clearance—Land at Alstone—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make an offer to the L.M. & S. Railway Co. to purchase frontages of the land to Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft at the price of £900 for the erection of houses for securing the provision of accommodation in advance of the displacement which would become necessary when the houses in the Swindon Passage area are demolished.

8—St. Paul's Street South Clearance Areas—The Town Clerk reported further negotiations with Corpus Christi College for the purchase of their strip of land on the west side of St. Paul's Street South. The best offer he had been able to obtain from the College was for 927 square yards of part of the land at the rear of St. Paul's Street South for £200, and an exchange of the remainder of their land on this side for the sites of 1-4 St. Paul's Terrace proposed to be purchased by the Corporation ; the Corporation to pay legal and surveyors costs less a contribution of £15 to be made by the College, and to construct a pathway entrance to give access to the land to be taken by the College in exchange. No allowance was made for the frontage which would be given to their property in Lime Kiln Row on the demolition of Britannia Inn. He estimated the cost to the Corporation of this purchase at £271, and with the addition of the purchase of the sites of the houses already demolished, it would bring up the total cost of the land on the west side of the street to about £725, which for nine houses, would work out at over £80 a site. RESOLVED, That, having regard to the cost of acquiring the sites, to which would have to be added the cost of widening the street, the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to proceed with the purchase of the sites and land on the west side of St. Paul's Street South.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th, June, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Scott Langley, Thomas, 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 to the 30th June next. 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. J. Williams & Co. Ltd. for a supply of 70 tons Welsh Smokeless for Rollers, and 100 tons for Asphalt Plant at 33s per ton, be accepted.

(c) That the tender of Messrs. W. D. Farrar for a supply of 90 tons of anthracite (Cwmgwrach & Empire) at 36s 9d per ton be accepted.

2—Wagon No. 9—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Wagon Repairs Ltd of £4 10s. 0d. for this old wagon be accepted.

3—Manure—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. W. Smith was unwilling to continue taking manure from the Depot, at 7s a ton, but had offered to do so at 5s a ton. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

4—Scrap Metal --RESOLVED, That the offer of Newey Wearing of Wolverhampton of 7s 3d for 50 tons of baled tins etc. at the Destructor be accepted.

5—Annual Tenders—Castings Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs, Sharpe & Fisher asked to be released from their contract to supply 78 lengths of footpath troughs. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Leckhampton Depot--The Borough Surveyor reported that a fire had occurred at the Leckhampton Depot on the 18th inst., caused by hot ashes in a refuse cart, and he estimated the cost of making good the damage at approximately £60.

7—Oriol Road- Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. L. W. Barnard, on behalf of the General Accident, Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd., thanking the Corporation for the assistance rendered in the improvement of the corner of Oriol Road, and asking for some trees to be planted along the frontage to Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two trees planted

8 Montpellier Terrace—Trees—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mrs. G. A. Sims, again complaining of the darkness and lack of ventilation caused by the trees outside No. 10 Montpellier Terrace, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

9—Floral Fete—Read, letter from the Chamber of Commerce that they had purchased a large quantity of bunting and asking whether the Committee would be prepared to hang this for them, and to store the bunting after the Flower Show. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—The Drifts—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd, asking for a ditch to be cut along the field to carry the drainage from the adjoining tip RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give this matter his attention.

11—Road Fund—The Town Clerk submitted circulars of the 4th and 14th inst. from the Ministry of Transport in regard to the grants from the Road Fund for heavy and light plant and towards the cost of erecting and hiring weighbridges.

12—Folly Lane—Read, letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis enclosing a cheque for £28 11s 8d. in settlement of the claim for the Private Improvement Works in Folly Lane. RESOLVED, That this be not accepted, and that Mr. Baylis be required to pay the full amount apportioned namely £43 13s 3d.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th June, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont and Major Shakspeare (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

1—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.
321	British Legion,	Leigh and Coombe Hill Recreation Room, near Swan Inn, Coombe Hill.
322	Belcher, R.	Bungalow, Upper Dowdeswell.
323	Cheltenham Corporation Electricity Dept.	Extensions of Low Tension and High Tension Mains, Swindon Lane.
325	Do. do.	Extensions of High Tension and Low Tension Mains from Uckington to Staverton.

RESOLVED, That all these plans be approved.

(b) Darley House, Carlton Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. J. Alan Robson, that he understood a garage was proposed to be erected in the yard in Carlton Street and asking the Committee to disapprove of the plans when these are submitted. RESOLVED. That consideration be adjourned until the plans are received.

2—Winter Garden—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Civic Society asking whether the Committee would raise any objection to their honorary panel of architects looking at the plans of the proposed ice rink, etc. at the Winter Garden, and advising thereon. RESOLVED, That the honorary architects of the Society be allowed to inspect the plans.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd June, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold; Major Shakspeare and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
3347	Johnson, J.	New shop addition, 74 Duke Street (Amended).
3356	Hall, G. A. M.	Two semi-detached houses with garages, Painswick Road.
3357	Bendall & Sons	Additions to Gothic Cottage, Moorend Road.
3358	Poole, P. L.	Addition to 7 Marle Hill Road.
3359	Taylor, F. H.	Two detached houses, Cranham Road.
3360	St. Mary's Training College Committee	Alterations to premises, St. George's Place.
3361	Crock, T.	Motor house, Castlemaine, Hewlett Road.
3362	Cox, C. L.	Motor house, Notre Nid, Whaddon Road.
3363	Borchardt, W. G.	Motor house, The Hall, Montpellier Parade.
3364	Holder E. T.	Greenhouse, Hewlett Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3356, 3359, 3363 and 3364 be approved; That Plans No. 3347, 3357, 3358 and 3360 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and That Plans Nos. 3361 and 3362 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

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(b) Contravention of Byelaws--5 Spenser Road--Miss Baskett, the owner of this house attended in reference to the large shed erected at the premises without approval. RESOLVED, That Miss Baskett be informed that if the building is reduced so as not to exceed six feet in height, and is constructed for and used solely as a garage, and to the garden being cleared of all the secondhand furniture etc., the Committee will allow the building to remain in its present position.

4—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.
326	Hawkins, G. A.	Two pairs of semi-detached villas, Lindon Lawn, London Rd.
327	_____	Detached house, Blacksmith's Lane. Prestbury.
328	Giles, C.	Bungalow, Brizen Hill, Shurdington Road.
329	Bendall, H. A.	Detached house, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
330	Bailey, Capt. J. N.	House, garage, stables and bungalow, Uckington,
331	Winchcomb R. D. C.	Four houses, Priory Lane, Bishops Cleeve.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 327, 328, 329 and 330 be approved ; That Plan No, 331 be approved subject to the houses being set back a further four feet, and to the owner undertaking that the necessary land for the widening of Priory Lane to 36 feet will be surrendered without compensation when required by the Road Authority ; and That Plan No. 326 be not approved.

5—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Recreation Ground, Swindon—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health and of 9th inst. from Messrs. Jessop & Son in regard to the land belonging to Mr. A. Purser of Swindon, which had been scheduled as a Recreation Ground for the parish of Swindon.

Mr. Purser intended to build on the frontages of the land, and to use the remainder of the land as a market garden. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Scheme would not prevent the frontage being used for building purposes nor the use of the land reserved for a Recreation Ground for agricultural or horticultural purposes, and that he will be entitled to compensation if and when the land is taken over as a Recreation Ground.

(b) Charlton Kings Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that his Council were unable to agree to the land scheduled in the Scheme for a Recreation Ground, and that his Council proposed to support their objection at the local inquiry when held

6---Allotments—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Birmingham, asking for the Committee's observations regarding certain of the proposed reservations of nine allotment sites. RESOLVED, That the observations as now settled by the Committee be forwarded to the Ministry.

7—Meetings—RESOLVED, That in future only one ordinary meeting be held each month.

8--Crook's Laundry—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. E. J. Rose in regard to the high building which Messrs. Crook's Laundry had recently commenced to erect on the small piece of land adjoining Burlingham, Croft Street. The Borough Surveyor reported that no plans had been submitted, and that Messrs. Crook's had been asked to furnish plans, and in the meantime not to proceed with the erection of the building

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Pruen, Thomas and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Floral Fete—RESOLVED, That the offer of the Floral Fete Committee, of a stand in the exhibition portion of the Floral Fete for advertising the mineral waters and baths etc. be accepted with thanks and that the Town Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for furnishing the stand.

2—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Pavilion—The Town Clerk reported that he had let the Pavilion for a week following the termination of Mr. Pitt's season from the 12th September next at a rent of £10 including electricity RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Sunday Concerts—Read, letter from Mr. R. Pitt, enquiring whether the Committee would permit his Concert Party giving concerts on Sunday evenings in the Pavilion. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

3—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 14th inst. They recommended as follows :—(a) Municipal Orchestra—That the Orchestra play on the 20th June at Agg-Gardiner Recreation Ground ; on a date to be arranged in the first week in July at Whaddon Road Recreation Ground ; and the 8th August at Naunton Park Recreation Ground.

(b) Broadcasts—That as the weekly broadcasts are not included in Mr. Cole's contract with the Corporation, the afternoon performances be from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. instead of from 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m., but that there be no interval during the afternoon performances, and also that out of the sums of £6 and £6 10s. 0d received by the Corporation from the B.B.C. for the morning and evening broadcasts respectively the Orchestra be paid the sum of £5 15s. 6d per broadcast, and that Minute No. 8 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 20th ult. be varied accordingly.

(c) Montpellier Gardens—Putting Course—That the putting course attendant at these Gardens be employed from 10 a.m. to closing time, and that his wages be increased to £1 per week. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th June, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates; Councillors Thomas and Waite ; Messrs. H. W. Bennett, E. J. Burrow and J. Howell (Councillor Waite in the chair).

4—Alstone Baths--(a) Read, application from the Secretary of a Special Committee appointed to initiate a scheme for the unemployed youths of the town, asking the Committee to allow the youths to use the Baths on one or more afternoons during the week at a reduced fee. They would be in charge of a competent instructor RESOLVED, That they be allowed to use the Baths on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3 p.m. at a charge of 2d.

(b) Grammar School—The Borough Surveyor reported application from the Headmaster of the Boys' Grammar School for the charges for the Grammar School scholars to be reduced, and submitted report from the Superintendent thereon. The Superintendent recommended that the charges in the day time should be reduced from 3d. to 2d. and in the evening from 4d. to 3d. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5.--Sports Rally—RESOLVED, That the Committee make no objection to the proposal of the Sports Rally to apply for a licence to sell intoxicating liquors on the occasion of the Sports Rally on the 23rd July in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground up to 9 p.m. and in the Pump Room up to 7 p.m.

6—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Pavilion—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Robert Pitt for some additional lights in the auditorium of the Pavilion be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Capt. Kitching for the use of Montpellier Gardens on Sunday afternoon, the 24th July for a drumhead service be granted, and that the Central Brotherhood be asked to make other arrangements for their weekly religious service usually held in the Pavilion.

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7—Chairs— Three tenders were received for the repair and maintenance of the Chairs belonging to the Corporation at the Town Hall, Winter Garden, Central Depot, Alstone Baths and Montpellier Gardens, totalling 3,815, and for 21 screens. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Smiths Systems Ltd. of £157 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted for a period of two years subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

8—Spa Treatment for Friendly Societies—Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Gloucester Branch of the British Medical Association adding the name of Dr. E. Rivington to the list of approved Spa Practitioners under this scheme.

9—Municipal Orchestra—The Committee considered the revision of the charges for admission to the Winter Gardens for the concerts by the Municipal Orchestra, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

10—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting on 24th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) and Councillor Waite.

They recommended as follows :—Entertainments Manager—(a) That a telephone with two connections be provided for the Entertainments Manager's office, also a roll top desk and chair at an estimated cost of £15, and that the floor of the office be covered with linoleum at an estimated cost of £10.

(b) That an illuminated sign indicating the Entertainments Manager's office be erected at the end of the corridor near the entrance to the office

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

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th June, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward; Messrs. H. W. Bennett, E. J. Burrow and J. Howell (Councillor Waite in the chair).

11—Municipal Orchestra—The Committee further considered the question of the admission charges to the Winter Garden for the concerts by the Municipal Orchestra. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to discontinue charging for admission to the Winter Gardens, and that free admission be allowed to the portion of the ground on the south side of the bandstand, and that the chairs (for which a charge of 3d be continued) be placed around the bandstand and on the grass on the north side.

12—Medical Baths—Masseuse—RESOLVED, That applications be invited by advertisement for the appointment of masseuse at these baths in place of Mrs. Lightwood, and that applicants be asked to state the salary required.

13—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for the fixing of carburettors to the boilers at these Baths to prevent risk of causing any nuisance from smoke at a total cost of £240.

14—Conference—It was reported that the National Union of Teachers were prepared to consider Cheltenham as the venue for their 1934 conference if additional conference accommodation could be provided. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ladies' College, asking whether they could grant the use of the Princess Hall for the conference.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 1932, Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James ; Scott Langley, Capt. Trye and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair)

1—Financial Control—The Committee further considered the Auditor's report in regard to accounting system of the Undertaking. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of this Committee, as now approved, be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their consideration (Note—For these recommendations see Minutes of Finance Committee of 28th inst.).

2—Cinemas—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported correspondence with the Gaumont Cinema Company in regard to the terms for the supply of energy for their new cinema in Winchcomb Street RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms for the supply on the lines now approved by the Committee.

3—Testing Set—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of a testing set for the purpose of testing the new extra high tension cables at a cost of £70 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Arle and Uckington—Read, letters of 1st inst, from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines for supplying the parishes of Swindon and Uckington subject to the lines being erected along the routes shown on the map enclosed with the Town Clerk's letter of the 19th May last. The Minister reserved the power to review the situation at any time after a period of five years. The Minister also consented to the placing of overhead lines on lands belonging to Messrs. A. W. Davies and F. G. Cooke subject to the conditions set out in the formal consent enclosed with the letter.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was ready to proceed with the erection of the overhead line to supply properties in Arle and Uckington but pending arrangement as to wayleaves he suggested that the portion of the overhead line behind the bungalows in Tewkesbury Road should be postponed for the present, and he now submitted revised tender from Messrs. Johnson & Phillips Ltd. (whose previous tender had been accepted) for these works amounting to £911 13s. 9d. RESOLVED, That this be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) Staverton--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had now examined the tenders received for the erection of this overhead line, and he recommended that the lowest tender, namely that of Messrs. Transmission Lines and Cables Construction Co., amounting to £1,195 13s. 6d. be accepted. He estimated the cost of the underground portion of the line to be paid by the Corporation at £51 8s. 7d. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted 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 £1,247 for the cost of the work, and that Minute No. 3 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 20th January, 1932, be varied accordingly.

(d) Read, letter of 11th inst, from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, raising no objection to the proposed overhead lines for supplying Staverton. Read, also, letter of 17th inst. from the Post Office Engineering Department, approving of the proposed works subject to their usual conditions. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it had since been found necessary to make a slight modification in the route of the overhead line. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain the consents of the various authorities to this alteration.

(e) Swindon Lane—Read, letters from the Cheltenham Rural District Council and the Gloucester County Council approving of the erection of overhead lines in this lane provided these were erected on the south side of the road. The Town Clerk reported that he had pointed out to the two Councils that the majority of the houses were on the north side and that the placing of the line on this side of the road would thereby avoid several road crossings for the service lines, and that there was also a Post Office line on the south side of the road. The District Council now asked for a Sub-Committee to meet representatives of their Council on the site. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to meet representatives of the Rural District Council as requested.

5—Electricity Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he anticipated that the Electricity Works would be closed down some time in August or September. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to write to the employees warning them of this.

6—Sanction to Loan—Read, letter of 18th inst, from the Electricity Commission enclosing sanction to the loan of £3,801 for the cost of the supply of Electricity to Arle, Swindon and Uckington, made up as follows :—

Mains ... £3,577 repayable within term of 25 years.

Plant, sub-station and equipment ... £224 repayable within term of 20 years.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Read, letter of 16th inst from the Clerk to the County Council that now that the Gas Company had taken over the Tewkesbury and Winchcomb Undertakings, the Tewkesbury Corporation should be asked to share the expense of the Gas Examiner, and the Town Clerk reported that he had supplied the County Council with a list of the parishes now within the limits of the supply of the Cheltenham Gas Company.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 1st, 11th, 16th and 21st inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 467.8, 471.7, 467.8 and 473.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.6, 5.6, 5.9 and 5.5 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the Water Committee held on Friday, 3rd June, 1932. Present—The Mayor Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris, Scott Langley and Selim Smith (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Supply to Gloucester—On a request from Gloucester a further Conference was held to discuss terms for a bulk supply when Aldermen Gillett and Roberts, Councillors Edwards and Nicholls, together with the Town Clerk, the City Engineer and Treasurer attended as representatives of the Gloucester Corporation.

Gloucester submitted an amended offer as follows :—

6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for the first 500,000 gallons.

4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for the next 250,000 gallons.

3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for the next 250,000 gallons.

being an average of 5d. per 1,000 gallons

After consideration and discussion the following amended offer was made to Gloucester :—

First 500,000 gallons per day 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 1,000 gallons.

Between 500,000 gallons and 750,000 gallons 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 1,000 gallons.

Between 750,000 gallons and 1,00,000 gallons 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 1,000 gallons.

being an average of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 1,000 gallons.

It was pointed out that this offer covered the additional expenditure required to provide a 15 hour storage reservoir and also the provision of the services of a whole-time Chemist as required by the Ministry of Health which expenditure was not in contemplation when the original offer was made. It was suggested by Gloucester that this revised offer should be modified by reducing the charge for the first 500,000 gallons to 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ ths pence instead of 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. but the Committee did not see their way to accept this suggestion, and it was RESOLVED, to recommend the Council to offer the following terms

(1) A charge of 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. as above mentioned for a supply up to 1,000,000 gallons per day.

(2) The price for any quantity of water over 1,000,000 gallons up to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons per day to be agreed but not to exceed 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 1,000 gallons. Any quantity over 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons to be settled by arbitration in default of agreement.

(3) A rise and fall clause to be agreed for variations in the cost of coal and wages.

(4) Gloucester to pay for the loan period, half the annual charges on the capital cost of the 24 inch main from the Tewkesbury Station to Coombe Hill and half share of the rates thereon.

(5) The Agreement to be for 30 years and for any bulk supply required by Gloucester at the expiration of that period, the terms to be settled in default of agreement by arbitration.

[CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL 6TH JUNE, 1932].

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th, June 1932. Present—Aldermen Moore, Pates and Sawyer.: and Councillor Selim Smith (Alderman Moore in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 13th June, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	490,000 gallons	353,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,131,000	1,291,000
Leckhampton Springs	72,000	62,000
Total	2,693,000	1,706,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th June, 1932.		13th June, 1931	
Hewletts		24,374,000 gallons		28,464,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 10ins.	99,145,000 "	31ft. 11ins	99,585,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000	11ft. 0ins.	1,485,000
Total Storage		125,139,000		129,534,000

(b) Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of people attending the Reservoirs on Sundays had been as follows :—

May 22 nd	85
May 29th ...	30
June 5th ...	160
June 12th ...	169

3—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of May

4—Supply to Gloucester—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the proposed bulk supply to Gloucester. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee.

5—Railway Carriage, Dowdeswell—The Committee considered the question of purchasing the land adjoining the London Road on which a railway carriage had been erected for use as a dwelling house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at Tewkesbury at 12 noon.

7—Castle Barn Farm—Read, letter from Mr. Tom Roberts the tenant of this farm, asking for the shed on the land known as the Grindalls to be repaired, and also asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to erect a dutch barn at the farm. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed

to have the shed repaired and that the application as to the dutch barn be referred to Mr. Castle for consideration.

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

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st June, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore. Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Thomas, Capt., Trye, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Marle Hill House—(a) The Town Clerk reported the renewed negotiations with Col. Whitmore Jones and the four Misses Jones for taking a lease of these premises at a rent of £150 a year for a term of 14 years terminable at the end of the 5th, 7th or 10th year, and submitted draft lease.

Estimates were submitted for the work required to be carried out by the Corporation for repairs, painting and renovation of the premises, including new installation of electric light and relaying drains at a total estimated cost of £614 10s. RESOLVED, That instructions be given to have these works carried out. Four tenders were submitted for relaying the drains included in the above estimate. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. W. and W. J. Moore of £92 10s. be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the base be approved, and the Common Seal authorised to be affixed thereto.

(b) Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to the iron railings of Marle Hill House on the night of 13th/14th June by a motor car belonging to Mr. S. A. Field. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

2—Diseases Amongst Animals—Parasitic Mange—Read, circular of 24th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, that a new form had been provided for the purposes of returns required in connection with outbreaks of this disease

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

Date,	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
6th June	Motor lorry, near Holy Apostles Church	_____	About £100	£2 19s 6d.
10th June	Tar spraying apparatus, Gloucester Road	Overheating	_____	£3 4s. 0d.
18th June	Corporation Depot, Leckhampton	Not clear	About £50	£4 5s. 0d.

(b) Boddington Manor etc.—Read, letter from Mr. J. S. Gibbons enquiring on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the Brigade for his property which included Boddington

Manor and farm buildings, farm bailiff's house, Boddington House and buildings, Barrow Farm and buildings, 12 cottages at Boddington and Barrow, Slate Mill House and buildings, 4 cottages at Knightsbridge and Beckett's Farm house and buildings, and cottage on Bowling's Farm in Leigh parish. RESOLVED, That an agreement be made to provide the services of the Brigade at an annual retaining fee of £5, the owner to pay on demand the expenses, according to the scale, of the cost of the attendance of the Brigade etc. in the event of an outbreak of fire, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement,

4—Floral Fete—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Hon. Treasurer of the Floral Fete Committee, conveying his Committee's thanks to the Corporation for their donation of for cash prizes for the Floral Fete.

5—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. C. Barnett & Son, H. F. Barnett, Victor Dymond, G. N. Crisford (MacFisheries Ltd.), Olive & Olive, Miss M. F. Woodard, F. Panter, Iddles & Sons, Gloucester Marketing Society Ltd. and W. Dean for renewal of their licences to deal in game be granted.

6—Ordnance Survey—Read, circular of 16th inst., from the Director-General, Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton, asking for the Committee's opinion in regard to the revision of Ordnance Survey plans. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration.

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7—Borough Extension—Read, letter front the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council were unable to accept the offer made by the Council and adhering to their previous proposals to agree to the extensions of the Borough so as to include the Corporation property at Pittville and Marle Hill, but excluding Albert Road, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the County Council informing them of the Rural District Council's decision

8—**Police Establishment**—Read, report of the **Sub-Committee** at their Meeting on the 20th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillor Capt. Trye (in the chair) and Councillor Pruen.

The Sub-Committee had carefully considered the revision of the agreement with the County Council in regard to the Police Force, and they recommended that a new agreement should be entered into with the Standing Joint Committee to run from the 1st April, 1932, for modernising the existing agreement and including provision for contribution to cost of reserve constables and Headquarters staff. The Borough Treasurer reported that if the proposed new agreement had been in force in 1930 the increase in the account, based on the proposed new agreement, would have amounted to £352. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

JOINT MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH AND WATER COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, 21st June, 1932. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James,

Scott Langley, Morris, Pruen, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Supply to Gloucester—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Town Clerk of Gloucester stating that at an adjourned meeting of the City Council, after full consideration, the City Council were not satisfied that a further supply of water was urgently necessary, and they were therefore unable to continue negotiations for a bulk supply. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write in reply in the terms of the draft letter now settled by the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to loans for the works required for the supply to Cheltenham.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1932. Present--Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Morris, P. T. Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Allotment No. 13 Whaddon Road (New)—Read, letter from Mr. J. Webb asking the Committee to release him from his agreement to take this Allotment as he found it was in bad condition, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to,

2—Uncultivated Allotments—Read, complaints from adjoining tenants of weeds etc., on allotments in Crab Tree Piece and Alma Road RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments requiring them to cut down the weeds, and if this is not done the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenants notice to quit and to recover the cost of cutting down the weeds from the tenants,

3—Allotment No. 125 Crab Tree Piece—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be allowed a rebate of one quarter's rent having regard to the bad condition of the allotment.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Morris, P. T. Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Greenhouses—The Committee considered the report of the Gardens Superintendent as to the number of plants lost this year owing to there not being sufficient greenhouses to keep all the plants under glass. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Committee an estimate for the provision of a new greenhouse.

2— Naunton Park Recreation Ground—(a) School Sports —RESOLVED, That the application of the Education Committee for the use of this Recreation Ground for the School Sports on the 6th July be granted as in previous years.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Post Office Engineering Department were willing to place the proposed pole in the recreation ground instead of on the footpath as applied for if the Corporation would waive payment of the usual 1s per annum acknowledgment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3--Pittville Gates—The Borough Surveyor suggested that the old Pittville Gates which were formerly at the entrance to Segrave Place should be disposed of. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for members of the Committee to view these.

4—Sports Rally—Read, application from the Cheltenham United Sports Association for permission to remove the tunnel gates at Pittville Gardens on the occasion of the Sports Rally for which they were prepared to pay the cost. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

5-6 Pittville Terrace—Read, memorial from four owners in Pittville Terrace complaining of the large signboard erected outside these premises, RESOLVED, That the owner be required to fix the sign on the wall of the house instead of along the entrance path as at present.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward L. Scott Langley and Morris ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During May 2,455 (against 2,411), Included in this number were the following parties;—

Central School, Stroud	25 Boys,
Lindon Road School, Gloucester	29 Boys.
Caradoc and Severn Valley Field Club	27 Members.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Collection Box, " Friends of the Art Gallery Fund," etc., £1 0s. 6d.

Exhibition—The Curator reported the special conditions offered in connection with an exhibition of paintings by W. Graham Robertson, RBA., R.O.I., R. P., which, in consultation with the Chairman for the time being, he had accepted. The Exhibition was on view for a month at a total cost for carriage and insurance of £11 14s. 8d., towards which subscriptions were being received.

Benzoni's "Cupid"--The offer of this piece of sculpture from Miss Bubb was the subject of further report from Councillors Scott Langley and Weech. RESOLVED, That the matter be left in abeyance.

2—Donations—From Mrs. R. A Bradbury, 4 cases of local birds and 1 case of stoats ; Mr. E. C. Harte, local print ; Dr. Howell, Aztec Pottery Bowl ; Mr. Tom Whiting, Cotswold Bond Twister ; Captain R. P. Wild, Pot or Kettle Hanger, Plate from Winchcomb Pottery. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Offer of Relief Portrait in Marble by the late Sir Bertram Mackennal, R.A.—RESOLVED, That the offer of Miss K. D. Glyn to present this marble portrait of Mrs. Maul, be accepted with thanks.

4—Museum Assistant—RESOLVED, That Miss Shelagh Jeffery (Lond. Matric.) be appointed Junior Assistant in the Museum in place of Miss Rodway, resigned.

W. CURLING HAYWARD,

In the Chair.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday. 24th June, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, Selim Smith, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 28th May to 24th June, 1932. Interments 51 ; Grave Spaces sold 10 (Second Position 1, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 7) ; Memorials erected 16; New Inscriptions 11.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8626 to 8635, both inclusive.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Base and Kerbing to grave of Berne Stuart Johnson ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of William Hayward, George Edward Laud Denne, and Henry Neate and Ernest Percival Neate ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Elizabeth Fisher and Ann Maria Fisher, James Edmund Collins, Alfred Trigg, and Fanny Peach ; Scroll to grave of Richard Frederick Arrowsmith ; Cross to grave of Emma Miles.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 29th June, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore ; Councillors P. T. Smith, Waite, J. F. Ward and Weech ; Messrs. E. J. Burrow and J. Howell.

1—Chairman --The Mayor intimated his desire to be relieved of the Chairmanship in view of his other duties. RESOLVED, That Councillor Weech be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted draft form of agreement to be entered into with the promoters of the Company, which provided that subject to a Company being formed in accordance with the terms of the agreement the Corporation would grant a licence to the Company to pull down the present Winter Garden building, and to erect a new building containing Ice Rink, Swimming Bath, Palm Court, Restaurant, Squash Racquets Courts and other subsidiary accommodation in accordance with plans, elevations and specification to be approved by the Corporation at an estimated cost of £130,000 and that on completion of the buildings the Corporation would grant a lease thereof for 75 years at a ground rent of £150 per annum upon the terms and conditions set out in the form of lease attached to the agreement. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the draft agreement and form of licence and lease as now settled by the Committee.

W. N. WEECH, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th June, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, Thomas and Yarnold; Messrs. E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts— £14 9s. 2d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,972 (last year 4,704), Lending Department 17,130 (last year 15,946), Junior Department 3,207 (last year 2,824) Total for month 26,309 (last year 23,474).

Binding and Replacements-284 volumes had been dispatched to the Binder and 133 volumes replaced.

Meeting of the Birmingham and District Branch of the Library Association---The Librarian reported that the Chairman, himself and two members of the staff had attended a meeting at Stroud on 4th June, when the President of the Library Association spoke

Donations—An Anonymous Donor (5 vols) ; Miss Burton (6 vols) ; Miss Benedict (1 vol.) ; Miss Bubb (1 vol.), Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (5 vols) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (21 pamphts) ; Cheltenham Civic Society (1 vol.) - Mrs. Fowler (2 vols.) ; Miss K. D. Glyn (1 vol.) ; Rev. A. A. Headley (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. L. Howell (3 vols) ; The Leigh Browne Endowment (1 vol.) ; Mrs. Luttrell (4 vols.) ; Messrs. Methuen (1 vol.) ; Mrs. L. G. Puckle (1 vol.) ; Mr. A. E. Robinson (3 pamphts.) ; Madame Rivoira (1 vol.) ; " W.H.F." (1 vol.). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 155 volumes, published at £50 7s. 0d., be purchased for £28 13s. 2d.

(b) That 5 volumes, published at £7 7s. 0d., be purchased for £4 4s. 0d. out of the Leslie Young Benefaction.

(c) That the sum of £25 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That the sum of £25 be spent on Binding.

3—Card Catalogue Cabinet—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Smiths Systems Ltd. for a 20 tray Card Cabinet for the sum of £13 13s. 0d, be accepted.

4—Library Association Conference—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend this Conference at Bournemouth from 5th to 8th September.

5—Cheltenham Teachers' Association—Read, letter from this Association asking for representation on the Public Library Committee. RESOLVED, subject to the approval of the Council, That the Association be asked to nominate a co-opted member in the place of the late Mr. Alfred Miles.

6—Net Book Agreement—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Barrow-in-Furness with regard to the terms on which books are supplied to public libraries. RESOLVED, That the letter be on the table.

7—Lectures—The Librarian suggested that arrangements be made with the two local Sunday School Associations for four lectures to be given in the Art Gallery during the winter, 1932-33.

8—Hour of Meeting—RESOLVED, That this Committee meet in future at 5 p.m. instead of 4.30 p.m.
H. W. Thomas, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th June, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Pruen, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (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 £42,342 5s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £66,295 7s. 8d.

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, 1932. Amount collected £9,122 18s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £10,944 4s. 7d.

3—Sanction to Loans -The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanction :—

Date, 1932.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
18th June	Electricity Mains, Arle and Uckington	£3,577	25 years,
		£224	20 years

4—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that Housing Bonds amounting to £720 had been renewed at 4 ½ per cent. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 28th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Weech.

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 £8,335 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

7—Internal Audit—Read, report of the Internal Audit Clerk dated 27th inst.

8—Auditor's Report—The Town Clerk submitted report of the Electricity Committee on the suggestions of the District Auditor in regard to the accounting system of the Electricity Undertaking. The Electricity Committee recommended as follows :—

(a) That all the accounts be prepared by the Electricity Department, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for the provision of a billing machine.

(b) That the accounts, when made out, be handed to the Borough Treasurer's Department for dispatch and collection, and that duplicates of the accounts be retained by the Electricity Department for statistical purposes.

(c) That Reports of the weekly, monthly and quarterly accounts paid be submitted by the Borough Treasurer to the Borough Electrical Engineer, showing particulars of the accounts which are more than one meter reading in arrear.

(d) That the Borough Treasurer be responsible for the arrears, but if a request by the Borough Treasurer to the Electricity Department for a consumer's supply to be cut off is not acceded to by the Borough Electrical Engineer the matter be reported to the Electricity Committee.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

9—Rates Department—The Chairman reported that H. V. Webb, Clerk in the Rates Office, had passed the Intermediate Examination of Rating and Valuation Officers. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by £10 per annum.

10—Slab Factory—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Street and Highway Committee proposed to utilise some of the slabs etc., now in stock at the Slab Factory for the footpaths without making any charge to the footpaths account for this. RESOLVED, That this Committee do not approve of this, but that the Council be recommended to allow the Street and Highway Committee to exceed their estimates for footpaths by £500 by taking from stock slabs etc., to the value of this sum.

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, 4th July, 1932, 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, Pates, 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., Morris, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, Weech, M.A., Wheeler, M.B.E. and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Miller.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd June, 1932, 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 13

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor E. L. Ward and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 12 (c) with reference to Nos. 4 and 6 Swindon Road, be referred back for further consideration."

Housing Street and Highway Meeting held June 16

Street and Highway Meeting held June 20

and that the Byelaws with regard to Loud Speakers etc. be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto, and that application be made to the Secretary of State for confirmation thereof." (An Amendment moved by Councillor Morris: " That the proposed Byelaws with regard to Loud Speakers etc. be referred back " was not seconded.

Town Planning Meetings held June 9 & 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 17, 24 & 27

Amendment moved by Councillor P. T. Smith : " That Minute No. 11 be not approved, and that a charge be made for admission to the Winter Gardens for the afternoon concerts given by the Municipal Orchestra, and that admission to the evening concerts be free " was not seconded).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 22

Water Meeting held June 14

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £9,000 (in addition to loan of £40,000, application for which was authorised by Minute passed at the meeting of the Council on 6th July, 1931) required to cover the cost of the larger main and the storage reservoir required to be provided by the Ministry of Health, and also, that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for the cost of these extra works to be included in the grant.

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 21

General Purposes and Watch and Water Joint Committees Meeting held June 21

Allotments Meeting held June 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 17

Burial Board Meeting held June 24

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Public Library Meeting held June 16

Finance Meeting held June 28

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for authority to issue Housing Bonds at interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, instead of 4 ½ per cent. Resolved, also, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £15,325 be approved as settled by the Committee and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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—Winter Garden Development Committee—The Council resolved into Committee to consider the draft licence, form of agreement and lease, and on resuming into open Council, it was Resolved, That the draft lease etc. as now settled, be approved subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham " That provision be made in the lease for restricting the use of the new building on Sundays." Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. R. F. Seabert to rent the South Transept of the Winter Garden for Roller Skating on a weekly tenancy be granted at an inclusive rent of £4 per week up to the 1st October, and thereafter at £5 per week.

4---Grammar School—Resolved, That Alderman J. Moore and Councillor Leigh James be re-appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School for a term of three years expiring on the 29th July, 1935.

5—Conversion of War Loan—Resolved, That the sums of £100 and £31 11s. 6d. invested in the names of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham in £5 per cent. War Loan 1929-1947 be continued as £3 10s. 0d. per cent. War Loan.

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, 25th July, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1932. Present—Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Waite and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair),

1—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) Moray House Hotel, Parabola 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 premises 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) 139, 141 and 143 Bath Road ; 15 Hermitage Street ; 14 Lansdown Place ; and Moray House Hotel, Parabola 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, except that in the case of Moray House Hotel which the Sanitary Inspector reported was urgent, that the Owners be required to do the work within 14 days, and that in default of compliance with the notice, that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender for carrying out the work.

(c) 139, 141 and 143 Bath Road—The Sanitary Inspector submitted letters from the Owners of these premises asking the Corporation to carry out the necessary drainage work thereto and to apportion the cost amongst them. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs, Trigg Bros., amounting to £71 10s. 6d., be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—Insanitary Property at (a) Garden Cottage, Malthouse Lane ; 19 Brunswick Street; and 20 Hatherley 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) 23 Albert Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 11th April last the works specified to be done at these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. Eager & Co. at a cost of £19 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1930, declaring the said expenses to be payable by monthly instalments of 16s 6d. within a period not exceeding two years with interest at the rate of £5 per centum per annum until the whole amount is paid.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—1 Greens Place, Tewkesbury Road; Stone Cottage, Sherborne Street ; and 2 Beaufort Buildings—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 given 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 1 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. Beef 25 lbs. Pork ; 31 lbs. Fowls ; 14 tins Fish, Fruit and Tongue.

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5—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices arising from defective down water pipe 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, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. V. Mills of 16 Roman Road to be registered as a retail purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 2 Upper Bath Street and 40 Cleaveland 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 Owners, to the person having control of the houses and Mortgagees (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 12th September, 1932.

(b) 16 Priory Terrace— Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mrs. E. M. Pates the Owner of these premises that she had now invited estimates for the alterations required to the basement to comply with the regulations under the Housing Acts with a view to carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a closing order be adjourned until September 12th,

(c) 77 Duke Street ; 2, 3, 4, 5 Princes Place ; and 5, 6 and 7 Portland Terrace—Read, letter of 2nd inst., from Messrs Steel & Broom that their clients were unable in view of the great expense involved, to carry out the necessary work of reconstruction at these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration of making demolition orders be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime the Housing Committee be asked to inspect the property.

(d) Rhodville, Moorend Street—Read, letter of 13th ult. from Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles asking for consideration of making a demolition order in respect of these premises to be adjourned for a further two months RESOLVED, That this application be not granted. RESOLVED, also, That the Council being satisfied that this house which is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner with respect to the carrying out the works or the future user of the house, Demolition Order be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (3) of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, requiring that the house shall be vacated within 30 days from the date on which the Order becomes operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the house is not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which it is vacated.

(e) 4 and 6 Swindon Road—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended again to accept the undertaking given by the Owner of these premises to carry out the works necessary to make the

premises fit for human habitation as set out in Minute No. 12 (c) of the last meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Owner to arrange if possible for the work to be carried out without displacing the tenants, or, if this is found impracticable, to reinstate the tenants on the completion of the works,.

(f) 11 to 14 Casino Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the demolition of these properties had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. F. A. Middleton at a cost of £28. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Owner for payment of this sum.

8—**Flooding**—The Chairman reported that the **Sub-Committee** appointed to consider the reports of the Borough Surveyor dated the 1st July, 1931 and November, 1931 in regard to the flooding in various parts of the town had had two meetings, and the Borough Surveyor submitted further report dated the 8th ultimo After careful consideration of the matter the Sub-Committee recommended the following work be carried out :—

Constructing storm water overflows from College Road to the Chelt and from St. Luke's Road to the River Chelt	£2210
Increasing waterway at Barrett's Mill Bridge	£245
Constructing release storm water culvert, Keynsham Road Bridge ...	£195
Clearing obstructions etc in Chelt ...	£100
Overflow chamber improvement, Hanover Parade	£50
Contingencies ...	<u>£200</u>
Total ...	£3000

RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £3000 for carrying out the work.

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9—Abattoir---(a) The Sanitary Institute recommended the provision of 6 offal carriers for the Abattoir at a cost of £16 19s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to obtain these

(b) The Sanitary Inspector reported that the number of animals slaughtered at the Abattoir for the half year ended 30th June last showed an increase of 1275 over the corresponding period last year.

10--Offensive Trade—Fish Frier-RESOLVED, That the application of Frederick Parsons of 38 Brunswick Street for consent to establish the trade of a fish frier at premises in Hanover Parade be not granted.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th pay, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Lipson, Morris, Waite, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Arrears—The Town Clerk reported that no reply had yet been received to the letter he had sent to the Guardians Committee and by them referred to the Public Assistance Committee in regard to the tenants in arrear who were in receipt of transitional benefit. The Housing Manager submitted

particulars of eight typical cases of Corporation tenants in receipt of transitional benefit. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send copies of these to the Public Assistance Committee, and Guardians Committee, and to ask that a reply may be sent to the former letter, and also to inform these Committees that this Committee is willing to assist them with a view to the co-ordination of the work of the three Committees..

2—Assisted Housing Scheme (1919)—Read, report of the Housing Manager in regard to the Repairs Fund in respect of the 151 houses let under this Scheme. The expenditure for the last two years had amounted to £701 and £874 respectively, and the proportion of the rents allowed by the Ministry of Health for carrying out the repairs amounted to about £510 per annum. The largest items of expenditure were for replacing floors affected with dry rot, and rendering concrete block houses damp-proof. The Chairman reported that the View Sub-Committee had inspected the houses and recommended that the external woodwork should be painted as this had not been done since 1925. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to submit particulars of all redecorations and repairs necessary to the Repairs Sub-Committee before putting work in hand, except any emergency repairs. RESOLVED, also that the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare specification for painting the exterior woodwork of these houses, and that tenders be invited for carrying out the work divided up into three groups of 50, 50 and 51 houses and that the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to accept a suitable tender or tenders.

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3—**Selection of Tenants, Repairs and View Sub-Committee**--Read, reports of this Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 1st and 13th inst., They recommended as follows :—

(a) 19 Rutland Street—That the Sanitary Inspector be asked to obtain tenders for the repair of the outside lavatory at this house.

(b) Applications—That in future all applicants for the tenancy of houses be interviewed by the Sub-Committee,

(c) 19 Shelley Road—That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenant of this house notice to quit as he is the owner of a house on the St. Mark's Estate, which he had let at a rent in excess of the rent of the house taken by him instead.

(d) Outbuildings—That the outbuildings at 10 Whaddon Avenue, 59 and 101 Pilley Crescent be approved subject to the conditions specified by the Sub-Committee.

(e) 51 Pilley Crescent—That the tenant of this house be given notice to show cause why the shed erected at these premises should not be removed.

(f) 15 Pilley Lane---That the tenant of this house be given notice to show cause why the unsightly fowl house erected at this house should not be removed,

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted

4-2-5 Princes Place and 77 Duke Street ; 5-7 Portman Terrace, Upper Bath Street ; and 40 Cleveland Street—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that this Committee should consider purchasing these properties with a view to reconditioning, and the

Chairman reported that he and Councillor Morris had inspected the property. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that 77 Duke Street and 5 Princes Place were capable of reconditioning at an estimated cost of £160, and also that 5 and 6 Portman Terrace could be reconditioned and converted into one house at a cost of £80, and 40 Cleaveland Street reconditioned at a cost of £80. The remainder of the properties would have to be demolished. He estimated the total cost of carrying out the work, including the purchase of the properties and providing for £40 for contingencies at £470. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase these properties with a view to reconditioning the four premises mentioned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms of purchase,

5—**Garden Prize Scheme**—Read, report of the **Sub-Committee** of their inspection on the 8th inst. of the various gardens on the Housing Estates, and the awards made, RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to pay these. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the houses whose gardens were reported to be in an untidy condition.

6-8 Milton Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department for consent to place a bracket on the chimney of 8 Milton Road be granted subject to an annual payment of 1s, and on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done to the property in the placing or maintenance of the works, and to the consent being terminable by three months notice in writing on either side.

7—Vacant Land at St. Mark's—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. C. C. Castle that he had sold the grass on the vacant land at St. Mark's to Mr. C. Harris for £10

8—St. Paul's Street South Clearance Area --(a) Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. L. W. Bayley that he had asked the Corpus Christi College to reconsider the terms for the sale of their land

(b) Britannia Inn--The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Morris had inspected this property and recommended that this should be repaired and let as a shop and dwelling house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the Corpus Christi College have had an opportunity of reconsidering the sale of their land.

9—New Houses—Messrs. Rainger & Rogers submitted plans for the erection of three storey tenement buildings together with approximate estimates, RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to entertain the erection of tenement buildings. RESOLVED, also, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be instructed to prepare and submit plans for the houses proposed to be erected on land at Alstone.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th July, 1932, Present—Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Thomas, Capt. Tye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Warning Signs—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from the Central Ward Secretary of the Ratepayers Association asking for the provision of " Stop " or " Slow " signs at the following junctions : Pittville Cross Drive and Evesham Road, Warwick Place and Portland Street, Albion Street and Portland Street, Clarence Road and Portland Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mr. W.. H. Jester for the provision of a white line and the word " Slow " at the junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square be adjourned for view.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Chief Constable suggesting the desirability of a white line painted on Lansdown Road over the bridge for a short distance each side, together with the word "Slow," and also suggesting the provision of a caution notice on the Gloucester Road side of the bridge. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a longitudinal white line painted in the middle of the road across the bridge.

2—Destructor Scrap Metal—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Newey Wearing had withdrawn his offer for the bales of scrap metal, tins etc. RESOLVED, That these be crushed and tipped.

3—Wagon Quarry—RESOLVED, That the proposal of Mr. T. F. Coke to lease the Wagon Quarry at Leckhampton be not entertained.

4—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that W. J. Williams, the junior clerk in his department had passed the Intermediate Examination of the N.A.L.G.O.

5—Projecting Signs---RESOLVED, That the applications of the Misses D. and G. Taylor and F. H. Bastin & Son to fix projecting signs outside premises at 2a Cambray and Mr. Thompson (Chemist) Suffolk Place respectively be granted subject to the usual conditions.

6—Leckhampton Hill—Read, memorial from 10 residents complaining of the inconvenience of the stile in the public footpath from the top of Pilford Road to Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see the owner with a view to remedying the complaint.

7 —Byelaws—New Streets and Buildings—Read, report of the **Byelaws Sub-Committee** at their meeting on 11th inst. Present—Councillors Capt. Trye and Scott Langley.

They recommended that the amending series of Byelaws prepared by the Ministry of Health to bring the present Byelaws up to date and so as to make them more elastic be approved. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of the Byelaws, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof. (A copy of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

8—Traffic Control Signals—Read, circular of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Transport in regard to the terms for the supply of electricity for automatic traffic control signals.

9—Trafalgar Street—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Assistant Surveyor, General Post Office, Cardiff, giving the necessary undertaking to observe the conditions in regard to the entrance crossings in Trafalgar Street for the Post Office garages and exit in Vittoria Walk.

10—Folly Lane—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. L. Baylis had now paid the amount due in respect of the Private Improvement Works carried out in this road. RESOLVED, That the Council be now recommended to take over Folly Lane (from St. Paul's Road to Craven Cottage and thence to the railway bridge) and that Statutory Notice be given accordingly.

11—Oriell Road—RESOLVED, That this Committee are unable to agree to the erection of a sign directing to the Spa etc. on the footpath at the corner of this road as they consider that this is unsuitable.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, Morris, Scott Langley and Weech ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. Grist and E. C. Gurney (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—RESOLVED. That the Town Clerk be asked to convey to Mrs. Mellersh the deep sympathy of the Committee with her and her husband in the sad loss sustained by the death of their son.

2—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1932.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants. Toddlers	
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	43.3	34.4
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	20.4	18.5
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	49.8	51.2
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	23.3	21.5

(b) Annual Report—A copy of the 23rd Annual Report for the year ended 31st March last was submitted

3—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1932 :

No. of Children on Register	2,504
Children Visited (1 year and under)	679
“ “ (over 1 year)	693
Still Births discovered ...	1
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	2,022
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	181
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	72
Children remitted to Hospital	6

Ante-natal cases visited ...	24
Whooping Cough cases visited	1
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	1
Measles cases visited	3
Chicken Pox cases visited	10
Grants of Milk :	
Carried over from previous quarter	97
New Orders ...	48
Orders discontinued during quarter	62
“ continuing to coming quarter	83

Children Act :	Health Visitors	School Nurses
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	54	6
“ visits (under Children Act)	57	9

4-Midwives Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that notices of intention to practice had been received from Miss Constance Winifred Swain, Mrs. Bertha Clayton, Miss Mabel A. Swain and Miss Elizabeth Frances Gore, all of the Victoria Home.

(b) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 59 applications had been received from Midwives for Medical help during the quarter ended 30th ult., and the amount of the doctors' fees for the quarter amounted to £20 8s. 6d. of which £7 0s. 9d. was rechargeable to patients.

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(c) Accounts—The Medical Officer of Health submitted two accounts sent in by a Doctor more than two months after the emergency. RESOLVED, That he be informed that as these were not rendered within the time prescribed by Section 2 (2) of the Midwives Act, 1926, the Corporation are unable to except liability for the same.

(d) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 30th ult. : Stillbirths 3 ; Deaths of Infants 3 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1.

5—Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that one request had been received during the quarter for a specialist opinion, and that as Dr. Park was away from home Dr. David Andrews had been selected by the Doctor concerned as substitute.

(b) He recommended that an appointment should be made to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Hugh Powell, RESOLVED, That the following practitioners be appointed additional consultants :—Dr. D. W. J. Andrews, Dr. A. F. D. Darlington and Dr. H. Sandeman Allen.

6—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 41 Mothers and 40 Infants had attended the School Dentist during the quarter in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee, and that the Education Committee had decided to make a charge of £17 10s.

Od for the Maternity and Child Welfare Dental Work done during 1931, and he submitted this account for payment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Councillor Scott Langley raised the question as to, the desirability of arranging for talks on the care of teeth to parents and children. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to consider and report as to this.

7—Nursing Homes Registration Act—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Misses Bloss had removed from 26 Imperial Square to 4 College Road, and applied to be registered in respect of the new premises, The new premises were an improvement on the former premises and he recommended that the same be registered accordingly.

8—Children Act—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 4 of the Children Act, 1908, the number of infants under the age of 7 years which may be kept at Wenlock House, Wellington Passage by Mrs. Johnson be limited to one.

9—Local Government Act, 1929—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Health forwarding draft Scheme proposed to be made under Section 93 of the Local Government Act, 1929, for the four financial years 1933-37, continuing the previous appropriation of £5,019 out of the County apportionment and the grant thereof of £552 to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Special Course for Inspectors of Midwives etc.—Read, circular from the Post-Certificate School of the General Lying-in Hospital, Camberwell with regard to a special Course for Inspectors of Midwives and others holding senior posts. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

11—Central Midwives Board—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 13th May last from the Central Midwives Board stating that the Board had taken Counsel's Opinion on its powers to effect a transfer of the powers and duties of conducting penal proceedings to Local Supervising Authorities and enclosing Counsel's Opinion. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not desire to make any observations thereon.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris, Scott Langley and E. L. Ward ; Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont, Major Shakspeare, Capt. Leschallas, G. E. Arthurs and Col. Sinnott (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.
3365	Rowland, H.	Internal alterations, 77 Winchcomb Street.
3366	Oliver, S. W.	Addition to outbuilding, Suffolk Road
3367	Clingan, W.	Addition, 78 Marle Hill Parade.
3368	Western, W. J.	Motor house, 77 Gloucester Road,
3369	Parsons, F. J.	New shop addition (fish frier), rear of 12 Brunswick Terrace.
3370	Crook, S. C.	New ironing room, Crook's Laundry, Croft Street.
3371	Squire, A.	New dairy at rear of 248 Bath Road

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3366, 3368, 3370 and 3371 be approved ; That Plan No. 3365 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; and That Plans Nos. 3367 and 3369 be not approved ; and That with regard to Plan No. 3367 the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

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,
332	Peacey, Mrs. A.	Porch, Bicknell, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.
333	Hawkins, G. A.	Block of 3 houses, Linden Lawn, London Road, Charlton Kings.
334	Hull, Mrs. L. A.	Plot plan, Leckhampton Hill
335	“ “	Two detached bungalows, Leckhampton Hill.
336	Smith, W. E.	Bay windows and porch, Malvern Villa, The Reddings.
337	Merriman, R. H.	Bungalow, Warden Hill Road,
338	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, near Shurdington.
339	Bliss, H. F.	“ “ “ “
340	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton,
341	“ “	“ “ “ “
342	Jordan, H.	Lay-out, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 336, 339 and 342 be approved ; That Plan No. 333 be approved subject to no part of the building being erected in front of the building line ; That Plan No. 337 be approved subject to no part of the building being erected in front of the building line laid down in the Scheme and to the owner undertaking to surrender the land without compensation for the widening of the road in accordance with the Scheme when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No. 338 be approved subject to the owner undertaking to surrender the land without compensation for the widening of the road in accordance with the Scheme when required by the Road Authority ; That Plans Nos. 340 and 341 be approved subject to the owner undertaking to surrender the land without compensation for the widening of Kidnappers Lane to a standard width of 36 feet when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No. 332 be approved subject to the owner undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the responsible Authority ; and That Plans Nos. 334 and 335 be adjourned for further consideration.

3—Ribbon Development—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health pointing out that the proposals in the Preliminary Statement with regard to ribbon development were proving ineffective and that the Committee desire to ask the Ministry to amend these proposals by prescribing a frontage for each building plot.

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4—Winter Garden—Read, letter from Messrs. Overbury & Stratton Davis, the Hon. Architects of the Civic Society with their observations on the preliminary plans submitted for the Ice Rink etc, The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded the same to Mr. Wilkins for his observations thereon

5—Preliminary Statement and Map No. 2—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now asked if it was possible for the Inquiry to be held on the Pm, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to write pointing out that it would be more convenient if this could be held on a date early in October.

6—Wilton House—Advertisement Board—The Committee considered a complaint with regard to an advertisement Board at Wilton House. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

7—Crook's Laundry—The letter from Mr. E. J. Rose objecting to the proposed building for which plan No. 3370 had now been submitted was considered. RESOLVED, That as the building complies with the Byelaws the plan be approved and that Mr. Rose's complaint with regard to the noise and smoke be referred to the Public Health Committee.

8—Gloucestershire Joint Regional Town Planning Committee—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst. from this Committee enclosing copy of the Minutes passed at the last Meeting.

9—Recreation Ground Leckhampton—Read, letter of 20th ult., from the Cheltenham Rural District Council maintaining their objection to the land scheduled for a Recreation Ground as they still considered that the alternative site suggested by them was more suitable. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their original proposal.

10—By-Pass Road, Winchcomb—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. H. W. Stephens acting on behalf of Mr. Albert Day of Greet Manor, Winchcomb, objecting to the By-Pass Road at Winchcomb as this would cut off some small fields known as " The Churchlands." RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their proposals.

11—Building and Improvement Lines—The Town Clerk submitted plans received from the County Council of the building and improvement lines prescribed in respect of the Cheltenham and Broadway Road A. 46 from the Parish of Prestbury to the northern boundary of the Town Planning Scheme and also in respect of the Tewkesbury Road from the Cheltenham borough boundary to Coombe Hill. The lines prescribed by the County Council were in accordance with the lines prescribed by the Town Planning Scheme.

12—Garage " The Winnatts," Christ Church Road—Read, letter from Mr. V. S. Lyster submitting a proposal for providing a garage at these premises in the bank in advance of the building line. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect and report thereon.

E. H. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th July, 1932, Present—Alderman Pates ;
Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas and Waite ; Messrs. H. W. Bennett, B. J. Burrow and J. Howell
(Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Pavilion—Messrs. Robert Pitt and George Ellis attended and gave particulars of their takings and expenses since renting the Pavilion, and asked the Committee to meet them in regard to their rent. RESOLVED, That, in the circumstances, a reduction of L.4 per week be made in the rent as from the 4th inst.

(b) Sunday Performances---RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to allow the Concert Party to give concerts on Sunday Evenings between 8 and 9.30 p.m., subject to the programme for each concert being first submitted to and approved by the Chairman, and that Minute No. 2 (b) passed at the meeting on the 17th June be rescinded.

2—Montpellier Baths--Read, application from the Girls Grammar School for reduced charges for these baths. RESOLVED, That the charges to Grammar School Girls for the evenings be reduced from 6d. to 5d.

3—Medical Baths—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that pre-payment be required in all cases for Medical baths, etc. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that it is practicable to require pre-payment in all cases where a course of treatment and massage is being taken and that the Superintendent should be given discretion not to insist on pre-payment where he considers this is not necessary.

4—Chairs—The Town Clerk reported that the chairs in the Winter Garden Cinema had been included in the contract for maintenance proposed to be entered into with Messrs. Smiths Systems, and as these chairs were not being used they could be excluded from the Contract, in which case Messrs. Smiths Systems were prepared to make an allowance of £5 per annum. RESOLVED, That their amended tender of £152 10s. 0d. per annum be accepted for a period of two years, and that Minute No. 7 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 24th ult. be varied accordingly.

5—Alstone Baths —The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. Cox, Secretary of the Cheltenham Badminton Club, for the use of Alstone Baths for Badminton as in former years. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant the use of the Baths on the same terms as last year, subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

6 - Pittville Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that the Rector now desired to hold the Parish Church Fete at Pittville Gardens instead of Montpellier Gardens on the 14th September. RESOLVED, That the Gardens and Pump Room be let for the Fete at a charge of subject to the usual conditions, namely : That any damage which may be done to the Pump Room or Gardens by the holding of the

Fete shall be made good, and that the Gardens be closed to the public on this day except to tennis players and residents on the Pittville Estate.

7—Oriol Road—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to approve of a sign directing to the Central Spa and Medical Baths being erected on the footpath on the corner of Oriol Road,

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors P. T. Smith, Salim Smith, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward ; Messrs. FL W. Bennett, E. J. Burrow and Dr. Howell (Councillor Waite in the chair).

8—**Medical Baths—The Sub-Committee** reported that they met on 15th inst. Present—Councillor Waite (in the chair), Alderman Pates and Mr. E. J. Burrow. The Sub-Committee considered that it is essential that practising Medical men should be afforded the same facilities as given at other Spas, including the opportunity of testing for themselves the treatments at the Medical Baths and also the Spa waters and they recommended as follows :—

That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to issue permits to enable them to do so and also to grant complimentary tickets to visiting doctors to the Corporation Entertainments and Gardens and that he be instructed to report to the Committee from time to time any permits and complimentary tickets issued and that Minute No. 6 (a) passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on the 17th April, 1931, be varied accordingly.

The Sub-Committee also recommend that a follow-up letter be sent out by the Entertainments Manager to all the Doctors to whom the first letter was sent, and that the booklet issued to members of the Medical Profession be revised and reprinted for sending out with the letters and that the letter and booklet be submitted for the approval of the Medical Advisory Committee. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted,

9—**Concerts Sub-Committee**--Read, Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on 12th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) Councillors P. T. Smith, Thomas and Waite.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Entertainments Manager—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to purchase the furniture in accordance with the list and estimate now submitted at a cost of £17 5s. 0d. and that Alderman Pates and Councillor Waite be authorised to purchase a small carpet square at a cost of about £4. Also that the official orders of the Entertainments Manager be now signed by him instead of the Town Clerk.

(b) Catering—That notice be given to Messrs Georges Ltd. terminating their catering at the Winter Gardens and Flannel Dances and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for carrying this out including the three Cricket Festival Dances to be

arranged and that he be also authorised to provide light refreshments at the Sunday Evening Concerts.

(c) Cricket Festival—That Cricket Festival Dances be held from 8 to 11.30 p.m. on the 10th, 13th and 17th August and that the tender of Mrs. Stephens to pay 15 per cent. of her gross takings for the right to provide a bar at these three dances be accepted.

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

10—Winter Garden—The Committee recommend that the commencement of Mr. Seabert's tenancy of the south transept for roller skating be deferred until the 29th August as the roller skating would interfere with the use of the building for orchestral concerts. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the walls of the skating rink and lavatory colour washed.

1.1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow suggested that a frame similar to the frame used for the Meteorological Reports should be placed in the Fountain enclosure in the Promenade for giving particulars of daily events with direction map of local places of interest. RESOLVED, That this proposal be approved and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to provide a suitable frame.

12—Masseuse—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Alderman Pates and Councillor P. T. Smith, together with Dr. Kirkland and Dr. Howell be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications received for the vacant appointment of masseuse.

13—Entertainments Manager—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be allowed the sum of £15 towards the costs of his removal expenses from Buxton to Cheltenham.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th July, 1932. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Scott Langley and Capt. Trye (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Monson Avenue and Grove Street—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. J. Broad and J. Manning respectively for improvements in the lighting of these respective streets be adjourned pending the survey of the lighting of the town which was now in progress.

2—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the list of arrears amounting to £404 3s. 1d. prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and now signed by the Chairman, be written off as irrecoverable.

3—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 474.6 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on 27th ult., and the 1st and 11th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 482.1, 473.8, and 475.2 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.9 inches of water in each case.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th July, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Morris and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 4th July, 1932,	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	455,000 gallons	357,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	864,000 “	850,000
Leckhampton Springs	77,000	69,000
Total	1,396,000	1,276,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 4th July, 1932.	Contents	Depth 4th July, 1931.	Contents
Hewletts		24,000,000 gallons		31,242,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 11ins.	89,193,000 “	31ft. 5ins.	96,950,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins,	1,620,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		114,813,000		129,812,000

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that the number of people attending the Hewletts Reservoirs on Sundays had been as follows :--

June 5th ...	160
June 12th	169
June 19th	240
June 26th	160

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

3—Tewkesbury Borough—Water Mains—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury calling attention to the worn out condition of the three inch main on the

Gloucester Road, and recommended that a new main should be laid for a length of 1,214 yards. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the work.

4—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Committee inspected these works and the work in progress on the new 24 inch main.

(b) Pumps—The Borough Engineer reported that the Ministry of Health now agreed to the contract being entered into with Messrs. Hathorne Davy & Co. for pumps in accordance with their original tender including if the Council so decided, provision for extra capacity at an extra cost of £360, so that a larger supply may be available in the event of Gloucester deciding to come in later. RESOLVED, That the contract be now entered into with Messrs. Hathorne Davy & Co. for the pumps in accordance with their original tender amounting to £7,475.

(c) Storage Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for the storage reservoir.

5—Castle Barn Farm—Mr. C. C. Castle submitted the tenders received for the provision and erection of a Dutch barn at this farm, on which the tenant had agreed to pay per centum per annum on the cost. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Lister of Dursley amounting to £78 15s. 0d. be accepted.

6—Dowdeswell Waterworks—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Post Office Telephones Dept., giving notice terminating the agreement for the telephone at these works on 30th September next, and stating that a revised agreement would be submitted in due course.

(b) The Committee considered the purchase of the remainder of the land in the watershed on portions of which several bungalows and railway carriage huts had been erected. RESOLVED, That application be made for a Provisional Order for compulsory powers to purchase this land.

7—Boddington Water Supply—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement entered into with Mr. J. S. Gibbons and Mr. McIlquham and others to contribute £400 to cost of new water main to supply properties at Boddington as authorised by the Council on the 4th April last.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th July, 1932. Present; The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that 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 attended the following out breaks of fire :—

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
23rd June	15a Sidney Street	Defective chimney	Slight	£3 4s. 0d
5th July	86a Promenade	Not apparent	Not known	£4 18s. 0d.

3—Domestic Servants Registry Offices—Supt. Wayman reported that all the Agencies in the Borough had recently been inspected and the books inspected and found in order.

4—Minutes—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Labour Party to be supplied with a copy of the Minutes each month be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of G. F. Meadows for the transfer of licence No. 36 to Taxi Cab NP947 be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted list of Hackney Carriage Licences not yet taken up. RESOLVED, That Supt. Wayman be instructed to take proceedings against any of these persons found plying for hire without a licence.

6—Film Censorship—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council, enquiring what steps were taken by the Corporation in regard to the exhibition of "A " films, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Numbering of Streets—Portland Street—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Mr. W. J. Bleney, asking the Corporation to consider renumbering this street, to rename Portland and Pittville Streets, by including these as part of Evesham Road, and enclosing suggested scheme, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for six months.

8—Imperial Square Car Park—Read, letter from Mr. P. Holloway offering his services as attendant at this car park. RESOLVED, That he be engaged at a wage of £1 per week for a trial period of three months, and that a charge of 6d be made for supervision of cars at this Parking Place as at the Promenade and Cambray Parking Places

9—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That two brass handrails be provided for the steps of the Municipal Offices.

10—Recreation Grounds—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and District Trades Council for permission to hold an Open Air Meeting in one of the Recreation Grounds to address the unemployed be not granted as the Byelaws for all the Recreation Grounds specifically prohibit this.

11—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. E. R. Crabtree and the Car Maintenance Club for licences to store 1,000 gallons and 2,000 gallons respectively at their respective premises at 22 Carlton Street and the Service Station, Rodney Road, be granted.

12—Marle Hill House—The Town Clerk submitted lease with Col. Whitmore Jones and the four Misses Jones as settled. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

13—Cinematograph Licences—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council, that the County had decided that all licences granted by the County should be subject to the further condition requiring the occupier to submit a certificate to the effect that the installation in the Cinema is in good order and that the requirements of the Act and Regulations are complied with, and asking the Council to give effect to this condition as regards all Cinemas in Cheltenham, The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Gardom pointing out that all the Cinemas in Cheltenham are under careful supervision and that last year a sub-committee had inspected the various premises and required a number of alterations to be carried out. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it necessary to adopt this condition.

14—Charlton Common—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr., F. W. Halford for the grant of a wayleave for a water pipe along Charlton Common to supply a bungalow on land adjoining the Common be not granted.

15—Superannuation Act—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 that the services of G. Taylor (Hedge cutter etc.) be extended for a period of 12 months from 8th September next.

16—Ordnance Survey—Read, letters from the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer in regard to the circular from the Ordnance Survey Office with reference to the revision of Ordnance Survey plans. RESOLVED, That whilst the Committee are of opinion that a re-survey is desirable they are unable at the present time to recommend the Council to contribute towards the cost of this

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Selim Smith, J. F. Ward and Yarnold ; Messrs. Clarkson, Waine and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair),

1—Alma Road Allotments—Read, memorial from 23 tenants of these Allotments asking for a supply of water to be provided at the allotments. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they are unable to entertain this application.

2-60 Albert Road—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. T. Pincott to take this allotment provided he was allowed the same rent free up to the 30th September in order to clean same, be accepted.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ;
Councillors Selim Smith, J. F. Ward and Yarnold (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Swindon Road Playing Field—RESOLVED, That this Playing Field be kept open during the School Summer Holidays as in previous years.

2—Naunton Park Recreation Ground---RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, That the Salvation Army Band be allowed to play at this ground on Wednesday evenings.

3—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That the following applications for permission to play football etc. during the 1932-33 season be granted as follows :—

Recreation Ground,	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
St. Mark's	Brooklyn F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Smiths Systems F.C.	“
Naunton Park	St. Phillip's F.C. ...	“
“	Naunton Park United F.O	“
“	St George's A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
“	Naunton Park Rugby F.C. ...	Saturdays.
Whaddon Road.	Cheltenham Labour Hall F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Wesley Sunday School F.C.	“ “
Agg-Gardner ...	The Pharmicals A.F.C. ...	“ Wednesdays.
“	Christ Church A.F.C.	“ Saturdays.
“	Central School Old Boys'	“ “
“	St Paul's Old Boys' ...	“ “
“	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club	Wednesdays and Saturdays.

RESOLVED, also, That the Clubs be informed that they must be responsible for marking out the pitches allotted to them.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th July, 1932. Present—Alderman Winterbotham ;
Councillors Morris, Capt. Trye and Weech ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez and C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During June 2,039 (against 1,977). Included in these figures were parties from Naunton Park School (9), Coln St. Dennis School (17), and Colesbourne School (14).

Receipts—Catalogues, " Friends of the Gallery and Museum Fund," etc., £2 17s. 6d

Exhibitions—The Graham Robertson Exhibition closed on the 2nd inst. The Permanent Collection had been re-hung.

Victoria and Albert Museum Loans—The Curator reported that these were being changed during the week commencing 11th inst.

Cases for Geological Room--The Curator reported that he had inspected these while in the process of construction, and that they were satisfactory. They will be delivered in the course of the month.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his report on this Conference which was held at Birmingham from 27th June to 2nd July, 1932. He has been re-elected Hon. Secretary.

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2—Donations—From Miss E. Maude Bubb, Copper Warming Pan, Constable's staff, Tusk of wild boar, Antler of red deer, Powder Box, etc. ; Miss M. F. H. Ellis, two paintings of Tewkesbury, c.1870, by S. G. Heane (Mrs. T. S. Ellis) ; Capt. R. P. Wild, Imperial Standard Yard, County of Gloucester, 1834, 2 Halberds, formerly used in connection with the Assizes at Gloucester, 3 Butter Marks of local origin.

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

3—Loan—From Capt. R. P. Wild, F.G.S., Egg-cup of Bristol old white enamel glass; Egg-cup of blue Bristol glass.

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

4—Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund--RESOLVED, That a new wall-case approximately 10 feet long be purchased for the Natural History Room from the Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum fund, at a cost of £44 13s. 6d.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, Scott Langley, Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th June to 15th July, 1932. Interments 27 ; Grave Spaces sold 4 (Second Position 1, Fourth Position 3) ; Memorials erected 10; New Inscriptions 6.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8636 to 8639.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Marble Headpiece and Kerbing to grave of Sarah Eliza Vizer ; Red granite Ledger to grave of John James Lloyd and Minnie Maria Biggs ; Kerbing to grave of Abraham Noden Cole.

4—Water Cans—The Superintendent reported that there were at present 45 water cans at the Cemetery for the public use, but the persons using the cans omitted to return the same to the water taps. RESOLVED, That notices be put up at the several water taps asking the public to return the cans after use.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th July, 1932. Present—Councillors Thomas and Weech; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Receipts-£13 18s. 11d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 6,521 (last year 5,932) ; Lending Department 15,710 (last year 14,909) ; Junior Department 2,524 (last year 2,553). Total for month 24,755 (last year 23,394).

Replacements and Binding—During the month 168 volumes had been replaced, 279 volumes returned from the Binder, and 290 volumes dispatched for binding.

Donations--From Miss E. Maude Bubb (146 vols.) ; Mr. Ed. J. Burrow (2 vols.) ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. (1 vol.) ; Miss V. Griffin (3 vols.) ; Mrs. Haslam (1 vol.) ; The Misses Henwood (2 vols.) ; Mrs. Alexander Smith (38 vols.) Capt. R. P. Wild (1 vol.),

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

2—Door Fittings—RESOLVED, That adjustments to door fittings be carried out at a cost of £4 5s. 6d.

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 77 volumes, published at £27 12s. 0d., be purchased for £16 8s. 3d.

(b) That 1 volume, published at £9 9s. 0d, be purchased for £4 1s. 0d. out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on Binding.

(d) That the sum of £25 be spent on Replacements.

4-- Supply of Newspapers and Periodicals—Read, letter from Messrs. Banks stating that owing to trade agreements the discount on certain periodicals would be reduced from 15 per cent to 5 per cent RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. (The increased cost would be £6 per annum),

5—Ladies' Table—RESOLVED, That a reader's suggestion to the effect that a table be reserved for ladies in the Reference Room, be not adopted.

6—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including the News Room, be closed on August 1st.

7—Boiler Insurance—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. reported that the boiler was in satisfactory working order.

8—Periodical—RESOLVED, That the purchase of "Wing and Wheel," monthly, 1s. be not entertained.

9—Date of Meeting—RESOLVED, That the date of the September meeting be changed from the 8th to the 15th.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Scott Langley, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Second Valuation—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Valuation Committee were recommending the County Council that authority to refer to Messrs. Eve & Sons dwelling houses between £60 and £150 rateable value and business premises between £150 and £250 should be limited to cases where the Corporation consider these difficult and that with regard to the other special properties that their previous recommendation that these be referred to Messrs. Eve & Sons where there has been any change of circumstances affecting the valuation for rating purposes be adhered to. RESOLVED, That this proposal be accepted.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th July, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 19th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £65,264. Leaving outstanding £42,760.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 19th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1932. Amount collected £12,382. Leaving outstanding £8,205.

3—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanction :—

Date, 1932.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
30th June, 1932.	Engine House Building, Tewkesbury.	£1,902	30 years.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 19th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; and Alderman Moore.

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

5—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £11,490 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £24,585 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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6—Reciprocal Loan--(a) Swansea Corporation—RESOLVED, That the proposal of the Swansea Corporation to reduce the rate of interest on the reciprocal loan of £6,000 to 3 ½ per cent from 31st December, 1932 be agreed to.

(b) Bath Corporation—RESOLVED, That the proposal for mutual repayment of the loan of £15,000 with the Bath Corporation on 31st December next be approved.

7—Town Hall—Loan—The Borough Treasurer reported that this loan amounting to £10,779 had recently expired and he estimated that the profit on the sale of Consols purchased for sinking fund would give a surplus of about £1,400 over the amount required for repayment of the loan. RESOLVED, That the Consols be sold and that any surplus be applied in repayment of part of the balance outstanding of the loan of £5,500 on the Municipal Offices.

8—Fidelity Bond—Entertainments Manager—RESOLVED, That a Fidelity Policy be obtained in respect of the Entertainments Manager for the sum of £250.

9—Internal Audit- -Read, report on the Internal Audit dated 18th inst.

10—District Auditor's Report—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health of 14th inst., asking whether the Council had yet considered the question of defining the Borough Treasurer's duties and extending the internal audit. RESOLVED, That the duties of the Borough Treasurer as Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation shall include the control and supervision of the accounts of the Corporation, including the internal audit of all departmental accounts.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 21st July, 1932.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 25th day of July, 1932, 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 and to approve recommendation for appointment of Masseuse. 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. COUNCILLOR J. F. WARD TO MOVE. :-" That this Council requests its spending Committees to consider providing schemes of work to alleviate unemployment."
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st September, 1932.

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 September. 1932, 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 TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE and to accept tenders for construction of Filter House and Chimney Shaft at Tewkesbury Waterworks. WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BOROUGH EXTENSION SUB-COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To authorise sale of two old Tractors and purchase of one new Tractor.

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, 25th July, 1932, 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, Pates, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, J. F. Ward, J.P., Weech, M.A., and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leigh James and E. L. Ward.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th July, 1932, 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 5

Resolved, also, That 2 Bayshill Lawn and " Gransden " be added to Minute No. (Nuisances from Drains) and that if the notices served on these two properties are not complied with within 21 days after service that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the work, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender and that the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to take temporary measures to unstop the combined drain to these two houses and the Moray House Hotel.

Housing Meeting held July 14

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Capt. Trye and seconded by the Mayor: " That the words when the same has been contracted to be bought' be added to Minute No. 9."

Street and Highway Meeting held July 11

Resolved, also, That the Chairman be authorised to give consent for the erection of projecting electrical signs which comply with the usual conditions subject to which permission is granted, and that from time to time a report be made to the Committee of the consents given. Subject also to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Weech: " That Minute No. 1(a) with reference to Warning- signs in Lansdown Road be referred back for further consideration."

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 18

Town Planning Meeting held July 18

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings, 8, 15, & 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Moore : " That Minute No. 2 be not approved and that the charge for pupils of the Girls' Grammar Schools be reduced to 3d. each."

Subject also to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 8 be amended so as to limit the facilities at the Medical Baths and the issue of Complimentary Tickets for Corporation Entertainments and Gardens to visiting practising Medical men"

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Morris: "That Minute No. 1 (b) in reference to Sunday Concerts at Montpellier Gardens be referred back " was lost.)

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 13

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Water Meeting held July 7

Resolved, also, That the tender of the Trussed Concrete and Steel Construction Co. to design and prepare drawings and plans etc., and to supervise the construction of raw water and clear water storage reservoirs and Patterson filter tanks for a fee of three pounds per cent on the cost of the work estimated by the Borough Engineer at £8,000 be accepted.

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 12

Resolved, also, 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 the Industrial Trades Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from the 20th to the 30th September 1932 inclusive, as the retail trade in connection with the Exhibition will be ancillary or subsidiary only to the main purpose of the Exhibition, which is advertisement.

Allotments... Meeting held July 5

Parks and Recreation Grounds... Meeting held July 5

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 18

Burial Board Meeting held July 15

Public Library Meeting held July 7

Rating Meeting held July 15

Finance Meeting held July 19

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, 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—Unemployment—Councillor J. F. Ward moved, in accordance with notice of motion:

"That this Council requests its spending Committees to consider providing schemes of work to alleviate unemployment."

Councillor P. T. Smith seconded the motion.

The motion having been put to the meeting was declared to be lost.

4—Omnibus Licences—Read, letter from the Cheltenham District Traction Company of their intention to apply to the Traffic Commissioners for licences for omnibuses to run an evening circular tour round Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Council raise no objection to the licences being granted.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 28th July, 1932. Present—Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Major Shakspeare, Capt. Leschallas and Mr. 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.
3367	W. Clingan	Addition, 78 Marle Hill Parade.
3372	M. Vasey	Motor House, 11 Brooklyn Road.
3373	Mrs. James	New Bathroom, Strathcona, Grosvenor Street.
3374	P. Jewell	New Bathroom, 1 Rosedale Villas, Kings Road.
3375	C. J. Price	Motor House, Bedford, Old Bath Road,
3376	E. F. Pullen	Motor House, 7 Spenser Road.

3377	Mrs. A. Tovey	Addition at rear of 5 Newent Place, Marsh Lane
3378	Miss Baker	Bathroom addition, 7 Upper Norwood Street, Shurdington Road.
3379	Miss Dutton	New Porch addition, Collingwood, St. George's Road

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3367, 3372, 3375, 3376, 3377 and 3379 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3373 and 3374 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No. 3378 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.
334	Hull, Mrs. L. A.	Plot Plan, Leckhampton Hill.
335	Hull, Mrs. L. A.	Two detached bungalows, Leckhampton Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Not 334 and 335 be disapproved.

3—Ribbon Development—The Committee further considered amending the proposals in the Preliminary Statement for restricting ribbon development, and the Town Clerk reported interview with Mr. Pepler who informed him that if the Committee decided to amend the proposals the amendment could be published in the local press in the usual way, and then considered at the Local Inquiry to be held on 4th October. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health to amend the Preliminary Statement and proposals for development by adding a proposal enabling the Town Planning Authority :—

(1) To limit the number of houses abutting or fronting on to main or picturesque roads by prescribing a minimum frontage to each house to be erected thereon, and providing that the minimum frontage to each house in the respective areas shall be not less than that indicated in the following table :-

REFERENCE TO MARKING ON	MINIMUM FRONTAGE TO
Mar [p?] No. 2.	EACH HOUSE.
Coloured Chrome Orange	60 feet.
“ Brown Madder	75 “
“ Burnt Umber	100 “
“ Light Vandyke Brown, } Raw Sienna and Raw Umber}	150 “

subject to a proviso that the Town Planning Authority (or the Minister on appeal) shall have power to permit the minimum frontage for any area to be reduced if they think fit having regard to the special circumstances in respect of any site.

(2) To amend the clause controlling the Elevation of Buildings set out on Page 17 of the Preliminary Statement by adding a provision enabling the Town Planning Authority. to object to the size of any buildings which would depreciate the amenities of any area or the value of adjoining or neighbouring properties and to refer such objection to the Advisory Committee to be appointed as

mentioned in the Preliminary Statement to approve or disapprove of the plans objected to. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish this amendment in the "Echo"

4—Local Inquiry—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry had now decided to hold the Local Inquiry into the Preliminary Statement in the Town Hall on 4th October, commencing at 10 a.m.

5—Allotment Reservation—Read, letter of 23rd alt from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries at Birmingham, stating that subject to the conditions set out in the letter they were prepared to issue the necessary certificate in regard to the reservation of allotments in the Town Planning Scheme. It was, however, necessary that a provisional reservation of about 40 acres should be made in the large undeveloped area in the West Ward of the Borough. RESOLVED, That Mr. Streater be instructed to consider and report as to suitable sites for the suggested provisional reservation for allotments.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th August, 1932. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley and Morris; Major Shakspeare, Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett, and the County Surveyor (Councillor Scott Langley in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3289	Carr's Hotel	Preliminary Plan for bringing forward Building— Carr's Hotel, Clarence Street.
3378	Baker, Miss	Additions, 1 Upper Norwood Street (Amended).
3380	Drew, Miss D. K.	Detached house, Golden Valley, Gloucester Road.
3381	Ward, Mrs. A. G.	Addition to 5 Prospect Place, Hall Road,
3382	E. R. Richings (Bursar, Grammar School)	Pony shelter, Girls Grammar School Playing Field, Pittville
3383	Lyster, Mrs.	Motor house, The Winnatts, Christ Church Road,
3384	Mitchell, W.	Addition at rear of 8 Montpellier Terrace.
3385	Y.M.C.A.	Additions at rear of 53 and 55 Promenade.
3386	Smith, T. W.	Two semi-detached houses, off Maida Vale Road.
3387	Melville, W. J.	Detached house, Moorend Park Road.
3388	Hall, G. A. M.	Two semi-detached houses, Painswick Road and Tryes Road.
3389	Brown, C.	Alterations and additions, 8 Tivoli Street.
3390	Harris, Miss C.	Motor house. 4 Pittville Parade.
3391	Sircombe, F. R.	Motor house, Homeside, Cleeve View Road.
3392	Crabtree, E. R.	Shed and Garages, Carlton Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3289, 3384, 3387 and 3391 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3378, 3381 and 3385 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the

Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3388 be approved subject to the owner undertaking to surrender the land in Tryes Road without compensation for the widening of the road to thirty-six feet when required by the Road Authority ; and That Plans Nos 3380, 3382, 3383, 3386, 3389, 3390 and 3392 be not approved. (b) Contravention of Byelaws—Carlton Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. R. Crabtree had extended a shed at his premises in Carlton Street without plans having been first submitted and approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. Crabtree to show cause why the buildings should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

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.
336	_____	Detached house, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
337	Tanner, Mrs.	Detached bungalow, Shurdington.
338	Bendall, A. C.	Detached bungalow, Kidnapper's Lane, Leckhampton.
339	Camm, Mrs. M. E.	Detached bungalow, Little Witcombe.
340	Webster, J. E.	Garage, Handley Cross, Albert Road.
341	Bowers, B. A.	House, Balcarras Road, Charlton Kings.
342	Marshall, Mr.	Pair semi-detached houses, Pumphreys Road, Charlton Kings.
343	Mews, Mr.	Petrol Pump, Oakfield, Battledown.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 336, 340, 3s1 and 342 be approved That Plan No. 339 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being substituted for the proposed Polite Russet Brown tiles ; and That Plans Nos. 337, 338 and 343 be not approved.

8—Leckhampton Hill—Mr. Foster attended and submitted amended plan of bungalow already erected on Leckhampton Hill with a frontage of 60 feet to Leckhampton Road, He also asked for permission to erect five other bungalows on the remaining land if necessary. RESOLVED, That the plan of the bungalow already erected be approved, and that Mr. Foster be Unformed that the Committee are prepared to approve plans on the remainder of his land having a frontage of 250 feet to Leckhampton Hill subject to each building plot having a frontage of not less than 80 feet.

9—Aerodrome—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Town Clerk, Gloucester, reminding the Council that in June, 1931, it was decided to postpone for 12 months consideration of the proposed joint Aerodrome and stating that his Sub-Committee had now been requested to give the matter further consideration and report, and asking what action the Council proposed to take in the matter RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain what decision the Gloucester City Council come to in the matter.

10—Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 8th inst., from Mr. F. P. Witts offering to give up a small piece of land fronting Old Bath Road adjoining the Chelt which had been scheduled as part of the walk along the Chelt subject to the Corporation building a stone wall three feet high. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

L. SCOTT LANGLEY, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd July, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Selim Smith, Thomas and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair). Mr. E. J. Burrow also attended.

1—Masseuse--The Committee interviewed three Candidates selected by the Sub-Committee, namely, Miss L. M Pa[rr]y, Miss C. Reed and Miss G. Williams. RESOLVED, That Miss L. M. Parry of 41 Virginia Road, Leeds, be appointed at a salary of £3 5s. 0d. per week, subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, the appointment to be determinable on either side by one month's notice.

2—Cricket Festival—The Entertainments Manager submitted "copy" of a booklet proposed to be issued during Cricket Week. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that he be authorised to have 2,000 copies printed for distribution.

3—Orchestra—(a) RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to expend £25 in engaging a small Orchestra to provide morning concerts for about a month between the end of the summer season and the beginning of the winter season.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for the Municipal Orchestra to play at the Winter Garden on Sunday afternoon, 31st July, Monday morning, 1st August and Tuesday afternoon 2nd August instead of Friday afternoons the 5th and 12th August and that the Orchestra be paid for the one extra performance.

(c) The Entertainments Manager submitted application from Mrs. Page for a reduced charge for admission for 50 or 60 blind persons who were visiting Cheltenham on the 29th inst. RESOLVED, That they be admitted at the reduced charge of 2d per person.

4—Pittville Park--RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for Messrs, Paine & Co, to give a Firework display at Pittville Park on Tuesday, 2nd August on sharing terms and that a charge of 6d. be made for admission to the gardens.

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 25th JULY, 1932].

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th August, 1932. Present—Councillors P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, E. L. Ward, Waite and Weech ; Messrs. H. W. Bennett and E. J. Burrow (Councillor Waite in the chair).

5—Montpellier Garden—(a) Pavilion—Mr. R. Pitt attended and gave particulars of the takings and expenses of his Concert Party and informed the Committee that the Party would not be able to carry on unless the Committee were able to meet them in regard to the rent. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the Council be recommended to waive payment of any further rent.

(b) Timetable Board—Read, letter of 5th ult. from Black & White Motorways Ltd., for permission. to exhibit a Notice Board on the railings of these Gardens where the Railway Companies had similar boards. RESOLVED, That application be not granted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th August, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Selim Smith, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech ; and Mr. E. J. Burrow (Councillor Waite in the chair).

6—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 26th July and 16th and 22nd August, 1932.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Morning Orchestra—That the tender of Mr. Horace Teague to provide a Quartette to play mornings in the Drawing Room for four weeks commencing the 29th August for the sum of L.6 6s. 0d. per week be accepted.

(b) Octet—The Sub-Committee had considered at each of their Meetings the question of providing some entertainment on the termination of the concerts by the Municipal Orchestra, and recommended that the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole to provide an Octet (lead by Mr. Guy Magrath) to play every evening including Sundays for 1 ½ hours for the sum of £23 per week be accepted for a period of three weeks commencing on the 29th inst.

(c) Boxing—That the Council be recommended to approve of holding amateur boxing matches in the north transept of the Winter Garden, and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to communicate with the Cheltenham, Evesham and Dursley Amateur Boxing Clubs with a view to staging matches, and to obtain an estimate of the cost of providing a boxing ring and any internal alterations to the building.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

7—Entertainments—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £50 if and when the Committee deem it necessary, and there is not sufficient time to await the approval of the Town Council.

8—Advertising—(a) Mr. a J. Burrow submitted design of suggested frame to be placed in the Fountain enclosure in the Promenade for giving particulars of daily events etc. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to have a frame erected at a total cost of not exceeding £20, and that the Chairman and Mr. Burrow be authorised to settle the details of the matter to be placed in the frame.

(b) RESOLVED, That the offer of R. G. C. Panels Ltd. to provide a board information bureau free of charge subject to their retaining the receipts received from advertisements placed on the board be not accepted.

9—Town Hall—Refrigerator—RESOLVED, as recommended by the Concerts Sub-Committee, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign an agreement with the Eldorado Ice Cream Company for the installation of a Frigidaire free of charge for a term of three years.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th July, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Morris and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer submitted three offers from Reinforced Concrete Specialists for designing, preparing plans, drawings and quantities and supervision of construction of raw water and pure water storage reservoirs and Patterson filter tanks. RESOLVED, That the offer of The Trust Concrete and Steel Construction Co. Ltd. to undertake this for a fee of £3 per cent, on the total cost of the work be accepted.

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 25th JULY, 1932]

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th August, 1932, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer; Councillors Scott Langley, Morris and Selim Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that the present time would be opportune for cleaning out the upper lake at Dowdeswell which had not been cleaned for a good many years and required attention. He estimated the cost at £700; he had obtained permission from the County Council to run a trolley line along the verge to the land in the occupation of Mr. Barrett, which had been reserved for the deposit of the sludge. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work put in hand, and also to arrange for the hire of an Engine so as to enable a larger number of men to be employed.

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Pumps—The Town Clerk submitted contract and bond to be entered into with Messrs. Hathorn Davey & Co RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

4—Land, London Road—RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the strip of land fronting London Road near River Chelt.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th August, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Waite and Weech (Councillor Weech in the chair). Mr. J. R. Wilkins also attended.

1—Winter Garden—(a) Read, Report of Messrs. T. Overbury and H. Stratton Davis, Honorary Architects of the Civic Society on the plans of the proposed Ice Rink, etc., together with Mr. J. R. Wilkins' observations thereon. RESOLVED, That Mr. Wilkins' proposal to alter the position of the ladies' lavatory adjoining the Palm Court so as to move this from the front of the building and to reduce the Terrace by 10 feet be approved, and that copies of the Report and Mr. Wilkins' observations be sent to each member of the Council for their information.

(b) Model—Mr. Wilkins stated that it was impracticable to erect a model of part of the building on the site but he thought that a good idea of the building could be obtained by erecting scaffold poles of the same height as the proposed building, and this could be arranged if desired,

(c) Rent—RESOLVED, That the ground rent of the site be £200 per annum.

(d) Sunday Use—RESOLVED, That the following clause be approved : That they will not use or permit to be used the said demised premises or any part thereof for public Entertainments on Sunday without the previous consent of the Landlords PROVIDED THAT such consent shall not be required for the use of the demised premises for any purpose authorised by a licence obtained by the Tenants from the Justices or other competent authority nor to the use of the demised premises by members of any Club established thereat.

2—National Chamber of Trade Conference—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from Mr. E. J. Burrow applying for the free use of the Dome for an exhibition of Rural Arts and Industries of Gloucestershire to be organised by Mr Seaton White on the occasion of this Conference from the 15th to 18th October next. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to Mr Burrow arranging for any alteration in the lighting which may be necessary and reinstating same after the exhibition.

3—Tennis Court—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to let the Tennis Court in the Dome on the same terms as last year with the provision in the agreements enabling the Corporation to terminate the lettings at any time by one month's notice and excluding the days for which the building will be required for the above exhibition.

W. N. WEECH, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th August, 1932. Present—Councillors P. T. Smith, Waite and Weech (Councillor Weech in the chair).

4—Winter Garden—Lease—The Committee considered the draft lease as revised by Messrs. McLaren & Jeens, solicitors for the promoters of the proposed company. RESOLVED, That the lease, as now revised by the Committee, be re-submitted to Messrs. McLaren & Jeens for their approval.

W. N. WEECH, Chairman.

BOROUGH EXTENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 10th August, 1932. Present—Councillors Capt. Trye and Pruen (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Rural District—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Clerk to the County Council, that the Local Areas and Elections Committee had decided, after considering the respective views of the Council and the Rural District Council, to include in their report to the County Council the addition to the Borough of the portion of the Parish of Prestbury indicated on the plan enclosed with the letter, it being understood that the area added to the Borough would be subject to differential rating for a period of 10 years. The proposed added area comprises about 189 acres and includes Oakland Avenue, but excludes a small triangle of properties, comprising the Post Office on the corner of Oakland Avenue and the six old Cottages known as Oakland Cottages. RESOLVED, That the County Council be asked to include the small triangle of properties above referred to, as otherwise, in the event of Prestbury Road being widened and the houses set back to the prescribed building line, part of the properties would be situate in the Borough and part in the Rural District, and that they also be informed that the Town Council, while agreeing in principle to differential rating for the added area, consider the proposed period of 10 years is too long, and that proposals as to this will be submitted after further consideration.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 5th August, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Thomas and Waite (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Remission of Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applications for the excusal of the payment of Rates.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th August, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Leigh James, Scott Langley, 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 £101,154. Leaving outstanding £6,870.

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, 1932. Amount collected £18,217 Leaving outstanding £2,370.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions :—

Date, 1932.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
21st July	Engine house and foundation at Tewkesbury	£8,038	15 years.
5th August	Tewkesbury Waterworks ...	£21,133	30 years
5th August	Tewkesbury Waterworks ...	£900	15 years

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4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 30th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Scott Langley and Weech. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £6,240 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £7,900 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Superannuation—Entertainments Manager—The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable by the Buxton Corporation in respect of Mr. G. A. M. Wilkinson had amounted to £36 17s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the alteration of the designated post of Spa Manager to Entertainments Manager.

7—Internal Audit—Read, report of the Internal Audit dated the 29th inst.

8—Financial Statement—The Town Clerk reported that Section 30 of the Finance Act, 1932, provided that Section 61 of the Finance Act, 1921, should apply in all cases to the accounts of any local authority subject to audit. This had therefore disposed of the point raised as to the scale of stamp duty, but there still remained the point whether the transfer items were to be brought into account for the purposes of ascertaining the stamp duty on the financial statement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain an adjudication of the Commissioners' of Inland Revenue thereon.

9—Drainage Expenses-7 Windsor Street and 50 and 52 Union Street—The Town Clerk reported that the sums of £14 9s. 0d. and 5s. 2d. respectively with 5 per cent. interest as from the 17th inst were due in respect of these properties for drainage expenses carried out under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and which by orders dated the 4th February, 1929, and 1st December, 1930, respectively had been declared to be Private Improvement Expenses. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 106 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, Mr. Walter Fitzroy Fowles be appointed Receiver of the rents of the said premises and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

10—Leckhampton Reading Room—RESOLVED, That the sum of £120 paid by the Electricity Department for this room be applied in reduction of the loan of £5,500 on the Municipal Offices.

11—Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That the sum of £528 received from the sale of land fronting Brooklyn Road be applied in reduction of the loan for the construction of Brooklyn Road.

12—Town Hall Loan—The Borough Treasurer reported that the sinking fund investments in Consuls had been sold for £7,815 1s. 9d. The original purchase price was £6,395 8s. 10d. giving a surplus of

£1,420 2s. 11d. RESOLVED, That this surplus be applied to the repayment of the Municipal Offices Loan of £5,500.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices. Cheltenham, 29th, September, 1932.

Sir

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of October, 1932, 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 and to accept tender for right to provide bar refreshments at Municipal Dances, etc. ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Connell.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th September, 1932, 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, Pates, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M. B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Miller, Morris, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech, M.A.,

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 25th July, 1932, 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 :—

Town Planning Meetings held July 28 & August 25

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held August 9 & 24

Water Meeting held August 15

It was also moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Alderman Sawyer : " That the tenders of Mr. J. G. Pearce and The Steeplejack Engineering Co., amounting to £1450 5s. 6d. and £785 respectively be accepted for constructing filter house and chimney shaft.

To this an Amendment was moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Alderman Moore : " That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons, amounting to £1484 3s. for the construction of the extensions to the filter house at Tewkesbury Waterworks, be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. The Amendment, having been put to the meeting, was declared to be carried.

Winter Garden Development ... Meetings held August 4 & 26

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Pruen : " That Minute No. 2 (d) in reference to the Sunday use of the proposed new buildings at the Winter Garden be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, together with the suggested clause proposed by Councillor Pruen."

Resolved, also, That Councillor Pruen be added to the Winter Garden Development Committee.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That the following clause be substituted in place of the clause contained in Minute No. 2 (a) " was withdrawn :—

" That neither the premises, nor any part thereof, shall during the said term be used or occupied on any Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday for any purpose which has not been approved in writing by the Landlords Provided always that approval once so given to any particular form or kind of user of the demised premises or any part thereof may be withdrawn if but only if under such approval the demised premises or any part thereof can reasonably be deemed to have been used or occupied in an improper manner. And provided also that any such approval may be subject to any condition or conditions which the Landlords think fit which condition or conditions shall be observed.")

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Borough Extension Sub-Committee Meeting held August 10

Rating Meeting held August 5

Finance Meeting held August 30

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, 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—Refuse Collection—The Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee reported that at the special meeting of the Committee held on 5th inst., the Street and Highway Committee approved of his action in accepting the offer of the Victory Motor Company to purchase two of the old tractors for and £15 respectively, and had decided to recommend the Council to purchase a new tractor from the Victory Motor Company at a cost of approximately £258. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4-19 Shelley Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. F. H. A. Pow to purchase this property for £500 together with the valuation of the District Valuer. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to the Conveyance. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale. Resolved, also, That the Corporation agree to join with the Purchaser in a Mortgage for an advance not exceeding 90 per cent. to guarantee repayment until the principal is reduced to two-thirds of the value, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage.

P. P. TAYLOR, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 3rd October, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Waite and E. L. Ward (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. :---3 Queen's Place, Tewkesbury Road ; The Shamrock, Grove Street ; 15 and 66 Queen Street ; 19 York Street ; 52 Burton Street ; 2 Westons Cottages, Tewkesbury Road ; and 8 Kew Place—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 2 Lansdown Crescent; 2-7 Prospect Place, Moorend Road ; 1--5 Harmony Cottages, Short Street : and 1 and 2 1Vestbourne Cottages—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 premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee

(b) 2 Bayshill Lawn, Gransden and Moray House Hotel—The Chairman reported that as authorised he had accepted the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. of £38 8s. 0d. (being the lowest) for the carrying out of the necessary drainage works to these premises. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Insanitary Property at 22 Glenfall Street ; 63 Fairview Street ; 9 Exmouth Street ; and 3a Alexandra 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.

4--Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs Beef ; 3 qrs. Pork ; 49 Fowls ; 3 qrs. Kippers ; 1 cwt. Haddock and Codling Fillets,

5-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.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Rooms over Stables at rear of 2 Pittville Parade—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected these rooms. 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 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) 2 upper Bath Street and 40 Cleaveland Street ; 2-5 Princes Place ; 77 Duke Street ; and 5-7 Portman Terrace—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) 16 Priory Terrace—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of F. G. Stubbs of 2 Newbury Cottages, Tewkesbury Road to be registered as a Retail Purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order,

8—Nuisance from Smoke—(a) Read, memorial of the 5th ult., from residents in Tewkesbury Road complaining of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from the chimney of the Damamn Asphalt Company of Tewkesbury Road. The Sanitary Inspector reported he had interviewed the Company on the matter, who had now, agreed to install special apparatus for obviating the nuisance, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months,

(b) Gas Company—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing complaint from Mr. W. Prude of the nuisance and damage caused by the emission of grit and dust from the chimney, etc. of the Gas Works. The Sanitary Inspector reported that he taken observations, and found that the new apparatus installed by the Gas Company had effectively remedied the smoke nuisance, but that he thought that the dust and grit complained of was blown from the works when the retorts were drawn, and the coke was being screened. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to make further investigations into the matter, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Company asking for their co-operation in remedying the nuisance complained of.

9—National Rat Week—Read, circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to the arrangement for a National Rat Week in November as in previous years. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to carry out the usual campaign, and that he be authorised to expend the sum of T5 5. 0d. in advertisements.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th September, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, P. T. Smith and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Arrears of Rent—RESOLVED, That the arrears of rent, amounting to £31 19s. 8d. due from 8 past tenants, as set out in the list now signed by the Chairman, be written off as irrecoverable.

9 — Exterior Painting—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of 26 tenders received for the exterior painting required to the 151 houses erected under the 1919 scheme at St. Mark's and the 32 houses in Elm Street, Malvern Street and Swindon Road. (A copy of the list of tenders accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into :-

56 houses at St. Mark's	Mr. E. Eager, Cheltenham	£155 0s. 0d.
46 “ “	Mr. G. A. M. Hall, Derby	£110 10s. 0d.
49 “ “	do. ...	£122 15s. 0d.
32 “ Elm Street, Malvern Street and Swindon Road	Mr. J. Wakefield, Cheltenham.	£82 0s. 0d.

3—Housing Manager's Department—The Chairman reported that as authorised, he had appointed Miss Bouverie as pupil trainee in this department in place of Miss Crawford, resigned. Miss Bouverie had previously been in the department for 6 months. RESOLVED, That she be paid a salary of £1 10s. 0d. a week for the first month, and thereafter to be increased to £2 a week. RESOLVED, also, That the Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report as to fixing a scale for the post.

4 —28 Shelley Road—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house took the premises on the 7th December last, but up to the present had not furnished the house. RESOLVED, That he be given notice to quit.

5—Housing Inquiry—The report made by Miss Hort and Miss Crawford on the result of the Housing Inquiry made by them was submitted. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

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5—**Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, reports of this Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 19th August and 9th September. They recommended as follows:-

(a) 3 Orchard Terrace—That the Housing Manager be instructed to complete the decoration of the stair case ceiling of this house, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have one tree in the back garden felled.

(b) 128 Tennyson Road—That the plan for a cycle shed at this house be approved.

(c) 64 Milton Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to erect double gates in the front garden to give access for a motor cycle and sidecar be approved, subject to the proposed gates being approved by the Housing Manager, and to a suitable crossing being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

(d) 11 Shelley Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for an extension of his back garden be adjourned for view. The Sub-Committee at each meeting also interviewed a number of tenants who were in arrears with their rent, and gave instructions for summonses to be issued, but to be deferred so long as weekly payments, as settled by the Sub-Committee were regularly paid.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

7-1 Spenser Road—Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mrs. F. Thorne for permission to erect a notice outside the above house, containing the words " Domestic Servants Agency." RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

8-Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter of 25th ult., from the tenant of this house, asking for the grass and weeds to be cut, and the ground dug. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of doing this at the next meeting of the Committee.

9—Slum Clearance--Land at Alstone—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the L.M.S. Railway Co. that they were prepared to consider the sale of the frontages of their land to Alstone Croft and Alstone Lane, if the Corporation would agree to the remainder of the land being scheduled as a housing site under

the Town Planning Scheme instead of as a recreation ground as at present. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Planning Committee

10-40 Cleaveland Street —Read, letter from Messrs. Steel & Broom that the owner was prepared to sell the above property at the price of £20 plus £3 for vendors solicitors' costs. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to the Conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare specification and invite tenders for reconditioning the property.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th September, 1932. Present—Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Lt.-Col, Biggs, Lipson, Thomas, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Holy Apostles Infants School--RESOLVED, That the application of the Automobile Association for permission to erect a School warning sign at the west side of this School be granted.

2—Slab Factory and Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that when the Electricity Works closed down in two or three weeks time, steam would not be available for running the Slab Factory and the Disinfector. The slabs at present in stock amounted to about 14,000 square yards, and he estimated that the slabs to be used this year would amount to about 7,500 square yards RESOLVED, That the Slab Factory be closed temporarily as soon as the present stock of cement is exhausted, and that the employees be transferred to the Highways Department RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman and Councillor Lipson be appointed to meet representatives of the Public Health Committee, and the Delancey Hospital Trustees in regard to the closing down of the Destructor and Disinfector.

3—Folly Lane—The Town Clerk reported that the statutory notice to take over this road had been given, and no objections received RESOLVED, That this road be now taken over, repairable by the inhabitants at large.

4—Streamer Across Colonnade—Read, application from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on Friday and Saturday each week. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that the Club be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider an application in respect of any special match.

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5--Projecting Signs—(a) The Chairman reported that since the last meeting of the Council he had sanctioned the erection of projecting signs at Great Western Hotel and Liverpool Vaults, High Street

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of Martins and Cadena Cafes Ltd. for permission to fix projecting signs at 400 High Street and the Corner House Cafe, Promenade respectively, be not granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mrs. A Jenkins, Speedy Shoe Service, Wendy & Co. and W. G. Tibbles, to fix projecting signs outside their premises at 25a Pittville Street, 12 North Street, Regent Chambers, Regent Street and Hewlett Street respectively, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

6—Loud Speakers, etc.—Read, letter of 27th ult. from four residents in Park Place and from Mr. G. Douce of 2 Old Mead, Charlton Lane, complaining of the nuisance caused by wireless loudspeaker and gramophone belonging to neighbouring residents, and the Town Clerk reported that he had pointed out to the complainants that the Byelaws made by the Corporation only applied to loudspeakers and gramophones in shops, business premises, streets and public places.

7—Direction Signs—Read, letters from Lady Honywood and Mr. E. J. Burrow, complaining of the signs erected on the outskirts of Cheltenham, directing motorists from the centre of the town. Read also, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. H. F. Midwinter, asking the Committee to receive a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce on the matter. RESOLVED, That the deputation be heard at the next meeting of the Committee.

8—View Meeting—Read, Report of the View Committee at their meeting on the 14th September, 1932. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Col. Biggs and Capt. J. H. Trye (in the chair). They recommended as follows:-

(a) That the application of Mr. T. Phillips for the removal of a tree opposite No. 1 Oriel Terrace be not granted,

(b) That no new trees be planted near Oriel Lodge in place of the trees already removed.

(c) That the repair of a footpath off Old Bath Road complained of by Mr. E. B. Churchus be not entertained as this is not repairable by the Corporation.

(d) That a white line be painted in Suffolk Square opposite St. James' Church.

(e) That Mrs. Sims' further application for the removal of a tree on opposite side of road to No. 10 Montpellier Terrace be not entertained but that the owner of private trees in the garden of "Canobie" be again requested to thin out or lop these private trees.

(f) That in addition to the white line already painted over the railway bridge on Lansdown Road a notice with the words "Concealed Turning" be fixed.

(g) That Mr. L. Jones' suggestion for School warning signs to be fixed in Libertus Road be not entertained,

(h) That Mr. W. T. Allen's suggestion for a "Keep Left" sign to be fixed on the lamp at the junction of Gloucester Road and Queen's Road be not entertained.

(i) That Mr. A. J. Wadley's request for the removal of a tree opposite "Haverstock," Eldorado Crescent, be agreed to and that three other trees on the same side be removed and small trees planted. Also That the elm tree partly in boundary wall of "Atworth," Eldorado Crescent, be removed provided the owner agrees to rebuild the wall.

(j) That Mrs. Thompson of 57 St. George's Place be informed that the trees complained of are on private property and that their removal is a matter for the owners.

(k) That Mr. J. A. Robson's suggestion that two seats should be placed on the footpath adjoining Salem Church, Clarence Parade be not entertained.

(l) That Mr. H. J. Bird's application for the removal of a tree opposite No, 1 Pittville Terrace be not entertained.

(m) Traffic Signs—That the word "Slow" be painted on the road off Evesham Road leading to Wellington Square at the side of St. Paul's Vicarage and on the road at both sides of the Warwick Place crossing in Portland Street, and that the owner of "Anlaby Court" be approached with a view to rounding off the corner at the junction of these roads. That other suggestions made by Mr. S. Robson for various signs on Pittville and other roads be not entertained.

(n) That the application of Mr. R. F. T. Rimell for the removal of two trees near No. 1 Glenfern, Hewell[?] Road be not entertained.

(o) That the application of Mr. A. M. Beetham for the removal of two trees near " Braemar," Sydenham Road North be not granted.

(p) That in response to a memorial from seven residents in Cranham Road, two wych elms and one lime tree be removed on the East side and silver birches planted, and that alternate trees be removed on the West side and smaller trees planted in their places.

(q) That leaning trees opposite " Redcliffe" and " Avoca," Leckhampton Road be removed.

(r) That the attention of the Streets Inspector be called to the encroachment on the footpath in Clarence Parade by goods displayed at the corner florist's shop. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd September, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, P. T. Smith, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, A. Wiggett and the Assistant County Surveyor (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.
3380	Drew, Miss D. K.	Detached house, Golden Valley, Gloucester Road (Amended).
3383	Lyster, Mrs.	Motor house, The Winnatts, Christ Church Road (Amended).
3386	Smith, T. W.	Two semi-detached houses, Maida Vale Road, off Naunton Lane (Amended).
3390	Harris, Miss C.	Motor house, 4 Pittville Parade, Evesham Road (Amended).

3393	Hall, G. A. M.	Motor house, Argyle Road
3394	Flook, H. J.	Motor house, Spenser Road.
3395	Highbury Church Committee	Chair store, Highbury Church, Priory Terrace.
3396	Healing, T. E.	Alterations and additions to store, Ambrose Place, Manchester Street.
3397	Price, C. W.	Motor house, The Nook, Pilley Lane.
3398	Corpus Christi College	Rebuilding of premises at rear of 312 High Street, in New Street.
3399	Pruen, Dr.	Cycle house, 2 Lansdown Terrace, Malvern Road
3400	Herd man, D. W.	Motor house, 4 Kingsley Gardens, Gloucester Road.
3401	Dutton, Miss	Addition to Collingwood, St. George's Road.
3402	Morris, S. C. & Son	Two garages, Andover Road.
3403	Webster, Miss E. A.	Addition to Filey Lawn, Sydenham Road.
3404	Instone, Mrs. R. S.	New entrance porch and lavatory for conversion into two houses, Breckenborough, Sydenham Road.
3405	Goodwin, J. C. B.	Motor house, rear of 13 Pittville Villas, Prestbury Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3380, 3383, 3386, 3390, 3393, 3394, 3395, 3396, 3398, 3400, 3402 and 3405 be approved ; That Plan No. 3397 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3401 be approved subject to the exterior of the addition being in character with the house ; That Plans Nos. 3403 and 3404 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No. 3399 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
351	Mews, Mr.	Petrol tank and pump, Oakfield, Battledown.
352	Betty W. Staple	Garage, Millbrook House, London Road, Charlton Kings.
353	Peacy, W. E.	Garages, Maymetz, Lyefield Road East, Charlton Kings.
354	Henney, C. T.	Garage, Hollybank, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill.
355	Etheridge, F.	House, Two Hedges Lane, Woodmancote.
356	Willis, Miss	Extension to garage, St. Helens, 1, Vinchcomb,
357	Hayward, R. C.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton (Amended).
358	Tanner, Mrs.	Bungalow, Shurdington.
359	West, J. T.	Bungalow, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury.
360	Bendall, H. A.	Pair semi-detached houses, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
361	Marshall Renton	Detached house, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington,
362	Birt, J. R.	Milkroom, Lynworth Farm, Prestbury
363	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
364	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 351, 355, 357, 359 and 360 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 354, 356 and 362 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to remove the buildings behind the building lines at their own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Town Planning or Road Authority, and in the case of Plan No. 362, subject also to the condition that slates or sand faced tiles shall be used instead of asbestos ; and That Plans Nos. 352, 353, 358, 361, 363 and 364 be not approved.

3—Contravention of Byelaws—Plan 3392—Mr. E. R. Crabtree attended in regard to the alterations to buildings and erection of lock-up garages in yard in Carlton Street which he proposed to use as a garage contrary to the provision of the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Plan be approved, subject to the buildings not being used for commercial vehicles, to no machinery being installed at the premises, to only running repairs being executed thereat and to compliance with the byelaws with respect to Petrol Filling Stations.

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4—Elevations of Buildings Read, letter from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers expressing approval of the inclusion in the Town Planning Scheme, of the clause providing for plans of elevations to be referred to an Advisory Committee of Architects etc. for observations and suggesting that pending the final approval of the Scheme the Plans should be referred for the observations of a preliminary advisory Committee of local practising Architects. RESOLVED. That the Committee approve of the, suggestion and that Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be asked to confer with the local Architects thereon.

5—Bungalow, Little Witcombe Plan 346--Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. E. Camm asking if the Committee would approve of Poilite russet brown tiles being used for the roof of his proposed bungalow instead of sand faced dark brown tiles as stipulated. RESOLVED, That this substitution be approved.

6—Allotments—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing Certificate for the reservation of land for permanent allotments under tic Scheme as agreed upon.

7—Charlton Common—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. L. W. Barnard asking if the Council had any objection to granting access from Charlton Common to an adjoining plot of land which his client had purchased for erection of a bungalow. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

8—Land at Alstone—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the L.M.S. Railway Company that the Company were prepared favourably to consider the sale to the Corporation of the frontages of their land to Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft for housing purposes if the Council would schedule the remainder of their land at the rear as a housing site instead of as a public recreation ground as now proposed in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

9—Town Planning Scheme—Rural Areas—The Town Clerk reported that Capt. Richardson of Seven Springs was willing to enter into an agreement (similar to the agreement entered into with Col. Elwes) for the scheduling of his land at Seven Springs for agricultural purposes, but with provision for developing the land as may be approved by the Town Planning Authority, with power to the owner to appeal to the Ministry of Health in respect of any refusal of plans by the Town Planning Authority. The Town Clerk reported that he considered it would be advantageous both to owners of land and

the Town Planning Authority if all the land now scheduled as Rural Areas were scheduled for the same provisions. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement with Capt. Richardson. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask at the Local Inquiry to be held on 4th October for consent of the Minister of Health to amend the Preliminary Statement so as to alter the scheduling of the Rural Areas as proposed.

10—Ewens Farm, Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. George Brydges, owner of this farm, objecting to the proposals of the Scheme so far as they affected this property, and suggesting that Fields 144 and 145 with access from Haywards Road across Field 139 should be scheduled as allotments instead of Field 184, and that Fields 182, 183, 184, Part 185, 198 and 199 be scheduled at a density of 10 houses per acre. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to ask at the Local Inquiry for the consent of the Minister of Health to alter the Preliminary Statement and Map to embody Mr. Brydges' proposals in regard to the allotments, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and that Field 184 be scheduled at a maximum density of 12 houses per acre and Fields 182, 183, 184, Part 185, 198 and 199 be scheduled at a maximum density of 8 houses per acre.

11—Tryes Road—Plan 3388—The Borough Surveyor reported that in getting out the foundations of the proposed pair of houses to be erected on the piece of land at the corner of Painswick and Tryes Roads it was found that one of the old Leckhampton sewers, of which he was not previously aware, passed under the actual site of the houses. RESOLVED, That Mr. Hall be informed of the position of the sewer and that the Council cannot consent to any building being erected over the same.

12—Little Herberts, Charlton Kings—The Borough Surveyor submitted proposed layout by Captain Richardson of his field adjoining the bye-pass road at Little Herberts. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask at the Local Inquiry for the consent of the Minister of Health to an amendment of the Preliminary Statement so as to include the layout of the field in the scheme, and provision for stopping up and diversion of two footpaths traversing the site.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Thomas, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech, Messrs. E. J. Burrow and J. Howell (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—The Superintendent submitted his Monthly Report.

9-Advertising-RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a dummy of the proposed Information Board to be placed in the Fountain Enclosure prior to the Council Meeting, to enable the members of the Council to inspect this,

3—Meteorological Station—Read, letter of the 27th July from the Meteorological Office of the Air Ministry, enclosing report on the inspection of the Meteorological Station, when everything was found satisfactory.

4—Spa Treatment for Friendly Societies—Read, letter from Mr. J. Hatton that the Ministry of Labour Benevolent Society had been added to the list of Friendly Societies participating in the above scheme RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Local Control Society be now held on dates to be arranged next month

5—Charitable Entertainments—RESOLVED, That in connection with entertainments held at the Town Hall in aid of charities, the organisers of the entertainments be asked to produce an authority from the governing body of the charity concerned that the proposed entertainment had been approved by them.

6—Traffic Signs Read, letters from Lady Honeywood and Mr. E. J. Burrow in regard to the traffic signs erected round Cheltenham, directing motorists from the centre of the town. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to alter the signs erected on the Westal Green Sub-station and at Sandford Mill Road to "Bye-pass to Oxford" and "Bye-pass to Gloucester" respectively.

7—Town Hall—(a) Illumination—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had asked Mr. Bache to prepare a scheme for better illumination of the exterior of the Town Hall. Mr Bache attended and submitted a scheme for the provision of seven standards each containing two flood lights, and several coloured lamps, and he proposed that four should be erected on the footpath adjoining the Town Hall, and three on the opposite footpath, the floodlights being directed to the facade of the Town Hall. In order to obtain the maximum illumination it would be necessary to remove two trees in front of the Town Hall. He estimated the total cost at approximately £240. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

(b) Scale of Charges—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the scale of charges for the hire of the Town Hall, and recommended that the following scale be approved. This scale is the same as the present scale with the exception that it is intended not to make any extra charges for lighting, gas, hire of piano, dance band shell, etc., and to make no charge for the use of the kitchen,

(i) LECTURES OR CONCERTS.

		£.	s.	d.
Large Hall	Morning, Afternoon or Evening ...	10	0	0
	Afternoon and Evening	14	0	0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	17	0	0
	Rehearsals per hour	1	1	0
Supper Room	Morning, Afternoon or Evening ...	2	10	0
	Afternoon and Evening	4	4	0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	5	10	0
	Rehearsals per hour	0	10	6
Drawing Room	Morning, Afternoon or Evening ...	2	10	0
	Afternoon and Evening	4	4	0

	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	5 10 0
	Rehearsals per hour	0 10 6
Refreshment Room	Morning, Afternoon or Evening ..	. 2 2 0
	Afternoon and Evening	3 3 0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	4 4 0
Card Room	Morning, Afternoon or Evening .	1 1 0
	Afternoon and Evening	1 10 0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	1 17 6

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(ii) DANCES.

Large Hall	Afternoon ...	10 10 0
	Evening up to 11 p.m.	12 12 0
	Per hour afterwards	1 1 0
Supper Room	Afternoon ...	2 2 0
	Evening up to 11 p.m.	2 2 0
	Per hour afterwards	0 5 0
Drawing Room	Afternoon	2 2 0
	Evening up to 11 p.m.	2 2 0
	Per hour afterwards	0 5 0
Smoking Room	Evening	1 1 0
Refreshment Room	Afternoon	1 1 0
	Evening up to 11 p.m.	1 1 0
	Per hour afterwards	0 5 0
Card Room	Afternoon	1 10 0
	Evening up to 11 p.m.	1 10 0
	Per hour afterwards	0 5 0

(iii) LARGE DANCES, ETC.-That an inclusive charge be made for the use of the whole building for large Dances and Whist Drives etc., as follows :—

Up to 12 midnight £20 and £1 per hour afterwards.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted with authority for the Committee to make any modification in respect of any very special application,

(c) Read, application from the Cheltenham Branch of the Electrical Association for Women, applying for the free use of the Drawing Room for a meeting of the Association to be held on the 3rd November. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

8—**Concerts Sub-Committee**--Read, Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 6th and 13th September, 1932.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Boxing—That the first Boxing Entertainment be held at the Winter Garden on the 10th October, the estimated cost of which was £25, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary minor alterations to the transept and provision of extra lights at a cost of £15, and that the offer of Olympia Wakefield to supply a second-hand ring for the sum of £17 10s. 0d. be accepted.

(b) Morning Orchestra—That the Council be recommended to continue Mr. Horace Teague's Morning Orchestra for one week at a cost of £6 6s. 0d.

(c) Winter Dances—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange the usual Dance Teas and Evening Dances, and any additional dances he considers necessary, and that he be authorised to obtain professional dancers to give exhibition dances at the opening dance tea and evening dance at a cost of about £10.

(d) Lectures—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for a series of Lectures in connection with the London Lecture Agency on sharing terms, and that six lectures be arranged up to Christmas, and also for serial tickets to be issued for the Lectures.

(e) Floral Decorations—That the tender of Messrs. Hopwood & Sons to provide floral decorations at the Town Hall during the winter season for the sum of £20 as in previous years, be accepted.

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

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1932, Present—Councillors Pruen, Selim Smith, At Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward ; Messrs. H. W. Bennett and J. Howell (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Spa Federation—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Spa Federation inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual meeting of the Federation to be held at Llandrindod Wells on 6th and 7th October. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be appointed to attend.

10—Town Hall—(a) Sunday Afternoon Cafe Concerts—The Entertainments Manager recommended that the Committee should provide Sunday afternoon Cafe Concerts at the Town Hall during the period of Peter Fielding's contract. He proposed that admission should be free, but that teas etc., should be served during the concerts. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise the concerts to be given between the hours of 3.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Justices for alteration of the Music and Dancing Licence to the hours of 4 to 6 p.m. instead of 3 to 5 p.m. as now contained in the licence.

(b) Illuminations—The Committee further considered the scheme prepared by the Borough Electrical Engineer for the illumination of the facade of the Town Hall, and the Town Clerk reported that the

Electricity Committee had agreed to carry out the work, subject to the cost being paid by the Committee over a period of 10 years. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the scheme. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the two trees in front of the Town Hall removed,

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st September, 1932, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Leigh James, Capt. Trye, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Traffic Signals--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted particulars of the number of traffic signals now lighted and recommended that a charge of 716 per quarter should be made for each 40 watt lamp installed and in use for about 2,826 hours per annum. The total number of lamps already installed was equivalent to 23 40-watt lamps. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Hire Purchase Scheme—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer That for a trial period of one year, the requirement that one power plug shall be installed for every four lighting points under this scheme, be replaced by a requirement that the minimum cost of the installation shall be

3—Overhead Lines Association—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer That the Council become members of this Association the annual subscription for which was £1 1s. 0d. and the entrance fee £1 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Commissioners for their consent to payment of the entrance fee and the annual subscription.

4—Wash Boilers—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer That the charge for the hire of wash boilers be reduced from 5s- to 3s- per quarter.

5—Extensions to Mains—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extensions to mains referred to in his report at estimated costs of £422 and £76 9s. 1d. respectively.

6—Accounts, 1932-1933—The Borough Treasurer submitted the accounts for the Undertaking for the year ended the 31st March last. The nett result of the year's trading showed a deficit of £613 13s. 5d. This was entirely due to the changeover as although the load transferred to the bulk supply had been increased, the standing charges on the Works had continued throughout the year.

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7—Public Lighting—The Committee considered complaint received from Messrs. Norman Saywer & Co. of the lighting of St. George's Street at its junction with Swindon Road. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to replace the existing 60 watt lamp with a 100 watt lamp.

8—Supply to Rural Areas--(a) Crickley Hill and Birdlip—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported requests for a supply of electricity in the Crickley Hill district, and submitted scheme for extending the mains. The scheme provided for extending the cable from Salterley Grange across the fields on the west side of the Birdlip road to the Air Balloon and from that point the extension would be run down the Crickley road and also along the Birdlip Road to supply Miss Faithfull's house. The total estimated cost of the scheme was £1,366. This extension would facilitate the future extension to Birdlip Village ; he had also received an enquiry from Mr. E. Hicks-Beach for a supply of electricity to Witcombe Park. RESOLVED, That consideration he adjourned, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to submit a complete scheme for the Crickley Hill District and Birdlip Village and Witcombe Park.

(b) Swindon Lane and Blacksmith's Lane—Read, letters of 25th ult. and 21st inst. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines in Blacksmith's Lane and Swindon Lane. The Consents were subject to the requirements of the conditions as to Overhead Lines made by the Electricity Commissioners on the 22nd May, 1931, and the Ministry reserved the right to review the position at any time after the expiration of five years.

9—Town Hall—Illumination—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee desired to provide more effective flood lighting and illumination of the Town Hall and he submitted particulars of the scheme which he had recommended the Town Improvement and Spa Committee to adopt. He estimated the cost at about 1240. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to carry out the work subject to the Town Improvement Committee agreeing to repay the cost by instalments over a period of 10 years.

10—Change of Frequency—(a) Closing of Electricity Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that consumers in the last section of the town were now being changed over, and he expected to close the Works in about a fortnight's time. Sixteen of the employees at the works had been discharged, and the remaining 10 would be discharged when the Works were closed down. He had made every endeavour to find employment for as many of the displaced as possible, but had only been able to find employment for four of the workmen and 6 out of 8 of the technical staff. The men displaced would be entitled to compensation under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1926. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Moore), the Mayor, and Councillor Waite be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider claims for compensation.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to offer the old instruments at the works which, while of no technical use, might be of considerable interest to the Technical School, the Colleges and Grammar School etc.

(c) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a schedule of the all machinery and plant at the Electricity Works. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to dispose of this.

11—Sanction to Loan—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Electricity Commission enclosing sanction to loan of £1,247 for the supply of electricity to Staverton, Boddington and Uckington, repayable as follows : Mains (1,052) within a period of 25 years. Plant, Sub-station (195) within a period of 20 years.

12—Assessment of Undertaking—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from Messrs. W. Eve & Sons that they had advised the following rateable values of the undertaking to the Winchcomb Rural District Council in respect of the mains and cables etc. in the District : Bishop's Cleeve 116 ; Southam 1110 ; Woodmancote 152.

13—Wagons—Read, letter of 3rd ult., from Wagons Repairs Ltd. offering to accept one year's payment to terminate the agreement for the maintenance of six wagons, which would ordinarily run until the 31st August, 1934. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

15—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Test made on the 20th and 25th July, 2nd, 7th, 15th, 25th and 29th August, and 7th, 15th and 19th September, which showed the calorific value on these days to be 471.3, 469, 480.1, 470, 476.6 474.2, 463.9, 470.8, 472.3 and 474.1 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.8, 5.9, 5.9, 6.7, 6.0, 6.0, 5.6. 5.5 and 5.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th September, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Selina Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Reports—(a) The Monthly Reports of the Borough Engineer for the months of August and September were read :—

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS,

	For 30 days ended 8th August, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during Past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	242,000 gallons	245,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	329,000	416,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	58,000	60,000
Total	629,000	721,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th August, 1932,		8th August, 1931.	
Hewletts		16,906,000 gallons		27,475,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 1in.	57,311,000 "	29ft. 3ins.	85,843,000 "
Leckhampton	10ft. 0ins.	1,350,000	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		75,567,000		114,938,000

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 12th September, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	170,000 gallons	228,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	573,000 "	703,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	42,000 "	50,000
Total	785,000	981,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th September, 1932.		12th September, 1931.	
Hewletts		20,094,000 gallons		28,394,000 gallons.
Dowdeswell	22ft. 0ins.	52,756,000 "	31ft. 3ins.	95,072,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0ins.	1,485,000 "	12ft. 0ins.	1,620,000 "
Total Storage		74,335,000		125,086,000

(b) Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of people attending the Hewletts Reservoirs on Sundays had been as follows :—

July 4th	130	August 1st ..	180
" 11th	72	" 8th ...	170
" 18th	92	" 15th ...	8
" 25th	119	" 22nd ...	0
	"	" 29th ...	42

(c) Pumping—Pumping was commenced from Tewkesbury on 15th August, but was temporarily discontinued on 7th September in connection with the cleaning out of the sedimentation reservoir at Dowdeswell. Pumping was also commenced from Sandford Waterworks on 8th August.

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2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of August and September.

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) Progress—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new main was practically laid, except for the River Crossing, the pipes for which had been laid half way.

(b) Grant—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Labour, that as the Unemployment Grants Committee had ceased to exist, this matter was now being dealt with by the Ministry of Labour. The Minister regretted that the extra expenditure of £4,285 for the additional cost of providing the 24 inch main in anticipation of Gloucester taking a supply, could not be taken into account for grant purposes.

(c) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanctions to further loans in connection with the Scheme, and intimating that formal sanctions to the remaining items including the allumina house for the raw water would be given on receipt of approved plans. With regard to bringing the existing filter plant up to date, the Minister considered that it was essential that this

should be done, and plans prepared and the necessary loan application made without delay
RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for this work.

4—Land, London Road—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle as to his negotiations with the various owners for the purchase of land. Read, also, letter from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the Corporation should consider making a compulsory order for the purchase of the land under the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930. RESOLVED, That an order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, for the compulsory purchase of the undermentioned properties, adjoining the London Road in the Parishes of Dowdeswell and Whittington, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Health.

(1) In houses and premises (converted Railway Carriages) belonging to John Pearce ; (2) A wooden house and premises belonging to Reginald Sheppard ; (3) A house called " Wooddale and land belonging to Mrs. Frances Burton ; (4) A house (converted Railway Carriage), sheds and premises belonging to Charles Pearce ; and (5) Three pieces of land, No. 295, 268 and 267, containing together 6.117 acres Glebe land of Dowdeswell Rectory.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices etc., and to do all things necessary to obtain the confirmation of the order.

5—Rossley Manor Country Club—Read, letters from Mr. C. Coxwell Rogers asking if the Committee had any objection to his constructing a swimming pool at the above Club RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to inspect the proposed site of the swimming pool and report thereon to the Committee at their next meeting.

6—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Read, correspondence with the Motor Union Insurance Company Ltd. offering to settle the claim for damage to the fence at this reservoir by a motor car belonging to Mrs. Lewis on a halving basis, and to enter into an agreement for the settlement of all claims on a halving basis, similar to the agreement entered into with other Insurance Companies. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Home or Lower Farm—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Messrs. Chandler Bros. asking for a reduction in the rent of this farm. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. C. C. Castle, That a rebate of 10 per cent. be made in the current half year's rent.

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

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th September, 1932 Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Waite and E. L. Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing a form of licence suited for use in the event of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease involving the necessity of issuing an order regulating the movement of animals over the whole of Great Britain.

2—Domestic Servants Registries —Read, report of 19th inst., from Superintendent Wayman that all the domestic servants registries had been visited and the books inspected and found to be in order. The Belle Vue Domestic Agency was at present under transfer owing to the death of Mrs. Annie M. Terry.

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

Date.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
4th August	Motor Trailer, London Rd.	Not apparent	Considerable	£3 1s. 6d.
do.	Braidyle, The Park	Defective heating apparatus	Slight	£4 10s. 0d.
5th August	Rossend, New Barn Lane	Electric wiring	£50	£3 6s. 6d.
18th August	8 Hatherley Place, St. Stephen's Road	Defective heating apparatus	Slight	£3 17s. 0d.
19th August	Yorklands, St. George's Road	Defective heating apparatus	Slight	£3 2s. 0d.
29th August	75 High Street	Careless burning of paper	Slight	£4 18s. 6d.

On the 19th inst., the Brigade also attended an outbreak at a confectioner's shop in Bath Road, but details were not yet to hand.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. C. Coxwell Rogers asking on what terms the Committee would provide the services of the Fire Brigade in the event of an outbreak occurring at Rossley Manor Country Club. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are prepared to provide to the services of the Brigade on his entering into an agreement to pay an annual retaining fee of £5, and the expenses according to the scale of the cost of the attendance of the Brigade, etc., in the event of an outbreak of fire.

4--Marle Hill House Estate—(a) Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Provident Accident and White Cross Insurance Co., Ltd., asking if the Corporation would be prepared to accept half the cost of making good the damage to the railings caused by a motor car belonging to Mrs. Field. RESOLVED, That, having regard to the circumstances of this accident, the Committee are unable to accept this offer.

(b) Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of Marle Hill House has asked for a number of large trees round the house to be removed. RESOLVED. That the Chairman, Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillor Capt. Trye be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the trees and that they be authorised to give instructions to have such trees removed as they consider necessary.

5—Charlton Common—Read, letter of 15th July last from Mr. F. W. Halford asking the Committee to re-consider their decision not to grant him a wayleave for a water pipe to be laid across Charlton Common to supply a bungalow erected by him on land adjoining the Common. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to grant the wayleave.

6—Superannuation Act—(a) Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health, enclosing extract from letter which the Ministry had received from Dr. J. H. Garrett, and asking for the observations of the Council on the matter. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of the resolutions passed in regard to Dr. Garrett's application.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. H. Stanton, foreman gardener at Pittville to be placed on the list of designated posts be acceded to.

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7—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. J. V. Singer for a licence in respect of Motor Cab CJ 155S which he had purchased from Mr. J. Brown, be granted, subject to satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector. RESOLVED, also, That he be granted a Driver's Licence.

(b) Superintendent Wayman reported that Mr. J. Brown was recently convicted for an offence under the motoring laws, and had had his driving licence suspended for 12 months. RESOLVED, That the Hackney Carriage Licence No. 57 held by him be cancelled.

Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. A. Mann for the transfer of Licence No. 16 to Motor Cab OX 2873 be granted.

8—Omnibus Services—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham District Traction Company were making application to the Traffic Commissioners for permission to operate all omnibuses between the L.M.S. Station and the Cemetery via Tivoli and Park Place ; to operate the service between Sandy Lane and the Racecourse direct between these points ; and to discontinue the service between High Street and Pilford Road, and to incorporate the High Street to Hatherley portion of this service in the service to be operated between Hatherley and East End, and also modifying the time tables of the various services, which apart from the early morning services, would generally restrict the services to four per hour instead of 6 per hour as at present. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this, except that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Traffic Commissioners to attach a condition to the licences that the time tables shall be so arranged that not more than one omnibus at a time shall stop outside Messrs. Lance & Co's. premises in High Street.

(b) Cheltenham to Birmingham—The Town Clerk reported that the Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Company were making application to the Traffic Commissioners for a new licence for a service between Cheltenham and Birmingham. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this, except that the Traffic Commissioners be asked to attach a condition to the licence requiring the omnibuses to pick up and set down passengers at the Black and White Motorways Motor Coach Station instead of Clarence Street as proposed in the application.

9—Cinematograph Licences—In reference to the question raised at the last meeting of the Committee that the emergency exit at one of the local cinemas was not satisfactory in that the staircase did not reach the ground the Borough Surveyor reported that this had been inspected and it was found that the staircase was quite in order and reached to the ground.

10—Shops Acts—Read, reports of the Shops Acts Inspector of two traders who were found keeping their shops open for the serving of customers after closing hours. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to caution the traders against any further breach of the Acts.

11—Omnibus Stopping Places—Read, letters from Mr. A. J. Nunn, and the Secretary of Salem Baptist Church, complaining of the parking of omnibuses in Clarence Parade. Read, also, letter from three residents in Crescent Terrace, protesting against the omnibuses going round the corner of Crescent Terrace and Crescent Place as they considered this too narrow. Superintendent Wayman reported that the complaints were caused mainly by the long distance coaches parking in Clarence Parade. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Companies concerned pointing out that when the Corporation first granted the licences the route prescribed for the Gloucester to London Omnibuses was down the Promenade via Oriel Road and Bath Road and the stopping place in Bath Road, but that if the Companies prefer, the Corporation will raise no objection to their proceeding to the Black and White Motorways Motor Coach Station to pick up and set down passengers, but that they cannot allow the omnibuses to stand in Clarence Parade or Clarence Street.

12—Wireless Relay Services—Read, applications from the National Broadcast Relay Company, Wired Wireless Ltd., and Mr. W. G. Denny for permission to operate wireless broadcast relay services in Cheltenham for which they offered an annual rent varying from 51- to 8s per subscriber. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend that none of applications be entertained.

13—Imperial Square Parking Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted return of the receipts from this parking place. RESOLVED, That the attendant be now paid £2 a week.

14—Traffic Commissioners—Read, circular of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Transport asking the Council to nominate a person for the panel of names from whom the Minister appointed one traffic commissioner. RESOLVED, That Councillor Capt. Trye be nominated.

15—Regent Street—Renumbering—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland asking for the renumbering of this street. RESOLVED, That as there is no provision in this year's estimate for renumbering, consideration be adjourned to the February meeting of the Committee.

16—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the provision of brass handrails for the steps at the Municipal Offices. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Hancock & Son of £7 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

17 —Lane off Shurdington Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. H. Barnett asking for the lane off Shurdington Road opposite the Leckhampton Inn, to be named, and as several of the cottages in the lane were known as "Brooksdale Cottages" it was suggested that the lane might be called Brooksdale Lane." RESOLVED, That the road be named "Brooksdale Lane."

18-Montpellier Walk—Parking Place—The Town Clerk submitted Petition from owners and occupiers in Montpellier Walk complaining of the nuisance caused by the disturbance from the use of the Parking Place after 12 midnight. A letter was also received from Mr. Frank Dighton, the Secretary of the Cobweb Club, setting out the steps which had been taken to prevent the use of this Parking Place by members of this Club and that arrangements had been made for members cars to be parked free of charge in a Garage behind the Rotunda. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Police be called to the complaint and that they be instructed to take steps to prevent the continuance of this nuisance.

19—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, That the applications of Mr. Chas. Dickens and Messrs. Stevens & Co for a licence to store 500 gallons each at 18 Ambrose Street and Midland Garage, Millbrook Street respectively be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1932. Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Uncultivated Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk reported that letters addressed to the tenants of Allotments Nos. 54 Albert Road, 30 and 43 Alma Road, 36 East Ward, 24b Hall Road and 32b Creamery Piece, calling attention to the bad state of cultivation of their allotments, had been returned through the post marked " Gone away," and that the tenants of 30 and '43 Alma Road and 36 East Ward were in arrears with their rent. RESOLVED, That notice be given to terminate the tenancies of Nos. 54 Albert Road and 32b Creamery Piece and possession be taken of the other allotments in respect of which they are in arrears,

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had had the weeds cleared from the uncultivated allotments, and submitted a list of the expenses incurred on each allotment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the tenants for payment of the amount due for carrying out this work.

2—Allotments for Unemployed—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Mr. A. C. Castle, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Unemployed Allotment Association, asking the Committee to provide allotments for the unemployed of the town. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain further information from the Association, and that if necessary, a special meeting of the Committee be held to consider the matter further.

3-40 Rainbow Field—Read, application from the tenant of this allotment for a rebate in the rent owing to the uncultivated condition of the allotment. RESOLVED, That Mr. Clarkson be asked to inspect the allotment, and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

4—Hall Road Allotments—Read, letter of 5th inst., from Messrs. Young and Gilling giving formal notice on behalf of the Revd. Canon Sears, requiring possession of these allotments containing 7.217 acres on the expiration of the lease on the 29th September, 1933. It was reported that Canon Sears intended to continue the land as allotments, except that when funds were available, it was intended to take a strip of the allotments adjoining the sports ground for the enlargement of the sports ground. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if Canon Sears was prepared to give an undertaking to continue the remainder of the land for allotments for a definite period.

5—Water Supply—Alma Road and North Ward—The Committee considered requests for a water supply to be provided at these allotments. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of providing a water supply at Alma Road with 3 taps, and at North Ward with 12 taps.

6—North Ward Allotments—Visitors—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a board erected at these allotments containing the names of the visitors appointed by the Committee to inspect the allotments.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th September, 1932. Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris and J. F. Ward ; and Mr. Clarkson (Councillor J. P. Ward in the Chair).

7—Allotments for Unemployed—Messrs. C. H. Tandy (Chairman), and A. C. Castle (Hon. Secretary) attended on behalf of the Cheltenham Unemployed Allotment Association, and stated that they had a large number of applications from unemployed members of their Association who required allotments, and it was proposed that any land provided by the Corporation should be let to Trustees on behalf of the Association, who would be responsible to the Corporation for the rent. The Town Clerk reported that there were at present about 20 allotments vacant in Albert Road, one in Alma Road (with, the possibility of several becoming vacant), and 9 in Rainbow Field, and also that there was a piece of arable land of about 5 acres fronting Brooklyn Road on the Housing Estate.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to let any vacant allotments in Albert Road, Rainbow Field and Alma Road at a rent at the rate of 8s 8d. per chain, and as most of these allotments have been vacant for some time, that the allotments be rent free up to 1st January next. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Committee be recommended to let the whole or a portion of the arable land in Brooklyn Road on a yearly tenancy at a rent at the rate of £2 per acre.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1932. Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, P. T. Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1-1 Pittville Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to inspect the tree outside this house, which the occupier wishes to have removed.

2—Pittville Park—East Drive—RESOLVED, That consideration of the complaint of Col. V. Graham of the condition of this drive be adjourned until the estimates for next year are prepared.

3—Pittville Cross Drive—Read, letter of 7th July from Mr. S. Robson asking for a "NO THOROUGHFARE" sign to be fixed to a lane at the rear of this road. RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to Mr. Robson erecting a gate and a " NO THOROUGHFARE" sign, provided the consents of the owners of the houses with entrances on the lane are obtained.

4—Green House—The Committee further considered the provision of an additional green house at Pittville. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of a green house in accordance with the plan now submitted.

3—Football Pitches—The Town Clerk reported that the Chairman had granted an application of the St. Peter's Wednesday A.F.C. to play football on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on alternate Wednesdays as last year. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

t,—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 11th ult., from Mr. E. J. Burrow that he understood that the avenue of trees at this ground was planted as a memorial to the late Capt. St. Clair Ford, and suggesting that it might be desirable to have a plate or inscription there recording this. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think this is necessary.

7—Promenade Fountain—Councillor Waite submitted design of the proposed board to be erected in the Fountain Enclosure. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Pittville Gates—The Committee further considered the disposal of these old gates. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of same as scrap iron.

9—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the post erected in the east entrance to this recreation ground removed.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1932. present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Capt. Trye and Weech ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August—Visits-5,966 (against 5,789).

Receipts—Catalogues, "Friends of the Gallery and Museum Fund," etc., £13 7s. 10d., including £10 given anonymously.

Exhibitions—The Permanent Collection had been on view since the beginning of July, to be followed by the Annual Autumn Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists, from the 22nd September to the 24th October.

Geological Room Re-organisation—Six new show-cases had been fitted at a cost of £354, and the examination of some thousands of specimens from various collections given to the Museum since 1908 had been carried out, The work of display had been commenced. The upper portion of the room had been re-distempered at a cost of £6 17s. 0d. Mr. C. R. Mapp is working in a honorary capacity on the geological specimens, while Dr. O. H. Wild is giving —similar assistance with the bird collections.

A cheque for £177 has been received from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, being half the cost of the new show-cases] . Natural History Room—A new show-case had been fitted in this room at a cost of £44 13s. 6d., out of the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund."

2—Donations—From Mr. L. W. Bayley, Paper Weight with view of Promenade Terrace, c.1820 ; Messrs. John K. and H. L. Bradbury, Set of three Whipple-Trees used on Cheltenham—Worcester Coach ; Miss E. Maude Bubb, Pillion Cover, pair of flint-lock pistols, and collection of coins ; Dr. W. C. Devereux, Advertisement of State Lottery, 1810 ; Mr. C. R. Mapp, three constabulary batons ; Mr. Lindsall Richardson, six cabinets, one containing Brachiopods, and a collection of 305 pamphlets dealing with Geology (on condition that the Brachiopods are kept together, and that he may have the pamphlets on loan at any time) ; Mrs. A. G. Scott, two cases of sea birds ; The Misses Smith, Christening Robe; Captain R. P. Wild, Copper Ale Muller; Miss Ida E. Wilson, Dr. E. T. Wilson's papers, and compass and bodkin used by Dr. E. A. Wilson in the Antarctic, 1911-12. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Richardson Cabinets, RESOLVED, That locking strips and tablets be fixed at a cost of £5 10s. 0d.

4—Bird Specimens—RESOLVED, That bird specimens, superseded by recent acquisitions, as per list submitted by the Curator, be discarded.

5—Duplicate Fossils—RESOLVED, That this material be offered to Cheltenham Colleges and Schools, and later to the South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries.

6—Offers of Pictures—RESOLVED, (a) That Robert Fowler's " The great souled Socrates serenley died," offered as a gift by his son, be declined with thanks.

(b) That the Curator be authorised to visit Mr. Ball Dodson at Brighton with regard to the gift of a picture by the late Miss Sarah Ball Dodson.

7—Leslie Young Bequest Fund—RESOLVED, That the following be purchased out of the above fund :—Bronze Woolweight, period George I. first issue, £5, Portrait Bust of William IV, £3 10s. 0d.

8—Exhibitions —RESOLVED, That the following exhibitions be arranged for :—

(a) Royal Society of British Artists, 11th February-4th March, 1933.

(b) Old Masters and a Collection representing Jewish Biblical Art, March, 1933.

(c) " Britain Illustrated, " 20th May-17th June, 1933.

9—Trump Collection of Botanical Specimens—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Westerling to be allowed to consult the above collection off the Museum premises be not agreed to.

10—Auguste Rodin—The Curator reported steps he had taken to secure on loan a group of sculpture by Rodin.

CLARA, F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, Selim Thomas, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 16th July, to the 23rd September, 1932. Interments 90 ; Grave Spaces sold 21 (1st Position 2, Second Position 3, 3rd Position 1, Fourth Position 15) : Memorials erected 29; New Inscriptions 26.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8640 to 8660 both inclusive.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Francis Willoughby Mead, Thomas Malvern, Albert Stephen Bartholomew and Sydney Bartholomew, Elizabeth Favell, Emily King Harman, Clara Richmond, John Richards Tomlinson, Emily Ouseley Growse, George Cuss, and Thomas Currie ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Albert Augustus Hallowell, Elizabeth Sarah Powell, Nora Cuzner, William Henry Gibbs, Arthur Gaskins, Ivy Violet Muriel Gabb, Emily Jane Clark, R. H. Goldie, Henry Mealing, Ann King, and Muriel Alice Ward; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Annie Louisa Mary Elliott, Emma Stew and Alfred Stew, Caroline Lacey, Elizabeth Phyllis Gabb, Susannah Lawrence, Henry Partlow Clark, Henry H. Bowden, and Morgan Davies ; Headstone to grave of Hannah Gibbons and James Hicks ; Scroll to grave of Emily Ledicotte ; Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth Haines, George Eves, Henry Whitcher and Mary Ann Whitcher, Agatha Day, and Amy Preese and Arthur Preese.

4—Grave Space 1655 B.1.—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. G. T. Boulter asking whether the Corporation would assist in disposing of this grave space belonging to Mr. E. Merry. RESOLVED, That the Cemetery Superintendent be instructed to dispose of this space.

5—Water Cans—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a bar of iron fixed at the Cemetery with small lengths of chain attached to enable persons to chain up their own watering cans at the Cemetery.

6—Land at Cemetery—Read, letter of 20th ult., from Mrs. A. Webb, asking the Committee to transfer the tenancy of the orchard land adjoining the Cemetery, recently held by her husband, to her son Mr. A. S. Webb. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give Mrs. Webb notice to quit, as the Committee prefer to have the land in their own hands.

HENRY T. YARNOLD.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd September, 1932. Present—Councillors Lipson, Thomas, Captain Trye and Yarnold; Dr. R. Davies ; Mr. F. Vernall (Councillor Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August—Receipts—£16 4s. 4d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 10,866 (last year 12,370) ; Lending Department 31,091 (last year 30,707) ; Junior Department 4,516 (last year 4,450). Total for the two months 46,473 (last year 47,527).

Binding and Replacements--During the two months 456 volumes had been returned from the Binder, and a further 211 volumes dispatched. 110 volumes had been replaced.

Library Association Examinations—The following members of the staff passed sectional examinations as follows in May :—Miss D. E. Parry, Cataloguing ; Miss S. Jeffrey, Classification and Library Organisation ; Mr. W. M. Martin, Library Routine ; and Miss M. Nealon, Library Routine.

Door Fittings—Door fittings had been fixed at a cost of £5 2s. 3d.

Repairs to Roof—Repairs to glass roof over Museum had been carried out by Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons at a cost of £4 19s. 8d.

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The Alfred Miles collection of cuttings relative to Cheltenham—A Manuscript Index of this was now read for inspection by any person interested.

Third Summer School of Librarianship—Mr. W. M. Martin had attended this course for two days. Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report of the Library Association Conference held at Bournemouth from 5th to 8th September, which was approved. At the Conference, under the Library Book Agent Agreement new terms were offered by the Publishers' Association and the Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland giving to licensed libraries spending over £100 per annum on new net books a commission of 10 per cent. RESOLVED, That a license be applied for, so that advantage may be taken of the improved terms of purchase.

Donations—Miss E. M. Adlard (14 vols.) ; Anonymous (12 vols.) ; Miss G. Burton (4 vols.) ; Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society (1 vol.) ; College of Preceptors (1 vol.) ; Mr. H. L. Howell (2 vols.) ; Mr. C. E. H. Jacobs (1 vol.) ; Miss D. W. Lamb (2 vols.) ; National Council for Abolition of Death Penalty (1 vol.) ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.) ; Mr. L. Richardson (34 vols.) ; the late Dr. J. G. Soutar (10 vols.) ; Southern Railway (1 vol.) ; Mr. G. D. Smith (1 vol.) ; Mr. M. C. Taylor (1 vol.) ; Alderman Clara

F. Winterbotham (One year's subscription to " International Review of Missions") ; Captain R. P. Wild (6 vols.) RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 163 volumes, published at £65 9s. 0d., be purchased for £39 2s. 8d.

(b) That 1 volume, published at 50s be purchased for 18s out of the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

(c) That £25 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That £40 be spent on Binding.

3—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the programme of weekly lectures for the period October—December be approved.

4—Cheltenham Teachers' Association—The name of Mr. H. J. Norris, B.A., B.Sc., had been submitted by this Association for adoption as a co-opted member of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the name of Mr. Norris be recommended to the Council accordingly.

5—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of the Committee be held on 10th November.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1932. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—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.

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, as now settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th September, 1932. 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 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected D02,268. Leaving outstanding £5,756.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1932. Amount collected £19,141. Leaving outstanding £1,446.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following Sanctions :—

Date, 1932.	Purpose.	Amount,	Period of Repayment.
10th August	Electricity Mains : Boddington	£1,052 ...	25 years.
	Uckington	£195 ...	20 "
2nd September	Waterworks, Tewkesbury	£3,835	20 "
"	" " "	£910 ...	30 "
"	" " "	£760 ...	15 "
"	" " "	£180 ...	10 "

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 27th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) Councillors Leigh James and Waite.

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

5—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received .10,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £30,070 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the following members of the Electricity Department who had been discharged, had been paid the amount of their contributions with interest on half yearly rests, at 3 per cent. as follows :—

W. Burford ...	£52 15 5
A. F. Jones ...	55 1 4
G. G. Gardner	70 7 6
G. F. Birt	54 11 1
A. E. Attwood	59 0 0
E. W. Cook	66 15 2
J. L. Edwards	54 18 2

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that C. Williams, gardener at Pittville died on 17th inst.

(c) A. E. Robins—The Borough Treasurer reported that A. E. Robins, formerly a driver in the Electricity Department, had now been transferred to the Borough Surveyor's Department as a labourer. RESOLVED, That he be included in the list of designated posts as a labourer.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd October, 1932, 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, Pates, Sawyer and Clara. F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith, Thomas, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor Weech.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th September. 1932, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health .. Meeting held September 12

Housing Meeting held September 15

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Street and Highway Meeting held September 19

Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to take over one of the boilers and pump from the Electricity Works at a cost of £106 required for the steam disinfecter and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase an 8 h.p. motor and fan required for starting the fire at the Destructor to enable this to be used for the destruction of offal and other trade refuse at a cost of £100.

Town Planning Meeting held September 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings " 16 & 23

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Georges Ltd. of £60 for the right of providing bar refreshments at the Municipal Dances at the Town Hall be accepted subject to tariff being approved by the Committee. Also, That the Council approve of a Municipal Bonfire, Fireworks Display and Entertainment and Dance at Pittville Gardens on 5th November subject to approval of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.

Resolved, also, That parties of students and pupils of local colleges and schools be admitted to the Lectures arranged, at half price.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Col. Biggs : " That Minute No. 10 (b) with regard to the flood lighting of the Town Hall, be not approved " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 10 (a) with regard to Sunday afternoon cafe concerts, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 21

Water Meeting held September 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 20

Allotments Meetings held September 12 & 26

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 12

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 16

Burial Board Meeting held September 23

Public Library Meeting held September 22

Rating Meeting held September 23

Finance Meeting held September 27

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

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, 31st October, 1932.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 1, 2 and 3 Arle Mill Cottages—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) 3a Alexandra Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for carrying out the necessary sanitary work at these premises which the Owner asked should be carried out by the Corporation and the cost spread over a period of five years. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. D. L. Turner of £43 5s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

2—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 15 and 16 Upper Bath Street ; 2 Trent Cottages ; and 5 Victoria Parade —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 Owners, to the person having control of the houses and Mortgagees, 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 12th December next.

(b) 77 Duke Street ; 2-5 Prince's Place ; 5, 6 and 7 Portman Terrace—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwelling houses 2 and 3 Prince's Place and 6 and 7 Portman Terrace, 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 28 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) 2 Upper Bath Street—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises, and Mr. Holman, the Owner, attended. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(d) 16 Priory Terrace—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(e) 2 Carnal Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector reported that this property, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 11th January last, had not yet been demolished. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the house.

3—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted two Notices arising from want of a proper ash receptacle and defective drains, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :- 6, 16, 23 and 30 Bloomsbury Street ; and 1, 2

and 3 Arle Mill Cottages—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.

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5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs. Beef 2 qrs. 13 lbs. Mutton ; 3 cwt. 11 lbs. Pork ; 7 lbs. Fowls ; 1 cwt. 14 lbs. Fish and 7 tins Fruit, etc.

6—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 11 Whitehart Street ; 197 Bath Road ; and 1, 2 and 3 Arle Mill Cottages—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 premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee

(b) 2 Lansdown Crescent; 3, 4 and 5 Harmony Cottages; and 2 Westbourne Cottages—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 specified work within 28 days.

(c) 139, 141 and 143 Bath Road ; and Moray House Hotel, Gransden, Parabola Road ; and 2 Bayshill Lawn—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the drainage work at these premises had now been carried out by Messrs. Trigg Bros., and Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., Ltd., at costs of £71 10s. 6d. and £39 5s. 0d. respectively. The apportionments made by the Borough Surveyor between the Owners of the costs of the work were submitted. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses, and that notices of the apportionments be served on the Owners, and demands for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

7—Public Health Congress—Read, circular of the 23rd ult., from the Public Health Congress, inviting the attendance of delegates to the Third Public Health Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 14th to the 20th November. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed

8—Burning of Refuse—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report as to the numerous complaints received in connection with the burning of refuse, since it was decided by the Cleansing Department to remove only domestic refuse. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to reconsider this matter.

9—Common Lodging House—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Aldred for registration as a Common Lodging house Keeper in respect of la Victoria Place, be granted up to the 31st December, 1932.

10—Nuisance from Smoke—The Sanitary Inspector submitted two tests made of the grit, etc., emitted from the retort house at the Gas Works. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make further tests and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates: Councillors Lt.-Col, Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Lipson, Morris, P. T. Smith, Selim Smith and Yarnold (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Football Pitches—The Town Clerk reported that the two football pitches on the vacant land on St. Mark's Estate had been let to Smiths Systems Football Club and the Cheltenham Meat Traders Sports Club at a rent of £4 each for the season. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Selection of Tenants—The Committee interviewed six applicants for tenancy of houses and granted two of the applications

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3-19 Shelley Road—Mr. Rainger reported as to the tests made of the grate in the Dining Room of this house RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to take out and retain the existing grate, and that the purchaser of the house be allowed the sum of £10 towards the installation of a new grate.

4-8 Kingsley Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of cleaning and digging the garden of 8 Kingsley Gardens at £4 7s. 6d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

5—**Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting on 29th ult. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, P. T. Smith and Selim Smith.

They recommended as follows :—That the salary of the female assistant of the Housing Manager (now £104 per annum) be increased by annual increments of £10 up to a maximum of £150, the first increment to be payable in October, 1933. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, except that the maximum be fixed at £130 instead of £150.

6—Land, St. Mark's Estate—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the arable field part No. 396 containing 5 acres, being let to the Cheltenham Unemployed Allotment Association on a yearly tenancy at a rent of per acre, but that it be a condition of the tenancy that no pig sties shall be erected on the allotments.

7-2-5 Princes Place, 77 Duke Street and 5-7 Portman Terrace—The Committee further considered the purchase of these properties, and Mr. Lane of Messrs. Steel & Broom, Solicitors for the vendors, attended. RESOLVED, That No. 77 Duke Street, and 4 and 5 Princes Place, and the sites of 2 and 3 Princes Place when the houses have been demolished, be purchased for £40 ; and No. 5 Portman

Terrace and the sites of 6 and 7 Portman Terrace when the houses have been demolished, be purchased for £35, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the re-conditioning of the properties.

8—Rents—Read, letter from Mr. G. F. Tawney, asking why the rents of the houses at St. Paul's had not been reduced to correspond with the reduction made in the rates. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to Mr. Tawney that previous to the reduction in the rates the tenants were not paying the full amount of the rates,

9—Land at Alstone—Site for Additional Houses—The Committee further considered the purchase of the land belonging to the L.M. & S. Railway Company, fronting to Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 64 of the Housing Act, 1925 for the compulsory purchase of the following land, and that the same be submitted for confirmation of the Ministry of Health :—

(1) All that piece of land fronting Alstone Lane in the Borough of Cheltenham, having a frontage to the said road of 215 feet, and a depth at the rear of 170 feet, and a depth on the east side of 90 feet and on the west side of 120 feet, containing 2,286 square yards, bounded on the south by Alstone Lane, on the west by Yew Tree Cottage, on the east and north by other land belonging to the Company.

(2) All that piece of land in Alstone Croft, having a frontage thereto of 435 feet, and a depth on the southern side of 98 feet, and on the northern side of 106 feet, and containing 4,997 square yards, bounded on the east by Alstone Croft, on the south by premises belonging to No. 4 Williams' Cottages, and on the other sides by other land belonging to the Company.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health under Section 122 (2) of the Housing Act, 1925, to dispense with the service of notices of the Order on the tenants of the allotment gardens.

10—Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the tree on the corner of Shakespeare Road and Tennyson Road, opposite Knight's Cash Stores, which at present obstructs the street lamp at the junction of Shakespeare Road and Tennyson Road.

11—Housing Manager—Read, application from the Housing Manager for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased to £275 per annum with a further increment of £25 in two years' time.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th October, 1932 Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Scott Langley, Lipson, Thomas and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Old Tractors—Spare Parts—RESOLVED, That the offer of the Victory Motor Company of £3 for the spare parts remaining in stock at the Depot, after the tractors were disposed of, be accepted.

2—Cranham Road—Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 11th inst., from Mrs. H. Holman, asking the Committee to reconsider the removal of the trees in Cranham Road, and for a broken tree outside her gate to be replaced with another tree. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision, and that the trees be removed

3—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, the Slab Factory was temporarily closed on the 12th inst.

4—Horses --RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr G. P. Rymer of £5 each for the two horses formerly used at the destructor be accepted.

5—Overhead Telegraphic Line—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department to erect an overhead telegraphic line on the footpath along Gloucester Road from a point near Larchville to a point near Lyndhurst, with two poles and one stay, be granted subject to the position of the each pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to 6 feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the poles if required.

6—Willoughby House—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Messrs. Ivens and Thompson, on behalf of Mrs. Millington, drawing attention to the bad state of the fence around the piece of land purchased by the Corporation, adjoining Willoughby House, Suffolk Square. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting.

7—Hewlett Road—Read, letters from Mr. H. Morris, asking for the removal of a lime tree opposite No. 2 St. Anne's Villas, Hewlett Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8--Sydenham Road—Read, letter from Mr. A. M. Beetham, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to agree to the removal of the two trees in front of "Braemar." RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

9—Oriel Road- --Read, letter of 12th inst., from Mr. T. Phillips regretting the decision of the Committee not to agree to the removal of the tree in front of No. 1 Oriel Terrace, and asking the Committee to have the tree thinned out. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

10—Projecting Signs —RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Son, A. C. Houghton and W. Renshaw for permission to erect projecting signs at The Garrick's Head, Bath Street, Messrs. Slatter & Stopforth's shop, High Street, The Tivoli Post Office and 14 Fairview Road respectively, be granted subject to the usual conditions, and in the case of the Garrick's Head Bath Street, subject also to the electric lamps not being coloured.

11—Traffic Signs—Messrs. R. V. Copeland, D. Reed and K. Waite attended as a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce, and submitted the suggestions of the Chamber in regard to the traffic signs erected throughout the town, and suggested (inter alia) :—That standard signs should be used throughout the town, and that the signs directing traffic from the centre of the town should read "Bye-pass for Heavy Traffic," and that signs should also be erected directing to "Cheltenham Centre."

Read also, report drawn up by the Sub-Committee of the National Citizens Union. RESOLVED, That a special View Meeting of the Committee be held on the 24th inst., to consider the suggestions made in the reports as to alteration of signs.

12-6 Pittville Villas—RESOLVED, That the renewed application of Mrs. C. K. Parker for the removal of a tree outside this house be not acceded to.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Scott Langley, Lipson, Capt. Trye and Yarnold (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair).

13—The proposals made by the Chamber of Commerce and the National Citizens' Union with regard to traffic directional signs and other matters were further considered.

After making an inspection, it was RESOLVED, as follows:-

(a) To place a sign with the words "Town Centre" with arrow immediately above the present sign on the Electricity Sub-Station at Westal.

(b) To place a sign with the word "Promenade" with arrow on Montpellier Garden railings near the existing signs.

(c) To place a sign with the words "Town Centre" with arrow pointing to Leckhampton Road at the junction of Leckhampton Road and Old Bath Road.

(d) To place a sign with the words "Town Centre, Straight on" immediately over the existing sign in London Road, East of Sandford Mill Road.

(e) To ask the County Council to add the words "Town Centre" with arrow pointing to Prestbury Road, to their existing bye-pass sign at the junction of Prestbury Road and Bouncers Lane.

(f) To place a sign with the words "Oxford Left. Town Centre" at the junction of Cemetery Road and Harp Hill.

(g) To place a sign, with the words "Town Centre Through Traffic," with arrow pointing to Clarence Road, on Prestbury Road near Pittville Gates.

(h) To place a sign with the words "Town Centre Through Traffic" with arrow pointing to Portland Street, at the junction of Clarence Road and Portland Street.

(i) To place a sign with the words "Oxford Right" in Old Bath Road about 40 yards South of London Road.

(j) To place a sign with the word "Oxford" on the lamp standard at the junction of London Road and Old Bath Road, facing Hale's Road.

(k) To transfer the present sign "Oxford" from the lamp standard on the North side of London Road near Hayward's Road to the lamp standard on the opposite side of London Road,

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1932. Present—Councillors Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, J. F. Ward and Yarnold ; Mesdames E. Booy, 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 September, 1932

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	30.4	24
At Clare Street (10 Meetings)	25.2	12.6
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	41.6	46.9
At St. Mark's (10 Meetings)	22.8	20.4

9-Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1932 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,490
"Children Visited (1 year and under)	624
" " (over 1 year)	538
" Un-notified Births discovered	5
" Still Births discovered ...	1
" Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,680
" First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	115
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	50
" Children remitted to Hospital	6
" Ante-natal cases visited ... - .	21
" Chicken Pox cases visited	3
" Whooping Cough cases visited ..	6
" Measles cases visited -. .	1
" Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector ..	2

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Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	83
New Orders	29
Orders discontinued during quarter	39
„ continuing to coming quarter	73

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	56	6
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	51	12

3—Midwives Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that notices of intention to practice had been received from Miss Jemima Harkins of the Victoria Home and Mrs. Annie Russell Bendy of Pailton, Queen's Road.

(b) The number of intimations received from Midwives that medical help had been required during the period from 1st July to 30th September, 1932, was 49, and the amount of doctors fees for the quarter amounted to £14 15s. 6d., of which £9 10s. 9d. had been charged to patients.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from midwives during the quarter ended 30th September last : Still-births 3, Deaths of Infants 1; Artificial feeding being necessary 2.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that during the last quarter no request for specialist opinion had been. Made.

(b) Appointment of Additional Consultants—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. H. S. Allen, Dr. D. W. J. Andrews and Dr. A. F. D. Darlington had agreed with thanks to accept the post of Consultants for cases of Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever.

5—Dentistry --(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 13 mothers and 12 infants had attended the School Dentist in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that he was arranging for several talks to be given to mothers on Dentistry and also that the United Kingdom Dental Board had agreed to give demonstrations in several of the Schools

6—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) RESOLVED, That the certification 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.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted applications from Mrs Bendy and Mrs. M. H. Bowerman for "Pailton," Queen's Road and Askham House, Pittville Circus Road respectively, to be registered as Nursing and Maternity Homes under the Act, and he recommended that the applications should be granted. RESOLVED, That the premises be registered, except that in the case of Askham House, the registration be subject to a second bathroom being provided if more than 5 patients are received.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Mrs. E. P. Weaver for her premises at 2 Berkeley Villas, Pittville, to be registered as a Nursing Home under the Act and he recommended that the application be granted. RESOLVED, That the premises be registered for 7 medical or surgical patients.

7—Winter School for Health Visitors—Read, circular of 11th August from the Women Sanitary Inspectors and Health Officers' Association, inviting the attendance of Health Visitors to the 12th Winter School for Health Visitors arranged to take place at Bedford College, London, from 27th December to 7th January next. The expenses for the Course including residence in Bedford College were estimated at £9 plus railway fare. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That one of the Health Visitors be authorised to attend the Course.

8—Local Government Act, 1929—Read, letter of 4th August from Ministry of Health that it was now necessary to make a new scheme for the payment of contributions to voluntary Associations under Section 101 (4) of the Act for the second fixed grant period of 4 years ended 1937. RESOLVED, That the draft Scheme now submitted, being the same as the present Scheme, be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Winterbotham. Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris, E. L. Ward and Yarnold ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (Councillor- V. 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.
3359	Brown, C.	Additions to 8 Tivoli Street (Amended).
3406	Mellersh, Mrs. W.	Motor house, Bergholt, Painswick Road,
3407	Hall, G. A. M.	Six semi-detached houses, Tryes Road,
3408	Williams, D. R.	Motor house, Dryfesdale, Charlton Lane.
3409	Clapp, Mrs. L.	Motor house, Albion Street,
3410	Hawkins, G. A.	Motor house, Queensholme, Pittville Circus Road.
3411	De Haig, Col. H.	Garage, workshop and coalhouse, Red Gables, Charlton Lane.
3412	Warren, J.	Timber shed, Knapp Road, 3413 Ward, G. Two semi-detached houses, Whaddon Road.
3414	Leakey, Col. H. G.	Greenhouse and cycle house, 14 Sydenham Villas.
3415	Vickridge, F. M.	Motor house, Elstree, High Street.

RESOLVED. That Plans Nos 3408, 3410, 3412, 3413, 3414 and 3415 be approved ; That Plan No. 3389 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3406 be approved subject to the building being built in brick and to the roof being covered with tiles ; That Plan No. 3407 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the fence on the south side of Tryes Road, and to give up the land without compensation if and when required for road widening ; That Plan No, 3409 be approved subject to a

proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and that Plan No. 3411 be not approved.

(b) Plan No. 2214—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. L. W. Barnard that the work on this plan for the construction of shops in St. George's Road had been delayed owing to the owner not being able to obtain possession of the premises, and the Town Clerk reported that under Section 50 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1859, approval of plans for buildings not commenced in three years became null and void. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it necessary to require fresh plans, and that the approval given in October, 1926, be affirmed.

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.
365	Peacey, W. E.	Garages, Maymetz, Lyefield Road East, Charlton Kings.
366	Rivington, Dr. E.	Lavatory, Milverton, Church Street, Charlton Kings.
367	Trigg, H. J.	Garage and wood store, London Road.
368	Lewis, C. D.	Bathroom, Box Cottage, Bafford Lane.
369	Kreye, M. H.	Garage, The Thorns, London Road.
370	Bendall, A. C.	Layout and building line, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton
371	Witts, Miss E.	Detached house, Prestbury Road, Prestbury,
372	Shotbolt, F.	Garage, Birdlip.
373	Burrows, D. W.	Garage, Hatherley Road.
374	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Kidnapper's Lane, Leckhampton.
375	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Kidnapper's Lane, Leckhampton.
376	Harding, W. J.	Semi-bungalow, Ireley Road, Winchcomb.
377	Trigg Bros,	Development off Whaddon Road.
378	Stannard, Mr	Six pairs semi-detached houses, Evesham Road, Bishops Cleeve.
379	Chapman, J. Ivelaw	Development plan, Leckhampton Road.
380	Tanner, Mrs.	Amended elevation of Bungalow, Shurdington.
381	James, W. J.	Detached cottage, Warden Hill Road.

RESOLVED. That Plans Nos. 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 374, 375 and 376 be approved ; That Plan No. 365 be approved subject to the garages being used for private purposes only ; That Plan No. 381 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to surrender the necessary land without compensation if and when required for road widening, That Plan No. 380 be referred to the Council for the Preservation of Rural England for consideration; and That Plan.,; Nos. 372, 373, 377, 378 and 379 be not approved.

3- Land in Bouncer's Lane--The Town Clerk reported that the Field Nod. 446 on the Map of the Ordnance Survey and Parish of Prestbury, fronting this road, through which the Prestbury Bye-pass would run, had recently Purchaser desired to excavate the sand. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this provided the chaser is willing to arrange for the portion of the Field scheduled for the road to be excavated in the first place and to enter into an agreement that after the sand has been

excavated the Corporation shall be allowed to use the same as a tip, so as to till up the ground excavated to restore the land to its original level.

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4—Elevation of Buildings—The Committee further considered the question of submitting plans of elevations of buildings for the observations of an Advisory Committee where the Committee thought this necessary. RESOLVED, That in respect of plans submitted for buildings outside the Borough, the Society for the Preservation of Rural England be asked to act as the Advisory Committee, and that in the case of plans for buildings within the Borough, the Cheltenham Civic Society be asked to act, and that Minute No. 4 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

5-Y.M.C.A.—The Town Clerk reported that now that the Y.M.C.A, had disposed of part of the premises, they were willing to arrange for removal of the canopy, if the Corporation would pay the Sum of for the cost of removal. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay this sum.

6—Local Inquiry—(a) The Committee considered the various points arising on the objections made to the Preliminary Statement at the Local Inquiry on the 4th and 5th inst. RESOLVED, That the following alterations to the proposals be agreed to in order to meet the objections made :—

(i) Prestbury By-pass—That the amended plan for the alteration of the line of the Prestbury By-pass in order to meet the objections made by Messrs. H.. Cuss, H. G. Norton and Dr. Lidderdale and Mr. Birt be approved.

(ii) Tommy Taylor's Lane--That the alteration of the line of the road through Tommy Taylor's Lane be approved, and that the building depth on the east side be increased to 150 feet to meet the objection of Mr. E. L. Baylis.

(iii) Charlton Park Gate----That Charlton Park gate be deleted as a through road from the Scheme, as the Council have recently approved plans for a new road through the Avenue Estate, (iv) Walk, Charlton Park—That the proposal for the walk along the River Chelt be amended as shown in the plan submitted, to give the owners of Sandford Mill a greater area behind the farm.

(v) Allotments near Sandy Lane—That the land on the south side of the railway adjoining Southfield Farm, comprising approximately 81 acres be scheduled for allotments in place of the land belonging to Mr. Ivelaw Chapman off Sandy Lane subject to the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

(vi) Shurdington Road—That the amended line of road widening now submitted be approved, so as to preserve the trees adjoining Miss Denne's property

(vii) Ullenwood Estate—That the proposed agreement to be entered into with the owners of this estate for the estate to be scheduled as a rural area with provision for development of the land as may be approved by the Town Planning Authority, similar to the agreements entered into with Colonel Elwes and Captain Richardson, be approved.

(b) Roads 3 and 4—The Committee considered suggestion made by Mr. Fuller in regard to the Road No. 3 through his nursery, and that the density along the road No. 4 should be increased from 2 to 4

houses to the acre. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to alter the line of road No, 3 and that consideration of the suggestion of increasing the density be adjourned.

(c) Balcarras Farm -- RESOLVED, That the plan submitted by Mr. S. Shenton for the alteration of the junction of the by-pass road near his farm be not approved, but the plan be forwarded to the Inspector as arranged.

(d) Charlton Park, Cirencester Road—RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Assistant be instructed to interview the County Surveyor with a view to submitting an alternative proposal in regard to the widening of Cirencester Road to meet the objection made on behalf of Mr Hugh Reeves.

(e) Southern Bye-pass—The Committee considered the objection on behalf of the Ladies' College to the proposed Southern Bye-pass which was planned to cross Leckhampton Road near the Ladies' College Sanatorium, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree that if and when the road is constructed the small strip of land between the road and the Sanatorium be transferred to the College

7—Old Bath Road—The Committee further considered the offer of Mr. F. P. Witts to give up the small piece of land fronting Old Bath Road adjoining the River Chelt. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Chairman and Town Planning Assistant be asked to inspect the property.

8—New Roads—The Committee considered suggestions of Rev. E. C. Wilson for making provision in the Town Planning Scheme for certain new roads. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Town Planning Assistant for consideration and report.

9—Lilleybrook Lawn—RESOLVED, That the application of the owner of this house for permission to erect a petrol pump for his own private use behind the house be granted, subject to this being placed in a position at the back of the house, and out of sight from the road, and to the pump being used for private purposes only and to a plan being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Pruen, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward ; Mr. H. W. Bennett and Dr. Howell (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the corner gates of these Gardens be kept closed until the tennis stop netting has been re-erected next season.

2—Spa Baths—(a) Read, Monthly Report of the Superintendent.

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That this Bath be kept open until 16th November.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorised to have 100 cards printed in regard to the Medical Baths for distribution amongst the Hotels.

(d) Masseur—Read, application from Mrs. E. M. Woodward to be placed on the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to agree to this.

(e) Assistant Masseur—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss L. Parry to be placed on the Health Insurance Exception Certificate be not granted.

3—Town Hall—Dances—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for Exhibition Cabarets for the Dance Teas on 11th and 25th November at a cost of £10 each.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1932.. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Pruen, P. T. Smith, Selina Smith, Thomas, Waite and E. L. Ward : Dr. Howell and Mr. E. J. Burrow- (Councillor Waite in the chair).

4—**Concerts Sub-Committee**—Read, Report of Concerts Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the Chair) ; and Councillors P. T. Smith and Waite.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Boxing—That the offer of Pittville Radio to supply a loud speaker apparatus for the boxing at £1 1s. 0d. per night be accepted and that Mr. Larry Cummins be asked to organise another amateur entertainment on 7th November and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to make arrangements for another professional boxing entertainment on 21st November, subject to the Sub-Committee being satisfied with the professional Boxing Entertainment arranged for Monday, 24th October.

(b) Entertainments Manager's Office—That the Putting Course Attendant at Montpellier Gardens be continued for one month in the Entertainments Manager's office at a wage of 15s a week.

(c) Opening Dance Tea and Municipal Dance—That as authorised by the special Meeting of the Committee held on 3rd October the Cabaret engaged for the opening Dance Tea and Municipal Dance on 21st and 22nd October be paid £14 instead of £10 and that Minute No. 8 (c) of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16th September last be varied accordingly.

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

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5—Medical Baths—Read, letter of 18th inst., from Miss E. Meek expressing her appreciation of the received at the Medical Baths and of the courtesy and attention of the Sister-in-Charge and staff. treatment she had

6—Spa Federation—The Entertainments Manager submitted report of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Spa Federation held at Llandrindod Wells on 6th inst.

7—Travel Association—The Entertainments Manager submitted report of the Meeting held in London on 26th ult. of Publicity Officers of Corporations and other bodies represented on the Travel Association.

8—Winter Garden—The Entertainments Manager reported that Mr. Aubrey Standing desired to hire the North Transept of the Winter Garden for weekly concerts etc. RESOLVED, That an inclusive charge of £3 3s. 0d. per night be made for the hire of this.

9—Catering—The Entertainments Manager submitted tenders for the supply of cups and saucers and other catering plant RESOLVED, That tenders be accepted as now settled by the Committee for catering plant up to a total cost of £20 1s. 10d.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Moore and Councillor Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair)

1—Change of Frequency - Closing of Works----(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that of the 8 engineers employed at the Works 2 had been discharged and were not eligible for compensation, and he submitted particulars of the new positions to which he proposed to appoint the remaining 6 engineers and of the salaries applicable for the same according to scale. RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved.

(b) With regard to the workmen the Borough Electrical Engineer had so far only been able to find temporary employment for 7 out of the 23 discharged, though he hoped to be able to find employment for some additional men. RESOLVED, That a meeting of the **Sub-Committee** appointed to consider the claims for **compensation** of the men be held on 28th inst.

2—Supply to Rural Areas—Crickley Hill and Birdlip—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted scheme for the extension of the supply to Crickley Hill district, Witcomb Park and Birdlip Village. He estimated the total cost at £2,952, of which £446 would be repayable by consumers. RESOLVED, That the scheme be provisionally approved and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to approach the County Council and Rural District Council with a view to arriving at an agreement in regard to the necessary overhead lines.

3—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 472.4 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th ult., 5th, 12th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 470.1, 473.4, 472.4, 474.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.5, 5.5, 5.4 and 5.5 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th October, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Reports—(a) The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer was read :—

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days ended 10th October, 1932.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years,
Hewletts Springs	145,000 gallons	211,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	341,000	530,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	35,000	47,000 „
Total	521,000	788,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 10th October, 1932.	Contents	Depth 10th October, 1931.	Contents
Hewletts		13,409,000 gallons		25,871,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 0in.	37,205,000	29ft. 4ins.	86,222,000
Leckhampton	12ft. 0ins.	1,485,000	12ft, 0ins.	1,620,000
Total Storage		52,099,000		113,713,000

(b) Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of people attending the Hewletts Reservoir on Sundays had been as follows :—

September 4th	59
“ 11th	63
“ 18th	6
“ 25th	10

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

3—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.

4—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that the laying of the duplicate main under the River Avon had now been completed.

5—Rossley Manor—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Coxwell Rogers now intended to construct a swimming pool on a site from which the contents could be emptied into a drain which

discharged into the Corporation sewer in London Road below the Reservoir. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

6—Line-Over Long Barrow—Read, letter of 5th inst., from H.M. Office of Works enclosing Notice under Section 6 of the Ancient Monuments Act, 1931, of the intention to include this barrow in a list of Monuments to be published under Section 12 of the Ancient Monuments (Consolidation and Amendment Act), 1913.

7—British Waterworks Association—Read, circular from this Association, inviting the attendance of delegates to the Winter Session of the Association to be held on the 17th November in London in connection with the Public Health Congress. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor and Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted revised agreement submitted by the Post Office Telephones Department in respect of the telephone at these works. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to sign this on behalf of the Corporation.

9 —Hewletts Reservoirs—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report as to the cost of installing mechanical filters at these reservoirs.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th October, 1932. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen, Thomas, Capt. Trye, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Boiling of Animal Foodstuffs) Order of 1932, which had been published as required by the Ministry.

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

Date.	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
6th October ..	Garage, Wellington Street ...	Not apparent	—	£3 19s. 0d.
10th October	Motor car, Clarence Street ...	“	—	£4 19s. 0d.

(b) False Alarm—Read, report of the Captain of a false alarm on the 11th inst. to a supposed fire at 170 High Street. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to repeat the advertisement issued on the occasion of the false alarm in November last, offering a reward of £10 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who gave the alarm.

3—Road off Lansdown Road—Read, letter from Mr. L. Smith asking for the road off Lansdown Road adjoining the Westal Green Sub-Station to be named. RESOLVED, That this road be named Westal Green."

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Joseph Smith for a licence in respect of Hackney Carriage Registered No. DF 996, to replace the licence held by him in respect of Horse Fly No. 17 be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. Smith for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted.

(c) Stand—Superintendent Wayman recommended that the Hackney Carriage Stand at the Clarence Lamp should be withdrawn. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the notice indicating the stand.

5—Borough Extension—The Town Clerk reported that the **Borough Extension Sub-Committee** met on the 14th inst. Present :—Councillors Capt. Trye (in the Chair), the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Pruen. The Sub-Committee had considered the draft First General Review made by the County Council under Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1929, and had made the following observations :—

(a) Added A rea---That the County Council be asked to reconsider their decision not to include the small triangle of properties comprising Oakland Avenue Post Office, and Oakland Cottages, as in the event of the cottages being pulled down, any new buildings erected and set back to the building line prescribed by the County Council, would be partly in the Borough, and partly in Prestbury.

(b) Assessment Committee—That it was undesirable to increase the membership of this Committee to 16, and that the number should be retained at 10, of which 5 should be Cheltenham representatives.

(c) Guardians Committee—That the number of members of the Town Council on this Committee should be increased to 12 instead of 7 as proposed, and that provision should be made that of the proposed 8 County Council representatives at least 6 should be representatives of the Borough Electoral Divisions, and that consequential alterations should be made in the other representatives on the Committee, so as to give the Corporation the same proportion of representation as at present.

(d) Town Planning Committee—That it be pointed out to the County Council that the Corporation are the authority under the Town Planning Scheme, and that whilst the Committee desire to have the assistance of the District Councils on the Committee, the Corporation cannot agree that such Councils have a right to appoint representatives as proposed in the General Review.

(e) Differential Rating—That the comparative statement prepared by the Borough Treasurer of the rates in the Borough and the rates in Prestbury be submitted to the County Council, and that the County Council be asked to arrange for a meeting of the representatives of the Corporation, the County Council and the Rural District Council to consider this matter.

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

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6—Bunting—Read, memorandum from the Borough Surveyor in regard to the Corporation's stock of bunting, flags ' etc RESOLVED, That consideration of providing additional bunting be deterred until the estimates for next year are-considered,

7—Athletic Ground—The Committee further considered the question of increasing the rent of the Athletic Ground, and the Town Clerk reported that the Rugby Football Club had not come to a decision on the Council's suggestion that the rent should be increased by £20. RESOLVED, That pending consideration by the Club, the Town Clerk be instructed to give the Club six months' notice to quit, expiring on the 1st May, 1933, on the understanding that the notice will be withdrawn when an agreement as to the amount of the rent has been arrived at.

8—Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—The Town Clerk submitted circulars of 20th ult. and 14th inst. from the Home Office in regard to this Act, and the procedure laid down for the submission of draft order under the provisions of the Act, to allow the regular opening of Cinemas.

9—Charlton Common—The Committee considered application of the 15th inst. from Mr. L. W. Barnard for access to be given over Charlton Common to a bungalow proposed to be erected on land adjoining the Common. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

10—Superannuation Act—(a) Read, further letter of 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Health, that the Minister desired to be furnished with the observations of the Town Council on Dr. Garrett's letter so far as it relates to the general resolution passed by the Council that no additional allowances be granted under Section 16 of the Act. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be asked to reply that the view of the Council is that having made statutory contribution towards the fund, they are not prepared to make additional grants so as to make an additional call on the rates, over and above the statutory contribution.

(b) Dowdeswell Reservoir, Custodian—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Water Committee that the services of Mr. J. Bolton, should be extended for one year up to 2nd December, 1933 RESOLVED, That this recommendation be not approved, and that the services of Mr. Bolton be extended up to the 1st June next, and that he be informed that the Committee will not be prepared to recommend any further extension beyond this date.

11—Omnibus Services—(a) Cheltenham to Birmingham—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Birmingham and Midland Omnibus Company that they were unable to agree to a condition being attached to the licence applied for by them in respect to the Cheltenham to Birmingham service that the omnibuses should pick up and set down passengers at the Black & White Motor Coach Station, and suggesting that the Council should withdraw their objection until the whole question could be further considered when application for renewal of all the licences came before the Traffic

Commissioners on the 28th February next. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to withdraw their objection.

(b) London to South Wales—Read, letter of 28th ult., from the South Wales Express Company Ltd. that they were unable to agree to pick up and set down passengers at the Black & White Motor Coach Station, and suggesting that their daily omnibus should pick up and set down passengers in Oriel Road opposite the Town Hall, and that during the lunch stop, the omnibus should park on the north side of Imperial Square. RESOLVED, That this be approved, subject to the Company adhering to the route originally provided, namely along Bath Road, Oriel Road, Promenade and Lansdown Road.

(c) Cheltenham District Traction Company—The Committee further considered the revised time tables of the services of the Cheltenham District Traction Company. RESOLVED, That the Company be asked to provide extra omnibuses on the Leckhampton and Charlton Kings services between the hours of 12 noon and 2.30 p.m. and 4 and 7 p.m.

(d) Read, letter from the Cheltenham District Traction Company that they were making application to the Traffic Commissioners for a licence to run a special bus between the L.M.S. Station, and the Cheltenham Football Ground, Whaddon Road, via the Gas Works, High Street, North Street and Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That no objection be made.

12—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Car Mart and Messrs. Stevens & Co. for licences to store 500 gallons and 5,000 gallons at their respective premises at 37-38 Winchcomb Street and Millbrook Street, be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris, P. T. Smith, Selina Smith ; Messrs. Clarkson, Vizard, Waine and Yeend (Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs in the chair).

1—Water Supply—Alma Road and North Ward Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates of the cost of providing a water supply for these allotments, amounting to £43 0s. 0d. and £392 0s. 0d. respectively. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next year's estimates are considered.

2—Hall Road Allotments—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Young and Gilling, enclosing Undertaking from Archdeacon Sears to continue the use of this land for allotments for at least seven years from the expiration of the present Lease, at rents not exceeding 19s a chain less 5 per cent. for payment within a month, subject to a reservation to take about acre when required for the extension of the Recreation Ground, it being understood that if Archdeacon Sears vacates the Living before the expiration of the seven years, this Undertaking shall not be binding on his successor. RESOLVED, That this Undertaking be accepted.

3—Allotment No. 17 (b) Whaddon Lane (1920)—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment, asking the Committee to allow him a rebate in the rent, as the allotment was in a very untidy condition. RESOLVED, That Mr. Yeend be asked to inspect the allotment and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

4—Allotment No. 40 Rainbow Field—Mr. Clarkson reported that he had inspected this allotment, as requested, and recommended that the tenant should be allowed three months' rebate in the rent to enable him to clean the ground. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Allotment No. 12 Gapper's Field—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment, asking for permission to convert his tool shed into a pig sty. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to this, on the understanding that no compensation shall be payable to the tenant for the sty on his vacating the allotment.

6—Untidy Allotments—Mr. Clarkson reported that he had inspected Rainbow Field and Asquith Road Allotments, and found No. 15 Rainbow Field and 63 Asquith Road to be in an untidy condition. Complaint was received from Mr. Prewer of the untidy condition of 8 and 9 Crab Tree Piece. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants, requiring them to put their allotments in a clean and tidy condition.

7—Crab Tree Piece Allotments—Mr. F. Vizard reported that there was a large shed being erected at these allotments, for which the sanction of the Committee had not been obtained. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect and ascertain the number of the allotment on which the shed is being erected, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant pointing out that the Committee do not approve of the structure, and that the Corporation will not be responsible for payment of any compensation for the same on his quitting the allotment.

8—Orrisdale Terrace Allotments—Barbed Wire—A complaint was made that one of the tenants had placed barbed wire along the fence adjoining the footpath at these allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant requiring him to remove this.

C. W. BIGGS,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1932. Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris, P. T. Smith and Selim Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Greenhouse—The Borough Surveyor submitted 7 tenders for the provision of an additional greenhouse at Pittville. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. H. Bowd of £459 17s. 8d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to sanction to loan being received. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost.

2—Recreation Grounds—Sunday Opening—The Borough Surveyor submitted lists showing the attendances at the various recreation grounds on Sunday mornings during the past summer. RESOLVED, That in future, all the recreation grounds be closed to the public on Christmas Day.

3—Alderham Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed by the Committee, the Gardens Superintendent had attended the sale at Alderham Gardens on the 4th inst., when he was able to purchase 226 trees and shrubs at a total cost of £13 1s 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Football Pitches. --(a) RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Highbury Rovers Football Club to play football on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on alternate Saturdays during the present season.

(b) Read, application from the Cheltenham Meat Traders Sports Club for permission to play football on one of the Recreation Grounds during the present season. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant them a pitch on one of the Recreation Grounds, but that they be offered a pitch on the vacant land at St. Mark's for the sum of £4 for the season.

5—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposal of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee to hold a bonfire and firework display in Pittville Gardens on the 5th November, provided steps are taken to prevent damage to the rockeries and flower beds, etc.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1932. Present—Councillors Morris, Selim Smith, Thomas and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th September to 21st October, 1932. Interments 46 ; Grave Spaces sold 14 (First Position 2, Fourth Position 12) ; Memorials erected 13; New Inscriptions 4.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8661 to 8664

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to grave of Arthur Raymond Ball and Edith Jane Ball ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of William Edkins Bromley, Lucy Willins Sambridge Bromley, Bernard Redfern Bromley and Clement Arthur Bromley ; and Thomas Field and Hannah Field ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Geoffrey Chamberlain Dunsford, Polly Smith and Denis Brushneen

4—Land at Cemetery—Read, letter from Mrs. Webb that she was willing to give up the land at once if the Corporation were prepared to pay her compensation for the trees planted by her late husband. RESOLVED, That she be offered the sum of £2.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th October, 1932. Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Moore, Councillors Dr. Hayward, Waite, E. L. Ward and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—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,

2—Unpaid Rates—(a) A Statement of Unpaid Rates was read and signed.

(b) Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrate 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 now settled by the Committee we.),

3—Second Valuation—The Committee settled the list of properties to be submitted to Messrs. Eve & Son for valuation,

P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1932. Present—The Mayor Councillors Leigh James, Miller, Waite, E. L. Ward and Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £107,524. Owners' Allowances £838. Voids £3,456. Legally Excused £218. Otherwise Irrecoverable £333. Leaving outstanding £648.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1932. Amount collected £19,369. Abatements £46. Voids 124. Defaulters £12. Leaving outstanding £4,791.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 25th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Miller and E. L. Ward. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,300 on loan. RESOLVED. That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £22,274 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that loans in respect of which notice had been given, with a view to reducing rates of interest, amounted to about £170,000. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer

be asked to report to the next meeting as to the advisability of equating the loan charges on the Housing loans over a period of 40 years instead of the full period of 60 years.

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5—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, that the application of Mrs. Woodward, Masseuse at the Medical Baths, for her post to be included in the list of designated posts for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme, be granted, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval thereof.

(b) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the following designated posts to be filled by the six charge engineers in consequence of the closing of the Electricity Works, namely :—

H. Higgins	Overhead Lines Engineer.
W. L. Johnstone	Consumers Engineer.
W. Ball ...	Public Lighting Engineer.
P. H. Cox .	Canvasser.
F. G. Muntzer ...	Assistant Mains Engineer.
S. B. Frosted	Sub-station Inspector,

6—Town Planning Scheme—The Borough Treasurer submitted Statement showing a total expenditure for preparation of this Scheme up to 31st October inst. of £2,953 towards which the sum of £711 had already been provided for, leaving a balance of £2,372. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for £2,372.

7—Internal Audit—Read, Report of the Internal Audit dated the 24th inst.

8—Arrears—Private Street Works and Drainage Expenses—The Borough Treasurer submitted Statement of Arrears.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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