

## 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 Thursday, 9th November, 1933, at 12 noon.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Peter Philip Taylor, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates and Sawyer Councillors H. O. Barnett, A. J. Bettridge, Lt.-Col. C. W. Biggs, O.B.E., E. J. Burrow, Rev. E. S. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, H. C. Grimwade, Dr. W. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., J. Howell, F.R.C.S., Leigh James, D. L. Lipson, M.A., S. C. Morris, A. S. F. Pruen, S. Rogers, P. T. Smith, H. W. Thomas, T. Wilfred Waite, E. L. Ward, J. F. Ward, W. N. Weech, M.A., and H. T. Yarnold.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Addis and Scott Langley.

1-Election of Councillors-The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of the following as Councillors :—

Mr. John Field Ward for St. Peter's Ward.

Mr. Henry Addis for St. Paul's Ward.

Mr. Henry Olwyn Barnett, Mr. John Howell and Mr. Edward John Burrow for Pittville Ward.

Mr. Samuel Charles Morris for All Saints' Ward.

Mr. Arthur Sidney Fitzgerald Pruen for College Ward.

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Capt. John Henry Tyre For Park Ward.

Mr. Percy Tyler Smith for Lansdown Ward.

Mr. Arthur James Bettridge, Mr. Stanley Rogers and Mr. Harry Charles Grimwade for St. Mark's Ward,

and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

He also reported that the number of votes recorded for the three Councillors for the Pittville Ward were as follows :—

Councillor H. O. Barnett	1002 Votes.
J. Howell	802 “
E. J. Burrow ...	732 “

and by the terms of the Order in Council, Councillor E. J. Burrow would go out of office on the 1st November, 1934, Councillor J. Howell on the 1st November, 1935, and Councillor H. O. Barnett on the 1st November, 1936.

The number of votes recorded for the three Councillors for the St. Mark's Ward were as follows :—

Councillor A. J. Bettridge	888 Votes.
S. Rogers	860 “
H. C. Grimwade	627 “

and by the terms of the said Order, Councillor Grimwade would go out of office on the 1st November, 1934, Councillor Rogers on the 1st November, 1935, and Councillor Bettridge on the 1st November, 1936.

2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Councillor Edward Laurence Ward be and he is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

The Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath.

The Mayor in the Chair.

3—Election of Two 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. :—

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Thomas, Hugh William, Drayton, Eldorado Crescent, Cheltenham, Tailor ...	7
Trye, John Henry, The Grotto, Moorend Road, Cheltenham, C.B.E., Captain, R.N. (Retired)	6
Yarnold, Henry Thomas, 1 Roseland Terrace, Rowanfield Road, Cheltenham, Retired Pork Butcher	13

Two Ballot Papers handed in were declared by the Mayor to be spoilt. The Mayor accordingly declared the said Hugh William Thomas and Henry Thomas Yarnold to be elected Aldermen, who then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

By the terms of the Order in Council, Alderman H. W. Thomas will go out of office on the 9th November, 1934, and Alderman H. T. Yarnold will go out of office on the 9th November, 1937.

4—Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Captain John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P., for the able, hospitable and impartial manner in which he has carried out the duties of Mayor during the past year, and to Mrs. Trye for the great assistance she has given him in carrying out those duties.

5—Appointment of Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Councillor Captain John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P., to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That the appointment be recorded on the Minutes of the Council.

6—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	St. Peter's Ward.
" Pates	St. Paul's Ward.
" Yarnold	Pittville Ward.
" Taylor	All Saints' Ward.
" Clara Frances Winterbotham	College Ward.
" Sawyer	Park Ward
" Moore	Lansdown Ward.
" Thomas	St. Mark's Ward.

7—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th October, 1933, 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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8-Appointment and Duties of Committees-(a) Resolved, That Standing Order No. 37 be amended, and that the Water and Electricity and Lighting Committees be added to the Committees excepted under this Order, and that the said Committees shall consist of not more than nine members.

(b) **Public Health Committee**-Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :-Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore and Yarnold ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Rogers and Waite, 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, 18, 19 and 20 of the Housing Act, 1930.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation.

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

#### **Housing- Committee-**

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :-Aldermen Pates, Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, Morris, P. T. Smith and J. F. Ward, 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 (other than Garages) on the several Corporation Housing Estates.

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**Maternity and Child Welfare Committee**—Resolved, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year to carry out all duties connected with Maternity and Child Welfare—The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, Rogers and J. F. Ward ; 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 the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Pates, Sawyer, Thomas and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris

and Rogers, 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, and the making of any Byelaws in respect of new Streets and buildings.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., there ; any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements : To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections : To consider and regulate all matters concerning Traffic.

**Town Planning Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Morris, 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.

To deal with the Town Planning Scheme under the Housing and Town Planning Acts, 1909-1932, and to enforce the provisions or 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, and to consider and deal with all plans of new streets and buildings submitted except plans of outbuildings (other than Garages) on the several Corporation Housing Estates.

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**Town Improvement and Spa Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Sawyer and Thomas Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Pruen, P. T. Smith and Waite, 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.

**Electricity and Lighting Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Leigh James, Langley, Waite and J. F. Ward (one vacancy), 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 Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Langley, Miller and Morris, 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.

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

Resolved, That the powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows :—To regulate and manage any properties of the Corporation and other matters not specifically referred to any other Committee : To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and the Police : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages and Drivers. 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 : To consider and report on applications for extensions of service under Superannuation Scheme.

**Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Green, Rogers, P. T. Smith and J. F. Ward (Two vacancies), 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 Addis, Green, Rogers, P. T. Smith and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, A. C. Castle and E. M. Yeend (representing the interests of occupiers of allotments) (Two vacancies for Council members), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts.

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**Rating Committee**--Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Rating Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor, Thomas and Yarnold ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Rogers and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925 including the appointment and dismissal of Officers and Staff in the Rates Department and the collection of rates and to deal with applications for the remission of rates.

**Burial Board Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Grimwade, (One vacancy), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

**Finance Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col.

Biggs, Leigh James, Miller, Pruen and Waite, 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, except applications for extensions of service. 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 Thomas ; Councillors Bettridge, Burrow, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Lipson ; Rey. Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. H. J. Norris, E. C. Rogers, W. N. Weech, C. E. Walsh, B.A., and F. Vernall (Two vacancies for Council members), and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

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**Art Gallery and Museum Committee**—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year:—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Burrow, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Howell, Langley and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. C. R. Mapp, F. B. de Sausmarez, J.P., and W. N. Weech as Consulting members (One vacancy for Council member), 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, 1934, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

**Winter Garden Development Committee**—Resolved, That the following do form the Winter Garden Development Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Burrow, Howell, Lipson, Pruen, P. T. Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward.

9—**Education Committee**—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore, Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Howell, Leigh James, Lipson, Morris, Pruen and J. F. Ward.

10—**Guardians Committee**—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be nominated the Members of the Town Council to serve on the Guardians Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Yarnold ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Grimwade, The Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Morris and Rogers (Two vacancies).

E. L. WARD, 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 December, 1933**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen' Clara F. Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Waite and Yarnold (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

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

2—**Flooding Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris and Waite be appointed the Flooding Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.,

3—Insanitary Property at 8 Northfield Terrace ; 3 St. Paul's Terrace, Dunalley Street ; and Buckingham Villa, Wellington 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 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, notices be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 1 and 2 Sun Street ; Selkirk Gardens ; and 55, 56 and 57 Tewkesbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above 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) 61, 63 and 65 St. James' Street ; and 1 and 2 Royden Cottages, Albion 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 specified work within 28 days.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Farnagh, Berkeley Street ; 20 Cambray; and 34 St. Phillip's Street (rear of)—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the parts of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and that notices be served upon the persons having control of the houses, Owners thereof, and mortgagees, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the said parts of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered by the Council when any of the above mentioned persons will be entitled to be heard.

(b) 93-95 Promenade ; 21 Marle Hill Parade ; and 207 High Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms of 93-95 Promenade and 21 Marle Hill Parade ; and one room on the ground floor and two rooms on the first floor of 207 High Street. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners to carry out The work 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 rooms for human habitation.

(c) 33 Waterloo Street—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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 this Committee to be held on the 11th December next.

(d) 2 and 3 Freeman's Cottages, Portland Square; 57a Duke Street ; 3 Higg's Cottages ; 23a Duke Street ; and 23a Burton Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mr. Hyett attended on behalf of the Owner of 2 and 3 Freeman's Cottages, Mr. Andrews on behalf of the Owner of 3 Higg's Cottages, and Mr. Gould on behalf of the Owner of 57a Duke Street, and a letter was read from the Owner of 23a Duke Street. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouses, 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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.

(e) 38 Montpellier Terrace; and 17 Montpellier Villas—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(f) Arle Mill Cottages and 16 Elm Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(g) 288 Swindon Road—Mr. Stevens, the owner attended in regard to the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that the Sanitary Inspector be asked to supply the owner with specification of the work required to render the house fit for human habitation.

(h) 47 and 47a Sherbourne Street; and 17 and 17 ½ Burton Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for 2 months, and that in regard to 17 and 17 ½ Burton Street, that the Sanitary Inspector be asked to supply the owner with specification of the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation

(i) 44 Burton Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house be adjourned for one month for the Sanitary Inspector to make a further report.

(j) 4 Albert Street, St. Peter's—The Town Clerk submitted undertaking signed by Mrs Smith, undertaking within eight weeks of obtaining vacant possession to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the said house fit for human habitation, and that the said house shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that it has been rendered so fit. RESOLVED, That this undertaking be accepted.

(k) 1 and 2 Birdlip Cottages, Commercial Street ; 35, 37, 39 and 41 Bath Terrace ; and 1 to 6 News Cottages, Alstone—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of these houses. RESOLVED, That these be included in the list of houses to be considered in the first group of the Slum Clearance Programme.



6—Slum Clearance Programme—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health urging that the Council should make an immediate beginning with the programme by the declaration as clearance areas or improvement areas of such areas as can be immediately dealt with, and by making the necessary Orders, and inquiring when it was anticipated that the Council would proceed to the actual declaration of an area or areas, and the making of any necessary Orders in pursuance of the declaration. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr Hayward, Rogers and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the houses proposed to be dealt with under the Slum Clearance Programme.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwts. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 7 lbs. Veal, 1 cwt. 3 lbs. Mutton ; 2 cwts. 2 lbs. Pork ; 12 lbs. Chicken ; 6 lbs. Rabbit, 16 lbs. Turkey ; 1 tin Frozen Eggs ; 100 Shell Eggs ; 2 tins of Prawns.

8—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. E. F. Walker of Hill View, Up Hatherley, to be registered as a Retail Purveyor of milk within the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

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

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10—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. RESOLVED, That the registration be renewed up to the 31st December, 1934.

11—Abattoir—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. J. C. Dawes, O.B.E., the Inspector of the Ministry of Health had recently inspected the Abattoir, and expressed his satisfaction with the way in which the work was being carried on but he suggested that a lavatory basin should be provided in the office. RESOLVED, That instructions be given for this to be provided.

12—Offensive Trade—Fried Fish Shop, Alstone Lawn Estate—The Committee considered application from Mr. J. F. Ward for their consent to the establishment of the trade of a Fish Frier at a shop proposed to be erected on the site allocated for shops fronting Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the applicant be informed that the Council will be prepared to give their consent to the establishment of the trade of a Fish Frier for a period of three years provided apparatus for frying fish approved by the Medical Officer of Health is installed to his satisfaction, and to the room in which the fish frying is carried on complying with the requirements of the Medical Officer of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 1933.** Present—Alderman Yarnold; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen and Rogers (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

13—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-352-370 Gloucester Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these cottages, and considered

correspondence from Messrs. McIlquham & Co. in regard to the conversion of the premises into a garage and petrol filling station. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Health as to the proposals of the purchaser for the conversion of some of the cottages.

14—Hayden Farm—The Committee further considered application from Mr. G. P. Rymer for the supply of electricity to Hayden Farm House and the wiring of the house, together with Mr. Rymer's proposals in regard to the renewal of his lease at the expiration of the present lease in 1935. RESOLVED, That Mr. Castle asked to report on Mr. Rymer's offer, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to submit an Estimate of the cost of supplying the electricity service cable, and wiring the house.

15—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—The Committee further considered the provisions of this Act, and the question of applying the provisions as to mechanical stunning to sheep, and also letters from the R.S.P.C.A. and the National Council of Women, urging the Council to apply the mechanical stunning provisions to sheep. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile Mr. Jefford be asked to arrange for a demonstration of the slaughter of sheep by the present method and also by mechanical stunning, and that the Council and representatives of the Cheltenham Meat Traders Association be invited to attend.

16—Public Convenience—St. Mark's—The Committee further considered a site for the erection of a public convenience at St. Mark's, and considered that the site offered by the Electricity Committee fronting Church Road was unsuitable. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for enquiry as to another site.

17—Hester's Way—Extension to Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. in regard to the extension of the sewer to a housing site proposed to be developed by them at Hester's Way. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the Borough Surveyor to consider and report thereon.

18—Offensive Trade—Fried Fish Shop, St. Mark's Estate—The Committee considered application from Mr W. T. Morris for consent to the establishment of a fried fish shop at one of the shops recently erected in Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That the applicant be informed that the council will be prepared to give their consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier for a period of three years provided apparatus for frying fish approved by the Medical Officer of Health is installed to his satisfaction, and to the room in which the fish frying is carried on complying with the requirements of the Medical Officer of Health.

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19—Flooding-The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 3rd instant. Present—Councillor Pruen (in the chair) and Councillor Lt.-Col Biggs. They recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to :—

- (a) Prepare a scheme for the drainage of the northern area of the Borough.
- (b) Confer with County Land Drainage Officer in regard to the clearing and improvement of the Lilleybrook and the Chelt outside the Borough and
- (c) Report as to a scheme for the prevention of flooding in the High Street area ; also with regard to the Pittville Estate and King's Road districts.

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

20—Barn Farm- The Committee considered complaint received from Mrs. Leared of the smell from Mr. Corbett's land irrigated by sewage together with report from the Borough Surveyor thereon. RESOLVED, That the agreement for the irrigation of Mr. Corbett's land be terminated,

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th November, 1933.** Present—Aldermen Pates, Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson, Morris, Smith and J. F. Ward

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

2—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs, and View Sub-Committees**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Pates), Aldermen Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, P. T. Smith and J. F. Ward be appointed the Selection of Tenants and Repairs, and View Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

3—**Sites Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Pates), Aldermen Taylor and Yarnold Councillors Green, Grimwade and Morris be appointed the Sites Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

4—Arrears of Rent—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

5—Housing Rents—(a) St. Paul's Street South Clearance Scheme, and Alstone Lawn--The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the rents of the houses provided for the St. Paul's Street South Clearance Scheme and also the 78 houses in course of erection on the Alstone Lawn Estate. He also submitted statements prepared in accordance with the Housing Act, 1930, of the rents of the houses. He suggested that the rents of the 43 houses at St. Paul's, and the 78 houses at Alstone should be pooled, and submitted statement showing the rents thereby ascertained. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the rents of the houses on the Alstone Lawn Estate be fixed as follows :—

	Rent.	Rates.	Total.
Two bedroom house	3s 6d.	2s 0d.	5s 6d.
Three bedroom house	4s 7d.	2s 5d.	7s 0d.

RESOLVED, also, That the rents of the 43 houses erected at St. Paul's under the Act (at present 8s- a week inclusive for a 3 bedroom house and 6s 6d. a week inclusive for a 2 bedroom house) be reduced as from the 1st November to the same rents as to be charged for the houses in course of erection at Alstone Lawn Estate.

(b) Hope Street—The Borough Treasurer reported that the houses erected under the Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme were let at 8s 6d. per week for a three bedroom house and 6s 6d. per week for a two bedroom house, but these could not be pooled with the houses erected under the Housing Act, 1930. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health asking their approval of the rents of these houses being reduced to the same amount as proposed to be charged for the 1930 Act houses.

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6-1919 Assisted Housing Scheme—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Repairs Fund on this Scheme had been overspent to the extent of approximately £620, and the **Housing Sub-Committee**

reported that painting was required at a large number of the houses. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an increase of the percentage allowed for repairs etc.

7—Selection of Tenants and Repairs, and View Sub-Committees—Read, reports of the meetings of the Sub-Committees held on the 25th and 26th ult., and 10th instant. They recommended (inter alia) as follows.

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification and obtain tenders for the exterior painting of the following houses :-

81 houses erected in Manser Street, Hudson Street and Hanover Parade under the first contract.

The houses erected in Cobham Road, Hope Street and 260 and 262 Swindon Road.

The windows of 55 and 57 Kipling Road and 4 and 8 Brooklyn Road.

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

8—Slum Clearance--Sites—The Sites Sub-Committee reported their inspection of a piece of land known as " The Hollies," Tewkesbury Road, comprising about 10 acres offered for sale as a site for rehousing, and also a piece of land lying between Cobham Road and Swindon Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the price at which these two pieces of land can be purchased.

9--Conference—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend the Conference of the National Housing and Town Planning Council to be held at Malvern from 24th to 27th November next.

10—Offensive Trades—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the establishment of fried fish shops on the Alstone Lawn Estate and St. Mark's Estate on the sites reserved for shops subject to the conditions laid down by the Public Health Committee.

11—St. Mark's Housing Estate—Read, letter of 1st instant from the Local Organiser of the National Society of Painters that Messrs. Cutler & Sysum were not paying the current rate of wages to painters engaged on their contract. The Town Clerk submitted letter from the contractors and the architects thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that the conditions as to rate of wages are being observed.

12—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. J. R. Lusty enquiring whether the Corporation would sell a piece of land fronting Brooklyn Road for the erection of a house with a separate garage for about two or three motor vans and a store place for hardware goods. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are only prepared to sell the land for the erection of private dwellinghouse houses.

13--Reconditioning—(a) Rutland Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had not yet completed the purchase of the cottages in Rutland Street from Mrs. Watts as No. 2 Cottage Place was still occupied. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to take proceedings for the ejection of the tenant.

(b) 44 Burton Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner of this house was unable to carry out the repairs required, and was willing to sell the house for £40, and he recommended that this should be purchased for reconditioning, which he estimated would cost about £100. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the house for the sum of £40, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare specification, and invite tenders for reconditioning the house.

14—St. Paul's Street South and 35 Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to render accounts to the owners of the sites in this street for the cost incurred by the Corporation in demolishing the houses.

15—Whaddon Lane Housing Estate—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health enquiring whether the Council proposed to charge additional rent to tenants on this Estate to cover the cost of the installation of electric lighting. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Committee do not intend to increase the rents.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1933.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Thomas, Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers.

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

2—**Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Aldermen Pates and Yarnold, and Councillor Morris be appointed the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—**Traffic Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman Thomas Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Green be appointed the Traffic Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Omnibus Stopping Places—(a) Read, letter from Supt. Wayman that in his opinion it was better for the omnibuses to stop before the junctions, but at a reasonable distance from such junctions. RESOLVED, That no alteration be made in the existing stopping places.

(b) Clarence Street—Read, letter from Mr. C. V. Berry asking the Committee to move the bus-stop from outside his shop in Clarence Street RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to his request

5—Disposal of Old Stocks--The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of old stocks which had been on the Books at the Depot for many years. RESOLVED, That the offer of the Cheltenham and District Gas Company of 10s per ton for the stock of pitch be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain tenders and dispose of the stock of old wood blocks, and that the other items in the particulars submitted be written off.

6--Leckhampton Road—Footpath Beyond Church Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had written to the owners of the four houses in Leckhampton Road in regard to the suggested raising of the gate sills and garden paths in connection with the proposed improvement to the public footpath. Two owners had agreed to bear the cost of the work, one was unwilling, and no reply had been received from the other owner. RESOLVED. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out at the cost of the Corporation.

7—Treeman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. C. Stevens whose incapacity was reported at the previous meeting, had now been certified to be permanently unfit for work. His pension would amount to 13s 9d per week, and the refund of his contributions with interest to £79 6s. 6d. RESOLVED, That Mr. Stevens be retained in an advisory capacity for a period of one year at a wage of 5s per week. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mr. Stevens the Committee's regret at his illness, and their appreciation of the excellent services rendered by him during the past 25 years. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for a competent treeman at a wage of £3 per week, rising to £3 6s. 0d. by two increments of 3s per week.

8—Christ Church Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. P. P. Davis, complaining of the water lying in the channel and on the footpath opposite Welton, Christ Church Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

9—Passage from Pittville Circus to Whaddon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported interview with Mrs. Gamble, the owner of Gwernant, Pittville Circus Road with regard to the repair of the footpath in the passage from Pittville Circus to Whaddon Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

10—Petrol Pumps-235 High Street, 42/45 Winchcomb Street and Charlton Lane—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. T. A. Sperry, The Victory Motor Co and Mr. B. M. Dancy for permission to erect petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath at 235 High Street, 42/45 Winchcomb Street and premises in Charlton Lane respectively, be granted subject to the usual agreements being entered into, and in the case of Charlton Lane, subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee.

11—Workmen's Hours—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Local Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking the Committee to alter the working hours of the sweepers during the winter to start at 7 a.m., Breakfast from 8.30 to 9 a.m., Dinner 1 to 2 p.m. and to cease work at 4 30 p.m. RESOLVED, That these hours be not agreed to, but that the winter hours of all workmen be fixed as follows :—Mondays to Fridays-7.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; and Saturdays-7.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

12—County Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor asking for the estimates of the County Road expenditure during the next financial year to be forwarded not later than 10th December. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to settle this

13—One-Way Traffic Order—Strand, High Street—The Committee further considered the proposal to make a One-Way Traffic Order for the portion of the High Street between Bath Road and Cambray, and also the suggestion of the representatives of the traders in this portion of the street that application for the Order should be deferred to see the effect of the arrangements proposed to be made by the traders for voluntary diversion of the Omnibus Traffic through Cambray and for the loading and unloading of large lorries to be effected before 10 a.m. each day. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend that the traders be given an opportunity of trying these arrangements, and that the application for a One-Way Traffic Order be deferred accordingly.

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14—Telephone Kiosks—Read, letter from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, applying for consent to the erection of telephone kiosks at the following positions :—Hewlett Street, on frontage of Sub Post Office. Great Norwood Street, in front of Sub Post Office. Near junction of Bath Road and Oriel Road. Tennyson Road, in front of the Sub Post Office, In the case of the junction of Bath Road and Oriel Road it was proposed to remove the existing combined kiosk from the Promenade to the site suggested. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the proposed sites to be viewed.

15—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. C. J. Wilcox, Mrs. M. Williams and Mr. E. H. Williams for permission to fix projecting signs at 23 Bath Road, 19 Winchcomb Street and 425a High Street respectively be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(b) 145 High Street—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Halford Cycle Company asking the Corporation to take steps to have the canopy in front of Messrs. Stubbs Stores removed. RESOLVED, That this be not acceded to.

16—Queen's Road—Tree—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mr. C. A. Welchman for the removal of a tree outside Ernville, Queen's Road be adjourned for view.

17—Montpellier Villas—Trees—Read, letter from Mrs. C. Buzzard asking for the removal of two trees outside No. 11 Montpellier Villas. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

18—Snow Removal—The Borough Surveyor reported the arrangements made in regard to the removal of snow during the coming winter. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved, He submitted letter from Mr. W. N. Weech, the Chairman of the Employment Committee, asking that as far as possible casual labour should be engaged for spells of not less than six hours. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to promise this, but that Mr. Weech be informed that the Borough Surveyor will do whatever possible to avoid entailing any hardship on the unemployed labour engaged.

19—Petrol Filling Stations—The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had circularised all the existing petrol filling stations in the area under the Byelaws, and submitted replies from two proprietors of filling stations asking for some other colour than dark rural green to be approved. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have all the stations inspected and report to the Committee,

20—Parking of Cars—Read, letter signed by eight members of the North Gloucestershire Motor Traders Association, recommending that the limit of two hours for parking of cars should be rigidly enforced, that the issue of 5s season tickets should be dispensed with, and that the parking attendants should be permitted to hand to motorists cards printed by their Association, intimating where there is ample garage accommodation if it is desired to park for longer than two hours. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to agree to discontinue the issue of the season tickets, but, as previously informed, the Council see no objection to the Association providing the parking attendants with a list of garages as above mentioned.

21—The Drifts, Charlton Kings—The Town Clerk reported that the Lilleybrook Golf Club had made application to use a strip of the above land about 10 yards wide adjoining the Golf Course for enlarging their Golf Course. The Club were prepared to remove the fence, and to mark the Corporation boundary by stones. RESOLVED, That the application be granted at a nominal rent of 5s per annum subject to the Club agreeing to give up possession at any time on three months' notice if required for Municipal purposes.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

#### **MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1933,** Present—Councillors Addis, Barnett, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Dr. Hayward.

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 Monday, 20th November, 1933.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Morris ; and Capt.. Leschallas.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Taylor and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, P. F. Kensett, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Vice-Chairman—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Vice-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.
3617	James, Mrs.	Motor house, St. Peter's, Sydenham Road South (Amended).
3622	Wheeler & Mansell	14 semi-detached houses, Hatherley Road (Amended).
3637	Major, H. B.	Motor house, rear of 31 Selkirk Street.
3638	Andrews, W. P.	Cycle shed, corner Gloucester Road and Alstone Lane.
3639	Billings & Sons Ltd.	Motor house, No. 5 house, Evesham Road (Amended).
3640	Cheltenham Cottage Co, Ltd.	New scullery, 7 Millbrook Street.
3641	Dyer, W. A.	Cycle and tool shed, Rothwell, Cleeve View Road.
3642	Stroud, G.	Detached house, Hayden Hill, Old Gloucester Road.
3643	Harwood, Mrs. R. B.	Extension of cycle shed, rear of 28 Lypiatt Street.
3644	Hulme, Mr	Motor house, The Close, Mead Road
3645	Allen, Dr. Sandeman	Motor house, 5 Berkeley Place.
3646	Grove Street Mission Trustees	New porch, Grove Street Mission Hall, New Street.
3647	Hunt, A. E.	8 semi-detached houses, Harp Hill, Hewlett Road.
3648	Weech, W. N.	Motor house, Greenfields, The Park.
3649	Billings, A. C. & Sons	Two semi-detached houses with garages, Pittville Circus Road.
3650	Billings, A. C. & Sons	Motor house, 4 Clarendon Villas, Pittville.
3651	Pettinger, C. E.	Detached house, Queen's Road.
3652	Bowd, W. H.	4 semi-detached houses, Evesham Road.
3653	Hawkins, G. A.	Alteration and addition, Shirley House, Pittville Circus Road.
3654	Allen, Miss	Detached house, Leckhampton Road.
3655	Bence, Mrs.	2 semi-detached houses, Montpellier Terrace (Amended).
3656	Winterbotham, Alderman Clara F.	Cycle and tool house, The Garden House West Drive, Pittville.
3657	—	Detached house, Monson Avenue, (Preliminary plan).
3658	Wonson, R. W.	New shop, Whaddon Road,
3659	Hobbs, Mrs. M.	Motor house, 91 Byron Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3622, 3638, 3639, 3641, 3643, 3644, 3645, 3646, 3648, 3649, 3650, 3651, 3655, 3656 and 3659 be approved; That Plan No. 3637 be approved subject to the doors being made to open inwards ; That. Plans Nos. 3640, 3642 and 3653 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 3640, subject also to a sky-light being made to open over room window ; That Plan No 3647 be approved subject to the front fence being set back a distance of 20 ft. from the centre of the road, and also to the stringing course being omitted, and the roughcast taken down either to the sill level or to the ground floor level ; That Plan No. 3654 be approved subject to the owner agreeing to lay out street 36 ft. wide, and subject to provision being made for the rounding off of the sharp corner ; That Plan No. 3658 be approved in pursuance of Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907,



as a temporary building only, and subject to the building being taken down and removed at any time within three calendar months after notice requiring such removal ; and that Plans Nos. 3617, 3652 and 3657 be not approved, and in the case of Plan 3657 the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the site.

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3—Town Planning Area—Plans--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
542	Drake, N. W. G.	House, Little Herbert's Lane, Charlton Kings,
543	Williams, Mark & Co.	2 pairs semi-detached houses, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings
544	Strawford, E.	Garage, Brookside, Tewkesbury Road, Boddington.
545	Eaketts, H.	Bungalow, Shurdington,
546	Phillips, T.	Bungalow, Leckhampton Hill.
547	Ricketts-Morse, Col. R. E.	Garage, Sundial Cottage, The Burgage, Prestbury.
548	Bendall, A. C.	Semi-bungalow, Kidnapper's Lane, Leckhampton.
549	Bolton, A. A.	Semi-bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
550	Cole, A. B.	Windmill, Near Seven Springs, Coberley.
551	Wheeler & Mansell	Development of land near Shurdington Railway Bridge.
552	Reason, C. H.	Detached house, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.
553	Richardson, Capt. J. L.	2 pairs of houses, Garden Road, Garden Estate, Charlton Kings.
554	Cheltenham Corporation	Electricity Undertaking. Transformer pillar, off Ham Lane, Charlton Kings.
555	Bendall, H. A	3 semi-bungalows, Shurdington.
556	Rogers, Capt. Coxwell	Additions, Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 544, 547, 548, 550, 553 and 556 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 542 and 543 be approved subject to specification of external materials to be used being submitted for approval and, in the case of Plan No. 542 to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land 18 ft. from the centre of the existing road for the widening of the road to a standard width of 36 feet when required by the Road Authority; That Plans Nos. 545, 546 and 555 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to set back the front fences to the improvement lines laid down in the Scheme when required by the County Council ; That Plan No. 549 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land between the existing hedge and the improvement line laid down in the Scheme for the widening of the road when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No. 552 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being used ; That Plan No. 554 be approved subject to the building being removed when required by the Road Authority ; and That Plan No. 551 be disapproved.

4—Plan No. 534—Read, letter of 28th ult., from Messrs. E. H. Bradley & Sons that they were prepared to sign the under-taking to dedicate the land between the boundary of the road and the improvement line for the widening of Cirencester Road provided they were freed from all costs and liability in respect of the making up of the road, and the Town Clerk reported that he had asked the County Council to consider this.

5—Plans Nos. 478 and 511--Read, letter of 4th instant from Mr. A. W. Martyn that before giving the undertaking to give up the land for the widening of the road at Southam to comply with the scheme he was communicating with the Ministry of Health thereon. Read, also letter of 11th instant from the County Surveyor that the County Council had referred back the recommendation of the County

Highways Committee in regard to the matter, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Recreation Ground, Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 11th instant from the County Surveyor that the County Council had also referred back the recommendation of the Highways Committee in regard to the proposed new line of the road near the Recreation Ground at Charlton Kings, and asking for the observations of the Committee thereon. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

7—Building and Improvement Lines, Cheltenham to Northleach Road—The proposed building and improvement lines along this road to be prescribed by the County Council were submitted. The Borough Surveyor submitted his observations thereon. He pointed out that the Cheltenham to Tewkesbury Road had been prescribed 60 feet wide, and he suggested that this road should also be the same width. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consult with the County Surveyor thereon.

8—Elevation of Buildings—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England that Major Stratton Davies, F.R.I.B.A. had now been appointed the representative on the Advisory Panel for the rural areas in place of Mr. Linton Iredale who had temporarily left the district RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury—Read, letter of 14th instant from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Committee to appoint representatives to meet two representatives of their Committee in regard to Mr. J. R. Birt's application for the site of the proposed new road to be amended. RESOLVED, That the County Surveyor and the Borough Surveyor be asked to meet the representatives as requested.

10—Plan No. 3474—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Messrs. Done Hunter & Co. enclosing draft agreement in regard to the land to be given up at the junction of Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

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11—Building Inspector—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend the services of the Building Inspector (Mr. H. J. Holbourn) up to 31st March, 1934. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for a Building Inspector at a commencing salary of £250 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £300 per annum, candidates not to exceed the age of 40 years. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a list of duties.

12—Hall Road, Harp Hill and Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That as it appears that portions of the undermentioned roads will be converted into new streets as a consequence of building operations which have been or are likely to be undertaken in the vicinity, that notices be given in pursuance of Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1925, of the intention of the Council to make Orders declaring the said portions of the undermentioned highways to be new streets for the purposes of the application thereto of the byelaws with respect to new streets :—

Hall Road—For a distance of 367 yards from its junction with Leckhampton Road to a point on the north side of the School Playground.

Harp Hill—For a distance of 100 yards from the west boundary of the Children's Hospital grounds to a point near the junction of Harp Hill with Cemetery Road.

Hatherley Road—For a distance of 204 yards westwards from a point 130 yards from the railway bridge on the Cheltenham-Banbury branch of the Great Western Railway.

13—Applications to Develop—(a) Read, application from Messrs. Ford & Greville for permission to use machine made tiles and red bricks in the external work on the new cottages in Rowanfield Road, RESOLVED, That this be granted, subject to multi-coloured or dark tiles being used.

(b) Read, application from Mr. A. Tarplin, Solihull, for permission to erect one house near Greenways, Shurdington. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to (i) the water main being extended, (ii) not more than one house being erected on the site without the consent of the Town Planning Authority, (iii) satisfactory drainage being provided, (iv) plans being submitted and approved by both this Committee and the Rural District Council.

(c) Read, application from Mr. Owen James for permission to erect a bungalow near Badgeworth Cross, Shurdington. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to (i) satisfactory drainage being provided, (ii) not more than one house being erected on the field without the consent of the Town Planning Authority, (iii) the building being placed well back from the road, (iv) the external materials and the appearance of the building being to the satisfaction of the Committee, and (v) plans being submitted for approval.

(d) Read, letters from Messrs, A. C. Billings & Sons asking the Committee to reconsider their decision only to permit of one house per acre on the land at the corner of New Barn Lane. RESOLVED, That Messrs, Billings & Sons be informed that the Committee are unable to vary their previous decision, but that when the sewer is extended the Committee will be prepared to consider approval of 8 or 10 houses to the acre.

(e) Read, application of 10th instant from Mr. B. M. Dancey for permission to erect a petrol pump at Kempsey, Charlton Lane. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that a View Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Taylor and Councillor Morris be asked to view the site.

(f) Sandfield Road—Read, letter of 10th instant from Mr. W. Prude in regard to the building line in Sandfield Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the above View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect and report.

14—Hoarding, Hales Road—It was reported that the Cheltenham District Billposting Company had taken down a hoarding in Hales Road and re-erected a larger hoarding immediately behind the former site without having submitted plans. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notice on the company to show cause why the hoarding should not be removed as being in contravention of the byelaws.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE,**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Thomas ; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Pruen, Smith and Waite ; Messrs. H. W. Bennett and E. W. Dicks.

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

2—**Entertainments Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—The Chairman, Aldermen Pates and Sawyer, Councillors Burrow, Grimwade and Smith.

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

Montpellier Baths	Aldermen Sawyer and Thomas.
Montpellier Gardens	Alderman Thomas and Councillor Pruen.
Town Hall and Winter Gardens	Alderman Pates and Councillor Green.

4—**Medical Baths Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed the Medical Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—The Chairman, Aldermen Pates and Thomas, Councillors Howell, Miller and Smith.

5—**Open Air Swimming Pool Sub-Committee**--RESOLVED, That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee with regard to the Swimming Pool Scheme :—The Mayor, The Chairman, Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

6—Empire Marketing Boards—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Empire Marketing Board, that these Boards would be removed immediately after the 30th inst., unless the Local Authority desired to retain them for their own use, in which case these would be handed over free of charge ; the Empire Marketing Board not taking any further responsibility for them after that date. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept the offer and that the Minute No. 20 passed at the last Meeting on the 20th October be rescinded. RESOLVED, also, That the use of the Boards be granted for advertisements in connection with the General Hospital Extension Appeal for a period of 12 months, subject to the advertisements to be displayed being approved by the Committee.

7—Medical Baths—Read, the Monthly Report of the Superintendent.

8—Pittville Water—The Town Clerk reported that he had made application to the United Chemists Association Limited for their consent to the Corporation entering into the agreement with the Apollinaris Company Limited for the bottling of the Pittville Water, and the Chairman and he had interviewed the directors of the Association thereon, but they were not prepared to give their consent without some allowance being made to their Association. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to allow- the Association 1d. per gallon for all water supplied to the Company under the Agreement.

9—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 30th ult., and 13th inst

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Broadcast Concerts—That no charge be made for admission to the broadcast concert to be given by the Octet on the 14th December.

(b) Pittville Pump Room—That the Pump Room be let to Mrs Burton for Badminton on Wednesdays from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. during the Winter Season at a rent of as last year.

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

10—Sunday Concerts—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be instructed to provide some 3d. seats at the Sunday Evening Concerts, and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to submit programmes of all the concerts to the Sub-Committee for approval.

11—Montpellier Pavilion—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. W. H. Speed & Co., solicitors on behalf of Miss Gwen Lewis, that Miss Lewis was unable to accept the offer of £10 10s. 0d. made, and that they had advised her that she was entitled to be fully compensated for her loss of £100 RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved, and that the offer of an ex-gratia payment of £10 10s. 0d. be withdrawn.

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12—Conference—RESOLVED, That consideration of inviting the Royal Sanitary Institute to hold their annual conference in Cheltenham in 1937, be adjourned for the views of the Chamber of Commerce thereon to be obtained.

13—Pittville Gardens—Dog Show—The Town Clerk reported that the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society had now attained Championship Status and had arranged for the Show to take place on the 10th May next. It would be necessary to erect tents for judging the dogs under cover in the event of unfavourable weather. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to the position of the tents being approved by the Gardens Superintendent.

14—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs Shirer & Haddon of £11 10s. 0d. for reupholstering two couches at the Town Hall be accepted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted on the 2nd and 3rd October, 1934, for the Diocesan Conference.

15—Advertising—It was reported that a further sum would have to be provided if the weekly paragraph in the Daily Telegraph was to be continued. Mr. H. W. Bennett reported that the Chamber of Commerce was prepared to pay one-third of the cost of this for the remainder of the year, and that the Chamber was asking the newly formed Hotel Association to pay one-third. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute the remaining third of the cost of continuing the paragraph for the remainder of the year.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th November, 1933,** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Thomas ; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Pruen, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

16—Alstone Baths—(a) The Committee considered annual applications received from the Cheltenham Elementary Schools Association and the Central School for free season tickets to scholars successful in the Royal Life Saving Examinations held during the year. RESOLVED, That 10 full season tickets and 23 half season tickets be granted to the Cheltenham Elementary Schools Association, and 18 full season tickets and 27 half season tickets to the Central School.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Badminton Club for the use of these Baths on the mornings of 21st, 26th and 28th December and 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th and 15th January for their Junior Club and on Saturday, 6th January for their open tournament be granted at a charge of 6s per morning as in previous years.

17—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the question of the renewal of the lease to the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club. Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Club that they had decided to postpone the question of the admission of lady members. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to take over the annexe erected by the Club for a sum to be agreed upon not exceeding £40, and that the Club be granted a new lease for a period of three years at a rent of £40 per annum plus 10 per cent on value of the Annexe to be taken over subject to the Club carrying out their obligations under the present lease, to make good the defective turf etc.

18—Proposed Swimming Pool—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. White had now made his report in regard to the proposed swimming pool. RESOLVED, That this be considered at a special meeting to be held on the 1st prox.

(b) Read, letter from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens Union forwarding a resolution passed by his Committee disapproving of the scheme

19—Electricity Works—Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor submitted. plans for the layout of the land at the Electricity Works for a playing field. He estimated the cost of carrying out the work in respect of the portion of the ground near the ponds, including levelling of the ground and the provision of a small pavilion, playground equipment and necessary fencing at £828. As this portion included the land now used as allotments it would be necessary to terminate these tenancies. He estimated the cost of laying out the remainder of the ground at £1115, including levelling and providing fencing etc. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to proceed with the first mentioned proposal at estimated cost of £828, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating the tenancies of the allotment holders, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to settle the compensation to be paid to the tenants on giving up the allotments.

20—Advertising—A summary of the Council's and Railway Company's advertising for the current year was submitted, together with analysis of the costs of the enquiries obtained. It was reported that it was necessary for the Council to consider the desirability of continuing the illuminated sign at Paddington Station for next year. RESOLVED That the Committee recommend that this be continued at a cost of £70 provided that the Chamber of Commerce' agree to pay half the cost as before.

21—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange a lecture on Soviet Russia to be given by Mr. Alan Monkhouse, in place of the lecture which was to have been given by Admiral Campbell, and that the charge for seats be 2s 6d., 1s 10d. and 1s.

22—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 20th inst. Alderman Pates had been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Sunday Concerts—That the arrangements made for the next five Sunday Concerts be approved.

(b) That the terms arranged with Betty and Peter Dighton for a Dance on the occasion of the West of England Amateur Dance Championship on the 19th January be approved as now reported.

(c) That the application of Mr. H. M. Anderson, assistant in Entertainments Manager's Office for an increase in salary be granted, and that his salary be increased to £2 per week as recommended by Sub-Committee on 16th October last and confirmed by the Committee on 20th October last.

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, 20th November, 1933.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; and Councillor Addis.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Leigh James Scott Langley and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made with the improvement in the public lighting. The total number of positions where the street lighting had been improved to date was 114.

(b) Hatherley Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the lamps in this road be replaced and six new lamps provided, and that extension brackets and refractor type fittings and 100 watt lamps be used. He estimated the cost of this at £86 12s. 8d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(c) Old Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaint of the lighting in this road from Thirlestaine Road to the Borough boundary. He reported that in view of the length of the road the cost would be considerable, RESOLVED, That consideration of the improvement of the lighting in this portion of Old Bath Road be adjourned for the present.

(d) Carlton Street and Sydenham Road -- The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had recently received particulars of a new type of fitting, and he proposed to try some of these fittings in Carlton Street and Sydenham Road. The improvement would involve the moving of four lamp standards and fitting extension brackets and new fittings on eight lamp standards at a total cost of £64 10s. 10d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out.

(e) Warwick Place—RESOLVED, That the thorough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect a new lamp standard in this street opposite the lane running parallel to North Place at a cost of £4 3s. 9d.

(f) Rowanfield Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had an additional lamp erected in this road between Libertus Road and Roman Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(g) Argyll Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect a lamp in Argyll Road which would shortly be made up.

3—Insurance—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Municipal Mutual Insurance Co. were willing to extend their policy to include injury by electric shock for a cover of £2,500 in respect of any one accident on the terms reported. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

4—Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there was likely to be a considerable increase in the maximum load this winter. It was difficult to make an estimate of the probable maximum load as a large number of consumers failed to notify the department when installing new apparatus or appliances. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to take such steps as he considers necessary to draw the attention of consumers to the Conditions of Supply which require them to notify the department of all extensions and apparatus installed.

5—Re-zoning of Undertaking—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Workmen's Side of No. 6 District Joint Industrial Council had submitted a claim for re-zoning in respect of the Cheltenham Undertaking from Zone C. to Zone B., and that the application would be considered at a meeting of the District Council on the 29th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to resist the claim on behalf of the Corporation,

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—St. Paul's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to a lamp standard in this road on the 25th ult. by a vehicle, and the Town Clerk reported that the owners of the vehicle had paid the cost of renewing the lamp amounting to £7 11s. 10d.

7—Supply to Rural Areas—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines for the supply of Two Hedges Lane subject to the usual conditions and regulations.

8—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th oh. and 4th, 14th, 19th and 22nd inst which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.0, 471.9, 469.2, 471.7 and 472.4 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 5.14, 5.5, 5.5, 5.2 and 5.3 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor : Aldermen Moore, Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. W. Curling Hayward and Morris

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

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

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.	
	For 30 days ended 13th November, 1933.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	82,000 gallons	197,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	187,000	721,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	22,000	42,000
Total	291,000	960,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity ... 30,495,000 gallons.

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

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

5—Arle Mill Cottages—The Borough Engineer reported that a supply of water was required for 1--3 Arle Mill Cottages, and in order to provide this an extension to the existing 4 inch main for a distance of 36 yards along Arle Road at a cost of £21 12s. 0d. would be required to enable a 3 inch branch main to be laid along Mill Lane. He considered it was desirable to carry the extension for a further length of 280 yards along Arle Road to connect with the main in Hester's Way Road as this would give an improved supply to this area. The estimated cost of this further extension was £168. RESOLVED, That the main be extended along Arle Road to connect with the main in Hester's Way Road at an estimated cost of £189 12s. 0d. provided that Mr. Brown agrees to bear the cost of the branch main required to supply his cottages in Mill Lane.

6—Riviera Gardens—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. H. G. Daft had deposited the sum of £45 for the cost of laying a 2 inch main to Riviera Gardens to be returned when the Water Charges from this main give a return of 10 per cent. on the cost. RESOLVED, That this be approved.



7—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer submitted plans showing the improvement lines proposed to be made by the County Council under Section 33 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

RESOLVED, That objection be made to the taking of the strip of land forming part of the lodge garden, number 4 on Plan, and that it be suggested that the widening at this part of the road be provided by taking in a strip on the other side of the road.

8—Water Regulations—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of the amendment of Clause 9 of the Water Regulations so as to allow the use of copper or brass pipes for work above ground five gauges lighter than those set out in Table 2 of the British Standards Specification instead of three gauges as at present.

9—Telephone—RESOLVED, That a telephone be provided for the Borough Engineer's private house, and that the annual charges therefor be paid by the Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Thomas, Winterbotham and Yarnold; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen and Waite.

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

2—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Moore and Taylor be appointed the Market Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Soup Kitchen—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Salvation Army thanking the Committee for the renovation of the New Street Soup Kitchen.

4—Municipal Offices—Boiler—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for a new heating boiler for the Municipal Offices. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall to supply and fix a new Robin Hood Major 8 section boiler for the sum of £102 4s. 6d. plus £11 5s. 0d. for the provision of an additional section be accepted.

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

Date, 1933.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
1st November	51 Promenade	Defective heating apparatus	£40 to £50	£3 18s. 6d.
4th "	Tyndale, Clarence Square	Not apparent	About £30	£2 13s. 0d.
4th "	3 cottages, Kidnapper's Lane	Fireworks	About £100	£7 12s. 0d.
13th "	Dunalley Street Schools ...	Not apparent	Slight	£1 16s. 6d.

(b) Long Service Medals—The Captain reported that nine members of the Brigade had been granted long service medals by the National Fire Brigade Association. RESOLVED, That the registration fees for these medals amounting to £5 4s. 6d. be paid, and arrangement made for the presentation of the medals.

6—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

7—Armistice Day—The Town Clerk submitted balance sheet sent from the Secretary of the Remembrance Day Committee. RESOLVED, That the sum of £6 be granted to the Cheltenham Remembrance Day Committee towards the expenses incurred in connection with the observance of Armistice Day.

8—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. C. Smith for the transfer of Licence No. 28 to Taxi Cab Registered No. LM4998 be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. D. N. C. Smith for a licence in respect of Taxi Cab Registered No. NP6019 be not granted.

(c) Superintendent Wayman reported that Mr. C. F. Mann, the holder of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 70 had given up plying for hire, and he recommended that the licence should be cancelled. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

9—Game Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr L. A. Soper for a licence to deal in Game be granted.

10—Athletic Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the repairs required at the Athletic Ground at £110. The repairs included the renewal of the screen fencing at the north-east boundary, the removal of the wooden shed near the main entrance, the repair of the fence near the house, the painting of the woodwork etc. of the house and the renewal of the cellar grating, and provision of an additional W.C. etc. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the repairs carried out at a cost not exceeding £110.

11—Naming of Roads—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, That the road on the Alstone Lawn Estate be named Pates Avenue, and the new road on the St. Mark's Estate, off Spenser Road, Wordsworth Avenue.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the road off Lansdown Road adjoining Thorncliffe be named Talbot Road, and the new road to be constructed on the Thorncliffe Estate be named Thorncliffe Drive.

12—Rodney Road Land—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans and estimates for the proposed layout of the land in Rodney Road as a car park. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to carry out the work now approved by the Committee at an estimated cost of £184 plus the cost of lowering the wall along the frontage to Rodney Road.

13—Town Clock—Five alternative tenders were received and opened for the provision of a new electric clock and also for an electric clock using the existing drum and dials. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to consider and report on the tenders.

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14—St. Paul's Street South—(a) The Town Clerk submitted complaints received from the Rev. Beck and Mr. H. J. Norris of the annoyance caused by the noise from the fair held on the ground in St. Paul's Street South. RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the proprietor of the fair for an offence against the Byelaws as to use of gramophone if the necessary evidence is obtainable.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the Committee recommend the Council to purchase the sites of the houses demolished under the Clearance Orders, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms with the various owners RESOLVED, also, That failing agreement with the Owners, a Compulsory Order for the purchase of the said sites be made and the Common Seal affixed thereto

15—Town Planning Scheme—The Committee considered letters received from the Cheltenham, North leach, Winchcomb and Tewkesbury Rural District Council's enclosing copies of resolutions

passed by their Councils requesting the County Council and the Corporation to concur with the District Councils in making application to the Ministry of Health for the appointment of a joint Committee with executive powers, on which the County Council and the four Rural District Councils should be adequately represented. The Committee also considered memorandum prepared by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, That the County Council be asked to appoint representatives to discuss the matter with representatives of this Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Taylor.

16—Dean Close School—Read, letter from the Board of Education inquiring whether the Corporation had any objections or suggestions to make in regard to the proposed sale by Dean Close School of a piece of land containing about three acres fronting Warden Hill Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee have no objections or suggestions to make.

17—Dr. Wilson Memorial—The Committee considered suggestion made by Mrs. Wilson that a copy of the inscription on the Wilson Memorial should be placed on the railings in front of the memorial. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons be asked to recommend what should be done, with estimate of cost.

18—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of The Victory Motor Company, Mr. S. A. Sperry and Mechanization Ltd., for licences to store 1,000, 400 and 400 gallons respectively in underground tanks at 42/45 Winchcomb Street, 235 High Street and premises in Windsor Street respectively be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted list of Petroleum and Carbide Licences which had not yet been taken up. RESOLVED, That the Petroleum Inspector be asked to inspect and report as to whether any of these stores are being used with a view to proceedings being taken.

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

20—Ambulance Service—Read, circular of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health drawing the attention to the recent difficulty which had arisen owing to the lack of reciprocal arrangements between local authorities for the use of ambulances.

21—Aerodrome—Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Gloucester, stating that the City Council had now agreed to negotiate jointly with the Corporation for the purchase of the land at Staverton Bridge for an Aerodrome, and the establishment of a joint Airport provided the maximum cost for interest and sinking fund charges to each Corporation did not exceed the sum of £250 per annum, and that their **General Purposes Sub-Committee** had been deputed to confer with representatives of the Corporation in the matter. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Waite be appointed to discuss the matter with the City Council representatives

22—Police Agreement—Read, letter of 17th ult. from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee that the Standing Joint Committee had decided to accept the draft agreement as approved by the Corporation subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. The draft agreement modernised the present agreement and provided for payment in respect of services not provided in the original agreement but since agreed to by the Corporation, and included contributions towards the cost of headquarters staff, and reserve constables. The contribution to the cost of headquarters staff on the basis of the account for the year ended 31st March, 1930, amounted to an additional contribution of £352 as compared with the amount at present payable, RESOLVED, That the agreement as now settled be approved, and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed thereto.

23—Seasonal Painting—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Painters' Society asking the Council to put in hand as much interior painting as possible during the winter. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the various Committees for consideration.

24—Wireless Relay Service—The Committee considered application from the Universal Wireless Relay Service for permission to establish a wireless relay service in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to grant application for wireless relay service.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1933.** Present—Councillors Green and Rogers; Messrs. Castle, Clarkson, Vizard and Yeend.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor P. T. Smith be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year, and that Councillor Green do take the chair at this meeting.

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

Councillor Addis and Mr. Vizard for the Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field, Baglin's Piece, Electricity Works, and Alstone Lawn Allotments,

Councillor Green and Mr. Yeend for the Whaddon Lane, and Albert Road Allotments.

Councillor Rogers and Mr. Clarkson for the Asquith Road, Rainbow Field, Orrisdale Terrace, and Sandford Mead Allotments.

Councillor Smith and Mr. Castle for the Alma Road, Tennyson Road, Brooklyn Road, and Wasley's Field Allotments.

3—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments, who reported that a number of allotments were in a had state of cultivation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the untidy allotments requiring them to put the same in a clean and tidy condition, and failing this, that he be instructed to give the tenants notice to quit.

4—Allotments for Unemployed—The Borough Surveyor- reported that 4 allotments were vacant in Albert Road, 2 in Rainbow Field and 3 in Whaddon Lane (New), which had been vacant for a long time, and were in a bad state of cultivation. RESOLVED, That these be offered to the Unemployed Allotments Association at 8s 8d. a chain, but to be rent free until next September having regard to the bad state of cultivation.

5—Crabtree Piece Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted complaint from Mr. C. Selley, the tenant of No. 149, of the nuisance caused by dogs kept by the tenant of No. 148, and that this tenant had also erected a fence on the path belonging to his allotment, The Borough Surveyor reported that the fence erected was on the boundary of Allotment No 148. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenant of No. 148 that his dogs must not be allowed to run loose over the allotments.

6—Sandford Mead Allotments—RESOLVED That Allotment No. 28 be let to Mr. C. Smith in place of the allotment required to be given up by him for the proposed Swimming Pool.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

## PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**Councillors Green and Rogers attended the Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1933**, but as a quorum was not present, the business was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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## ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1933.** Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillors Ed. J. Burrow, H. C. Grimwade, Dr. W. Curling Hayward and S. Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies' and Mr. C. R. Mapp.

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

2—Curator's Report—Visits—During October 3,524 (against 5,113).

Receipts—Postcards, Commission on sale of Catalogues, "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £6 4s. 8d.

Exhibitions—The 14th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists, September 28th to October 28th, 27 days, visitors 3,919 ; Exhibition of Practical Work done in the Cheltenham Elementary Schools, 3rd to 18th November, 14 days, visitors 4747.

Museum Specimen-The Curator reported the purchase of an early plough as used on the Cotswolds for £2 2s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Curator's action be approved.

3—Model of Leckhampton Moat—The Curator reported the purchase of a model of Leckhampton Moat for £2 2s. 0d. from the " Friends Fund." RESOLVED, That the Curator's action be approved.

4—Water-colour Drawings by Joseph Barber—The Curator read a letter from Mr. R. Hancock offering for sale Water-colour Drawings by Joseph Barber. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

5—Donations—Mr. L. W. Barnard, 2 tools ; Mr. J. Belling, Submarine net float ; Mr. C. E. and Miss S. J. Bentley, 4 pictures ; Capt. Bunbury, 2 grey squirrels ; Messrs. Hugo, Photograph of Adam Lindsay Gordon Memorial ; Mr. F. J. Holdaway, Brass serpent ; Mr. C. Taylor, Needlework portrait of Fred Archer ; Capt. J. H. Trye, Roasting-jack ; Mr. T. Whiting, 2 Victorian turned clamps, and a desk appliance ; Dr. O. Wild, Pair of Lady's Stirrups, 2 Artists' Paint Grinders, and Thistle grubber.

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

6—Pictures by Harry Fidler, R.B.A., R.O.I.—The Curator reported on his inspection of pictures by Harry Fidler. RESOLVED, That the purchase of a picture by this artist be not entertained.

7—Reorganisation of Geological Room—RESOLVED, That the work of providing further new show-cases at a cost not exceeding £146, of which the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust will contribute one half, be proceeded with during the present winter, and that the Chairman and the Curator be authorised to accept a tender.

8—Hours of Opening—Further consideration was given to this matter. RESOLVED, That the Curator be asked to report as to keeping the Museum open on two nights per week, as at present obtains in the Art Gallery.

9—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Monday, December 25th.

10—Health Lecture—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Dr. Morley to arrange for a Lecture on " Infant Feeding" in the Art Gallery.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1933.** Present—Alderman Yarnold ; councillors Addis, Barnett, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Grimwade.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman 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, 24th November, 1933.** Present—Alderman Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Betteridge, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Yarnold in the chair),

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of Cemetery Superintendent for the period from 21st October, to 25th November, 1933. Interments 57 ; Grave Spaces sold 27 (First Position 1, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 25) ; Memorials erected 11 ; New Inscriptions 6.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8866 to 8890.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved:—Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of William Gardner and George Vizard ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Hilda May Langdon, Eleanor Florence Barber and Ellen E. Pearce ; Recumbent Cross and Kerbing to grave of Vivien Detheridge ; Block and Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth Hewer ; and Kerbing to grave of Henrietta Ann Clifton.

5—Cemetery Lodge—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the bath removed from the out-house to the small spare bedroom at the Lodge and to provide hot water supply at an estimated cost of £12, for which provision was made in the current year's estimates.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th November, 1933.** Present—Alderman Thomas ; Councillors Burrow, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward and Lipson ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. H. J. Norris, E. C. Rogers and F. Vernall.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman Thomas be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. The Chairman was also congratulated by the Committee on his appointment to the Aldermanic bench.

2—Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor H. C. Grimwade and Mr. H. J. Norris be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report for September and October—Receipts £36 3s 3d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 12,463 (last year 12,521); Lending Department 34,810 (last year 33,198) ; Junior Department 4,785 (last year 5,756). Total for the two months 52,058 (last year 51,475).

Binding and Replacements-135 volumes had been despatched to the Binder, and 179 volumes returned. 244 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The following lectures had taken place in the Art Gallery :—

October 9th .Mr. W. N. Weech, " A Sunshine Cruise."	Attendance 203.
12th ... Mr. W. J. Bache, " Some recent Developments in the use of Electricity."	Attendance 53.
16th ... Miss M. Horsfall, "English Lyrical Poetry : Comments and Quotations."	Attendance 83
23rd ... Rev. Roderic Dunkerley, " The Bible in the Sunday School."	Attendance 145.

**Sub-Committee re Tablets on Historical Houses**—To mark the centenary of the birth of Adam Lindsay Gordon, a lecture was delivered in the Art Gallery on the Poet of Australia, by Mr. Douglas Sladen. (Attendance 82). Mr. Sladen also unveiled a Commemorative Tablet to the Poet on Court House, 28 Priory Street, on 19th October. Cost £4 10s. 9d borne by subscriptions. RESOLVED, That the balance in this Fund, £7 19s. 10d., be transferred to the custody of the Borough Treasurer.

Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report on the 56th Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Harrogate, 18th to 21st September, 1933, which was approved

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4—Donations—"Robert the Peeler," 1 vol.; Mr. G. Beard, 1 vol.; Mr. L. W. Bayley, 1 paper ; Councillor Ed. J. Burr 1 vol.; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., 43 handbooks ; The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, 1 vol.; Mr. A Carruthers, 1 vol.; Mr. W. O. Carter, 1 vol.; Consul-General for Japan, 1 vol.; Mr. E. W. Deacon, 2 vols. Mr. C. P. Hurst, 1 vol.; Mr. C. E. H. Jacobs, 1 vol.; Mrs. T. Jeffrey, 1 vol.; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Mr. H. W. A. Kilgour, 1 vol.; Mrs. I. Littledale, 9 vols.; L.M.S. Railway, 1 vol.; Brig.-Gen. Miles, 1 vol. Mr. F. C. Morgan, 12 vols.; New Centurion Publishing Co. 7 handbooks ; Town Council of Northampton, 2 guides Royal Institute of British Architects, 1 vol.; Sir Henry A. Miers, 1 vol.; Mr. S. D. Scott, 1 vol.; Miss Tanner 13 vols.; University Correspondence College, 1 vol.; Town Council of Wednesbury, 1 guide ; Capt. R. P. Wild: 2 vols.; Rev. J. B. Winterbotham, 555 vols.; Yale University Press, 9 vols.

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

5—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 259 volumes, published at £96 11s. 0d., be purchased for £53 6s. 5d

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

(c) That the sum of £35 be spent on Replacements,

6—Leslie Young Bequest—RESOLVED, That 32 vols. be purchased out of this fund at a cost of £29 5s. 0d.

7—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That " The Saturday Review " be deleted from the list of periodicals taken.

That " The Economist," " Excalibur," " Economic Journal," "New Britain," which had been suggested by not taken .

That " Armchair Science" monthly, 6d., be added to the list of Periodicals taken.

That the question of subscribing to the " Scientific American " be deferred pending further information.

RESOLVED, further, That the " Blackshirt," weekly, offered as a gift be declined, and that "St. Christopher" and " Annals of the Propagation of the Faith," quarterly, be accepted.

8—Coke Supply—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Gas Co. quoting 26s 6d. per ton for coke. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that Minute No. 7 passed at the last meeting be rescinded.

9—Cheltenham Science Society—RESOLVED, That the Society's suggestion that the rental of 2 guineas which has been hitherto charged for the storage of the Society's books, be discontinued, the Society agreeing to add to their stock, books to this value each year.

10—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th December.

11—Boiler Insurance—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. reported that the Boiler was in satisfactory working order.

12—Staff—The Librarian reported that Miss E. J. Parry, B.A., F.L.A., Children's Librarian would be leaving the service at Christmas on her approaching marriage. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to appoint a new junior assistant at 12s 6d or 15s per week, according to experience, and that the re-organisation of the staff be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Furniture—RESOLVED, That the question of new chairs, 2 students' tables, and the raising of certain book-cases in the Reference Library be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

14—The Supply of Books to the General Hospital—RESOLVED, That the Librarian enquire whether there is any desire for co-operation between the Hospital authorities and the Library Committee with regard to the supply of books to patients and staff.

15—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place in January.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1933** Present—Aldermen Taylor, Thomas and Yarnold ; and Councillor Barnett.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

3—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters---The Committee interviewed and dealt with persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payments of Rates, and gave instructions for



Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly payments as now settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, November 20th, 1933.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman Taylor 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 Tuesday, 28th November, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Biggs, Leigh James, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £23,204 ; Leaving outstanding £80,71.6.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1934. Amount collected £5,578 ; Leaving outstanding £14,638.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 28th inst. Present—Aldermen Moore, Taylor and Councillor Biggs, 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 £400 0s. 0d. 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 £5,459 0s. 0d. be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable by the Surrey County Council in respect of Mr. G. Gould Marsland had been agreed at £483 15s. 0d.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. W. C. Stevens, treeman, had been certified as permanently unfit. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of 13s 9d. per week calculated on his wages for the last five years, on a non-contributory basis of 25 years' service, together with a refund of his contributions, with interest, amounting to £79 6s. 6d.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. J. S. Richards, ashman, died on the 8th inst. RESOLVED, That his widow be refunded the amount of his contributions, with interest, amounting to £57 4s. 0d.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. F. Whiting died on the 23rd inst.

(e) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. A. G. Waite (Clerk in his department) had resigned. RESOLVED, That he be refunded the amount of his contributions, amounting to £11 14s. 9d. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. D. MacArthur be transferred to the designated post rendered vacant by Mr. Waite's resignation.

(f) The Borough Treasurer reported that Miss E. J. Parry (Library Assistant) was resigning on the 30th December next. RESOLVED, That she be refunded the amount of her contributions, amounting to £12 2s. 1d. RESOLVED, also, That Miss Shelagh Hamilton Jeffery be transferred to the designated post rendered vacant by Miss Parry's resignation.

7—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that Messrs. A. G. Waite and L. Browning (Clerks in his department), had resigned their appointments to join the Gloucestershire Constabulary, and that he had appointed two new junior clerks, A. M. Smith and E. Jones at salaries of 0£9 per annum rising to £52 per annum on 1st June next, and he proposed that the salaries of D. MacArthur and J. Morrell should now be increased to £91 and £78 per annum respectively, rising on 1st January, 1935, to £104 and £91 respectively. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Chairman be nominated for appointment as honorary members of this Institute for the ensuing year.

9—Housing Act, 1930—Equalisation of Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported as to the alternative methods of dealing with the Loans raised under the 1930 Act, and recommended that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to the division of the sanctions into two parts, one for 40 years covering the capital value of Subsidy and Rate Contribution, and the balance for 80 years. By this means the necessity for an equalisation fund would be obviated. RESOLVED, That application be made accordingly.

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 December, 1933, at 3 p.m.** Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Taylor, Thomas, Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., and Yarnold ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James. Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward, J.P.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sawyer ; and Councillor Addis.

1-Election of Councillors Tile Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of Mr. Percival Philip Davis as Councillor for the St. Peter's Ward and Mr. John Lionel Ewart Bendall as Councillor for the Park Ward, and laid before the Council filch' Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2-E. T. Gardom, deceased —Resolved, That the Council express their deep regret at the death of the late Mr. Gardom, and their sympathy with Miss Gardom and the members of the family.

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3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November, 1933, 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.

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

Public Health Meetings held      November 13 and 22

Housing... Meeting held              November 16

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of £518 8s. 0d. (including £35 for contingencies) for reconditioning Nos. 2a, 3a, 4 and 7a Rutland Street (being the lowest of 4 tenders received) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

Street and Highway Meeting held      November 20

Resolved, also, That in the event of the new Labour Exchange being erected in St. Paul's Street South, the Council agree to widen the street and make up the footpath subject to the land being given up for this purpose.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor J. F. Ward and seconded by Councillor Pruen "That Minute No. II in regard to the workmen's hours be referred back " was lost).

Town Planning Meeting held                      November 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held      November 17 and 24

Electricity and Lighting .. Meeting held      November 27

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson " That Minute No. 2 (c) in regard to the lighting of Old Bath Road be referred back " was lost)

Water General Purposes and Watch Meeting held      November 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held      November 21

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit scheme for improving the ventilation of the Council Chamber. (An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Moore " That Minute No. 21 in regard to the Municipal Aerodrome be not approved" was lost).

Allotments Meeting held                      November 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held      November 17

Burial Board Meeting held                      November 24

Public Library Meeting held                      November 10

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Rating Meeting held                      November 27

Finance Meeting held                      November 28

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

5—Slum Clearance—The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer of his valuation of the land known as The Hollies, Tewkesbury Road, comprising an area of about 9.105 acres including Holly Cottage, 6 acres of which was let to a market gardener on a yearly tenancy from September. Resolved, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of the property, and in

default of agreement, that an Order for the compulsory purchase of the property be made under the Common Seal.

6—Cheltenham Grammar School—Resolved, That Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Margrett and Mr. H. N. Winterbotham be re-appointed Governors of the Grammar School for a term of three years expiring on the 6th December, 1936.

7—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Alderman Margrett, Councillors Davis and Grimwade and Dr. R. Davies be appointed Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on the 4th December, 1936.

8—Guardians Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Bendall and Davis be nominated members of the Guardians Committee for the ensuing year.

9—Committees—Resolved, That Councillors Bendall and Davis be appointed members of the Allotments, Parks and Recreation Grounds and Public Library Committees, also, that Councillor Bendall be appointed member of the Burial Board and Art Gallery Committees, and Councillor Davis member of Maternity and Child Welfare Committee; also, that Councillor Morris be appointed a member of Electricity and Lighting Committee.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 1st January, 1934.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore and Yarnold ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen and Rogers (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 37 Sun Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-2 and 3 Dovey's Cottages, Swindon Road ; 17 and 19 Waterloo Street ; and 37 Sun Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 1 Priory Buildings, High Street ; and 41 All Saints' 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) 1 and 2 Sun Street ; Selkirk Gardens ; 55, 56 and 57 Tewkesbury Road ; and 1 Priory Buildings, High Street —The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

4—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 2 Oriel Terrace (Basement) ; and part of 1 Suffolk Parade—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basements of 2 Oriel Terrace and part of 1 Suffolk Parade The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and that notices be served upon the persons having control of the houses, Owners thereof, and mortgagees, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the said parts of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of this Committee on the 12th February.

(b) Farnagh, Berkeley Street ; 20 Cambray ; 38 Montpellier Terrace (Basements) ; and 34 St. Philip's Terrace (2 rooms on first floor)—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above mentioned parts of these premises. Read, letters from the Owners of Farnagh, 20 Cambray and 34 St. Philip's Terrace, consenting to Closing Orders being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners to carry out the work 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 rooms for human habitation.

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(c) Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street ; 9 Columbia Street ; 5 Barnes' Yard, Grove Street ; Cumberland Buildings or 3 The Passage, Grove Street—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 12th February next.

(d) 33 Waterloo Street and 288 Swindon Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. Mr. Stevens, Owner of 288 Swindon Road attended and objected to a Demolition Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouses, 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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.

(e) 26a York Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises again.

(f) 352-370 Gloucester Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these ten cottages. Mr. C. McIlquham and Mr. R. C. Hall attended and Mr. Hall stated that on completing the purchase of the property he was prepared to give an undertaking that the three houses at the rear should be so altered as to be suitable only for business premises, and to demolish 5 of the 7 cottages in the front, and to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the remaining two cottages fit for human habitation on his obtaining vacant possession of the same. RESOLVED, That Mr. Hall be informed that the Council agree to these proposals.

(g) Mill House, Dunscoth, and 2 Arle Mill Cottages—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these cottages. The Town Clerk submitted undertaking from Mr. J. R. Brown, the Owner, undertaking within 8 weeks from the 1st December as to Mill House and Dunscoth, and within 8 weeks of obtaining vacant possession of 2 Arle Mill Cottages to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation, and further undertaking to take the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession of No. 2 Arle Mill Cottages. RESOLVED, That this undertaking be accepted.

(h) Rhodville, Moorend Street, and 28 Rutland Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Messrs. Mark Williams & Co, had now carried out the work of demolishing these houses at a cost of £4 and £8 respectively. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owners for payment thereof.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 17 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 21 lbs. Pork ; and 6 lbs. Fowls.

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Notice arising from dirty walls, ceilings and leaky roofs, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

7—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—The Committee further considered the question of applying the provisions of this Act as to stunning by means of a mechanically operated instrument to sheep etc. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to defer for the present the passing of a resolution applying to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs, the provisions of Section 1 of the Act, requiring the use of a mechanically operated instrument for the slaughter of animals. RESOLVED, also, That goats or kids be not exempted from the provisions of Section 1 of the Act relating to mechanical stunning. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to notify all the butchers of the provisions of the Act, which requires all animals, except sheep etc. as above mentioned, to be instantaneously slaughtered or shall by stunning to be instantaneously rendered insensible to pain until death supervenes by means of a mechanically operated instrument (which is defined to include an electric instrument) as from the 1st January next, and that he be instructed to have the necessary electric power installation provided at the Abattoir. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the provision of an electrical stunning apparatus. RESOLVED, also, That a charge of one penny per animal be made for all animals stunned by means of any of the mechanically operated instruments by registered slaughtermen in the employ of the Corporation at the Abattoir.

8—National Rat Week—The Sanitary Inspector submitted his report on the National Rat Week held last month. RESOLVED, That a copy be forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report as to the defective sewers referred to in the report.

9—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., for renewal of their licence to use the designation " Pasteurised " Milk in connection with the sale of milk treated by them at their Dairy in Imperial Lane, Cheltenham, be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1934, unless previously revoked.

(b) Dealer's Licence—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, 1934, unless previously revoked.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. C. Pumphrey of Benhall Dairy, Great Norwood Street, for the renewal of his licence as a Retailer of " Certified " Milk be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1934, unless previously revoked.

10—Hayden Farms—(a) The Committee considered application received from Mr. Rymer for an allowance in respect of the rent in view of the condition of the cattle raising industry. Mr. C. C. Castle attended. RESOLVED, That the abatement recommended by Mr. Castle for the half years to last Michaelmas and next Lady Day be allowed as last year.

(b) Electricity—The Committee further considered application from Mr. Rymer for a supply of electricity for Hayden Farm House, and the wiring of the house, together with report from Mr. Castle on Mr. Rymer's proposals for the renewal of his lease which would expire in 1935. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to provide an installation of electricity at Hayden Farm House at an estimated cost of £38 12s. 6d. subject to Mr. Rymer agreeing to pay 5 per cent. on the cost of the installation by way of additional rent for the next three years or during the remainder of his tenancy if determined before the end of three years, and to guarantee a revenue of not less than £12 10s. 0d. for the same period. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for wiring the house. RESOLVED, also, That the question of the terms for the renewal of Mr. Rymer's tenancy be adjourned for the present.

11—Health Department—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in view of the large amount of work involved in the slum clearance programme it would be necessary to obtain further assistance. His present pupil (Mr. A. C. F. Gisborne) had now become fully qualified and he recommended that his services should be retained for a temporary period. He had also received an application from Mr. A. E. Stroud to take his son as pupil. RESOLVED, That Mr. Gisborne be appointed temporary assistant Sanitary Inspector for a period of one year at a wage of £2 10s. 0d. per week, and that the application of Mr. Stroud for his son to be taken as pupil be granted.

12—Public Convenience—Queen's Head, Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing a new convenience on the site of the old convenience in Tewkesbury Road at £140. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for providing this.

13—Barn Farm—The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to Mr. Corbett terminating his agreement for the irrigation of his land, but had since seen Mr. Corbett who considered that this would mean a serious loss to him, and asked for the matter to be reconsidered. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to allow Mr. Corbett a supply of sewage on his land on such dates and times as he considers advisable with a view to no nuisance being caused, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange terms with Mr. Corbett accordingly.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

### Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th December, 1938.

Sir,

**You are hereby summoned to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1934, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

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

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town. Clerk.

### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th December, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Morris and J. F. Ward (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager's Report—The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly statement of tenants in arrear.

2—Selection of **Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee**—The Sub-Committee reported that they had had four meetings. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Alstone Lawn Estate—As some of the 3 bedroom houses had larger gardens or were in other respects more attractive the Sub-Committee recommended that 8 of the three-bedroom houses be let at 7s 6d. per week instead of 7s, which would permit of 8 other three-bedroom houses being let at 6s 6d. per week, and that Minute No. 5 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(b) St. Mark's Housing Estate—That the list of applicants for houses on this Estate be now opened for new applications.

(c) Increase of Rents—The Sub-Committee had had two meetings and considered the replies received from tenants on St. Mark's Estate in regard to the proposed increase of rent. They also obtained further information in regard to tenants to whom a circular had not been sent, and recommended that a circular be sent to 38 more tenants ; the Sub-Committee would make a full report as to which tenants the increase should be applied, at the following meeting of the Committee.



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

3—Sheds—The Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee recommended that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the provision of brick built sheds for the houses erected at St. Peter's and St. Paul's, namely 85 houses at St. Peter's, and 283 houses at St. Paul's at an estimated cost of £10 per shed, making a total expenditure of £3,680. Owing to the reductions in the rate of interest on loans there would have to be an adjustment of the rents of the houses on these Estates at the end of the financial year, and it was anticipated that these sheds could be provided without having to increase the present rents. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, and adopted, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of any balances on the loans being applied for the erection of the sheds, and for their sanction to a loan for any sum in excess of the amount available out of the loans already sanctioned.

4—Reconditioning—(a) The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner of 14 Rutland Street was willing to sell this house for the sum of plus the cost of conveyance, and that he estimated that the house could be reconditioned as a three-bedroom house at a cost of about £100. He also recommended the purchase of No. 15 Elm Street for reconditioning which the owner was willing to sell for £20 free of costs ; he estimated this house could be reconditioned as a two-bedroom house at a cost of £75. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase these properties, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for reconditioning the same.

(b) RESOLVED, That consent be given to the placing of one pole and stay in the back garden of No. 48 Milton Road, and one pole in the back garden of No. 58 Milton Road, subject to an annual payment of 1s per annum, 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 terminable by three calendar months' notice in writing on either side.

5—St. Mark's Housing Estate—Cutler and Sysum's Contract—The architects reported that Messrs. Cutler & Sysum had suspended work on their contract for the 32 houses at St. Mark's, and the Town Clerk reported that he had served notice on the contractors under the provisions of the contract, with a view to other arrangements being made, if necessary, for completion of the work. Mr. Rainger reported that a large amount of material had been delivered on to the site, and it would be difficult to prepare a specification for inviting fresh tenders, and this would involve considerable delay, and he therefore recommended that the work should be completed by direct labour. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, and that Mr. Rainger be authorised to make arrangements accordingly.

6—Sale of House—99 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the offer of the tenant of this house to purchase the house for the sum of £405 being the price at which the house was valued by the District Valuer, be accepted, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

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7—Workmen's Housing Association Ltd.—Read, letter from this Association asking the Committee whether the Council would consider the proposal for the Association to erect houses for the working classes under the facilities provided under the Housing Act, 1933, in conjunction with a Building Society. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Morris and J. F. Ward be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report on the proposals of the Association.

8—Slum Clearance—Sites—RESOLVED, That the Sites Sub-Committee be asked to inspect and report as to suitable housing sites in the Park Ward.

9—Alstone Lawn Estate—The Committee considered application from Mr. J. R. Lusty to purchase a piece of land fronting Gloucester Road adjoining the shop sites for the erection of a house, a

separate garage for 2 or 3 motor vans and a store place for hardware goods at the rear. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are unable to sell a site immediately adjoining the site reserved for shops, but are prepared to consider selling a site at the South West corner of the land adjoining the private road.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th December, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Thomas, Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Road --Read, letter from Messrs. Ticehurst, Wyatt & Co. on behalf of Mr. Barry, owner of 161 Leckhampton Road, asking the Committee to refund the cost incurred by him in raising the gate sill and entrance path at these premises, amounting to £7 7s. 0d. RESOLVED, That Mr. Barry be allowed the same amount as that incurred in carrying out similar work at the other houses, namely £2 14s. 7d.

2—Gloucester Road and Hatherley Lane—Read, letter from Captain W. A. Hollins calling attention to the dangerous conditions existing at the junction of Gloucester Road and Hatherley Lane and also at the corner in Hatherley Lane just beyond Mr. Unwin's cottages, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the owner of the abutting property with a view to his giving up the necessary land for the improvement of these corners.

3—Workmen's Hours—The Committee considered application from the workmen in the Highways' Department for their dinner interval to be extended to an hour instead of half an hour as decided at the last meeting, together with recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee that their request should be acceded to. RESOLVED, That the winter hours for all workmen be fixed as follows :—Mondays to Fridays : 7.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and Saturdays : 7.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and that Minute No. 11 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

4—Sweepers' Sunday Wages—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the sweepers to be paid at the rate of time and a half for Sunday work instead of 2s for about two hours' work as at present. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Emulsion Sprayer—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of a spraying machine for cold emulsion, and submitted three tenders for the provision of same. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Phoenix Engineering Co. Ltd., of £27 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

6—Petrol Filling Stations—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Petrol Filling Stations had now been inspected. RESOLVED, That the stations which do not comply with the Byelaws be viewed.

7—Treeman—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, the Mayor, and Alderman Winterbotham be appointed a Sub-Committee to interview candidates for the appointment of treeman, and to make an appointment,

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8—Private Improvement Works—(a) Argyll Road—Read, memorial signed by 14 owners in Old Bath Road, Keynsham Road and Argyll Road repudiating their liability to make up Argyll Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the question of the apportionment of the cost is considered.

(b) Eldorado Road—Read, letters from the two owners in regard to the notices served on them requiring them to pave, kerb and channel the footpath adjoining their premises, RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will be prepared to accept payment of the cost by instalments spread over a period of five years with 5 per cent interest.

9—Eldorado Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. G. Leishman in regard to the condition of the footpath on the North West side of Eldorado Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

10—Telegraph Line—The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting permission had been given to the Post Office Telegraphs to place an overhead line along Shakespeare Road on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done in the placing or maintenance of the works and subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to six feet of painted lagging being affixed to the base of the pole. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Banner across High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Rugby Supporters' Club for permission to place a banner across the High Street advertising the Rugby Football matches be granted for the days of the Club's principal home matches subject to the usual conditions

12—Projecting Signs—The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting the Chairman had granted permission for the erection of projecting signs at 58 High Street for a temporary period and 75-76 Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Tip—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Messrs Webb Bros. to sell 3 ½ acres of land between Swindon Railway Bridge and the L.M.S. Goods Sidings for a tip. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

14—Streamer across Colonnade—RESOLVED, That the application of Art Ball Committee for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the 21st and 22nd December advertising the Art Ball be granted subject to the usual conditions.

15—Automatic Traffic Signals—Thirlestaine Road and Bath Road Junction—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from the Divisional Road Engineer, Ministry of Transport, that the Ministry were prepared to approve, in principle, the installation of vehicular actuated signals at this junction, and asking the Council to submit a copy of the tender proposed for acceptance, and an estimate of the direct labour works when a 60 per cent grant would be issued in due course. The Borough Surveyor submitted tender from the Automatic Electric Company Ltd., amounting to £388 10s. 0d. for the provision and installation of traffic-actuated signals at the junction, and he estimated the cost of the work to be carried out by the Corporation in connection with the installation of £108 10s. 0d. making a total cost of £497. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to approval of the Ministry of Transport and subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

16—St. Paul's Street South—Read, letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons on behalf of Corpus Christi College, stating that the College had purchased the sites of 1-4 St. Paul's Terrace, and offering to give up a portion of No 1 St. Paul's Terrace in front of the improvement line laid down for the widening of the street if the Corporation would provide a crossing and necessary kerbing. Read, also, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs Healing & Overbury enclosing preliminary plan of proposals of the College for erection of 11 small houses on the opposite side of the street, and asking whether the Corporation would demolish the Britannia Inn, and make up the site as part of the street; also to execute any paving, road or main sewerage works free of expense to the College, and also whether the Corporation would extend the sewer and lay the branch drains from the sewer to the boundaries of the College property free of charge. RESOLVED, That subject to the College giving up the land of all the sites of Nos. 1-4 St. Paul's Terrace in front of the improvement line, the Council be recommended to carry out the above mentioned road works including the demolition of the

Britannia Inn, and to provide a crossing, and also to make the short extension of sewer required, but that the Committee do not recommend the Council to undertake the work of laying the branch drains etc.

17—Land, Whaddon Road—The Committee further considered the agreement to be entered into with Messrs. Naunton Estates Ltd. in regard to the development of the land at the junction of Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road, and the Town Clerk submitted draft agreement as revised. The agreement provided for the Company to give up the land necessary for the commencement of the Prestbury by-pass road free of charge, and to be relieved of any liability in respect thereof, and also for the triangular piece of land at the corner to be given up free of charge, and to be dedicated to the public as an open space when required by the Corporation, and to be thereafter maintained by the Corporation as an open space or shrubbery or ornamental garden ; also that when the business premises with flats over had been erected on the adjoining land the Corporation to construct a road 20 ft. wide, including a footpath on the portion of the land to be given up for the construction of the bye-pass road. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, and the Common Seal affixed to the agreement.

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18—View Meeting--Read, report of the View Meeting held on the 6th inst. Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Rogers and Capt. Trye (Councillor Capt. Trye in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) Junction of Bath Road and Oriel Road—That the application of the Post Office to erect telephone kiosk at this junction be approved subject to this being placed at the back of the footpath between gateway and G.P.O. marking pillar

(b) Hewlett Road—That Mr. P. J. Radford's application for the removal of a tree in front of Nos. 1 and 2 St Anne's Villas be not granted.

(c) Hewlett Street—That no objection be made to the Post Office erecting a telephone kiosk on private land in front of Messrs. Webbs (Greengrocers) behind footpath and opposite blank wall.

(d) Evesham Road—That Mrs. Roy's application for removal of small tree in front of " Lomond " be not granted.

(e) Sydenham Road—That Mr. J. H. Peeble's application for removal of lime tree outside Rossmund Lawn be not granted.

(f) Sydenham Road North—That Mr. H. C. Salt's application for removal of lime tree in front of " Hillsborough " be not granted.

(g) Keynsham Road—That the lower branches of tree overhanging garden of " Garthforth " be trimmed.

(h) Keynsham Road—That Mrs. H. M. Douglas's application for removal of tree outside "Islay be not granted.

(i) Great Norwood Street—That the application of the Post Office to erect telephone kiosk by existing pillar box near Sub-Post Office in Suffolk Road be not granted but that it be suggested that the kiosk be placed on private land just inside Great Norwood Street.

(j) Hatherley Road—That provision be made in next year's estimates for kerbing and gravelling footpath on the opposite side of the road to Hatherley Court, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good the footpath opposite Hatherley Court where the surface has been broken by tree roots, but without prejudice to the Corporation's right to call on the abutting owners to make this up when required.

(k) Tennyson Road—That no objection be raised to a Post Office telephone kiosk being placed on private land opposite Post Office or alternatively on opposite corner of Shakespeare Road,

(l) Queen's Road—That Mr. C. A. Welchman's application for removal of tree outside " Erville " be not granted but that it be suggested that the position of the drive should be altered slightly.

(m) Christ Church Road—That with regard to Councillor P. P. Davis's application for relaying kerb and channel by " Welton " no more work be done than necessary to remove surface water and that the question as to making up this footpath be considered when next year's estimates are under consideration.

(n) Lansdown Crescent—That the Borough Engineer be instructed to carry out minor adjustments to flagging.

(o) Imperial Square—That several trees on South side of this road be trimmed. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

19—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. E. Walley, former pupil in his department, had, since the expiration of his articles, remained working in the office, and in view of the large amount of work now on hand he recommended that his services be retained for a temporary period. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that Mr. Walley be paid a salary of £2 10s. 0d. per week as from 1st December, 1933.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th December, 1933.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. Wiggett and Yiend (The Mayor 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.
3660	Petrie, J. R.	Motor house, 1 Kingsley Gardens, Gloucester Road.
3661	Brownson, Hon. Mrs.	Motor house, land opposite Rosway, Eldorado Crescent.
3662	Avery, H. M.	Garage, Chapel Street.
3663	Hall, G. A. M.	2 semi-detached houses with garages, Queen's Road.
3664	Bowd, W. H.	3 houses, Evesham Road.
3665	Sennington, J. A. R.	Detached house, Hatherley Road.
3666	Smith, A. Stewart	Additions, Glevum Lodge, Battledown Approach
3667	Stephens, Mrs. E.	Bungalow, Tewkesbury Road
3668	Lewin, Mrs. H.	Billiard Room, Wychbury, Moorend Road..
3669	Hawkins, G. A.	Alterations, 2 houses, Battledown Approach.
3670	Hall, R. C.	Garage, Gloucester Road.
3671	Hickling, H. S.	Motor house, Lavington, Sydenham Road North.
3672	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, Stanmer House, Lypiatt Road.
3673	—	Preliminary Plan for layout, St. Paul's Street South.
3674	Instone, R. L.	Conversion into two houses, Douglas, Parabola Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3660, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664 and 3668 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3666 and 3669 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the

Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 3665 and 3671 be approved subject to the buildings being set back to a building line of 25 feet and 20 feet respectively ; That Plan No. 3667 be approved subject to the building being set back a distance of 60 feet from the centre of the road, to the owner undertaking to dedicate the land between the existing boundary and the improvement line laid down in the scheme if and when required by the Corporation ; That Plan No. 3670 be approved subject to the building, pumps and apparatus complying with the Petrol Filling Stations Byelaws ; That Plan No. 3673 be disapproved and referred to the Street and Highway Committee ; and That Plans Nos. 3672 and 3674 be not approved.

2—Town Planning Area—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
557	Surl, A. J.	Cottage, Near Gotherington Cross.
558	Anderson, W. E. E.	Bungalow, Cleeve Hill.
559	Brill, F.	Alterations and additions to house, Hayden Hill Farm.
560	Anderson, W. E.	Additions, Prestbury Mission Hall, Marle Hill Court Road.
561	Hone, G.	Addition, Claremont, Shurdington-Painswick Road, Bentham.
562	Richardson, Capt. J. L.	4 houses, Garden Estate, Charlton Kings.
563	—	Additions, Chanctonbury, Cirencester Road.
564	Hurst, W. S.	House, Harp Hill,
565	Seaford, Mrs.	House, Greenhills Road.
566	Naunton Estate Ltd.	Development, Ewens Farm, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 559, 560, 561, 562 and 563 be approved ; That Plan No. 558 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to the improvement line prescribed by the County Council when required by the Road Authority ; That Plans Nos. 564 and 565 be approved subject to dark handmade sand faced tiles being used ; That Plan No. 566 be approved subject to (1) Hayward's Lane being widened to 36 feet, (2) the front fences of Plots 150 and 151 being not less than 20 feet from the centre of the road. (3) the corners at the junctions of the roads being well set back, and (4) the building lines in Hayward's Lane on Plots 85 and 86 being 35 feet from the centre of Hayward's Lane ; That consideration of Plan No 557 be deferred pending the views of the Winchcomb Rural District Council.

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3—Applications to Develop (a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Alderman Taylor and Councillor Morris had inspected Mr. Dancy's premises at Kempsey, Charlton Lane, and recommended that Ins application for permission to erect a petrol pump at the premises with swing arm be not granted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Sandfield Road The Sub-Committee had also inspected this road, and recommended that the building line be fixed at 30 ft. from front fence. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(c) Read, application from Mr. F. Howard Allen for an increase of the density of the sand lying between Arle Road and Alstone Lane. RESOLVED, That the land be scheduled for the erection of houses at a density not exceeding 12 to the acre, and the draft scheme and map amended accordingly.

(d) Plan No. 543—Messrs. Mark Williams submitted specification of the materials to be used in the construction of two houses in Sandy Lane. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Plan No. 3654—The above Sub-Committee also inspected the site between Monson Avenue and Clarence Square, on which it was proposed to erect a house, and recommended that the building should be kept back to the building line existing on the South side of Clarence Square, and the East side of Monson Avenue, and the site cleared of the present erections thereon. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Building Inspector—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of duties for the new Building Inspector, RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications received, and select candidates for interview by this Committee.

6—Hall Road—Plan No. 3657—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling on behalf of Miss Allen offering to give up a frontage of 13 ft. instead of 45 ft. for the widening and improvement of the junction of Leckhampton and Hall Roads, RESOLVED, That Miss Allen be asked to agree to give up 30 ft. from the junction.

7—Plan No T.P. 541—Read, letter from Messrs. Steel & Broom that their client had given notice of appeal to the Ministry of Health against the refusal of the Town Planning Authority to approve plans for the erection of a house on the main road at Shurdington.

8—Railway Coaches, Shurdington—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, pointing out that three railway coaches had been placed on land at Shurdington without the approval of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners pointing out that the erection of the coaches contravenes the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme, and that when the Scheme comes into operation, they will be required to remove the same without compensation.

9—Plan No. T.P. 534—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that Messrs. Bradley & Sons had agreed to give the County Council the land fronting Cirencester Road, subject to the County Council undertaking to make up the land as part of the adjoining road at their own cost, and that an agreement had been entered into with them accordingly.

10—Plan No. T.P. 478, and Road 53a Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the County Surveyor that the County Highways Committee had now adopted the recommendations of the **County Planning Sub-Committee** approving of the undertaking entered into with Mr. G. A. M. Hall in regard to Plan No. T. P. 478, and also as to the amendment of the line of Road 53a.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th December, 1933.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Thomas ; Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Pruen and Waite (Councillor Waite in the Chair).

1—Electricity Works—Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Medical Officer of Health considered that it was desirable to provide filtration for the swimming pools at the Electricity Works, and he was therefore obtaining tenders for this. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Alstone and Montpellier Swimming Baths—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to report to the next meeting of this Committee as to whether he considers that filtration plants should be provided for these Baths.

3—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the Annexe erected by the Club against the Pavilion, and agreed that the value of this was £40.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 4th December.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

Supper Room—That the Supper Room be let to Mr. J. Bevan on Sunday evenings from 6.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. for religious meetings at a charge of 30s per Sunday for a series of not less than ten bookings.

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

5—Alstone Mill—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne that their client, Mr. H. W. Jones would like to remain on as tenant of the Mill and house on the expiration of his lease on the 25th March next, as a yearly tenant on the same terms as the present lease. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Pittville Gardens—Read, application of 6th inst. from the Gloucestershire Branch of the English Folk Dancing Society for the free use of the Pittville Gardens for a summer festival of folk dancing on the afternoon and evening of the 30th June, 1934. Hitherto the festival had been held at Cirencester Park, The festival would be attended by about 300 dancers from all over the County. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted at a charge of £3 3s. 0d. subject to the Society undertaking to make good all damage which may be done to the property. RESOLVED, also, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to hire chairs to the Society at a charge of per dozen.

7—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the Rotary Club on the 3rd February next from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the occasion of the Annual Tea given by the Club to poor children.

(b) The Entertainments Manager reported that the Women's Labour Party had now decided to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham from the 18th to 22nd June next year, and had accepted the offer of the Corporation to grant the free use of the Town Hall for that purpose.

(c) Palms—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager and Mr. Leuchars be asked to inspect some palms offered for sale by a firm at Evesham.

8—Photographs—The Entertainments Manager reported that he was frequently asked to supply photographs of the town and district for insertion in various publications. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to spend a sum of not exceeding £5 5s. 0d. in obtaining a supply of photographs for this purpose.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th December, 1933.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Scott Langley, Morris and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been asked for a special tariff for a supply of electricity during Off-peak hours, and he recommended that a special Off-peak rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$  d. per unit should be made for power purposes with a charge of 3d. a unit for any On-peak consumption, and that the On-peak period should be for supply between the hours of 3



p.m. and 8 p.m. from the 15th November to the 15th February, both dates inclusive, It would be necessary to install special Two-Rate meters and when he had obtained quotations for these he would submit suggestions as to the charge to be made for the hire of meters. RESOLVED, That the proposed Off-peak tariff be approved

2—Gas Tests—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Gas Referees had reprinted and revised their General Notification as from the 1st January, 1934. (b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 4th, 8th and 14th inst., which showed the Calorific Value on these dates to be 468.5, 467.8 and 471.6 B. Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.4, 5.5 and 5.5 inches of water

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th December, 1933.** Present—Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. W. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley and Morris (Alderman Margrett 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 December, 1933.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	63,000 gallons	248,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	179,000 “	769,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	19,000	51,000 “
Total	261,000	1,068,000 “

##### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 31,721,000 gallons.

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

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

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4—Extension to Main—(a) Staverton Lea—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to Major H. Cobden arranging with Mr. Prettyjohn for an extension of the service pipe from Staverton Court to Staverton Lea, subject to the work being carried out to the Borough Engineer's satisfaction. Provided that Mr. Prettyjohn shall be responsible to the Corporation for payment of all water passing through his service.

(b) Ham Road—The Borough Engineer further reported in regard to the Water supply for the house in course of erection in Ham Road for the Reverend A. H. Vizard. RESOLVED, That the storage tank be allowed to remain in its present position subject to the Reverend Vizard undertaking to bind, as far as may be, his successors in title, owners for the time being of the house to be built, that no objection should be made to any deficiency of supply due to levels.

5—Tewkesbury Borough—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for replacing mains in Church Street, Gloucester Road, Barton Street, Barton Road, Oldbury Road and Chance Street.

6—" Glenfall House "—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Mr. A. Mitchell to place a sign directing to " Glenfall House " on the bank of Hewletts Waterworks.

7—Land, London Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had now completed all the Conveyances of the strip of land along London Road, and that the Railway Carriages and Mr. Sheppard's bungalow had been removed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the bungalow formerly occupied by Mrs. Burton removed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th December, 1933.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Sawyer, Taylor, Thomas, Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen and J. F. Ward (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended an outbreak of fire at 153 High Street. Cause not apparent. Damage about £200. Brigade Expenses £7 3s. 0d.

(b) Long Service Medals—Read, letter from Capt. J. L. Such thanking the Committee for bearing cost of the long service medals. RESOLVED, That the **Fire Brigade Sub-Committee** and the Mayor be asked to meet to present the medals.

(c) 6 Chapel Street—Read, letter from the owner of these premises in regard to damage caused by the Fire Bells attached to the chimney. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of carrying out the repairs to the chimney at £4 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this carried out, RESOLVED, also, That the owner be asked to enter into a Wayleave agreement in regard to the erection and maintenance of wires for fire calls.

(d) Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman Pates, Sawyer and Thomas be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Transfers—RESOLVED, That the applications of C. C. F. Robertson, C. H. Moxey, R. Taylor and G. Bridges for the transfer of Licences Nos. 76, 60, 64 and 65 to Hackney Carriages, Registered Nos. PU7681, AD6792, OP5961 and HW7916 respectively be granted.

4—Town Clock—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had now considered the tenders received for the provision of a new electric clock. RESOLVED, That the tender of Synchronome Company of £93 10s. 0d. for the provision of an electric impulse movement clock inside the present case be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and subject to Messrs. Woolworth & Company Ltd. entering into an agreement with the Corporation in regard to the erection of the clock in the form prepared by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to W. Howlett to terminate their contract for winding the present clock.

5—Dr. Wilson and South African Memorials—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for the work of cleaning etc., required to these statues. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons of £5 12s. 6d. for cleaning down the statues, scraping and re-surfacing the stone work, cleaning the pedestals and burnishing the lettering be accepted.

(b) The Committee considered suggestions from Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons as to rendering the inscription on the Wilson Memorial legible from the footpath. RESOLVED, That their tender of £8 15s. 0d. for removing the present bronze tablet and inserting a new piece of stone bearing the same lettering in similar manner to that on the South African War Memorial be accepted subject to Mrs. Wilson's approval being obtained.

6—Leckhampton Hill—Read, further letter from Lt.-Col. C. W. A. Holmes in regard to the condition of the old tram road at the back of his property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Councillor Capt. Trye be asked to inspect this.

7—Borough Arms—Read, application from the Cheltenham District Traction Company for permission to incorporate the Borough Arms in a design for the cover of their new timetable. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

8—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter from the Salvation Army asking the Council to make a contribution towards the expenses of the Soup Kitchen, RESOLVED, That a grant of £10 be made as last year.

9—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Planning Committee, That the services of Mr. H. J. Holbourn, Building Inspector, be extended up to 31st March next.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, That the services of Mr. Hamlin, Custodian of Whaddon Road Recreation Ground, be extended up to 28th March next.

10—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Cinema House Ltd. for a licence to store 2,000 gallons of petrol at the Plough Hotel Yard in place of the licence held by Messrs. H. E. Steel Ltd. be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. E. Steel for a licence to store 5 gallons of cellulose at the Queen's Hotel Garage be granted.

11—Market—Read, letter of 16th instant from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd. asking the Council to consider modernising and improving the portion of the Market let to the Society, and setting out the disadvantages of the existing accommodation. In 1930 the Society had had plans and an efficient layout prepared, and these were now being modified. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Market Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

12—Athletic Ground—The Chairman reported that the Rugby Football Club had agreed to the Cheltenham Association Football Cup-Tie Match being played on this ground on 13th January, but to enable the ground to be used for this purpose it would be necessary to provide two temporary dressing rooms with accommodation for baths and some temporary lavatory accommodation under the stand, to rough portions of the asphalt surface, to provide crush barriers, and to strengthen the entrances. Mr. T. J. Craig, the Vice Chairman of the Association Club, attended, and the Borough Surveyor submitted approximate estimates of the cost of carrying out the necessary work. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the above work at a cost not exceeding £100, it being understood that the A.F. Club will provide the baths and supply hot water for same, and also the necessary lighting.

13—Naming of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Healing & Overbury had asked that in view of the development proposed to be carried out by Corpus Christi College in St. Paul's

Street South, that the name of the street should be altered. RESOLVED, That the street be named St. Paul's Street instead of St. Paul's Street South.

14—Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act—Read, circular of 14th instant from the Association of Municipal Corporations that the Railway Assessment Authority had prepared the draft valuation roll, and in the case of one railway company had determined the net annual value at £2,250,000, and the railway company on the other hand in their representation, contended that the figure was £500,000, and in view of the material difference between the assessment of the Railway Authority, the Association considered that the Council should be represented at the hearing by the Railway Assessment Authority, and had made arrangements to co-operate with the County Councils Association and the London County Council. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute towards the cost of instructing Counsel and arranging for expert evidence, on the basis of Rateable Value provided that the majority of the other members of the Association also agree to contribute on the same basis.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1933.** Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Bendall, Davis, Green, Smith and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. Castle and Yeend.

1—Chairman—Councillor Smith having resigned the Chairmanship, it was RESOLVED, That Councillor J. F. Ward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Allotments Inspection--The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments, who reported that since his last inspection 14 plots had now been put in fairly clean condition, and that good progress was now being made with the cleaning of most of the other tenanted allotments. Ten allotments, however, were still in an unsatisfactory state of cultivation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments requiring them to put the same in a clean and tidy condition, and failing this, that he be instructed to give the tenants notice to quit.

3—Allotments for Unemployed—Read, letter of 9th instant from the Hon. Secretary of the Unemployed Allotment Association accepting the offer of the allotments made by the Committee at their last meeting. The Association also asked whether the Committee would grant them an allotment rent free for the purpose of training their young members, The Gardens Superintendent reported that No. 15 Whaddon (New) was in a bad state of cultivation, and the Town Clerk reported that the tenant was also in arrear with his rent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession of this allotment, and that it be offered to the Association rent free for the purpose required.

4—Albert Road Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted further complaint from Mr. E. J. Gibbins in regard to the burning of rubber by the allotment holders in Albert Road. RESOLVED, That Mr. Gibbins be informed that the Committee are unable to take any action unless he can furnish the name of the Allotment Holder complained of.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1933.** Present--Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Bendall, Davis, Green, Smith and J. F. Ward.

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

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

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ... Councillors Addis and J. F. Ward.

Naunton Park Councillors Bendall and Rogers.

Whaddon Road Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Green.

Sandford Park Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Green.

St. Mark's Councillors Davis and Smith.

3—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Custodian of Whaddon Road Recreation Ground for an extension of services. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to extend his services up to 28th March next, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite applications for the appointment from the Corporation gardeners.

4—Pittville Gardens—Surplus Ducks—The Borough Surveyor reported that as in former years, 26 surplus ducks from Pittville Lake had been sent to the Market for disposal.

5—Gifts for Parks—The Borough Surveyor reported that Councillor Morris had presented eight clumps of Gynarium Argentum for the parks. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Councillor Morris for his gift.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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## **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th December, 1933.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillors Bendall, Burrow, Grimwade, Howell and Rogers; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. C. R. Man) and W. N. Weech (Alderman Winterbotham the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During November 5,988 (against 3,941).

Receipts—Postcards, "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £3 6s. 3d.

Exhibitions—Collection of Pharmacy Jars lent by Dr. J. Curtis Webb, from 23rd November to 6th December, and the Permanent Collection, followed by the 5th Circulating Series of Water Colours from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Showcases—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in purchasing two showcases for £3 3s. 0d. be approved. Museum Specimens—Specimens of a Colorado Beetle and a Musk Rat have been added, and the Dr. G. Arthur Cardew Collection had been received.

2—Donations—Miss Conger, Free Trade Medal ; Messrs. A. H. Isher & Son, 2 brick moulds ; Col. A. B. Lloyd-Baker, Cartoon of Sir James Agg-Gardner by E. T. Reed ; Dr. J. Curtis Webb, Gingerbread mould, and tray painted by George Morland ; Capt. R. P. Wild, F.G.S., Two Pewter Plates, 1830, Wooden nut measure, 1800, Wooden platter, 1750, Wheelwright's Callipers.

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

3—Loans—Lt.-Col. J. G. Stoney Archer, Collection of British Birds' Eggs ; Miss Adlard, Battersea Patch-box.

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

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund"—RESOLVED, That a pair of Cock-Fighting Spurs (£1 1s. 0d.), and a Milk Lead (£2 0s. 0d.), be purchased from this Fund.

5—Hours of Opening—Further consideration was given to the question of keeping the Museum open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, as at present obtains in the Art Gallery. The Curator estimated the extra cost at £25 per annum, about one half being for electric lighting, and the other for supervision. RESOLVED, That the extension of hours be tried as an experiment for 12 months, and that the matter be considered again in connection with the next Estimates.

6—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place in February.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st December, 1933.** Present Alderman Yarnold; Councillors Bendall, Betteridge, de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th November, to 21st December, 1933. Interments 50 ; Grave Spaces sold 15 (First Position 1, Position 1, Fourth Position 13) ; Memorials erected 13 ; New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8891 to 8905.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Martha Jane Wakefield and Mary Ann Bliss, and Sydney Matthew Willey ; Scroll and Kerbing to grave of Minnie Madeline Marriott ; Kerbing and Posts to grave of Jane Crisp and George Crisp.

4—Chapel—The Superintendent reported that the boiler for heating the chapels had broken down, and submitted report from Messrs. Stephens & Finch thereon. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for providing a new boiler, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender. RESOLVED, also, That the Superintendent be instructed to hire some oil stoves for heating the chapels pending the installation of the new boiler.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th December, 1933.** Present—Alderman Taylor and Councillor Rogers (Alderman Taylor 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd December, 1933.** Present. The Mayor; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Lt.-col, Biggs, Miller and Pruen (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £39,531 Leaving outstanding £64,389.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1934. Amount collected £9,682 Leaving outstanding £10,264.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 22nd inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Miller.

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

4—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. Burford (Ashman) was due for retirement on the 29th January next. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 11s. 2d. per week calculated on his wages for the last five years' on a non-contributory basis of 28 years' service.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman

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#### Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st February, 1934.

Sir

**You are hereby summoned to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to Be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1934, 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 offer to purchase 3 Orchard Terrace. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE  
PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. SLUM CLEARANCE-To pass formal resolutions declaring i6 Clearance Areas and to make Clearance Orders in respect thereof.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st January, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A. Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor, Thomas, Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., and Yarnold; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward, J.P.

Apology—Apology for absence was received from Councillor Burrow.

1—E. T. Gardom, Deceased—Read, letter from Miss Gardom and members of the family thanking the Council for their sympathy at the passing of their father.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th December, 1933, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

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Public Health Meeting held December 11

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Howell:

" That the first resolution to Minute No. 7 in regard to the application of the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, as to stunning by means of a mechanically operated instrument to sheep etc. be referred back for further consideration."

Housing Meeting held December 13

Street and Highway Meeting held December 18

Town Planning Meeting held December 14

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held December 15



Resolved, also, That the Council express their deep regret at the death of Mr. C. J. Hoggett, a member of the Municipal Orchestra, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the Council's sympathy to Mrs. Hoggett.

Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held December 20
Water	Meeting held December 12
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held December 19
Allotments	Meeting held December 11
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held December 11
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held December 15
Burial Board	Meeting held December 21
Rating	Meeting held December 20
Finance	Meeting held December 29

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

4—Ministry of Labour—Court of Referees—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. J. H. Trye) be re-appointed to sit on the Cheltenham District Court of Referees which was being re-appointed as from the 1st instant.

5—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens stating that a private company had now been incorporated under the name of the Cheltenham Spa Improvement Trust Ltd. to carry out the preliminary arrangements under the lease of the Winter Garden site for an Ice Rink, and asking for an extension for the formation of the public company. Resolved, That an extension of three months be granted as from the 1st instant.

E. L. WARD, 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, 5th February, 1934.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Moore and Yarnold ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair):

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 3 Princes Terrace, Tivoli—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

(b) 8 Northfield 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 J. Baker & Son of £19 12s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) Cambridge House, Yorkleigh, Rainow and Garron Dene, St. George's 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) 1 Priory Buildings, High Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 26a York Street ; Dee Cottage, Hatherley Road ; and 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 12th March next.

(b) 4, 5 and 6 Rose and Crown Passage, and 2 and 3 Grafton Passage—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer for 6 months the serving of Notices requiring the tenants of these houses to quit the premises in respect of which Demolition Orders were made on the 1st February, 1932.

(c) 17a and 17b Burton Street—The Town Clerk submitted undertaking signed by the Owner of these houses, under-taking within six months to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation, and that the houses shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered so fit. RESOLVED, That this undertaking be accepted.

(d) 47 and 47a Sherborne Street—The Town Clerk submitted undertaking signed by the Owner of these houses, under-taking to take with all reasonable despatch the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession of the houses, and within six months of obtaining possession to carry out the works comprised in the specification of the Sanitary Inspector, and further that the premises shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for that purpose. RESOLVED, That this undertaking be accepted.

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4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.,—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs. Pork ; and 26 lbs. Mutton.

5—Offensive Trade—Fish Frier-11 Francis Street—The Committee considered application for permission to establish the trade of a Fish Frier at these premises, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the premises, and recommended that the application be not granted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Hayden Farms—(a) Electricity—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that tenders had been invited for wiring Hayden Farm House. RESOLVED, That Alderman Moore be authorised to accept a suitable tender.

(b) Read, report of damage to the railings and gate posts at the entrance to the farm on the 22nd November last by a motor lorry belonging to Mr. J. F. Llewellyn. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

7—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circulars from this Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to a Sessional Meeting to be held at Newport on the 9th February, and also to the 45th Health Congress and Exhibition to be held at Bristol from the 9th to 14th July. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed to attend the Sessional Meeting, but that the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend the Health Congress.

8—National Rat Week—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries acknowledging with appreciation the report of the action taken by the Council during National Rat Week.

9—Public Conveniences—(a) RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Southall Bros. and Barclay Ltd. to install automatic machines for sanitary towels in the Montpellier Lodge and Clarence Parade Ladies Conveniences on the terms now reported be accepted subject to agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a report on the public conveniences in the Borough.

(c) RESOLVED, That consideration of providing a public convenience at St. Mark's be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee,

(d) Clarence Parade—The Chairman submitted letter from Councillor Grimwade suggesting that the Ladies Convenience at Clarence Parade should be kept open till 11 p.m. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

10—Flooding—Rosehurst, Sandford Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted claims for compensation made by Mr. and Mrs. Whiting in respect of the Storm Water Overflow laid through their premises, RESOLVED, That Mr. J. H. Boulter be instructed to consider and report as to compensation to be allowed on these claims.

11—Extension of Sewer—Hester's Way—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. proposed to erect 14 houses at a cost of approximately £400 each at Hester's Way, and ultimately to erect a further 10 houses. They proposed to extend the sewer, which they estimated would cost £749 13s. 2d. and asked on what terms the Corporation would refund the cost. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had the line of the proposed sewer relevelled, and an amended invert appeared to be necessary, and he estimated the cost of the sewer at £1,000. RESOLVED, That, subject to the work of extending the sewer being put out to tender, and carried out under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and to the whole cost being deposited by the Company, the Council be recommended to refund £50 for every £80 Rateable Value connected to the sewer.

12—Notification of Infectious Diseases—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in one or two cases there had been some delay in the notification of infectious diseases. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the local medical practitioners calling their attention to the provisions of the Notification of Infectious Diseases Act, 1889, and to inform them that the Committee will have to take serious notice if cases are not notified forthwith as provided under the Act.

13—Health Department—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. A. C. F. Gisborne had passed the Royal Sanitary Institute Examination for Meat and Other Foods. RESOLVED, That the Committee congratulate him on his success.

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14—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—(a) The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Committee recommending the Council to defer for the present the passing of a resolution applying to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs the provisions of Section 1 of the Act, requiring the use of a mechanically operated instrument for the slaughter of these animals. Messrs. Ben James, A. Davis, D. Waghorne and the Rev. Gordon Lang attended as a deputation from the District Meat Traders' Association, and urged the Committee not to pass the resolution. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee to give the members of the Council an opportunity of witnessing a demonstration of the new Anestygun which had been redesigned and improved upon by English manufacturers.

(b) The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for the provision of an electrical stunning apparatus. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to purchase 2 new English Anestygun Applicators including transformer at a cost of £30, and also a new captive bolt pistol at a cost of £5 5s. 0d.

(c) Registration of Slaughtermen—The Sanitary Inspector reported that 47 slaughtermen had been registered under the Act. The charge for registration was 1s for one year as decided at the last meeting of the Committee,

15—Slum Clearance Areas No. 1—An official representation under the Housing Act, 1930, was submitted by the Medical Officer of Health in respect 16 areas comprising the following houses :-4-9 News Cottages, Alstone Lane ; 1-7 Carlton Place West 1-6 Vauxhall Place, Elm Street ; 1-3 13ryant's Court, Cleaveland Street ; 1-3 Hereford Passage ; 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 Roebuck Cottages, Hereford Place ; 1-5 Orchard Place ; 30a and 31a Burton Street ; 1-4 Cumberland Cottages, Grove Street ; 1-7 Grosvenor Cottages, Sherborne Place ; 1-3 Fairview Retreat, and Britannia Square, Fairview Street ; 1-7 Exmouth Court, and 1-6 Exmouth Terrace ; 1 and 2 Brockworth Cottages, Exmouth Street; 1 and 2 Birdlip Cottages, Commercial Street ; 35, 37 and 39 Bath Terrace ; and 212, 213 and 214 High Street, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Rutland Street. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to take the representation into consideration, and that the same be referred to the Housing Committee.

16—Nutrition—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the report made by a Committee of the British Medical Association, and setting out the observations of the Advisory Committee to whom the report had been referred. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

17—Park Place Resewerage Scheme—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Messrs. Winterbotham Gurney & Co, asking the Council to make good the damage to the cracks at The Pines, which their client, Col. Brooke, contended was due to work done in connection with the resewerage scheme. RESOLVED, That the Council are unable to accept any liability, and that the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

18—Meetings—RESOLVED, That in future this Committee meet at 2.45 p.m.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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## HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson' and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Exterior Painting—81 houses St. Paul's, 51 houses St. Peter's and 4 houses St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor submitted 11 tenders received for exterior painting. The specification had been divided into two groups. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Son of £238 11s. 0d. for one group and £155 1s 0d. for the other be accepted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) Wordsworth Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with laying out and turfing the square in Wordsworth Avenue.

(b) Cutler and Sysum's Contract—The architects reported that the work of completing this contract was well in hand. Mr. Drew had been engaged as foreman in charge at a wage of £6 per week, and his close knowledge of the work had been of considerable value and enabled the work to be pushed forward rapidly. Six houses would be completed this week, a further six by the end of next week, and another 18 in about a month's time, but the remaining 2 houses would not be completed for about two months.

3—Need for New houses—The Housing Manager reported the urgent need for additional houses apart from the houses required in connection with the Slum Clearance Programme (a copy of the Housing Manager's report is sent with the Minutes). RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to consider the provision of some additional houses to be erected by the Corporation without the aid of subsidy, but that before proceeding with the preparation of a scheme, the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health and obtain their provisional approval.

4—Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted particulars of ten tenants who were in arrear with their rent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to these tenants as now decided by the Committee.

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

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—(a) New Houses—That when plans are being prepared for new houses, that provision be made for some four-bedroom houses.

(b) 15 Elm Street—That the Sanitary inspector be instructed to prepare specification for reconstruction and additions to this house purchased by the Corporation to provide for a four-bedroom house.

(c) Housing Department—That Mr. A. J. Stroud, pupil in the Health Department, be paid a wage of 5s per week, clear of all deductions, for answering enquiries in the Housing Department when the Housing Manager and her staff are unable to be in, in place of Mr. Gisborne, who had been appointed temporary Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Reconditioning—The Sanitary Inspector submitted six tenders received for reconditioning 44 Burton Street and 14 Rutland Street now purchased by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Son for reconditioning No. 44 Burton Street amounting to £172 15s. 9d. (being the lowest) and the tender of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd. for reconditioning No. 14 Rutland Street, including the provision of a bath, amounting to £179, be accepted, subject in each case, to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, on the

recommendation of the Borough Treasurer, That No. 44 Burton Street be let at 8s per week, inclusive of rates, and that No. 14 Rutland Street be let at 8s 6d. per week, inclusive of rates.

7—Conference—Read, circular of 15th inst. from the Association of Municipal Corporations inviting the attendance of delegates to a conference on housing to be held in London on the 15th and 16th March next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be appointed to attend.

8—Home Grown Timber—Read, circular of 15th inst. from the Federated Home Grown Timber Merchants Association, asking the Council to adopt the practice of the London County Council, of obtaining tenders on two bases, namely, materials to be obtained anywhere, and materials to be made in the Empire. RESOLVED, That this proposal be not adopted.

9—Sale of Land—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. W. J. Rogers to purchase a piece of land having a frontage to Brooklyn Road of 68 feet and a width of 45 feet for the erection of a house, together with the valuation of the District Valuer. RESOLVED, That the land be sold to Mr. Rogers at the price of £180 subject to contract, and to sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

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10—Workmen's Housing Association Ltd. A Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Morris and J. Ward reported that they had considered the letter from the Workmen's Housing Association Ltd. The minimum number of houses the Association are prepared to entertain is 75. and they estimate that, assuming the land can be purchased at approximately £200 an acre, they would be able to provide houses in accordance with the plans and specification submitted, to let at a rent of 9s per week which, with rates, would amount to about 14s per week. The houses only contained about 653 to 663 superficial feet and were smaller than the houses erected in Shelley Avenue, now let at an inclusive rent of 11s 11d. per week. The Sub-Committee do not consider that there is a demand for working-class houses at this rent, and do not recommend the Committee to entertain the proposal to join in financing the scheme.

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

11—Sites for new houses— (a) The Town Clerk reported the negotiations made by the District Valuer in regard to the purchase of the land known as "The Hollies," Tewkesbury Road. He also reported offer of Mr. A. W. Smith to sell about ten acres of the land belonging to the Moors, Tewkesbury Road, adjoining Ark Gardens, and the Borough Surveyor submitted provisional layout of this piece of land. RESOLVED, That consideration of the purchase of "The Mollies" site be deferred, and that the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of about ten acres of Mr. Smith's land.

(b) New Houses-----RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of the new houses required under the Slum Clearance Orders now about to be made by the Council,

12—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking to be furnished with the Council's proposals in regard to the disposal of the piece of surplus land lying between the backs of houses fronting to Malvern Street and the backs of houses fronting to Elm Street, and containing about 500 square yards, and at present let to the tenant of No. 39 Malvern Street as an allotment. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that it is desirable to dispose of this land, and that the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved,

13—Alstone Lawn Estate —(a) Rents—Read, letter of 12th inst, from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was still of opinion that an allowance for repairs, management etc., of £5 10s. 0d., per house under the 1930, Act, should be ample instead of £6 as provided, and asking the Council to take early steps to reduce the rents accordingly. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider, that the

sum of should be allowed, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to interview the Ministry thereon.

(b) Pates Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with laying out the square in Pates Avenue, and planting shrubs, and to fence in the square and provide a gate on each side.

(c) Allotments on frontage—RESOLVED, That Allotments Nos. 6 and 12 be let, but that Allotment No. 16 be not re-let for the present.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted request from the owner of "Bramery" for a row of poplars to be planted along the western boundary of the Alstone Lawn Estate so as to screen the backs of the houses from his property, RESOLVED, That the Council are unable to accede to this request,

14—Smoke Abatement—The Town Clerk submitted resolutions passed at the Annual Conference of the National Smoke Abatement Society urging authorities to take steps to ensure the greatest possible degree of smokelessness on new housing estates, and that gas and electrical appliances should be installed, and that ranges and open fires should be so constructed as to burn smokeless fuels. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider the resolutions when preparing plans for new houses.

15—Slum Clearance Programme No. 1—The Medical Officer of Health submitted official Representation in respect of 16 areas. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pass the following resolutions at their next Meeting :—

#### **SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME NO 1**

RESOLVED,

(a) Whereas the Council upon consideration of an official representation of their Medical Officer of Health, being satisfied as respects each of the areas hereinafter mentioned,

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

(2) that the most satisfactory method of dealing with the conditions in each area is the demolition of all the buildings in the area ; have caused the areas to be defined on Maps in such a manner as to exclude from the areas any building which is not unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health ;

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Now the Council being also satisfied,

(i) that in so far as suitable accommodation available for persons of the working classes who will be displaced by the clearance of each area does not already exist, the Council can provide or secure the provision of such accommodation in advance of the displacements which will from time to time become necessary as the demolition of buildings in each area or in different parts thereof proceeds ;

(ii) that the resources of the Council are sufficient for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect ; do hereby in pursuance of Section 1 of the Housing Act, 1930, declare each of the said areas to be a clearance area, that is to say, an area to be cleared of all buildings in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Areas above referred to are the areas marked on the Maps prepared by the Borough Surveyor and dated the 18th January, 1934 and thereon coloured pink and described thereon as hereinafter mentioned and comprising the following houses and premises, including the outbuildings belonging and appurtenant thereto, namely :-

Description of Area.	Houses and Premises comprised in Area.
News Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 News Cottages, Alstone Lane.
Carlton Place West Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Carlton Place West, Swindon Road.
Vauxhall Place Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Vauxhall Place, Elm Street.
Bryant's Court Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Bryant's Court, Cleaveland Street.
Hereford Passage Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Hereford Passage, High Street.
Roebuck Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 Roebuck Cottages, Hereford Place.
Orchard Place Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Orchard Place, Swindon Road.
Burton Street Clearance Area ...	Nos. 30a and 31a Burton Street.
Cumberland Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Cumberland Cottages, Grove Street.
Grosvenor Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Grosvenor Cottages, Sherborne Place.
Fairview Retreat and Britannia Square Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Fairview Retreat and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Britannia Square, Fairview Street.
Exmouth Court and Exmouth Terrace Clearance Area...	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Court and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Exmouth Terrace, Exmouth Street and 1 and 2 Brockworth Cottages.
Birdlip Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1 and 2 Birdlip Cottages, Commercial Street.
Bath Terrace Clearance Area	Nos. 35, 37 and 39 Bath Terrace.
High Street Clearance Area	Nos. 212, 213 and 214 High Street and W.C. and Washhouse of 6 and 7 Roebuck Cottages.
Rutland Street Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Rutland Street.

RESOLVED, also, That the Council hereby undertake to carry out such re-housing operations within such period as the Minister of Health may consider reasonably necessary.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1930, hereby make a Clearance Order in respect of each of the 16 areas described in the foregoing resolution for the demolition of all the buildings in the said Clearance Areas, and that the Common Seal be affixed to such Orders, and that the Town Clerk be directed to give the prescribed advertisement and notices of such Orders, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation of the said Orders.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Bath Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that the attention of the owners of Nos. 114 to 122 Bath Road had been drawn to the defective condition of the plinth and railing separating the front garden from the public footpath, and he estimated the cost of making this good at £7 2s. 0d.



RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out subject to the owners of all the houses agreeing to bear their proportion of the cost.

2—Keynsham Road—Tree—The Borough Surveyor submitted further letters from Mrs. Douglas asking for the removal of a large lime tree in Keynsham Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to remove the tree.

3—Borough Surveyor's Department—Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor submitted the resignation of Mr. P. M. Spencer, Engineering Assistant in his department. He had, with the authority of the Chairman, advertised for applications for the post at a salary of £250 per annum, rising by two annual increments of and one of £10 to per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Chairman and Councillor Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications received and to make the appointment.

4—Sandy Lane Tip---The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Newcome of the Cotswold Farm Meat Company had offered to allow the Corporation to tip on his land near Sandy Lane Tip, and he therefore proposed to follow on with this tipping when the work on the Council's own land had been completed. RESOLVED, That Mr. Newcome's offer be accepted.

5—Mechanical Haulage—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the mechanical haulage required from time to time.

6—Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that a prospective purchaser of one of the new houses in course of erection in Harp Hill had enquired whether any charge was likely to fall on the owners of these houses in regard to the widening of the road and the footpath in consequence of the notice given by the Council of the intention to declare a portion of this road to be a new street. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Council will be prepared to pay half the cost of widening the carriageway subject to the owner paying the cost of making up the footpath and half the cost of making up the carriageway, and giving up the necessary land for the widening free of cost.

7—Wellington Street—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the bridge parapet in this street should be repaired by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ask the owner of the adjoining land to have the fence belonging to him made good.

8—White Lines etc. on Roads—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase some stencils for 6 feet road lettering, and also to purchase for trial some steel studs for use instead of white lines.

9—Gloucester Road—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was sufficient balance in the County Road Account to allow for a small length of this road to be planted with trees, and he recommended that trees should be planted from the Lansdown Castle for a short distance towards the Borough boundary. RESOLVED, That trees be planted, and that the number of trees and position be settled at the next view meeting.

10—Treeman—The Sub-Committee reported that 24 applications were received for this appointment, and that having interviewed two candidates, they recommended that Mr. F. Savidge, at present employed as treeman under the Birmingham Corporation, should be appointed. The Housing Committee had agreed to grant him the tenancy of one of the Non-Subsidy houses at St. Mark's, and in view of the additional rent which he would have to pay over his present rent, they recommended that his commencing wage should be £3 5s. 0d. per week, rising by two annual increments to £3 12s. 6d. per week. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—One-Way Traffic Order—Strand, High Street—Read, letter of 9th instant from the Ministry of Transport that it was hoped to issue Regulations at an early date relating to the procedure to be

adopted by local authorities in making One-Way Traffic Orders. RESOLVED, That the making of an Order be deferred until these regulations are received.

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12—Rights of Way Act, 1932—The Town Clerk reported that this Act came into force on 1st instant. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a list of footpaths in the Borough.

13—Coltham Fields, Hales Road—Read, memorial from residents in Coltham Fields in regard to the nuisance and obstruction caused by the use of premises in the road for breaking up motor cars. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

14—Passage, Pittville Circus Road to Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for the repair of this passage by the abutting owners.

15—Chester Walk—Read, report of damage to the paving in Chester Walk by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. R. Wynn & Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

16—Private Improvement Works—Eldorado Road—Read, further letters from the two owners in regard to the notices served requiring them to pave kerb and channel the footpath adjoining their premises. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are prepared to allow a discount of 5 per cent on the apportionment of the cost if payment is made within one month of the service of the notice of apportionment.

17—Workmen's Hours—Read, letter of 20th instant from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers again asking that the workmen's hours should be adjusted so as to enable the workmen to cease work at 12 noon on Saturdays, and also suggesting that the summer time hours should be as follows :—Mondays to Fridays 7.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 7.30 a.m. to 12 noon. The summer hours are at present fixed as follows :—Mondays to Fridays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (with a break of half an hour from 8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for breakfast) and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (with a break of half an hour for breakfast). RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to accede to the application to cease work at 12 noon on Saturdays, but agree to alter the hours so as to start at 7.30 a.m. (with no break for breakfast) or to keep to the present hours as may be decided by the majority of the workmen, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain which hours the majority of the men prefer.

18—Automatic Traffic Signals—The Town Clerk reported that under the new regulations made by the Ministry of Transport they required the County Council to be consulted with regard to traffic signals affecting " claimed Roads " and he had accordingly made application to the County Council who raised no objection to any of the proposals.

Junction of High Street, Clarence Street, North Street and the Promenade—It was reported that the Ministry of Transport would not agree to an arrangement being made to permit filtration of traffic up the Colonnade and North Street while the signals were against traffic. RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the Committee this would not be satisfactory and that the Council be recommended not to proceed with this application.

Junction of High Street with Hales Road and Old Bath Road—It was reported that the Ministry of Transport approved of the installation at this junction in principle, but required tender and estimate of the cost to be submitted for approval. The Borough Surveyor reported that he was obtaining a tender. RESOLVED, That the Council be asked to authorise the Traffic Sub-Committee to accept a tender.

Junction of Suffolk Road with Suffolk Square and Park Place—This application is still under consideration by the Ministry of Transport.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1934.** Present- The Mayor: Alderman Clara Winterbotham, Councillors Addis, Barnett, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Lipson and Rogers; Mesdames E. Booy, L. Grist, E. C. Gurney and W. L. Mellersh (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

1 Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1933.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows .—

At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	29	28
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	16.4	13.2
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	34	42
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	27.3	22.2

(b) Highbury Centre—Mrs. Mellersh, the Chairman of the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association reported that owing to the pressure of work at this centre, the Association recommended that a second Medical Officer should be appointed for a term of one year, The Association had sufficient funds in hand to pay for this for one year, but would require an additional grant if it was found necessary to continue the engagement of two doctors at this centre. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the engagement of a second doctor, and that the matter be further considered in a year's time.

2—Health Visitors—Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended December, 1933 ;—

No. of Children on Register	3,093
“ Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	1,031
“ “ (b) over 1 year	2,099
“ Un-notified Births discovered	15
“ Un-notified Still-Births discovered ...	3
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	7,352
“ First Visits...	574
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	247
“ Children remitted to Hospital	35
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	109
“ Chicken-pox “	7
“ Measles	4
“ Mumps cases visited	3
“ Whooping-cough cases visited	121
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	1
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C,	4

Grants of Milk :

Average number of cases receiving assistance daily during the year 94

Cost of milk during the year ...	£290 0s. 0d.
Cost of Ostermilk during the year ...	£6 15s. 0d.

Children Act :

No. of Children on Register during year	63
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Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1933 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,378
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	591
“ (over 1 year)	.. 581
“ Un-notified Births discovered	2
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,872
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	108
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	72
“ Children remitted to Hospital ...	9
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	33
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	1
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	54
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1

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Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	71
New Orders	64
Orders discontinued during quarter	34
“ continuing to coming quarter	101

Children Act :

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	42	8
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	41	8

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 55 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st October to 31st December, 1933, and that the total amount of doctors' fees paid for the period from 1st April to 31st December, 1933, was £71 12s. 6d., of which £26 5s. 6d. was rechargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st December, 1933: Still-births 4 Deaths of Infants 2.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that no request for a specialist opinion had been received during the quarter.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted account for consultant in a notified case of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That the account be passed for payment.

5—Dentistry--The Medical Officer of Health reported that 10 mothers and 21 infants had attended the School Dentist in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee.

6—Milk—(a) RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the supply of milk for the year ended 28th February, 1935, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender or tenders.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report in regard to the free supply of milk in necessitous cases. RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that the present system is satisfactory but that it be left to the discretion of the Medical Officer of Health as to supplying additional milk in accordance with the Regulations where he considers necessary.

7—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Ellen M. Magnall for her premises at 79 Promenade to be registered as a Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. F. Owens of 34 Pilley Crescent had taken a child for reward without giving the required notice under the Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draw Mrs. Owens' attention to the provisions of the Act, and to warn her that the Committee will take proceedings if there is any further breach of the Act.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, P. F. Kensett, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (The Mayor 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.
3672	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, Stanmer House, Lypiatt Road.
3674	Instone, Mrs. R. L.	Conversion into two houses with garage, Douglas, Parabola Road.
3675	Goldsmith, Lt.-Col. C.	Cycle shed, Sandhurst, Moorend Park Road,
3676	Beckwith, G. C.	Site for garage, Stretton Lodge, Western Road.
3677	Gloucestershire County Council	Alterations and additions to laundry, Public Assistance Institution, Swindon Road.
3678	Griffiths, Mrs.	Motor house, Mountfield, London Road.
3679	Stinchcombe, E. J.	Two semi-detached houses, Whaddon Road.
3680	Jordan, Mrs. M. S.	Motor house, rear of Belmore House, Bath Road.
3681	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, Northwold, Queen's Road.
3682	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, Seven Arches, Lansdown Parade.
3683	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, 5 Montpellier Parade.
3684	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, Kingston, Overton Park Road,
3685	Morris, S. C.	Detached house, Hatherley Road (Thornclyff Estate).
3686	Rogers, W. J.	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
3687	Ladies College Council	Cycle House, Farnley Lodge, Vittoria Walk.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3675, 3678, 3679, 3680, 3685 and 3686 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3672, 3674, 3677, 3681, 3682, 3683 and 3684 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the cases of Plans Nos. 3682 and 3683, subject also to the new work being made to harmonise with the old ; and that Plans Nos. 3676 and 3687 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to remove the buildings

behind the building line at their own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Corporation.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
557	Surl, A. J.	Cottage, near Gotherington Cross.
567	Smith, H. S. Warren	Alterations and additions, Longwood Farm, Cleeve Hill.
568	Corporation Electricity Dept.	Extension of overhead cables, Evesham Road to Hyde Farm.
569	Drake, N. W. G.	Site plan for detached house, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings (Amended),
570	Bradley, E. H. & Sons	Layout of building land off Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings (Amended).
571	James, Mrs. Owen	Semi-bungalow, Shurdington-Badgeworth Road.
572	Gattidge, W. A.	House, Warden Hill Road, Leckhampton.
573	Bendall, A. C.	Semi-bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
574	Porcher, Miss K. L.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
575	Harris, Miss	Additions, Apple Orchard Cottage, Little Witcombe.
576	Fuller, Miss C.	Bungalow, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
577	Partridge, J.	Office, Birdlip.
578	Agg, Mrs. E. S.	House, Whittington.
579	Marshall, A. E.	Three pairs semi-detached houses, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
580	Bowd, W. H.	Site plan for 2 pairs semi-detached houses, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 568, 570, 573, 575 and 576 be approved ; That Plan No. 567 be approved subject to the external materials harmonising with the existing building ; That Plans Nos. 569 and 579 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to dedicate the land required for widening the roads to bye-law width ; That Plan No. 571 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land between the existing hedge and the improvement line prescribed by the County Council for the widening of the road when required ; That Plan No. 574 be approved subject to either clay tiles or slates being used ; That Plan No. 577 be approved subject to the building being set back to the building line ; and That Plans Nos. 557, 572, 578 and 580 be disapproved.

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3—Applications to Develop—(a) Plan No. T.P. 541—Read, letter from Messrs. Steel & Broom on behalf of Mr. Bausor asking the committee to reconsider their decision refusing their Consent to this plan as this entailed considerable hardship on their client. RESOLVED, That under the special circumstances the plan be approved subject to Mr. Bausor agreeing to connect the drains of the house to the sewer when this is laid.

(b) Read, letter from Messrs. Rickerby Thomson & Yeaman asking for permission to sell at least three more plots of land adjoining the plot sold to Mr. Bausor for building purposes, Read, also, Resolution passed by the Cheltenham Rural District council that the decision to time zone this land should be adhered to pending the report of their Committee to the possibility of sewerage the land. RESOLVED, That the previous decision in regard to this land be adhered to and that Messrs. Rickerby & Co. be

informed that their application cannot be granted until provision has been made for the extension of the sewer.

(c) Sandfield Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. Prude asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to enforce a deeper building line than 30 feet in this road. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

(d) Petrol Pump, Kempsey, Charlton Lane—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of appeal note by Mr. B. M. Dancy against the refusal of the Council to grant permission for the erection of a petrol pump at these premises, and asking for the Council's observations thereon. Mr. B. M. Dancy attended the Committee. RESOLVED, unanimously, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to approve of the application to erect the pump on the grounds that ; (1) Charlton Lane is scheduled for residential purposes ; (2) the erection of a petrol pump in the road would affect the amenities; (3) the road is too narrow to permit of vehicles standing in the road ; and (4) that there are two petrol filling stations within 300 and 350 yards respectively of the proposed site.

4—Plan No. 3657—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of Glengar, Leckhampton Road, was willing to give up the necessary land for rounding off the corner at the junction of Leckhampton Road and Hall Road, subject to payment of the sum of £5 for compensation for removal of trees, and to the Corporation re-building the wall to the height of the existing wall. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks.

5—Plan No. 3671—Read, application from Mr. H. S. Hickling for his plan for a motor house at Lavington, Sydenham Road North, to be reconsidered so as to allow this to be built in front of the building line. RESOLVED, That in the special circumstances now reported by the Borough Surveyor, the plan, as submitted, be approved as a temporary building subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at his own cost at any time when required by the Corporation.

6—Hall Road, Harp Hill and Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1925, Orders be now made declaring the portions of Hall Road for a distance of 367 yards from its junction with Leckhampton Road to a point on the north side of the School Playground ; Harp Hill for a distance of 100 yards from the west boundary of the Children's Hospital grounds to a point near the junction of Harp Hill with Cemetery Road ; and Hatherley Road for a distance of 204 yards westwards from a point 130 yards from the railway bridge on the Cheltenham-Banbury branch of the Great Western Railway to be new streets for the purposes of the application thereto of the byelaws with respect to new street and buildings.

7—Church Road, Leckhampton—Read, application from Mr. H. White for permission to continue the use of his house, Ashfield, Church Road, for a news agency business. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for a further period of one year on the same conditions as previously granted.

8—Building Inspector—RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the applications received for the appointment of Building Inspector he held on the 6th February, and that a meeting of the Council members of the Committee be held on the 14th February to interview candidates selected by the Sub-Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Pruen, P. T. Smith and Waite; Messrs. H. W. Bennett and E. W. Dicks (Councillor Waite in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Floral Fete—Messrs. Baring, Cypher and Fuller attended a meeting of the Committee held on 1st December, 1933, and applied for the use of Montpellier Gardens for the Floral Fete to be held on 27th and 28th June next, RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens (with the exception of the Putting Course) be granted for the two days of the Show 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 to and approved by the Committee, subject also to the Floral Fete 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, and subject also to the Floral Fete Committee issuing tickets to persons hiring the hard tennis courts during the Show as arranged last year. RESOLVED, also, That the tennis courts be let one week earlier if the ground is suitable for play.

(b) Read, application of 6th instant from Miss Hilda M. Bourne, Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Archers for the use of the Archery Ground for the 1934 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 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.

2—Electricity Works—Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing filtration plant for the swimming pools on this site at £450, being £80 for the construction of the filter house, £350 for the filtration plant, and £20 for aerator. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the provision of this, and that the Council be recommended to authorise a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Grimwade and Howell to accept a tender.

3—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for making a shallow and firm bottom to the portion of the Lake east of the boat house for a children's boating lake as suggested by the Entertainments Sub-Committee RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Parks Committee, and that they be recommended to give the proposal their favourable consideration,

4—Medical Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

(b) Electrical Treatment—The Superintendent recommended the purchase of a modern Treatment Table at a net cost of £31 10s 0d. RESOLVED, That this be purchased,

(c) Radiant Heat—The Superintendent recommended the purchase of a small Radiant Heat Bath at a cost of £4 19s. 0d. for giving Radiant Heat Baths for limbs, which would be more economical than using the full length bath as at present. RESOLVED, That provision be made for this in next year's estimates.

(d) Slipper Baths—RESOLVED, That the staff for the Slipper Baths be rearranged as now settled by the Committee.

5—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their meetings held on 1st, 5th and 15th instant.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—



(a) Whit Monday Fete—That the offer of Mr. Edwards to pay £80 for the right of providing amusement fair at the Whit Monday Fete be accepted on the same terms as previous years subject to £20 deposit being paid forthwith, £20 on or before 30th April and the balance on or before 19th May.

(b) Illuminated Sign—That an interchangeable electric sign advertising the various entertainments at the Town Hall be fixed on a lamp standard at the corner of Oriel Road, and connected to the public lighting circuit at an estimated cost of £16 14s. 0d.

(c) Everyman—That the arrangements made for three performances of this play on 12th, 13th and 14th April be approved.

(d) Ladies' Cloak Room, Town Hall—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit schemes for enlarging the ladies' cloak room at the Town Hall.

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

6—Alstone and Montpellier Swimming Baths—Read, report of the Medical Officer of Health as to the installation of filtration plants for these baths. He was of opinion that no swimming pool should be constructed without a filtration plant, and that it was most desirable that filtration plants should be provided at these baths RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the installation of filtration plants

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7—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 8th instant from the Spa Bowling Club together with income and expenditure account for the year ended 28th October last, and the Guarantors Account. The Club at a special meeting had decided that they could not enter into the proposed lease, but were prepared to enter into a lease for three or five years at a rent of per annum subject to the Corporation agreeing to take over the Club's annexe for the sum of £40. RESOLVED, That in view of the Club's position the Bowling Green be let to them for one year at an inclusive rent of £30, the Corporation to take over the annexe at a cost of £40, subject to the Club carrying out their obligations under the present lease to make good the defective turf etc., and that Minute No. 17 passed at the meeting of the Committee on 24th November last be varied accordingly,

8—Summer Band—Read, letter from Mr. Horace Teague in regard to the provision of next summer's band. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

9—Borough Meteorologist—Read, application from Mr. D. Leuchars for an increase in the amount paid to him and his assistant, W. James, for the work in taking the meteorological readings and supplying particulars daily to the Air Ministry etc. RESOLVED, That Mr. Leuchar's remuneration be increased to £37 per annum, and that W. James be allowed a cycle allowance of £4 per annum.

10—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for sittings of the Traffic Commissioners for the Western Area to be held on 31st January, and if necessary, on the following day,

11—League of Industry--RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to invite the League of Industry to hold their annual conference in Cheltenham next year.

12—Sandford Mead and Orrisdale Terrace Allotments—RESOLVED, That Mr. Castle be instructed to settle any claims for compensation in respect of the Allotments for which Notices have been given.

13—Pittville Water—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement with the United Chemists Association Ltd. providing for payment of 1d. per gallon for all water supplied to the Apollinaris Company during

the continuance of the Agreement with the United Chemists Association Ltd. or the renewal thereof under their option. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Morris, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made with the improvement of Public Lighting. The total number of positions where lighting had been improved to date was 264.

(b) Bennington Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to proceed with the improvement of the lighting of Bennington Street by means of three suspended lamps and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement with the Owners of properties from which lamps are suspended.

(c) St. George's Street—The Committee considered complaint of the lighting in this street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next financial year.

(d) Pittville—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. E. Constable Curtis drawing attention to the inadequate lighting outside Kenilworth. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

2—Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the maximum load this Winter was obtained at 5 p.m. on the 11th ultimo, and amounted to 5,145 kilowatts.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Burrow, Green., Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Pruen, Smith and Waite; Messrs. H. W. Bennett and E. W. Dicks (Councillor Waite in the chair).

14—Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the construction of a swimming pool on the site adjoining Sandford Park at a cost of which included allowance for contingencies. The Scheme provides a swimming pool 165 feet by 90 feet with diving stages, two water shutes, and filtration plant and cascade aerator capable of filtering the water every six hours ; cloak room and dressing accommodation for 640 bathers, Superintendents and First Aid rooms, and car and cycle parks, pay offices, etc. The main entrance was in Keynsham Road with an additional entrance for pedestrians from College load through Sandford Park. The Borough Surveyor also submitted estimate of the annual running expenses including loan charges amounting to £2,493.

The Committee propose that the charges for admission should be 6d. for adults and 3d. for children under 14, with an extra charge on Bank Holidays and special occasions, and a charge of 6d. for parking motor cars.

The admissions to Alstone Baths in 1932, numbered 64,298 and 66,218 in 1933, and it has been ascertained that the number of admissions to the open air bath at Malvern (population 16,830) in 1932 was 38,420, and in 1933, was 42,207. Having regard to the larger population in Cheltenham and neighbourhood the Committee think that the attendances in a normal year should be at least

100,000, and that the receipts for admissions, galas, refreshments and car park may reasonably be expected to cover the annual charges in a normal year.

RESOLVED, (a) That the plans and estimates lx approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £14,460, and that tenders be invited for carrying out the work ; (b) That the Council be recommended to approve of the following hours of opening on Sundays, viz. :-7 a.m. to 10.15 a.m., 12 30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 7.45 p.m. to closing time ; (c) That the tender of Messrs. Bell Bros. Ltd. (being one of 9 tenders obtained) for filtration plant amounting to £1,539 10s. 0d. be accepted, subject to sanction to loan being obtained.

15—Town Hall—Read, application from Mr. Philip J. Taylor, applying for the free use of the Town Hall for the annual concert by the Cheltenham Orchestral and Choral Societies to held on the 19th March which this year was to be in aid of the Hospital Centenary Fund. The Entertainments Manager reported that he anticipated that a number of similar applications would be received in respect of entertainments to be held at the Town Hall in aid of the same fund. RESOLVED, That no reduction be made in the hire charges, but that the General Purposes Committee be recommended to consider making a donation direct to the Hospital instead of indirect contributions by reduction of hire charges.

16—Summer Bands, 1934—Read, Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th January, 1934, They recommended that tenders be invited for the provision of the following bands for next summer season :-

19th May to 9th September Mornings—Quartet in Town Hall.

19th May to 29th June. Weekdays—Band of 10 to play afternoons and evenings at Montpellier or Winter Gardens.

Sundays—Military Band to play afternoons and evenings at Winter Gardens.

30th June to 9th September Weekday afternoons—Band of 10 to play at Montpellier Gardens.  
Evenings and on Sundays (afternoons and evenings) Municipal  
Military Band of 18 performers and Conductor.

Also, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for an Orchestra or Band during the weekend May 12th and 13th during the occasion of the Conference of the National Deposit Friendly Society. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

3-I.M.E.A.—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Waite and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to Mend the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. to be held at Liverpool from the 28th May to the 1st June.

4-Loan of £15,000—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissions for sanction to a loan of £15,000 for prospective expenditure on mains and services.

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

6-Charlton Kings Railway Bridge—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Undertaking with the Great Western Railway Company to repay to the Company any additional expense that may

be incurred by them in constructing, altering or repairing this Bridge in consequence of the cable and duct laid in the roadway over the

7-Electricity Supply Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted revised and consolidated code of Regulations made by the Commissioners for securing the safety of the public, etc., which came into force on the 15th instant.

8-Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Naunton Lane—Read, report of damage to a Lamp Standard in Naunton Lane on the 20th ult. The estimated cost of renewing the damage was £7 18s. 9d., and the Town Clerk reported the terms uttered in settlement of the claim. RESOLVED, That these be accepted.

(b) Albion Street—Read, report of damage to a Lamp Standard in this street on the 17th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage.

(c) Thirlestaine Road and Bath Road—In reference to the damage to this Lamp Standard on the 28th August last, the Town Clerk reported that the Anglian Insurance Co. were willing to enter into an Agreement for the settlement of this and future claims on a halving basis. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign an Agreement on behalf of the Corporation,

9--Supply to Rural Areas—Crickley Hill and Birdlip—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that now a supply was available to Shurdington it was possible to provide a supply through a new route through Little Shurdington, Bentham, Little Witcombe, Great Witcombe, Crickley Hill to Birdlip Village and back to the Air Balloon. For the greater part of the route, overhead high tension and low tension lines would be used but a small amount of underground cable would be necessary as shewn on the map now submitted. He estimated the cost of the Scheme, including the high tension, low tension lines and cable, sub-stations, switchgear and transformers at £5,310 and submitted estimate of revenue in the first three years and recommended that the extensions should be made.

The North side of the Birdlip Village was in the area of the West Gloucestershire Power Company, but the Power Company were willing to facilitate the granting of a Fringe Order to enable the Corporation to supply houses and premises in their area. RESOLVED, (a) That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £5,310 for the cost of carrying out the scheme ; (b) 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 the consents of the Local Authorities concerned, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary wayleaves for the laying of cables, and erection of lines, and for payment of compensation for removal of any trees ; (c) That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for an Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, authorising a supply to houses and premises at Birdlip in the Parish of Brimpsfield.

10—Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. F. G. Muntzer had retired on Superannuation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to convey to Mr. Muntzer the Committee's appreciation of his many years' service with the Corporation.

11—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th ult., sheaving the average calorific value for the quarter to be 471.7 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 21st and 30th ult., the 8th, 16th and 19th inst., which show the calorific value on these dates to be 472.2, 469.7, 472.2, 471.9 and 470.3 B.Th.U. respectively. Pressure, 5.5, 5.7, 5.6, 5.8 and 5.8 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Miller and Morris (Alderman Margrett 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 January, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during Past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	53,000 gallons	243,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	158,000	754,000
Leckhampton Springs	19,000	49,000
Total	230,000	1,046,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 35,761,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Rainfall, Consumption etc.—The Borough Engineer submitted statement as to the rainfall for 1933. The rainfall recorded was as follows:—Sandford 22.81 inches, Hewletts 23.75 inches, Dowdeswell 25.65 inches, Tewkesbury 19.75 inches. The total quantity of water supplied, excluding the bulk supply to Tewkesbury, had risen from 594,039,000 gallons in 1932 to 658,138,000 gallons in 1933, an increase of 10.79 per cent. The daily consumption had risen from 1,623,000 to 1,803,000 gallons during the same period, and the total volume of water pumped during the past year was—Sandford 34,539,000 gallons, Tewkesbury 291,292,000. Pumping was still in progress, and for this reason it was not possible to connect up the new pumps at Tewkesbury, as it was necessary to continue pumping until there was sufficient storage of water in the reservoirs.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Transformer House—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Company for permission to erect a transformer house at the Waterworks at Tewkesbury on a site near the new storage tank, RESOLVED, That the Company be granted a lease of the site for a period of 14 years at a rent of £2 2s. 0d. per annum, the Corporation having an option to terminate the agreement on three months' notice at any time if the land is required for Waterworks purposes, and subject to the Company agreeing to place the existing overhead wires from a point near the storage tank to the buildings underground.

6—Home or Lower Farm, Dowdeswell—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. Castle, That the tenants of this farm be allowed the same abatement off the rent due last Michaelmas as allowed for the previous half year.

7—Extension to Main—Staverton Court and Staverton Lea—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. B. Prettejohn and Major H. Cobden had made application for the extension of the main belonging to Mr. Prettejohn for the purpose of providing a supply to Staverton Lea. RESOLVED, That consent be

given subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into containing the terms now approved by the Committee.

8—Damage to Meter Cover—Read, report of damage to a meter cover at the Shakespeare Hotel on 3rd instant by a traction engine belonging to Mr. Whiting. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to 19s 3d.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Sawyer, Taylor and Yarnold ; and Councillor Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals--Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended an outbreak of fire on the 26th ult. at Osborne Lodge, The Park, Damage about £25. Brigade Expenses £4 10s. 6d.

(b) The Captain reported that on the 20th inst., the Mayor, assisted by Alderman Sawyer had presented medals and bars to nine members of the Brigade for lout; service and good conduct.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the Winchcomb District Hospital had now entered into an agreement for the provision of the services of the Brigade in the event of an outbreak of fire occurring at the Hospital on the terms agreed to at the meeting of the Committee hold on the 18th July last.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Hitchman for the transfer of Licence No. 25 to Taxi Cab Registered No. DG 1631 be granted.

4—Domestic Servants' Registries—Superintendent Wayman reported that all the Registries in the Borough had recently been visited, and the books inspected and found in order,

5—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) Read, report of the Traffic Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 5th inst, Present :—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Thomas ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Green (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

(a) That the charge for parking be 6d. for four hours, and 1s for the day, and that the season tickets issued in respect of the other Corporation parking places be not available for this parking place.

(b) That the car park be opened on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and for such extended time thereafter as the Town Hall is open, and that the car park be closed on Sundays.

(c) That the car park be opened forthwith, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise it in the Echo.

(d) That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to discontinue the use of Imperial Square as a parking place, and that the attendant from this parking place be transferred to the Rodney Road car park.

(e) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a kerb in front of the wall adjoining the River Chelt.

(f) That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to proceed with the construction of the remaining land as a car park.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED, also, That the charge for parking after 7 p.m. be 6d.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of the intention of the Council to make an order under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, revoking the order authorising the use of the east side of Imperial Square as a parking place.

(b) Read, application from Mr. R. G. Bradbury for the right to sell petrol at the car park. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

(c) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. Richardson & Gill enquiring whether the Corporation would be prepared to grant a building lease of the land for the erection of a block of flats. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

6—Market—The Market Sub-Committee reported that they had had two meetings to consider the proposals of the Gloucestershire Marketing Society to provide new accommodation for their Market in accordance with the plans submitted by them, at an estimated cost of £4,000. They recommended that the new buildings asked for by the Society be provided subject to the Society entering into a new lease for 21 years and paying a rent of £200, plus rates for the Market, and an additional rent of £250, together with a percentage of 15s per cent. on the gross amount of all sales over and above £40,000. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted, RESOLVED, also, That the plans submitted by the Society be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report thereon, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan for the estimated expenditure required if the above terms are accepted by the Society.

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7—Carriage of Goods by Sea—Read, circular from the Association of Municipal Corporations, expressing the hope that the Corporation, when making contracts, will bear in mind the importance of securing that material which is delivered by water-borne coastal traffic should be carried in British-owned and British-manned coastal vessels.

8—Cinematograph Licences—RESOLVED, That the licences in respect of the Theatre and Opera House, Coliseum, North Street Picture House, Palace Picture House, The Daffodil Picture House and the Gaumont Palace be renewed for one year up to the 6th February, 1935.

9—International Union of Local Authorities—Read, circular from this Association asking the Council to make an increased subscription of £2 2s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the Council are unable to agree to this.

10—Codex Sinaiticus—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Library Committee that the Committee should make a contribution towards the Public Appeal which is being launched on behalf of the Codex Sinaiticus for the British Museum, RESOLVED, That this Committee consider that an appeal should be made for subscriptions by means of subscription lists exhibited at the Library and local Banks.

11—Minutes and Municipal Year Book—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Ray Bennett, Managing Editor of the Cheltenham Circular to be supplied with the monthly minutes of the Council and the Municipal Year Book be granted subject to no comment on the Minutes being made until after the Council Meeting.

12—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. A. Instone for a licence to store 900 gallons in an underground tank at 9 Tivoli Place, Andover Road be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. S. A. Sperry had now increased his storage from 50 gallons to 400 gallons, and asked that the fee of 5s for the old licence should be credited to the new licence, the fee for which was 10s. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.,

13—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that there were a number of dead trees on the hill which required felling, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

14— Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club asking the Council to allow the temporary dressing rooms erected under the stand to remain. The Club also asked whether the dressing rooms could be fitted up for permanent use, RESOLVED, That the Committee agree not to remove temporary dressing rooms, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the work which the Club suggest should be carried out.

15—St. Paul's Street South—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of the sites of Nos. 12, 13, 15 and 16, and that Mrs. Watts was prepared to sell the sites of Nos. 10, 11 and 14 on the terms now reported. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

16—Coltham Fields—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Wayman be instructed to take steps to prevent the obstruction of this road in respect of which a memorial had been received from residents complaining of the obstruction.

17—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that the services of F. Harding (Pavior) be extended for a period of 6 months from the 12th March next.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1934.** Present—Alderman Yarnold; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Green; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted the Garden Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments, who reported that there were still a number of plots in a bad state of cultivation. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to report again as to these allotments at the next meeting.

2—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to furnish a statement of the arrears of rents for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1934.** Present--Alderman Yarnold; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Green (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Cricket Pitches--Applications for Cricket Pitches were received from the Marle Hill Cricket Club, Bennington Hall Cricket Club, Central School Old Boys Cricket Club and Municipal Officers Guild.



RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for these to be considered with other applications at the next meeting of the Committee,

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillor Addis submitted application from Mr. Page for the removal of a chestnut tree at the back of his house in Marle Hill Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

3—Land in Albert Road adjoining Rothesay Mansions --The Town Clerk reported that this land formed Lot 8 at the sale of the Pittville Estate held on the 25th April, 1845, in respect of which a rent charge of £2 8s. 0d. was reserved while unbuilt upon, to be increased to £5 5s. 0d. when built upon, so that on the completion of the four houses now being erected, the Rent Charge would be increased to £5 5s. 0d. Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson & Yeaman had asked, on behalf of Messrs. Billings & Sons, that the Rent Charge should be apportioned between the four houses, namely £1 6s. 3d. per house. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to this apportionment, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at Marle Hill Annexe on Wednesday, 24th January, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Rogers, together with Alderman Pates and Councillor Waite (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

4—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of shallowing and providing a firm bottom to enable the portion of the lake east of the boat house to be used for a children's boating pool including the provision of a barrier across the lake, and the diversion of the stream, and providing a walk round the lake at £350. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to have this work carried out, and that it be left to the Town Improvement Committee to make arrangements for the provision of children's paddle boats. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to cut down and remove the shrubs and short trees between the lake and Evesham Road and to plant flower beds as now settled by the Committee, which will open the view of the lake from the road.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th January, 1934.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall Betteridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 21st December, 19 to 26th January, 1934. Interments 106 ; Grave Spaces sold 20 (First Position 3, Second Position 3, Fourth Position 14) ; New Inscriptions 8 ; Memorials erected 9. The number of interments for the year ended 31st December last was 766.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8906 to 8925 (both inclusive).

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to grave of Mary Caroline Twissell ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Mary Ann Taylor, Kate Louisa Copland, Eva Knight, Mary Brignell, Archie Sykes, and Doris Margaret Brown; Headstone to existing

Kerbing to graves of Sir James Herbert Seabrooke, Clara Seabrooke and Hilda Bruce Seabrooke, Gertrude Emma Joseland, and Margaret Elizabeth Brown ; Flat Stone on Plinth to grave of Jane Hall and Albert Thomas Hall ; Headstone to grave of Frank H. T. Tannant Turner ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Margaret Adam, William Smith, Florence Hewinson, and Annie Florence Parry and Joseph Parry; Kerbing to graves of Ada Noton, Florence Ellen Rutland, and Gertrude Lizzie Bastin.

4—Grave Spaces 4520 W. and 1229 A.1.—Read, letters from the owners of these graves that they had now left Cheltenham, and did not require the spaces, and asking whether the Committee could re-purchase the spaces. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to these applications, but that the Superintendent he instructed to bring the graves to the notice of intending purchasers of graves with a view to selling these.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th January, 1934.** Present—Alderman Thomas; Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Davis, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. F. Vernall (Alderman Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November and December—Receipts £42 1s. 2d. (including £9 12s. 6d. in respect of Charlton Kings and Prestbury readers). Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 13,684 (last year 12,724); Lending Department 33,507 (last year 34,696) ; Junior Department 5,057 (last year 5,969). Total for the two months 52,248 (last year 53,389). Days open 50 (last year 51).

Binding and Replacements-330 volumes had been returned from the Binder, and 102 volumes had been replaced.

Sub-Committee re Tablets on Historical Houses—This fund had now been transferred to the custody of the Borough Treasurer, Mr. Felix Miles, Hon. Treasurer, having paid over a cheque for £2 7s. 9d., and the Librarian £5 10s. 1d., which he had collected, making a balance in hand of £7 17s. 10d.

Lectures—The following lectures had taken place in the Art Gallery :—

November 20th	Miss Newby, "The Rising Generation." Attendance 152.
" 24th	Miss Liddiard, " Infant Feeding." Attendance 88.
December 11th	Rev. E. C. Hanson, "The Old Georgians, with special reference to Cheltenham." Attendance 91.
" 18th	Mr. H. Browning Button, 6 p.m., "Britain's Wonderful Railways." Attendance 210 (children).
" " 8 p.m.,	"Somerset and the Lorna Doone Country." Attendance 105.

Staff—As previously authorised, the Librarian had appointed a new Junior Assistant, Miss Penelope E. Morgan, to fill a vacancy, at 12s 6d per week.

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2—Donations—Anonymous, 3 vols.; Auctioneers' & Estate Agents' Institute, 1 vol.; Mr. E. A. Sallis Benney, 1 vol.; Mr. Francis Berry, 1 vol.; Mr. Councillor Ed. J. Burrow, 4 vols.; Office of the High Commissioner, Canada, 2 vols.; Messrs. Constable & Co., 1 vol.; Messrs. E. F. Cope & Co., 1 vol.; Corporation of Certified Secretaries, 1 vol.; Mrs. A. A. Dodgson, 2 vols.; Government of Fiji, 1 vol.; India Office, 1 vol.; Mr. H. W. A. Kilgour, 1 vol.; Mrs. Littledale, 3 periodicals ; Mr. D. W. Lloyd, 2 vols.; Miss E. B. Leggett, 1 vol.; Brig.-Gen. P. J. Miles, 2 periodicals ; National Childrens' Home &

Orphanage, 1 vol.; Miss F. M. Peebles, 25 vols.; Mr. W. A. Rixon, 1 vol.; Mr. F. J. Rodway, 1 vol.; Mr. H. Schofield, 1 vol.; Miss Tanner, 13 vols.; Messrs. the Town & County Directories Co., 1 vol.; Capt. R. P. Wild, 2 vols. and 1 periodical ; Mr. Stanley Wood, 1 vol.; Rev. Herbert Wylie, 18 vols.; General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 1 vol.

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

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 65 volumes, published at £27 16s. 0d., be purchased for £17 6s. 4d

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

(c) That the sum of be spent on Replacements.

4—Leslie Young Bequest Fund—RESOLVED, That " The Masque of the Edwards of England " by C. R. Ashbee (Essex House Press) be purchased out of this Fund at a cost of £2.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the " National Message," weekly, offered as a gift be accepted.

6—Inter-availability of Library Facilities—RESOLVED, That registered readers at Oxford Public Library be allowed facilities at this Library in exchange for facilities being extended to Cheltenham readers in Oxford.

7—British Israel World Federation—The Librarian reported correspondence with Lt.-Col. H. Jarrett-Kerr requesting facilities for distribution of leaflets advertising a lecture on behalf of the above organisation. RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action in declining to permit the use of the Library Counter for this purpose be confirmed, and that his policy of refusing posters or leaflets advertising anything of a religious or political party nature be approved.

8—Staff—(a) Reorganisation—The Librarian reported as to the reorganisation of the Staff, deferred from the November meeting, consequent upon four recent resignations, and proposed that the salaries of the following be increased as from 1st January :—

Miss M. Nealon.	from 25s to 30s per week.
Miss S. Jeffery	" 20s 1d- to 25s "
Miss P. Wilkins	" 17s 6d to 22s 6d "
Walter M. Martin.	" 30s to 35s "

RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Deputy Librarian—RESOLVED, also, That the salary of the Deputy Librarian (Miss H. C. Wise) who has recently been granted the Diploma of The Library Association, having passed eight examinations of that body, including Library Organisation (with merit) and Latin (with honours) be advanced from £200 to £225 per annum as from 1st inst.

9—Codex Sinaiticus—The Librarian suggested the advisability of the town of Cheltenham being associated with the Public Subscription for the purchase of the famous 4th Century MS. Bible for the British Museum RESOLVED, That the suggestion be passed to the General Purposes Committee for their favourable consideration, and that the subscription of 5 guineas be suggested.

10—Exterior Paintwork—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare a specification for the Exterior Paintwork, with a view to the inclusion of a suitable appropriation in next year's Estimates.

11—Library Jubilee—The Librarian suggested that some celebration of the Jubilee of the Opening of the Library, which takes place on 13th October, 1934, should be considered. RESOLVED, That he should be authorised to bring forward suggestions for the consideration of the Committee.

12—Lectures—The Librarian reported as to his arrangements for lectures during the period January to March, 1934, which were approved.

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H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th January, 1934.** Present—Alderman Barnett, Bettridge, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

(b) Messrs. F. W. Woolworth & Co.'s Premises—A representative of Messrs. Robson, Gore & Mercer, Rating Surveyors, attended in regard to the assessment of Messrs. Woolworth's extended premises in High Street. RESOLVED, That a proposal be made for the revision of the assessment as now settled by the Committee.

2--Second Valuation List—The Rating Officers reported that the second valuation list had been completed. They asked that, in view of the large amount of extra work entailed in the preparation of the lists, some extra remuneration should be paid to them and to the staff in the department. RESOLVED, That the following amounts be paid them namely : Mr. F. H. Harris £50, Mr. E. D. Ricketts £50, Mr. A. Ricketts £35, Mr. H. V. Webb £15.

Taylor ; Councillors

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th January, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col Biggs, Leigh James, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Taylor 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 £82,268 ; Leaving outstanding £22,653.

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. 1934. Amount collected £16,573 ; Leaving outstanding £3,373

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 30th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) Councillors Pruen and Waite. 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 offers of £1,500 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 £3,295 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—Education Accounts—Mr. W. T. Long attended in regard to the Education Accounts. RESOLVED, That the Sinking Fund Account amounting to £4,000 be transferred to the Corporation Account, and

that in future, the monthly payment to the Education Committee be less one twelfth of the Loan Charges etc., thus avoiding an accumulation of a separate sinking fund.

6--Superannuation--The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. F. Muntzer (former Charge Engineer) retired on the 8th January and was entitled to a superannuation allowance of £49 1s. 3d. in respect of 20 years non-contributory service, and that Mr W. Clements (Labourer) was due for retirement on the 6th March next, and his superannuation allowance amounted to 8s 9d per week in respect of 24 years non-contributory service, and that Mr. A Curtis (Water Department) was due for retirement on the 13th February, and his superannuation allowance amounted to 12s 7d per week in respect of 30 years non-contributory service. RESOLVED, That these pensions be paid.

7--Rodney Road Car Park--RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,730 for the cost of the acquisition of the land in Rodney Road, and layout and construction thereof as a Car Park.

8--Housing Act, 1930--Equalisation of Loans--Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Ministry of Health that as the sanctions issued for the erection of houses under this Act had been exercised, the Minister was unable to issue fresh sanctions for 40 years and 80 years as desired, and suggesting that arrangements should be made for the repayment within a period of 40 years of the portion of the loans already issued for 60 years period. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to arrange accordingly.

9--Private Improvement Expenses-7, Sandford Street--The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £9 13s. 7d., together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent. was due in respect of this property for Private Improvement Works carried out by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 106 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles be appointed Receiver of the rents of 7, Sandford Street, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1934.

Sir,

**You are hereby summoned to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1934, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and, any other business that may loyally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :--THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to consider application from Industrial Trades Exhibition Syndicate for Certificate of Exemption under Shops Acts. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. THREE COUNTIES SHOW-To report acceptance of Invitation and estimate for providing water supply on site

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully, Town Clerk.

To each member of the Council

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th February, 1934, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A., Moore, Pates, Sawyer. Taylor, Thomas. Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S.. Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James. Scott Langley, Lipson. M.A., Miller. Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st January, 1934, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

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Public Health Meeting held January 8

Housing Meeting held January 18

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Miller: "That Minute No. 3 in regard to the provision of additional Non-Subsidy houses be referred back " was lost).

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mrs. F. C. Fisher to purchase No. 3 Orchard Terrace, St. Mark's, for the sum of £430 be accepted to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Street and Highway Meeting held January 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Barnett: " That Minute No. 17 in regard to the workmen's hours be referred back."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Barnett: " That Minute No. 17 be amended, and that the workmen cease work at 12 noon on Saturdays instead of 1 p.m. " was ruled out of order by the Mayor).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 22

Town Planning Meeting held January 25

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 19 and February 1

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor The Rev. de Courcy Ireland: ". That Minute No. Li in regard to the proposed Swimming Pool be referred back " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 29

Water Meeting held January 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 23

Allotments Meeting held January 29

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held January 8 & 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Mien and seconded by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs: " That Minute No. 4 in regard to the children's boating be not approved" was lost).

Burial Board Meeting held January 26

Public Library Meeting held January 4

Rating Meeting held January 4

Finance Meeting held January 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

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3-Slum Clearance Programme No. 1-

RESOLVED,

(a) Whereas the Council upon consideration of an official representation of their Medical Officer of Health, being satisfied as respects each of the areas hereinafter mentioned,

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

(2) that the most satisfactory method of dealing with the conditions in each area is the demolition of all the buildings in the area ; have caused the areas to be defined on Maps in such a manner as to exclude from the areas any building which is not unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health ;

Now the Council being also satisfied,

(i) that in so far as suitable accommodation available for persons of the working classes who will be displaced by the clearance of each area does not already exist, the Council can provide or secure the provision of such accommodation in advance of the displacements which will from time to time become necessary as the demolition of buildings in each area or in different parts thereof proceeds ;

(ii) that the resources of the Council are sufficient for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect ; do hereby in pursuance of Section 1 of the Housing Act, 1930, declare each of the said areas to be a clearance area, that is to say, an area to be cleared of all buildings in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Areas above referred to are the areas marked on the Maps prepared by the Borough Surveyor and dated the 18th January, 1934 and thereon coloured pink and described thereon as hereinafter mentioned and comprising the following houses and premises, including the outbuildings belonging and appurtenant thereto, namely :-

Description of Area.	Houses and Premises comprised in Area.
News Cottages Clearance Area ...	Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 News Cottages, Alstone Lane,
Carlton Place West Clearance Area.	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Carlton Place West, Swindon Road.
Vauxhall Place Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Vauxhall Place, Elm Street.
Bryant's Court Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Bryant's Court, Cleaveland Street.
Hereford Passage Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Hereford Passage, High Street.
Roebuck Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 Roebuck Cottages, Hereford Place,
Orchard Place Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Orchard Place, Swindon Road.
Burton Street Clearance Area ...	Nos. 30a and 31a Burton Street.
Cumberland Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Cumberland Cottages, Grove Street.
Grosvenor Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Grosvenor Cottages, Sherborne Place.
Fairview Retreat and Britannia Square Clearance Area	1, 2 and 3 Fairview Retreat and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Britannia Square, Fairview Street.
Exmouth Court and Exmouth Terrace Clearance Area.	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Court and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Exmouth Terrace, Exmouth Street and 1 and 2 Brockworth Cottages,
Birdlip Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1 and 2 Birdlip Cottages, Commercial Street.
Bath Terrace Clearance Area ...	Nos. 35, 37 and 39 Bath Terrace.
High Street Clearance Area	Nos. 212, 213 and 214 High Street and W.C. and Washhouse of 6 and 7 Roebuck Cottages.
Rutland Street Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Rutland Street.

RESOLVED, also, That the Council hereby undertake to carry out such re-housing operations within such period as the Minister of Health may consider reasonably necessary.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1930, hereby make a Clearance Order in respect of each of the 16 areas described in the foregoing resolution for the demolition of all the buildings in the said Clearance Areas, and that the Common Seal be affixed to such Orders, and that the Town Clerk be directed to give the prescribed advertisement and notices of such Orders, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation of the said Orders.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 5th March, 1934.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Winterbotham and Yarnold; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 227 Swindon Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at



reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation,

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 1-18 Millbrook Terrace—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.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 3 Priory Street ; 2 Montpellier Terrace ; 6 St. George's Terrace : Montpellier Villas ; and rear wing of 12 Suffolk Square, and rear of Six Chimney Farm—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected these premises. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the same. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and that notices be served upon the persons having control of the houses, Owners thereof, and mortgagees, if any, of the time and place at which the condition of the said parts of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 12th March next.

(b) 2 Oriel Terrace (Basement) ; 1 Suffolk Parade (rooms above and at rear)—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above mentioned parts of these premises. Mr. Giddings, the tenant of 1 Suffolk Parade, attended and objected to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners to carry out the work 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 parts of buildings for human habitation.

(c) 5 and 5a Hermitage Street ; 8, 9 and 9a Hewlett Place ; 6, 10 and 12 Columbia Street ; and 100 and 104 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 12th March next.

(d) 5 Barnes' Yard, Grove Street: and Cumberland Buildings, Grove Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mrs. Jackson, owner of Cumberland Buildings attended and objected to an Order 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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.

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(e) Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street—Read, letter from the Owner stating that she was obtaining estimates for carrying out the necessary work to this house. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the 9th April.

(f) 9 Columbia Street and 352-370 Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs. Beef; 2 cwt. 9 lbs. Pork and 25 lbs. Fowls.

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

6—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933--The Committee further considered the reference back by the Council of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 11th December last recommending the Council to defer for the present the passing of a resolution applying to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs the provisions of Section 1 of the Act requiring the use of a mechanically operated instrument for the slaughter of these animals. Read, also, letter from the Veterinary Advisor of the Animals Defence Society urging the Council to apply the provisions of the Act to the slaughter of sheep. RESOLVED, That the Council be not recommended to pass a resolution applying to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs the provisions of Section 1 of the Act requiring the use of a mechanically operated instrument for the slaughter of these animals.

7—Park Place Resewerage Scheme—Read, further letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Winterbotham Gurney & Co. asking if the Committee would make some contribution towards the cost of the work of repair which their client proposed to carry out at "The Pines." RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision repudiating liability.

8—Public Conveniences—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now inspected all the public conveniences in the Borough, and submitted his observations and recommendations in regard to each convenience. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(b) Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted 8 tenders received for the construction of a new convenience on the site of the old convenience at the " Queen's Head," Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son of £127 3s. 2d. be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) St. Mark's—Councillor Rogers reported enquiries made by him and urged the need of a public convenience in the St. Mark's district. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and estimate for the provision of a ladies' and gentlemen's convenience on the land offered for sale by the L.M.S. Railway Company.

9—Flooding—St. James's Square—Read, further letter from Mesdames G. E. Monkley and A. E. Gibbons claiming compensation for damage caused to the floor of the basement at their premises at St. James's Chambers by flooding. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the premises, and did not consider that the Corporation were in any way liable for the damage which had grown over a period of years through lack of ventilation under the floor. RESOLVED, That the Committee repudiate any liability in the matter.

10—Central Council for Health Education—Read, circular from this Association asking the Council for a subscription. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended not to make a subscription.

11—Hayden Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted the half-yearly report of Mr. F. R. O'Shaughnessy on his analyses of samples from the sewage disposal works who had again pointed out that the volume of sewage being treated was very high, although no storm water was present and the results of observations over a number of years showed a steadily increasing demand on the plant due to accumulating overload, and unless relief in the load on the beds was soon forthcoming, serious clogging of the installation might be expected. RESOLVED, That this report be referred for the consideration of the Flooding Sub-Committee, and that Councillor Dr. Hayward be added to the Sub-Committee.

12—Charlton Kings Sewage—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take gaugings of the dry weather flow of sewage coming into the Borough sewers.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th February, 1934.** Present- The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Lipson, Morris and Smith (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Sites for New Houses—The Sites Sub-Committee reported that they had had two meetings and inspected various sites in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare preliminary layout and estimate of one of the pieces of land inspected which the Sub-Committee consider most suitable..

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 9th inst. Present—Alderman Pate, (in the chair), Councillors Addis, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Yarnold.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

That the Ministry of Health be asked to approve of the Corporation erecting a large number of houses for slum clearance schemes than are actually required for re-housing the equivalent population displaced, and to the Government subsidy of £2 5s. 0d. per head being spread over such a larger number of houses.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that this proposal be submitted to the Ministry of Health.

3-35 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk submitted the District Valuer's valuation of the site of 35 Tewkesbury Road belonging to Mr. H. Stroud. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to purchase the site.

4—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health agreeing to the cost of reconditioning No. 66 and 74 Stanhope Street amounting to £428 2s. 6d. being recognised for financial assistance in connection with the scheme.

5—St. Mark's Housing Estate—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of one of the shops on the Estate had complained of occupiers of houses on the Estate carrying on the business of a hairdresser at their houses. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

6—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual conference of local authorities in the West of England to be held at Bath on the 2nd May. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Morris be authorised to attend.

7—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Cheltenham Master Builders Association inviting them to appoint representatives to attend a conference to discuss the possibility of the builders formulating a scheme for the erection of small houses to let, and that representatives of the Building Society be asked to attend the conference, and that the Chairman, The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, and Councillor Grimwade be appointed the representatives of this Committee to attend the conference.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on 28th February, 1934**, Present—Aldermen Pates and Yarnold Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Grimwade, Rev. de Courcy- Ireland, Leigh James and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

8—Slum Clearance—Site for New Houses—The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer of provisionally arranged by him for the purchase of approximately 11 acres of the land at The Moors, Tewkesbury Road belonging to Mr. A. Smith as follows, viz :—Purchase price £2,700 including compensation for all crops etc. on land and Corporation to pay the Vendor's Solicitors' costs and negotiation fee according to scale amounting to £66 and to erect a boundary fence on the North West boundary of a type to be agreed upon. The Surveyor submitted preliminary layout plan ; about 1 ¼ acres of the land near the Arle Sewage Tank was unsuitable for building owing to its proximity to the Arle Tank but could be used as allotments, and the remainder of the land would accommodate approximately 156 houses at 16 to the acre, RESOLVED, That subject to sanction of the Ministry of Health to a loan the Council be recommended to purchase the land on the above terms, RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,793 for the cost of the land including costs and stamp duty on conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare layout plan and estimate of cost of houses, roads and sowers, and plans of several types of houses.

9—Non-Subsidy Houses—Read, letter of 26th inst., from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was prepared to consider proposals for the erection of houses by the Council without financial Assistance, but that before tenders are obtained the Minister should be furnished with particulars and types and sizes of proposed houses and the number of each type the site proposals with report of District Valuer of any land to be purchased : a sketch lay-out plan and an estimate of the cost of development works. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, until after the Conference with the Master Builders' Association and Building Society has been held in regard to the erection of houses by private enterprise under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th February, 1934**, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 19th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Aldermen Pates and Yarnold. 226 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., Edwin Preston Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Cement—Oxford & Shipton Cement Co.

Disinfectants—Burt Boulton & Haywood Ltd., Voxsan Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—L. Andrews & Co. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., British Thompson Houston Ltd.

Forage—E. Cullimore, W. J. Oldacre Ltd., W. Ride & Co.

Household Goods and Sundries—Briggs Emmott & Co., Walter Brown, Cheltenham Institution for the Blind, W. M. Deli & Co., Drake & Co., Duggan & James Ltd., John Fisher & Sons Ltd., James Hargreaves, S. Harrisson & Sons Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., Jackson & Painter, Johns & Sons, E. Joyner, Premiere Polish Co. Ltd., Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Venn Bros., Voxsan Ltd.

India Rubber Goods—George MacLellan, Pryke & Palmer Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Ironmongery—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Hardypick Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., Geo. Pike Ltd., Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co. Ltd.

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Lead Pipes and Fittings—George Bence & Sons Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd. Lead Pipes Ltd., Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.,

Lime, Bricks etc.—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Webb Bros Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—Adams & Sons, Burr & Hill, F. C. Dodwell & Sons, B. C. Gillham, Harvey & Healing, Chas. Knight & Sons Ltd., Norman Sawyer and Co. Ltd., Tivoli Box Printing and Stationery Co. Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes—George Bence & Sons Ltd., Doulton & Co. Ltd.

Timber—B. F. Callingridge Ltd., Smith Bros.

Tools—John Fisher & Sons Ltd., Hardypick Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., Geo. Pike Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., C. Woodrow & Co.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—The Anglo Dutch Petroleum Co. Ltd., Geo. Bence and Sons Ltd., John Fisher & Sons Ltd., Hadfield (Merton) Ltd., S. J. Harrison & Sons, Johns & Sons, Henry Matthews & Co. Ltd., Middleton Bros., Paripan Ltd., Rowe Bros., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Stevens & Thelwall & Co. Ltd.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Stringer Bros.

Lubricating Oils etc.—The Sub-Committee recommend that tenders be invited from selected firms for supplies during the ensuing year.

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

2—Workmen's Hours.—The Borough Surveyor reported that 253 voting papers had been issued to workmen in connection with the suggested alteration of the working hours, so as to start work at 7.30 a.m. with no break for breakfast, and of these 246 had voted against the alteration. RESOLVED,

That the hours be fixed as at present, viz :—Mondays to Fridays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (with break of half an hour from 8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for breakfast), and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (with break of half an hour for breakfast).

3--Traffic Signs--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 26th ult., from the R.A.C. offering signs free of charge as authorised by the Departmental Committee of the Ministry, along through traffic routes in the Borough, as it was stated that complaints had been received of difficulty experienced by motorists. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

4—Mechanical Haulage—The Borough Surveyor submitted 11 tenders received for the mechanical haulage required during the ensuing year, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted at the prices contained in the schedule.

5—Lorries—The Borough Surveyor reported that two Peerless lorries were now practically worn out RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for two new lorries.

6—Conference—Read, circular from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers inviting the attendance of delegates to the 61st Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Institution to be held at Buxton and Sheffield on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

7—View Meeting—Read, report of the View Meeting on the 14th inst. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Pates and Sawyer ; and Councillors Green, Morris and Rogers.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Swindon Road—That the footpath co-extensive with the Poor Law Institution's garden be kerbed, channelled and gravelled.

(2) Marsh Lane—With regard to Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland's complaint. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for the repair of this road by the abutting owners.

(3) Gloucester Road—That lime and silver birch trees be planted alternately along back of footpath from Lansdown Castle to end of Housing Estate.

(4) Hatherley Tank Approach Road—That the tree complained of by Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell be removed and a new lime tree planted in its place.

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(5) Shelburne Road—That kerb and channel be laid and a gravel footpath formed along the East side of this road, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for making up the unmade portion of the footpath on the west side by the abutting owners.

(6) Lansdown Road—That Mrs. C. M. Lane's application for the removal of tree outside "Courtrai " be not acceded to but that the centre of the tree be thinned out.

(7) Montpellier--That an endeavour be made to get all advertisement boards, now fixed near traffic signs removed.

(8) Naunton Terrace—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and specification for making up this road by the abutting owners.

(9) St. Anne's Road—That, with regard to Mr. Alderman Sawyer's complaint, the owner of "St. Anne's" be approached with a view to having the lower branches of trees overhanging footpath cut back.

(10) Fairview Road—That, with regard to Mr. Alderman Sawyer's complaint, the owners of the bush or tree near Messrs. Bence's yard be requested to cut this back.

(11) Clarence Square—That, with regard to the Rev. A. W. Habershon's complaint, the removal of the tree be not recommended but that the lower branches be pruned.

(12) Tramway Cottages, Approach Road, Leckhampton—That the Borough Engineer be instructed to deposit surplus hardcore on this road when working in the vicinity. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Gloucester Road and Hatherley Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. N. Unwin had agreed to give up the necessary land for the improvement of the corner of these roads subject to the Corporation setting back the existing fence, removing two elm trees, filling up existing water hole and extending it as shown on plan, and tidying up the ground to be given up, and also making arrangements for setting back the letter box to the new fence line. RESOLVED, That these terms be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement embodying these terms.

9—Projecting Signs—Read, letter from Councillor E. J. Burrow drawing attention to a number of projecting signs which had become dilapidated or obsolete. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

10—Automatic Traffic Signals—Junction of Suffolk Road, Suffolk Square and Park Place—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Ministry of Transport that in view of the small volume of traffic using this intersection, they considered that Major Road Ahead " signs should be erected in Suffolk Square and Park Place to replace the A.A. Cross Roads signs, and that standard cross roads signs should be erected in Suffolk Road, and the word "Slow " in these two roads removed from the carriageway, and that the junction should be kept under observation for six months, and if no improvement in the accident record is made, the question of installing signals would then be reconsidered by the Ministry if the Council so desired. RESOLVED, That consideration of the Ministry's suggestions be deferred, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain whether he can arrange terms with any of the owners for rounding off corners at junction.

11—High Street— Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. G. Bradfield drawing attention of the Committee to the untidy condition of the High Street caused by traders sweeping their refuse from their shops into the roadway. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to circularise the traders in the portion of the street complained of that this cannot be allowed.

12—Libertus Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Education Secretary that the Education Committee suggested that a sign containing the words "Children Cross Here" should be provided in Libertus Road near Rowanfield Road. The Committee also considered report of the View Committee thereon. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put tip the usual standard School sign.

J. H. TRITE,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of the Council Members of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th February, 1934.**

Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Building Inspector--The Committee interviewed the following applicants selected by the Sub-Committee for the appointment of Building Inspect

W. Ashworth of Urmston, Lancs. ;  
G. G. C. King of Wood Green ;  
H. Shorrock of Gillingham ;  
H. R. Webster of Wakefield.

RESOLVED, That Mr. G. G. C. King of Wood Green, at present Building Inspector at Wood Green U.D.C., be appointed on the terms advertised.

E. L. WARD,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Taylor and Clara P. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; and Mr. W. M. Wiggett (The Mayor the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3688	O'Brien, S.	Bungalow, Tewkesbury Road.
3689	Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Star Hotel, Regent Street.
3690	Herbert, Mrs.	Conversion into flats, Hatherley Hall, Hatherley Road.
3691	Goddard & Hunt	Motor house and shelter to coalhouse, Harp Hill.
3692	Gloucestershire Dairy Co.	Reconstruction of premises, Imperial Lane.
3693	Lewis, L. W.	New bathroom addition, 117 Fairview Road.
3694	Player, Miss L. S.	Bungalow, Ravensworth, Thirlestaine Road.
3695	Giles, C.	3 detached houses, Moorend Park Road.
3696	Corpus Christi College Estate	11 houses, St. Paul's Street and Swindon Road.
3697	Lewis, A.	New shop addition, 16 Swindon Road.
3698	Holder, E. T.	Bungalow, Harp Hill, Hewlett Road.
3699	Wheeler & Mansell	6 semi-detached houses, Eldon Road
3700	Wheeler & Mansell	8 semi-detached houses, Hatherley Road.
3701	Stainforth, Mrs. C.	Motor house, 8 Lypiatt Terrace.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3691, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3697, 3698, 3699, 3700 and 3701 be approved ; That Plan No. 3688 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land between the existing boundary and the improvement line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme for the widening of Tewkesbury Road if and when required by the Corporation ; That Plans Nos. 3689, 3690, 3692 and 3693 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws-2 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft—The Borough Surveyor reported that a wooden shed had been erected by Mr. A. F. Smith in front of this house, without plans having been first submitted to and approved by this Committee, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Smith to show cause why the building should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws,

3—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—



No. of Plan.	Nine.	Description.
581	Grant, Mrs. E.	House, Oakley Road, Battledown.
582	Boulter, J. H.	House, junction of Greenhills Road and Moorend Road.
583	Morley, Dr. D. E.	House, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
584	Agg, Mrs. E. S.	House, Whittington.
585	Cole, A. B.	Pig feeding house, Seven Springs Poultry Farm.
586	Lucas, C.	House, Evesham Road.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
587	Surl, A. J.	Cottage, Gotherington Cross.
588	Smith, C. E.	Bungalow, Warden Hill Road.
589	Foster, G.	Layout of land, Leckhampton Road.
590	Cheltenham Corporation Electricity Dept.	Transformer pillar, Langton Hotel, Bath Road.
591	Bessant, A. T.	Garage, Gretton Road, Winchcomb.
592	Cheltenham Corporation Electricity Dept.	Transformer Pillar, Moorend Park Road.
593	Poole, A.	House, Boddington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 583 and 585 be approved ; That Plan No. 581 be approved subject to dark sand faced tiles and multi-coloured or dark coloured bricks being used ; That Plan No. 582 be approved subject to the corner being set back to a line to be agreed upon ; That Plan No. 584 be approved subject to elevations approved by the Panel of Architects being adopted in place of the elevations previously submitted ; That Plan No. 587 be approved subject to the same conditions as set out in the undertaking entered into by the owner with the Winchcomb R.D.C.; That Plans Nos. 588 and 593 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to dedicate the land for the widening of the roads to the line laid down in the Scheme, and the line prescribed by the County Council respectively when required by the Road Authority, and in the case of Plan No. 593, subject also to not less than half an acre of land being attached to the house, and that the frontage of the plot to Tewkesbury Road shall be not less than one hundred feet ; That Plans Nos. 590 and 592 be approved subject to the pillars being removed without compensation if and when required for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No. 591 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the garage behind the building line at his own cost and without compensation if and when required for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No 586 be referred to the Winchcomb R.D.C.; and That Plan No. 589 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers for permission to develop 450 feet of frontage to Coldpool Lane, Hatherley. A similar application was made last August, when the Cheltenham Rural District Council urged that the application should not be granted as there were no services in Coldpool Lane. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to grant the application.

(b) Old Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers for permission to erect one house fronting the Old Gloucester Road. The site was time zoned, and there was no sewer. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the views of the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

(c) Leckhampton Hill—Read, application from Miss Wishaw for permission to erect a bungalow on her land on Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That the owner be requested to submit a block plan.

(d) Littleworth, Greet—The Committee considered application from Mr. F. L. Green for permission to erect one house on land at Littleworth, Greet. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee will be prepared to give favourable consideration to his application on his submitting plan of his proposals.

5—Road, Newlands to Southam—Col. Sinnott attended and reported that he had approached Mr. T. E. Whitaker in regard to his giving up the necessary land for the improvement and widening of this road, and had arranged with Mr. Whitaker for an exchange of the land required for a piece of land belonging to the County Council. RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved and embodied in the scheme subject to Mr. Whitaker entering into an agreement with the County Council to give up the land required for the bye-pass road without compensation when required.

6—Building Inspector—RESOLVED, That the new Building Inspector (Mr. King) be allowed the sum of £6 6s. 0d. towards his removal expenses.

7—Land, Whaddon Road—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Done, Hunter & Co. as to the agreement to be entered into with the Corporation for the development of the land at the junction of Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road. They asked whether the Corporation would approve of a petrol filling station being erected on part of the land, and also suggested that the Corporation should layout the footpath adjoining the temporary road to be constructed even if this was not paved until a later date. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not approve of the erection of a petrol filling station, and that the question of laying out the footpath be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

8—Appeal by Mr. A. A. Bolton— The Town Clerk submitted letter of 12th instant from the Ministry of Health, asking for the Council's observations on the appeal made by Mr. A. A. Bolton against the conditions imposed by the Council in approving the plans for 3 houses in Badgeworth Lane, together with the Town Clerk's draft reply thereto. RESOLVED, That the reply, as now settled by the Committee, be approved.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th February, 1934.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Pruen, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Advertising—Major H. H. Lewis of Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. attended, and submitted a scheme of advertising for next year, showing an estimated expenditure of £700. The L.M.S. and G.W. Railway Companies were willing to join in the scheme as last year and contribute 15s for every spent by the Corporation up to a maximum to be spent by the Corporation of £350 In addition to the £350 to be spent on a joint scheme, details of which were now submitted, Major Lewis also submitted details of the proposed allocation of the remaining £350, which included the sum of £85 for a supply of new posters, the design for which was submitted, and £35 for the Corporation's contribution towards the illuminated display advertisement at Paddington Station. RESOLVED, That the schemes submitted be approved, except in the case of the advertising to be undertaken solely by the Corporation, that the proposed advertisements in the " Andora Star" and " Empress of Britain" handbooks, " Sporting Life" and " Daily Mirror " be deleted, and the money allocated for advertisements in the " Times of India," " Daily Mail " and the " Sphere " or " Punch," and also that provision be made in the scheme for continuing the weekly paragraph in the " Daily Telegraph " throughout the year.

2—Spa Baths—(a) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That this Bath be opened on the 12th March.

(b) Mixed Bathing—RESOLVED, That the Swimming Bath be opened daily for mixed bathing (when not reserved) throughout the season except that Mondays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. be reserved for ladies,

(c) RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the Superintendent providing caps etc., as hitherto, for hiring to bathers at a charge of 1d. each, and supplying bath salts for slipper baths at a charge of 2d., and also light refreshments at the Baths.

(d) Attendant—RESOLVED, That Miss Smith, Ladies' Swimming Bath Attendant, be re-engaged for the ensuing season at a wage of £1 15s. 0d. per week. (e) Read, application from the Superintendent for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by £25 per annum.

3—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Bank Holidays—RESOLVED, That these Baths be kept open on Bank Holidays during the season for mixed bathing from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

4—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Custodian at these gardens had resigned RESOLVED, That he be instructed to invite applications for the appointment from gardeners in the employ of the Corporation, and that the applicants be interviewed by this Committee, and that this Committee be authorised to make an appointment.

5—British Health Resorts Association—Read, circular from this Association asking the Corporation to make a subscription direct to this Association in addition to the £15 subscribed through the Spa Federation. RESOLVED, That this request be not acceded to.

6—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society constructing a temporary entrance to the Gardens opposite the Car Park on the occasion of the Dog Show to be held on the 10th May subject to their undertaking to make the necessary reinstatement after the Show.

7—Conference—The Town Clerk reported that the Incorporated Dental Society had accepted the invitation of the Corporation to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1934.

8—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th ult. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Swimming Pool—(a) The Committee considered the following resolution passed by the General Hospital Board :—

" That in the opinion of this Board the scheme as at present constituted would be detrimental to the best interests of the patients and nurses in the Hospital, and requests the Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Taylor to make adequate representations to the Town Council."

The instructions to Mr. White to prepare the layout included the following :—"

In planning the layout it will be necessary to have regard to the Cheltenham General Hospital, the position of which is shown on the plan, so as to prevent any likelihood of nuisance to the Hospital owing to noise from the Pool."

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Mr. White is of opinion that there is no likelihood of any nuisance being caused to the Hospital from the Pool or the Car Park, and with this opinion the Committee entirely agree. The proposed Car Park is 350 feet from the present Nurses Hostel, the proposed park for motor cycles is 600 feet from the Hospital extension. But in order to meet the apprehensions of the Hospital Board, it was RESOLVED,

to recommend the Council to give adequate safeguards in respect of the Pool and to undertake that if any nuisance is caused to the Hospital from the Car Park, the site of the Car Park will be transferred to the ground on the other side of Keynsham Road, and also to recommend that the surfacing of the proposed Car Park be deferred until it has been ascertained whether any nuisance is caused to the Hospital.

(b) With reference to the letter from the Chairman of the Hospital Board published in the " Echo " of the 7th instant, stating that the Board sent a protest to the Chairman of the Committee on the ground that the noise caused by the parking of large numbers of cars in such close proximity to the Hospital might be a serious nuisance to patients and nurses, the following is a copy of the "protest " referred to :—

CHELTENHAM GENERAL AND EYE HOSPITALS.

Councillor T. W. Waite, 349 High Street, Cheltenham.

Cheltenham. 5th October, 1933.

Dear Mr. Waite,

The Board of this Hospital has noticed that there is a proposal before the Town Council to put a Car Park close to the Hospital Grounds in Keynsham Road.

This has caused some little apprehension to the Board on account of the noise and disturbance which such places usually cause, and it is feared that this may be of some inconvenience to the Patients and also to the Nursing Staff.

We cannot, of course, expect to over-rule your arrangements, but I should be very grateful if you would bear this point in mind and if possible avoid anything that would cause undue noise so close to the Hospital.

Very truly yours, (Sgd.) R. H. M. BOUTH, Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

This letter was laid before the Committee on the 13th October last, and recorded on the minutes submitted to the Council on the 31st October, 1933, with a resolution that the Chairman of the Hospital be informed that the matter had already been considered and that the architect had been asked to have regard to the Hospital so as to prevent any likelihood of disturbances being caused owing to the noise from the Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That this Committee record their sympathy with the Chairman in that charges should have been made against him implying that he had suppressed the letter received from the Chairman of the Hospital Board—all such implications being entirely unjustified.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Smith and Waite; and Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

10—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was provision in the current year's estimates for re-decorating the Drawing Room and providing a new carpet and curtains. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to proceed with the re-decoration and obtain tenders for a new carpet and curtains, and that this Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

11—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 19th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—(a) Sunday Concerts—That in view of the report of complaints received by the Entertainments Manager as to the

misbehaviour at these concerts by persons occupying the 3d. seats, that the 3d. seats at these concerts be discontinued.

(b) Quartet—That Mr. Cole's Quartet for the morning concerts be continued for a period of a fortnight from the expiration of his present contract on the 31st March next, at a cost of £10 per week, and that on Easter Monday morning the Quartet be augmented to 9 performers at an additional cost of £3 3s. 0d.

(c) Whit-Monday Fete—That the offer of Mr. Edwards to pay £85 (instead of £80 previously offered) for the right of providing the amusement fair at the Whit-Monday Fete be accepted on the same terms as last year, £25 to be paid before the 25th March, £20 before the 30th April, and the balance before the 19th May, and that Minute No. 5 (a) of the Town Improvement Committee held on the 19th ult. be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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12—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Cheltenham Tennis Club pointing out that since the Gardens had been opened to the public, inconvenience and loss had been caused to the tennis players, and asking whether the Committee could reduce the rent of the two courts rented by them, or enclose the courts with wire netting. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this application, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two seats provided for each tennis court marked "For Tennis Players Only," and to instruct the Custodian to see that members of the public do not occupy the seats when tennis is being played,

13—Town Hall—Musical Festival—RESOLVED, That the application of the Musical Festival Committee for the free use of the Town Hall for the times reserved for the Festival from the 4th to 13th May, be granted subject to payment of the cost of lighting as last year.

14—Royal Automobile Club—Caravan Rally—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to invite the Royal Automobile Club to hold their Caravan Rally on the 4th and 5th May next in Cheltenham, and that he be instructed to approach Messrs. Pratt & Co. for the use of the Race Course for the purpose as last year.

15—Pittville Gardens—Pump Room—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pump Room be granted for the luncheon of the Bingley Chamber of Trade on the occasion of their annual outing on the 19th June next.

16—Sunday Concerts—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council that the Free Church Council noted with deep regret the change in the character of the programmes of the Sunday Concerts, RESOLVED, That the Free Church Council be informed that the Committee will have regard to the views expressed in their letter in arranging programmes of next seasons Sunday Concerts.

17—Swimming Pool—(a) Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Chairman of the General Hospital that the Sub-Committee of the Hospital regretted that another site had not been selected, for no matter how many restrictions be made, the Board considered it was inevitable that at certain times considerable annoyance must be caused to the inmates of the Hospital, but that if it was necessary in the public interest, and for the benefit of the people that the scheme should proceed, they recommended the following proposals as tending to minimise annoyance

(1) The present site of the Car Park would be a serious nuisance, but if it was placed on the site adjoining the College Swimming Baths as suggested it would be a much better arrangement.

(2) That organised entertainments such as Polo Matches, and Evening Swimming Galas should be limited to, say 4 in one year.

(3) That the pool be not opened after 10 p.m., but that if any extension of that time is required, the Hospital Board should be consulted.

The Committee have already intimated their willingness to alter the site of the Car Park as recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting, and the Town Clerk reported that the Secretary of the Swimming Club had stated that it would be impracticable to arrange more than 4 Polo Matches during the season, and that it would only be in exceptionally hot summers that evening Polo Matches could be arranged to be played in the open RESOLVED, That this be pointed out to the Chairman of the Hospital Board, and that he be informed that there is no likelihood of the Corporation wishing to extend the hours beyond 10 p.m., and that probably the closing hour would be fixed at an earlier time, and that the Corporation are equally interested in the welfare of the Hospital, as the opponents of the scheme who are making use of the Hospital for the purpose of their opposition, and that the Committee feel that the Hospital Board should rely on the Corporation not conducting the management of the Baths in such a manner as to be detrimental to the Hospital without asking the Corporation to enter into covenants restricting their discretion as to the management of the Pool.

(b) Read, letter of 21st inst. from the National Citizens Union asking the Mayor to convene a public meeting, at which objections to the proposals could be freely expressed. RESOLVED, That the Union be informed that Ratepayers opposed to the scheme will have an opportunity of expressing their views at the Local Inquiry.

(c) Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council stating that while not opposing the scheme, they urged the Council to restrict the Sunday opening to such hours as would not tend to militate against the interests of the Churches and the Sunday Schools. RESOLVED, That the Free Church Council be informed that the Council have already fixed the hours of opening on Sundays with this object in view.

d) Read, letter from Miss Lilian Bloss enclosing the signatures of 35 residents in College Road and Keynsham Road who were opposed to the scheme, and urged that the money should be applied for relief of the poor and for housing accommodation, etc.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Scott Langley, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made in the improvement of lighting. The total number of positions where lighting had been improved to date was 310. He submitted programme of the improvements to be effected during the year 1934/35. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Royal Crescent and Exmouth Street—The Committee considered requests for improved lighting in these RESOLVED, That this be not entertained at present.

(c) Gas Discharge Lamps—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That two gas discharge lamps and the necessary fittings and lanterns be purchased as an experiment.

2—District Joint Board and District Joint Industrial Council—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Moore) be nominated a member of the District Joint Board, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated a of the District Joint Industrial Council for the year ending 31st March, 1935.

3—Assistant Mains Superintendent—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. F. W. Godden had resigned his appointment as Assistant Mains Superintendent to take up an important position at Poplar which he had and he proposed to take this opportunity to make a readjustment of duties in the Mains Department, and to a successor at a lower salary. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to Mr. Godden.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had a conference with representatives of the County Council, the Rural District Council and Mr. Hicks Beach in regard to the supply to Birdlip. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the

5—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the list of arrears amounting to £372 13s. 7d. now signed by the Chairman be as irrecoverable.

6—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th ult., and 3rd, 10th, 13th and 21st inst., which showed a Calorific Value on these dates to be 471.8, 471.7, 470.3, 470.3 and 470.1 B.Th.U. respectively, and the 5.8, 5.8, 5.8 and 5.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margret and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Miller and Morris (Alderman Margret in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For month ended 31st January, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	71,000 gallons	330,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	496,000 “	1,229,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	21,000	32,000
Total	588,000	1,591,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ••• 62,588,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Water Mains—Tewkesbury—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury suggesting the laying of a 3 inch main in Trinity Street from High Street to Oldbury

Road, and at the back of Mount Pleasant from Chance Street for a length of about 78 yards He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £110. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to prepare specification and obtain tenders for carrying out the work.

5—Dowdeswell Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that the exterior of the Filter House at Dowdeswell required repainting at an estimated cost of £28. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

6—Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted eight tenders received for the supply of Cast Iron Pipes and Specials required during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the schedule of prices submitted by Messrs. Cochrane & Co. (Woodside) Ltd., Dudley, be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

7—Woodlands Farm—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. C. C. Castle, That the application of the tenant of this farm for a rebate in the rent for the half year due last Michaelmas be granted, and that he be allowed the same rebate as for the previous half year.

8—Hewletts Reservoir—RESOLVED, That six day fishing tickets be issued to each member of the Council for distribution to ratepayers, and that 2 tickets be made available for use in April, 2 in May and 2 for the remaining part of the season, and that no person be allowed to take on any day more than 2 ½ brace of fish.

9—London Road—The Borough Engineer reported that persons were trespassing on the land in London Road near the River Chelt. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman Pates, and Councillor Dr Hayward be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the land and consider ways and means of preventing this trespass.

10—Water Regulations--The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health were willing to agree to the proposal to allow the use of copper and brass pipes of a thickness five gauges lighter than the specification issued by the British Standards Institution where such pipe is not buried in the ground, and three gauges lighter where such pipe is buried in the ground. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health for approval of the revised regulations, and that the same be printed, and the Common Seal be affixed thereto,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT",

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates and Yarnold ; Councillors Leigh James, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended an outbreak of fire at Osborne Lodge, The Park, caused by fire falling from an open grate. Damage about £20. Brigade Expenses £3 11s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. J. V. Singer for the transfer of Licence No. 57 to Taxi Cab Registered No. DD 5291 be granted.

4—Stray Dogs—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. H. Mees of 36 Gloucester Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by the barking of stray dogs detained at the Market. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to alter the place of detention.



5—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Read, letter from Col. J. H. H. Jones resigning his trusteeship of the Delancey Hospital owing to eye trouble. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. T. A. D. Clark a Trustee for a term of three years expiring on 5th March, 1937.

6—Grammar School Governors—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Alderman Pates a Representative Governor of the Grammar School for a term expiring on 5th March, 1937 in place of Mr. H. N. Winterbotham, deceased.

7—Film, " Whither Germany "—Read, letter of 6th instant from Bendar Films Ltd, that this film had been submitted to the British Board of Film Censors, but they were informed that this film came under the category of Films of actual events recorded in the daily or local press, and known as " Topicals " or " Locals," which did not require the certificate of the Board. The film had been submitted to the London County Council, who passed it for universal exhibition in London, but as it had not been passed by the Board on the grounds above stated, the owners wished to know if it would be passed for local exhibition before entering into contracts with local Cinemas. RESOLVED, That the Committee see no objection to the film being shown locally.

8—Leckhampton Hill—(a) Tramway Cottages—Read, letter from the tenant of the cottage as to providing an entrance to his garden, to which there was no access except through his neighbour's garden. RESOLVED, That a gateway and steps be provided up the bank giving access to the garden and allotments at an estimated cost of RESOLVED, also, That the management of the cottages be transferred to the Housing Committee.

(b) Read, letter from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens on behalf of Mr. Murray Lindner offering to purchase about 455 square yards of land at the back of his premises at the price of 1s 6d. per square yard, and to take the remainder of the land on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £3, subject to the right of the Council to determine the tenancy of the whole or part at any time if required for building, roads or other Municipal purposes. The position of the site proposed to be purchased had been altered from that previously agreed to by Minute No. 13 of this Committee of 25th June last. RESOLVED, That the application be agreed to, subject to the exact site required and to the plans of the proposed building to be erected on the land being approved, and also to a suitable gateway and entrance way being provided to the adjoining land occupied by Mr. Byard, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance of the approved site.

9—Local Omnibus Services—It was reported that passengers had complained of the inability to use the upper deck of the omnibuses in wet weather. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham District Traction Co. be asked to provide some covered double decked omnibuses on the Charlton Kings and Leckhampton routes.

10—Codex Sinaiticus—The Committee considered appeal received by the Mayor for a subscription towards the purchase of the Codex Sinaiticus. RESOLVED, That a subscription of £5 5s. 0d. be made.

11—Floral Fete—Read, letter from the Honorary Treasurer of the Floral Fete Committee asking the Council for a subscription towards this Fete, and whether the Corporation could increase their subscription this year. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make the same subscription as last year, namely £15 15s. 0d.

12—Market—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Gloucestershire Marketing Society that his Society had accepted the terms for the proposed improvements at the Market subject to details of the proposed lease being approved.

13—River Severn Catchment Board—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 7th instant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing draft of order proposed to be made confirming the transfer scheme of the River Severn Catchment Board.

14—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the services of F. Pontin (Drain tester) be extended for one year from 12th December, 1933.

15—Police Agreement—Read, letter of 17th instant from the Home Office in regard to the proposed new agreement with the Standing Joint Committee for the policing of the Borough which had been submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Sub-Committee.

16—Aerodrome—The Town Clerk reported that at a conference between representatives of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Corporations on 21st December, 1933 reference was made to letters from the Air Ministry to the Town Clerk of Gloucester of 18th and 28th November, 1933 which stated (inter alia) that the modified area proposed would appear to be ample for use as a Municipal Aerodrome by all types of aircraft provided that obstructions (i.e. buildings) subsequently erected in the vicinity of this area did not extend above a line drawn at 4 degrees to the horizontal, but that it was essential, however, that the approved Aviation Consultant (Mr. Ivor McClure) should furnish his recommendations relative thereto in order that the matter might be fully considered by the Air Ministry, and it was then agreed :—

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(1) That Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co., Estate Agents, of Gloucester be instructed to obtain for acceptance or otherwise by the two Corporations the lowest offers for the sale to them jointly of the area originally proposed, situate on the southerly side of the Cheltenham-Gloucester Road at Staverton Bridge, and as an alternative the part of such area indicated by the Air Ministry as adequate for a Civil Airport.

(2) That Mr. Ivor McClure, the approved Aviation Consultant, be requested to forward to the Air Ministry a report on C.A. Form 80 as to the suitability for an all-types licence of the part of the area delineated as Site " A " on the map now produced.

He also reported that at a further conference between representatives of the two Corporations on 15th January, 1934 consideration was given to (a) a report dated 11th January, 1934 by Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. as to their tentative negotiations for the purchase by the two Corporations of the alternative areas at Staverton Bridge referred to in their instructions, and (b) a letter from the Air Ministry to the Town Clerk of Gloucester dated 8th January, 1934 stating that Mr. Ivor McClure's report on C.A. Form 80 had been received and considered, and that the enlarged Site " A " referred to in his report would be granted an "all-types" licence, provided the recommendations contained in such report were carried out to the satisfaction of the Ministry, and further that the Ministry had no objection to the gradual development of Site " A " after the necessary draining and levelling had been carried out, It was agreed that the two Councils should be recommended :—

(1) To instruct Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. to enter into provisional contracts for the purchase by the two Corporations jointly of certain of the lands referred to in their report, at prices within the limits now indicated ; and

(2) to approve of the payment to Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. of a fee of £105 if the above-mentioned lands are purchased, or £63 if the purchase is not proceeded with.

After careful consideration of the above-mentioned report it was RESOLVED, That the foregoing recommendations to instruct Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. to enter into provisional contracts, and for the payment of the fee be approved.

17—Athletic Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had met the Rugby Football Club Committee on the ground in regard to the improvements which the Club required to be carried out. He also reported that of the £210 previously authorised to be spent on permanent and temporary improvements, approximately £100 was still unexpended, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to

expend this sum in providing a ladies' lavatory and extending the drainage and water supply, and other permanent improvements required.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Green, Smith and J. F. Ward; Messrs. Castle, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Garden Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the allotments which were reported to be in a bad state of cultivation requiring them to put the allotments in a clean and tidy condition, and failing this, that he be instructed to give the tenants notice to quit.

(b) Whaddon. Road (New) Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of No 42 had broken the drain at the end of the allotments, lifted a number of pipes and sunk a pit for water, and that he had also cut into the roadway on each side of the allotment, and the adjoining tenant had lodged a complaint. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant requiring him to reinstate the drain, and make good the path.

(c) Hedge—The Borough Surveyor reported that the boundary hedge of these allotments was in a bad state, and that horses were getting through on to the allotments. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the hedge repaired.

2—Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement of arrears of rent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession of any allotments where the rent is 12 months or more in arrear. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit to the Committee a statement of arrears each quarter.

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3—Whaddon Lane (New) Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Smith, the tenant of No. 17 (b) was willing to take No 17 (a) if he was granted a rebate in the rent to enable him to put the allotment in a clean condition. RESOLVED, That he be allowed three months rent free.

4—Allotments for Unemployed—Read, letter from the Unemployed Allotment Association enclosing copy of rules under which members of their association were granted allotments. The rules contained a clause whereby members who become regularly employed cease to be members of the association, but may keep on the allotment by signing a fresh agreement with the Corporation, and paying the additional rent charged by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That these rules be approved.

J. F. WARD, Chairman.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Green, Smith and J. F. Ward (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Clarence Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Rev A. W. Habershon for the removal of a silver birch tree in Clarence Square outside Holy Trinity Vicarage. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to view this at their next meeting.

2—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Borough Surveyor submitted six applications from gardeners in the employment of the Corporation for the post of Superintendent of Whaddon Road Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That Mr. A. J. Blackwell be appointed at a wage of £2 6s. 0d. per week plus house, coal and light.

3—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given for the following Clubs to play Cricket on Grounds during the 1934 Season :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	Bennington Hall C.C. ...	Tuesday Evenings.
"	Central School Old Boys C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
"	St. Paul's Central C.C. ...	"
Whaddon Road	Labour Hall C.C.	"
"	Wesley C.C. ...	"
St. Mark's	Marle Hill C.C.	"
"	Municipal Officers Guild C.C.	"
"	St. Stephen's C.C.	"
Naunton Park	Naunton Park C.C.	"

RESOLVED, also, That each Club be allowed one night per week for practice, such practice to be restricted to net practice and not for play in the open field.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club, that they had had under serious consideration the question of renewing their tenancy of the two hard tennis courts, and suggesting that they should give up the use of the courts on Wednesday afternoons, for which they asked for a reduction of £8 or £10 in the rent. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to reduce the rent of the courts but that they be offered the courts on the same terms as last year.

5—Pittville Pump Room—Read, letter from Mr. Herdman in regard to the proposal of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee that the surplus exhibits now stored at the Art Gallery should be displayed in Pittville Pump Room. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Bendall, Davis and Green be appointed a Sub-Committee to discuss the matter with the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

6—Gardens Superintendent—Car—The Borough Surveyor reported that the second-hand car provided for the Gardens Superintendent was now worn out, and that the Gardens Superintendent was willing to provide his own car if the Council would make him an annual allowance for running it, and he submitted statement showing the annual running costs of the present car. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be allowed the sum of £75 per annum.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

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#### ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th February, 1934.** Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Burrow, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, Rogers and Trye; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. W. N. Weech (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During December, 1933 and January, 1934, 4,688 (against 6,960). Included in these figures were parties of 21 boys and girls from Cold Aston School, and 9 girls from the Central School.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Refunded postage, advertising and lighting expenses, "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £8 9s. 4d.

Exhibitions—The 5th Circulating Series of 76 English Water-colour Paintings, from the Victoria and Albert Museum, had been on exhibition with the Permanent Collection since December 11th, On January 31st the Permanent Collection had been replaced by an Exhibition of Paintings, Miniatures, Sculpture and Jewellery, by the Society of Women Artists.

The Potsherds etc. from the excavations at Leckhampton Moat, had been on view from 6th to 31st January.

Cotswold Art Club—At a Meeting of this Club on January 24th, in the Chinese Porcelain Room, an Address was given to the members by the Curator. Mrs. F. Jennings Campbell, who had won prizes in the Club Competitions, presented the proceeds (£1 11s. 6d.) to the " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund."

Staffordshire Pottery—The Curator reported the offer of 25 pieces of a Staffordshire Dessert Service, with views of Cheltenham, c. 1830. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to offer from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund a sum of approximately 5 guineas for this set.

2—Donations—Miss Coates Carter, 9 local bygones ; Victoria and Albert Museum, Suit of Clothes which belonged to Thomas Coutts, the Banker ; Dr. Oliver H. Wild, 5 local bygones ; Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., Basal portion of "Bottle" Roasting Jack ; Mr H. J. Granville, 2 local prints ; Messrs. Stephens & Finch, Smoke Jack and Fiddle Drill ; Mr. R. J. Lawrence, 2 Roman Lead Vessels from Bourton-on-the-Water ; Lt.-Col. J. Blyth, Sugar Nippers ; Capt. Owen Wheeler, Nailsea Bottle, dated 1777 ; Mrs. E. K. Coulter of Wimbleton, Specimens excavated at the Saxon Hut at Slaughter, November, 1931. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors,

3—Loans—Miss Coates Carter, 4 Lighting Appliances ; Mr. J. R. Wharton, Oil Portrait by George Romney ; Rev. W. B. Cardew, Puzzle Jug, 1684. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

4—Future Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Curator to arrange facilities for an Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists, in aid of the " Gloucestershire Home for Young Wayfarers " at Pauntley Court.

5—Cheltenham Floral Fete—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to co-operate in an Exhibition of Bygones, should such a feature be eventually desired by the Floral Fete Committee, in the Summer Exhibition.

6—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That the purchase of a pair of Bearded Tits for the sum of 10s be approved.

7—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday, and open on Easter Saturday, March 31st, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Easter Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

8—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Committee meet in March, but that the April Meeting be omitted.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

## **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd February, 1934,** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Yarnold, Councillors Bendall, Betteridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 27th January, 1933 to 23rd February 1934. Interments 63 ; Grave Spaces sold 17 (First Position 3, Second Position 2, Third Position 1, Position 11) ; Memorials erected 14 ; New Inscriptions 13.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8926 to 8942 (both inclusive).

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to grave of George Giller ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Lilian Beck, Albert Edward Price, Eleanor Mary Collinson, Sarah An Fox, Herbert Edward Frame, George William Malsom, Gertrude Emily Williams, and Andrew Robert Dorf and Alice Jane Dorsey ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Thomas and Emma Watkins, and Mary Annetta Wells; Kerbing to graves of Rebecca E. L. Manton, and Mary Elizabeth Kemball ; Marble Book to grave of Phyllis Irene Higson, Recumbent Cross to existing Kerbing to grave 7244, Section E.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th February, 1934.** Present—Alderman Thomas; Councillors Bendall, Betteridge, Davis, Grimwade and Lipson; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Dr. R. Davies : Messrs. H. J. Norris, E. C. Rogers, F. Vertical, C. E. Walsh and W. N. Weech (Alderman Thomas in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for January—Receipts £21 3s 6d. Number of volumes issued in the Reference Department 6,652 (last year 5,844); Lending Department 19,740 (last year 18,181) ; Junior Department 2,820 (last year 2,933). Total for month 29,212 (last year 26,958).

Binding and Replacements—424 volumes had been returned from the Binder, and 42 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The following lectures had taken place in the Art Gallery :—

January 15th Mr. H. H. Albino, "The Canary Islands : the Land of Bananas." (Attendance 161).

" 24th Mr. George Dring, " Plastics." (Attendance 44 ; arranged by the Cheltenham Science Society.

" 29th Rev. W. Evans Cloutman, " Biblical Ideas of God and Sunday School Work." (Attendance 103 ; arranged jointly by the Cheltenham Sunday School Association and the Cheltenham and District Sunday School Union).

Hospital Library Service—The Librarian reported that he had communicated with the authorities of the Cheltenham General Hospital, inquiring whether any joint effort for Book Service was considered desirable by the Hospital authorities. The matter was in the hands of a member of their Board who has charge of the Book Service to patients.

School Libraries—As required by the Education Committee in 1931, the Librarian had reported his suggestions to the Secretary for Education and a copy of the Report was read to the Committee and approved.

Codex Sinaiticus—The Librarian reported that he had arranged for the Bishop of Gloucester to deliver a Lecture in the Art Gallery on Thursday, February 15th at 8 p.m., on the subject of the Codex Sinaiticus, with a view to helping the local effort in support of the National Appeal for Funds. He had collected to date the sum of £6 9s. 0d. in subscriptions, and was communicating with the clergy and ministers of all denominations. A copy of the Appeal, together with a list of subscribers was displayed in the Library entrance hall and in the Art Gallery, and he was endeavouring to get the local banks to do likewise.

Staff—As a result of the Library Association Examinations held in December, 1933, Miss S. Graham Smith had passed the Elementary Examination and W. M. Martin the Final Examination, Part 3. RESOLVED, That the Librarian convey an expression of the Committee's appreciation to the assistants concerned.

Jubilee Celebrations—The Librarian reported certain suggestions including the giving of a Public Lecture by some celebrity. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred for two months.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee report that they met on January 25th. Present—Councillor Grimwade and Mr. H. C. Norris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair). They recommended :—

That new shelving be installed, existing shelving modified, 2 study tables and 4 chairs be supplied, and certain minor incidental alterations be carried out to the electric lights, and an iron wicket gate, and that a certain amount of manual labour for the removal of heavy book stacks into new positions be authorised at a total cost of approximately £27.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Donations—Mr. F. Beard, 1 vol.; British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals, 1 vol.; British Museum (Natural History), 1 vol.; Mr. A. W. Bryant, 1 vol.; Mr. Coun. Ed. J. Burrow, 2 periodicals; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., 28 handbooks; Co-operative Press Agency, 1 vol.; Co-operative Union Ltd., 1 vol.; Mr. A. Fieldhouse, 1 vol.; Mr. Courtney Gardner, 1 vol., Miss Alice Green, 3 vols.; Mr. D. W. Herdman, 1 vol.; Mrs. M. Horsfall, 94 vols.; Mrs. McDermott, 2 vols.; National Provincial Bank, 1 vol.; Mr. F. J. Nettlefold, 1 vol.; Mr. C. J. Sawyer, 1 handbook; Mr. A. J. Stewart, 12 vols.; Trinity College of Music, 1 vol.; University Tutorial Press, 1 vol., 2 reading cases; Mr. C. E. Walsh, 16 lantern slides; Capt. R. P. Wild, 2 vols.; Mr. Stanley Wood, 1 vol.; Miss Wild, 1 pamph. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 82 volumes, published at £27 5s 0d., be purchased for £19 8s. 1d

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

(c) That the sum of £21 be spent on Replacements.

5—Leslie Young Bequest Fund—RESOLVED, That 1 volume be purchased from this Fund at a cost of 28s 9d.

6—Periodicals—(a) RESOLVED, That the " Science of Progress," monthly, offered as a gift, be accepted.

(b) That the " Scientific American," suggested by a reader, be not taken.

7—Exterior Paintwork—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor's Specification and Estimate, involving a sum not exceeding £45, be approved, the work to be carried out at the beginning of the new financial year.

8—Vulcan Boiler Insurance—The Librarian reported that the report of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. was satisfactory.

9—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be kept open until 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 29th, and closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive, with the exception that the Newsroom be opened on Easter Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

10—Time of Meeting—Read, letter from Councillor Ed. J. Burrow, suggesting that the Meeting of the Library Committee should take place on some other day than Wednesday or Thursday, so as to permit of his attendance. Various alternatives were suggested in an endeavour to meet the convenience of members. RESOLVED, That the Meetings of the Public Library Committee continue to be held on Thursday at 5 p.m., but in alternate months, and that the next Meeting be held in April.

H. W. THOMAS,

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Rogers (Alderman Taylor 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the excusal of Rates.

3—Rates Office—Read, letter from Councillor Burrow suggesting that a portion of the counter in the Rates Office should be screened off to afford privacy to ratepayers wishing to discuss matters with the Rating Officers. The Rating Officers reported that there was no demand for this as there were two private rooms attached to the Rates Office where ratepayers could interview the Rating Officers when desired. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not adopted.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th February, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh Janes, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Taylor 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 197,577 Leaving outstanding £7,344.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1934. Amount collected £19,986 ; Leaving outstanding £1,160.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 27th inst. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.



4—Housing Bonds—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health for their approval to the renewal of Housing Bonds for a further term with interest at 3 ¼ per cent.

5—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—The Borough Treasurer reported the suggestions made by the District Auditor. in regard to the system of receipts at these Baths. RESOLVED, That arrangements be made with the Education Committee for school children's bathing fees to be collected by the teachers and paid through the Education Committee, also that notices be put up in the bathing boxes asking bathers to retain their tickets, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to arrange for the Internal Audit Clerks to make periodical visits to check tickets issued. RESOLVED, also, That an automatic ticket machine be purchased for the Slipper Baths at the Spa Baths.

6—Superannuation—The Committee considered application from Mrs. Gleed, laundry woman at Montpellier Baths, to be included in the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to accede to the application.

7—Budget—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Finance Committee be held to consider the Budget on 22nd March, at 7 p.m., and that the Chairmen of the various Committees be invited to attend as in previous years.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th March, 1934.

Sir, You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held, at the, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th, day of April, 1934, 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. Election of an Alderman to fill vacancy caused by the death of Alderman H. W. Thomas.
3. To assign newly elected Alderman as Returning Officer for the St. Mark's Ward.
4. Communications by the Mayor.
5. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE • HOUSING COMMITTEE • STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and Report of Stores Sub-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 WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE • RATING COMMITTEE • FINANCE COMMITTEE
6. To make a General Rate for the ensuing year.
7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, Sc.

To each member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk,

## **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th March, 1934, at 3 p.m. Present :**

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A., Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor, Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., and Yarnold; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith, Waite and J. F. Ward.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Scott Langley.

1—Alderman Hugh William Thomas, Deceased—Resolved, That this Council record their deep regret at the death of Alderman Hugh William Thomas who has been a member of the Council for over 15 years and desire to express their deep sympathy with his Widow and family in their bereavement.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th February, 1934, 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 February 12

(An amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor J. F. Ward: "That Minute No. 6 be not approved, and that notice be given to each member and advertised as required by Section 2 (2) of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, of the of the Council to pass the following resolution "

That the Council hereby resolve and order in pursuance of Section 2 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, that the provisions of Section 1 of the said Act be applied to the following animals, that is to say, to sheep, ewes, wethers, rains and lambs" was lost).

Housing Meetings held February 15 & 28

Resolved, also, That the sites of Nos. 16 and 17 York Street be purchased for the sum of £40, plus the agent's costs amounting to £3 3s. 0d., and vendors cost of conveyance to the vendors, and that the Committee be authorised to prepare plans and obtain tenders for the erection of one-bedroom houses on the site.

Street and Highway Meeting held February 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor P. T. Smith : That Minute No. 2 be amended, and that the workmen finish work at 12 noon on Saturdays instead of 1 p.m.

Town Planning .. Meetings held February 14 & 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 16 & 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor J. F. Ward and seconded by Councillor Miller : 44 That Minute No. II (a) in regard to the discontinuance of the 3d. seats at the Sunday Concerts, be referred back for further consideration." Resolved, also, That an invitation be extended to the Stationers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1935.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 26

Water Meeting held February 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 20

Resolved, also, That the application of the Industrial Trades Exhibition Syndicate for a Certificate of Exemption from closing and extension of hours for retail sales under the Shops Acts, 1912 and 1928, in respect of their Exhibition to be held at the Town hall from the 17th to the 27th April be granted, subject to the assistants engaged being given a whole day's holiday on both the 16th and 28th April.

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Allotments Meeting held February 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held February 12

Subject to an Amendment moved by The Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Grimwade: " That Minute No. 6 in regard to the Gardens Superintendent's car allowance, be referred back for further consideration."

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 16

Burial Board Meeting held February 23

Public Library Meeting held February 16

Rating Meeting held February 8

Finance Meeting held February 8

Meeting held February 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.

4—General Hospital—Resolved, That Councillors Dr. Hayward and Lipson be nominated for reappointment on the Board of Management of the General Hospital as representatives of the Council.

5—Three Counties Show—The Town Clerk reported that it appeared to be uncertain whether a sufficient supply of water could be obtained from the Winchcomb supply and that the Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of laying a temporary main and providing a supply to the Show ground at £300. Resolved, That in the circumstances the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Secretary of the Show Committee that the Council regret that they must withdraw their invitation.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval (it the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 4th April, 1934.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1931.** Present-Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Morris and Pruen (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1---Insanitary Property at 28 King Street-The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

2-Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 18 Lansdown 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) 1--18 Millbrook Terrace-The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted 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) 1 Priory Buildings-The Sanitary inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had not carried out the necessary drainage work at the same, and he submitted tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. amounting to £46 7s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

3-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-(a) 36 Montpellier Villas ; 6 St. George's Terrace (Basement)-The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms of these premises. The Owner of 6 St. George's Terrace attended and consented to the basement being closed for sleeping purposes, and a letter was read from Mr. J. W. Robson on behalf of the Owner of 36 Montpellier Villas consenting to the basement being closed 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 unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners to carry out the work 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 rooms for the purpose of sleeping places.

(b) 1 and 2 Greens Passage, Rutland Street ; and Nos. 6, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 27, 31, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 46, 49, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 Rutland Street-The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 9th April, 1934.

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(c) 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364 and 366 Gloucester Road ; 26a York Street ; Dee Cottage, Hatherley Road ; and 100 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. A representative of Haddock & Pruett attended on behalf of the Owner of 26a York Street and objected to an Order being made.

RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouses, 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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, provided that in the case of Nos. 352, 354 and 356 Gloucester Road the Council will be satisfied as sufficient compliance with the Demolition Orders if these houses are so altered as to be suitable only for business premises and to be incapable of human habitation as undertaken by the Owner.

(d) Six Chimney Farm ; 12 Suffolk Square ; and 3 Priory Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of parts of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) 9 Columbia Street ; 8, 9 and 9a Hewlett Place ; 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages ; 5 and 5a Hermitage Street —RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(f) Mill House, 2 Arle Mill Cottages, and Dunscoth—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had carried out the Undertaking given to render these houses fit for human habitation to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be cancelled.

(g) 368 and 370 Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk submitted Undertaking dated the 10th inst., by the Owner of these houses (Mr R. C. Hall) that he will with all reasonable dispatch take the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession of the same as soon as requested by the Council and that on obtaining possession to forthwith proceed to carry out the work comprised in the specification prepared by the Sanitary Inspector and complete the same within three months from obtaining possession and that the said houses shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That this Undertaking be accepted.

4—Overcrowding at 27 Malvern Street and 28 Fairview Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. RESOLVED, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. Mutton ; 16 lbs. Pork ; and 6 lbs. Fowls.

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Notice arising from dirty walls, ceilings and leaky roofs, and want of proper ash receptacle, etc., served but not complied

with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

7—Houses Let in Lodgings—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss S. Swan for the registration of 52 Burton Street as a house let in lodgings be granted.

8—Hayden and Barn Farms—(a) Read, letter from Mr. G. P. Rymer in regard to the renewal of his lease which expired on 25th March, 1935. RESOLVED, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to meet at the farms and consider and report thereon. RESOLVED, also, That the Sub-Committee be appointed as follows:—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Yarnold ; Councillors Leigh James and Rogers.

(b) Old Cottage—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering to purchase the old disused black and white cottage at Hayden Farm. RESOLVED, That the Farms Sub-Committee be also asked to report thereon.

9—Offensive Trade—Fish Frier, Alstone Lawn Estate—The Committee considered application from Mr. A. Miller for their consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier at a shop proposed to be erected on the site allocated for shops fronting Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the applicant be informed that the Council will be prepared to give their consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier for a period of three years provided that the apparatus provided for frying fish approved by the Medical Officer of Health is installed to his satisfaction, and subject to the room in which the fish frying is carried on complying with the requirements of the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Conference—Read, circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual conference of the Institute to be held at Southport in September. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

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11—Flooding—Read, report of the Flooding Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 6th instant. Present—Councillors Morris, Pruen (in the chair) and Waite.

The Sub-Committee had considered the report of the Borough Surveyor on various matters with a view to reducing the risk of flooding in the Town, and submitted the following report and recommendations:-

(1) Hanover Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the original storm overflow at this point had been demolished, and a new one substituted, and it was expected that this would reduce the pressure on the sewers at this area very considerably.

(2) High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the flooding of High Street near the Colonnade appeared to be caused by the discharge from the North Street sewer into the present trunk sewer in High Street, and recommended that a new storm water overflow should be constructed from a point East of the North Street junction and thence along Clarence Street, Clarence Parade and Royal Well Lane and discharging into the River Chelt. He estimated the cost of this work at £2,700. RESOLVED, That the Committee be recommended to adopt this recommendation and to make application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for carrying out the work.

(3) Kings Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he anticipated that the above work when carried out would relieve the pressure from sewers in the Kings Road district but that, if on completion, it was found that there was still the risk of flooding, he recommended that the sewer at the lower end of Hewlett Street be extended and connected to the Duke Street sewer which would have the effect of draining the surplus water into the High Street sewer. He estimated the cost of this work at £50. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out, if on completion of the High Street overflow, it is found necessary.

(4) Drainage Scheme for the North-Westerly Portion of the Borough —The Sub-Committee carefully considered this matter but decided to recommend the Committee not to proceed with a Scheme for the time being.

(5) "Abbotsford" Flooding—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the River Chelt should be cleaned and straightened a little in one or two places, from its junction with the Lilleybrook to Sandford Mill, and that the junction with the Lilleybrook should be so altered as to allow the flow to enter the Chelt at an angle which will assist and not deter free discharge. He estimated the cost of this work at about £75. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this carried out.

RESOLVED, That the report and recommendations be approved and adopted.

12—Borough Surveyor's Department—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to authorise the Borough Surveyor to appoint a temporary technical assistant to assist in the various schemes now being carried out, or contemplated by the Council.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th March, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Grimwade, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Morris (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Arrears of Rent—The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report on the arrears.

2—Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the meetings of the Sub-Committee held on the 21st February and 2nd and 9th March.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) The Moors—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide for at least 16 one-bedroom houses in preparing his layout of this land.

(b) 207-209 Leckhampton Road—That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to these houses. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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3---Reconditioning—(a) 7a Rutland street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner was willing to sell the site to this house, and the partly demolished house thereon for the sum of £10 free of costs to the vendor. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance. As the adjoining four houses purchased by the Corporation were being reconditioned by them, it would now be advantageous to convert these premises into a one-bedroom house, and he submitted a tender from Messrs. Trigg Bros., the contractors who were carrying out the adjoining works for carrying out the necessary work for the sum of £133. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) 15 Elm Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted four tenders received for reconditioning this house as a three-bedroom house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Met-, Trigg Bros. of £190 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) The Borough Treasurer recommended that the four houses now being reconditioned in Rutland Street could, when the work was completed, be let at a rent of 6s 6d. per week inclusive. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) 100-103 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. Warren offering to sell these houses. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee with a view to their considering the purchase of some of the houses for the widening and improvement of Elm Street.

4—Alstone Lawn Estate—(a) Read, letter from the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives that the percentage of imported labour was more than provided for in the contract. The architects reported that the first contract was completed, and the second contract would be finished in about three weeks, and the contractors had therefore retained their own key men for the completion of the work, and whom they wished to retain for their next contract. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that under the circumstances this is reasonable.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good the hedge along the northern boundary of the Alstone Lawn Estate.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported interview which he had had with the Ministry of Health on 28th ult., when the Ministry agreed that the basis of calculation of the rents on this Estate should be retained for the present on the understanding that as soon as actual experience as regards repairs was obtained and justified a reduction in the repairs allowance, the rents would be adjusted accordingly.

5—Sheds—Read, letter of 5th ult. from the Ministry of Health stating that in regard to the proposal to provide sheds for the 368 houses at St. Peter's and St. Paul's, tenders should be obtained, and a list forwarded to the Ministry, indicating the tender proposed to be accepted. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of the sheds.

6—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) Orchard, Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a gate in the entrances leading to the orchard at the rear of Tennyson Road between Nos. 23 and 25 so as to prevent unauthorised persons from obtaining access to the orchard.

(b) 4 and 121 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the Chief Constable asking the Committee to have these houses redecorated. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee.

7—Houses Erected under Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924—Read, letter of 14th instant from the Ministry of Health stating that the Act required that where the rents had been increased to above the appropriate normal rent in order to limit the rate losses to the standard sum the addition originally made should be revised from time to time in relation to estimated savings likely to accrue by reason of re-borrowing at lower rates of interest, and if since the date when the last calculation was made the rate of interest had fallen substantially a fresh calculation should be made, and if necessary the rents reduced accordingly. The Borough Treasurer reported that the rates of interest on Housing Loans had fallen substantially, and in view of the Ministry's letter he considered it necessary to reduce the rents, and he submitted statement showing the amounts by which he recommended the rents should be reduced. RESOLVED, That the rents of all the houses erected by the Corporation under this Act be reduced as follows :-

430 houses at St. Paul's, Whaddon and Pilley to be reduced by 1s 2d. per week,  
7 houses at St. Peter's let at 8s 6d. per week to be reduced to 7s 11d.  
26 houses at St. Peter's let at 6s 6d. per week to be reduced to 5s 9d., and  
138 houses at St. Mark's to be reduced by 112d. per week.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Ministry to approve of a reduction being made in the rents of the houses erected under the Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme.



8—The Moors, Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered suggestion that a portion of this land should be set aside for the enlargement of St. Peter's Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the 1 ¼ acres of land at the southern corner which is unsuitable for building being appropriated for the enlargement of the Recreation Ground when required, and that the revised preliminary layout submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Pates and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col, Biggs, Green and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Hadfields Ltd., withdrawing their tender of £1 19s. 4½ d. per cwt. for white lead. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd, of £2 0s. 4½ d. per cwt, be accepted also that the amended tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing for quarto note headings be accepted; also that the tender of Messrs Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. for Sanitary paper of 33s be accepted and that Minute No. 1 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

2—Eldon Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell asking the Committee to consider making up Eldon Road and laying the necessary sewer for their proposed housing developments, and for the road to be taken over by the Corporation, towards the cost of which they were willing to contribute. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate for making up and severing the road by the abutting owners, and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the said road required to be levelled, repaired, severed, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, and of any premises benefiting by the works though not fronting, adjoining or abutting on the part of the road to be repaired, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that if such notice is not complied with, the Borough Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

3—Road Materials—The Borough Surveyor submitted 81 tenders received for the supply of all the road materials required during the coming financial year. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee.

4—Lorries—The Borough Surveyor submitted 16 tenders received for the provision of two lorries. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee.

5—Borough Surveyor's Department—RESOLVED, That the services of Mr. Walley, temporary assistant in the Borough Surveyor's department, be retained for the present. RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage a temporary architectural assistant at a salary now approved by the Committee to assist in the various schemes now being carried out or contemplated by the Council.

6—Projecting Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Councillor Burrow suggesting that projecting signs should be only allowed under an annual permit, so that if the signs were not properly maintained, permission could be withdrawn. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not adopted.

7—Libertus Road—Read, letter of 24th instant from Councillor Grimwade suggesting that a sign should be erected at the junction of Gloucester Road and Libertus Road directing to the St Mark's

Housing Estate, RESOLVED, That this suggestion be adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a sign erected with the words "To St. Mark's Housing Estate."

8—Junction of High Street and Colonnade—Read, letter from Councillor Burrow suggesting that a white "stop line " should be placed across the High Street at its junction with Colonnade. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not adopted.

9—National Safety Congress—Read, circular from the National Safety First Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the National Safety First Congress to be held in London commencing on 9th May. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend.

10—Streamer Across Colonnade—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Spa Open Competitive Musical Festival Committee for permission to place a streamer across the Colonnade on the occasion of the Musical Festival be granted for two days subject to the usual conditions

11—Shelburne Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had looked up the Minutes and found that Dean Close School had been relieved of all responsibility for the making up of Shelburne Road and the footpaths. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel and tar the unmade part of the footpath on the west side of the road, and that Minute No. 7 (5) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

12—Automatic Traffic Signals—(a) Junction of High Street with Old Bath. Road and Hales Road—Read, letter of 3rd instant from the Ministry of Transport that a grant of 60 per cent of the actual approved expenditure for the erection of traffic signals at this junction had been made, the grant not to exceed £346. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Automatic Electric Company amounting to £436 18s. 0d. for the supply and erection of the signals be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. The Borough Surveyor estimated the total cost of the work including the work to be carried out by the Corporation at £577.

(b) Maintenance—RESOLVED, also, That the tender of the Automatic Electric Company for the maintenance of the signals at the above junction and the junction of Suffolk Road and Thirlestaine Road with Bath Road for the sum of £15 per annum for a period of 10 years be accepted.

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(c) Read, Also, letter of 19th ultimo from the Ministry of Transport making a grant of 60 per cent on the estimated approved expenditure for the erection of signals at the junction of Suffolk Road and Thirlestaine Road with Bath Road, the grant not to exceed £301.

13—Footpath, Old Bath Road to Leckhampton Road—The Committee considered letter of 7th instant from the Cheltenham District Trades Council in regard to the diversion of this footpath, and calling attention to the acute angle where the new footpath rejoins the old one, and suggesting that something should be done to prevent cycling on the footpath. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach Messrs. Bendall & Sons with a view to rounding off the corner, and also that he be instructed to erect posts in the footpath so as to prevent persons cycling.

14—Land, Whaddon Road—The Committee further considered the agreement to be entered into with Messrs. Naunton Estates Ltd. in regard to the development of the land at the junction of Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road. The Company asked that the Corporation should lay out the footpath of the road to be constructed even if this was not paved for the present, and that the Company should have a means of access over the land to be given up for the bye-pass road to the garages at the rear of their houses in Whaddon Road until such time as the bye-pass road was constructed. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

15—One Way Traffic Order—Strand, High Street The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had now issued regulations prescribing the procedure to be followed in making One Way Traffic Orders. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 46 (2) of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 and Section 29 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, an Order be made prohibiting the driving of any vehicle in a North-Westerly direction along the portion of High Street from its junction with Bath Road to its junction with Cambray, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Order, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation thereof. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices and to do all things necessary to obtain the confirmation of the Order.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

#### **STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 27th March, 1934.** Present—Councillor Capt. Trye (in the chair) ; Aldermen Pates and Yarnold; and Councillor Morris.

1—Lubricating Oils and Greases—The Committee considered Tenders received from five selected Firms for Lubricating Oils and Greases. RESOLVED, That the Tender of Messrs. Sternol, Ltd. be accepted for the supplies during the ensuing financial year.

2—Lorries—The Committee considered a letter, dated 9th March, 1934, from the Chief Inspector of Subsidised Transport and also Tenders received for vehicles to comply with the War Office specification. RESOLVED, That in view of the extra cost involved in purchasing vehicles of the type required for subsidy purposes the suggestion be not entertained. The Committee considered Tenders received from fifteen firms for the supply of the two lorries required. RESOLVED, That the Tender of Messrs. Haines & Strange for two 4/5-Ton Bedford Lorries at £354 each be accepted subject to guarantee and immediate delivery.

3—Road Materials—The Borough Surveyor submitted 82 Tenders for the supply of road materials during the ensuing financial year. RESOLVED, That the following be accepted :--

Tarred Macadam	Beaufort Quarries, Ltd.
Asphalt Filler	British Quarrying Co. Ltd. (J. Arnold & Sons Unit).
Tar Compound ...	Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd., and R. S. Clare & Co. Ltd.
Cold Emulsion	Berry, Wiggins & Co. Ltd.
Bitumen ...	Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd.
Chippings for Tarspraying	Malvern Hill Granite Co. and Penmaenmawr & Welsh Granite Co. Ltd.
Stone for Asphalt Manufacture	British Quarrying Co Ltd. (J. Arnold & Sons Unit).
Blending and Road Gritting Material	Penmaenmawr & Welsh Granite Co. Ltd.
Sand ...	Mark Williams & Co. Ltd.
Gravel ...	Whithorne Quarrying Co.
Roadmarking Paint	Bituminous Compositions, Ltd.
Kerbing and Paving.	

RESOLVED, That no Tender be accepted but that the Slab Factory be re-opened.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

## TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris; Brig.-Gen. McCalmont ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett and A. Yeend (The Mayor 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.
3702	Barker, W.	Motor house, Wentworth, Arle Road.
3703	Hawker, C.	Motor house, Jalna, Arle Road.
3704	Vicar and Churchwardens	Additions and alterations, St. Peter's Parish Institute, of St. Peter's Waterloo Street and Worcester Street.
3705	Best, R. C.	Motor house, 12 Wordsworth Avenue.
3706	Frostad, S. B.	Motor house, 9 Keynsham Terrace, Hales Road.
3707	Cook, E. W.	4 semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
3708	Ward, G. W.	4 semi-detached houses with garages, Eldon Road.
3709	Holborow, Mrs. J.	Conversion into two houses with additions, Beechhurst, Hewlett Road.
3710	Ford, G.	Detached house, Pilford Road.
3711	Greenhalf, R. W.	Detached house, Harp Hill, Hewlett Road.
3712	Reason, C. H.	4 detached houses with garages, Sydenham Villas Road and Oxford Street.
3713	Taylor Rea, Mrs.	Detached house, St. Stephen's Road
3714	Baylis, Miss E. K.	Conservatory, Hotel Majestic, Park Place.
3715	Laight, A. L.	2 porches, Oakdene and Oakville, Gordon Road.
3716	Wheeler & Mansell	Layout and 73 houses, Eldon Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3702, 3703, 3705, 3706, 3712, 3713, 3714 and 3715 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3704 and 3709 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 3708, 3710 and 3711 be approved subject to dark coloured tiles being used ; That Plan No. 3707 be disapproved and that the question of drainage be referred to the Public Health Committee ; and That Plan No. 3716 be not approved.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws-2 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft--Mr. A. T. Smith attended in regard to the wooden shed erected by him at this house with submission of plans. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
586	Lucas, C.	House, Cheltenham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
594	Boroughs, H.	Bungalow, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
595	Mews, Mrs	New wing, Oakfield, Battledown.
596	Young, G. W.	Petrol pump, Lyefield Garage, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.
597	Franklin, R. W.	Petrol pump, London Road Garage, Charlton Kings.
598	Bradley, E. H. & Sons	Pair of shops, junction of Cirencester Road and Croft Road, Charlton Kings.

599	Corporation Electricity Department	Regulator pillar, Up Hatherley.
600	Moore, G. E. W.	Petrol filling station, Newlands, Evesham Road.
601	Errington, G. A. W.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
602	Foster, G.	4 detached houses, Leckhampton Hill.
603	Tarplin, A.	Detached house, near Greenway, Shurdington
604	Harrison, D. H.	Bay window, bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington
605	Corporation Electricity Department ..	Cast Iron transformer pillar, Hatherley Hall, Hatherley Road
606	Bowie Evans, Major	Petrol pump, Bath Road.
607	Jones, W. L.	Bungalow, Elmstone Hardwicke.
608	Duke, Mrs. L. S.	House, Greenhills Road, Charlton Kings.
609	Minnett, Mrs. C.	House, Cleeve Hill.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 594, 595, 598, 599, 608 and 609 be approved That Plan No. 597 be approved subject to (1) the pump being painted dart, rural green, (2) the fence in front of the "island" being not more than 2 feet high, (3) the "island" being laid out as a lawn or garden and kept in a neat and tidy condition, and (4) no signs other than those recommended by the Home office in their Model byelaws for the control of Petroleum Filling Stations being erected ; That Plan No. 600 be approved subject to compliance with the County Council Byelaws with regard to Petroleum Filling Stations, and to the pumps being removed behind the building line at any time when required by the County Council ; That Plans Nos. 601 and 602 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to dedicate the land for the widening of the roads in the case of 601 to standard width and in the case of 602 to the line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme when required ; also in the case of 602 to no part of the building projecting over the building line, the walls being roughcast and Cotswold grey tiles being used; That Plan No. 603 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the fence at the corner of the lane to the line laid down by the County Council ; That Plan No. 605 be approved subject to the pillar being removed without compensation at any time if and when required ; That Plan No. 606 be approved subject to the pumps being removed behind the building line at the owner's cost and without compensation if and when required ; at Plan No. 607 be approved subject to (1) the water supply being provided to the satisfaction of the Tewkesbury Rural District Council before building operations are commenced, (2) dark coloured tiles being used on the roof, and (3) satisfactory disposal of sewage ; That consideration of Plan No. 604 be deferred ; and That Plans Nos. 586 and 596 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) Old Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked the Rural District Council for their views on the application of Messrs. Rainger and Rogers for permission to erect one house fronting the Old Gloucester Road, but that the District Council had not yet come to a decision, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Priory Street—Read, application from Mr. A. A. Bolton for permission to convert the bungalow, known as "The Homestead," Priory Street into a builder's store, and for the building line on the plot to be determined as he intended to erect two houses on part of the site. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee will be prepared to give favourable consideration to his application on submission of plans.

4—Footpath at Southam—Read, letter of 9th instant from the Clerk to the County Council that he had received a letter from the Winchcomb Rural District Council enclosing copy of a letter addressed to them by the Southam Parish Council, informing him that the footpath from the Manor Farm to the Old Gable House had been restored to its original position.

5—Plan No. T.P. 341—Read, letter of 7th instant from Mr. G. W. Bausor in regard to the conditions on which this Plan had been approved. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

6—Appeal by Mr. B. M. Dancy—The Town Clerk submitted instrument of 5th instant from the Ministry of Health, dismissing the appeal made by Mr. Dancy against the decision of the Council not to grant permission for the erection of a petrol pump in Charlton Lane.

7—Appeal by Mr. A. A. Bolton—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had held a Local Inquiry on 20th instant on the appeal made by Mr. A. A. Bolton against the condition made by the Council in approving the Plan of a house in Badgeworth Lane. The County Surveyor attended on behalf of the County Council and informed the Inspector that subject to Mr. Bolton giving up the land for the widening and improvement of the road forthwith, and setting back the fence, he was prepared to recommend the County Council to carry out the widening, and to relieve Mr. Bolton from any further liability in respect thereof, and Mr. Bolton had intimated that he was prepared to agree to this proposal.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Pruen and Waite ; and Mr. E. W. Dicks (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens--Archery Ground—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary, of the Cheltenham Archery Club withdrawing their application for the use of the archery ground for the coming season,

2—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That these Baths be opened for Mixed Bathing on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. during the coming season as last year.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club asking the Committee if they could make a reduction in the charges for the hire of the Baths for their Polo Matches etc.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Club be asked to produce their balance sheet for the information of the Committee.

(c) Read, letter from the Headmaster of the Cheltenham Grammar School asking the Committee to grant free tickets for distribution among the scholars whose parents are unemployed. RESOLVED, That Mr. Dobson be informed that the only free tickets issued are the season and half-season tickets granted to elementary school children gaining Medallion and Proficiency Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society respectively.

3—Swimming Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the proprietor of the " Cheltenham Circular " offering to distribute 10,000 copies of the Swimming Baths Time Tables and Tariffs as insets to the monthly publications of his paper for £4 15s 0d. as last year. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the tender of Messrs Burr & Hill of £5 2s. 8d. for printing 11,000 copies of the leaflet (being the lowest of 6 tenders received) be accepted.

4—Spa Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was read. (b) Read, memorial signed by 30 residents in the neighbourhood of the Baths complaining of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from the chimney. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had experimented with washed crushed coke mixed with coal, and recommended that the offer of the Cheltenham Gas Company to supply this fuel at 17s 6d. per ton at the Gas Works be accepted for a trial period of one month. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

5—Town Hall—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall amounting to £7 12s. 0d. for the provision of bronze perforated gratings over the radiators in the Drawing Room. RESOLVED, That this quotation be accepted.

(b) Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Spa Open Competitive Musical Festival Committee thanking the Committee for granting the free use of the Town Hall for the Musical Festival.

(c) Catering--The Town Clerk reported the suggestions made by the District Auditor for providing more effective check on the catering receipts at Municipal functions at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not see their way to adopt these suggestions as they consider that these would involve more expense than is justified in the circumstances

RESOLVED, That the free use of the Supper Room be granted for a meeting of the Electrical Association for Women on the 7th June next.

6-Sunday Concerts—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation of this Committee in regard to the discontinuance of the 3d. seats at these concerts. RESOLVED, That the 3d seats be continued, and that Minute No. 11 (a) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be rescinded.

7—Meteorological Report—The Report of the Borough Meteorologist for the year 1933 was submitted RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have 100 copies of this Report printed.

8-Joint Guide Committee--RESOLVED, That Councillors Grimwade and Smith be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Joint Guide Committee in place of Ex-Councillor Weech and Alderman Thomas (deceased). .

9-Enterainments Sub-Committee—Read, Report of the Enterainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 5th inst.

That recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Montpellier Gardens—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the shrubs etc. at the corner of these dens opposite Miss Woodard's shop so as to enable a clear view of the gardens to be obtained from this corner.

(b) Hard Tennis Courts—That the Enterainments Manager be instructed to let these courts on the same terms as last year, and that two of the courts be let to the Cheltenham (1930) Tennis Club for the days and times submitted at an Inclusive rent of £40.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that with regard to (a) the Chairman be asked to obtain the views of the Gardens Superintendent before the work is executed.

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10—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted ten tenders received for the installation of filtration plant at this recreation ground, RESOLVED, That subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied as to the chlorinator the tender of the Horsley Bridge Engineering Company amounting to £360 for the filtration plant, £24 for cascade and £75 for the chlorinator be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Shelter—The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders received for the erection of shelter at the playground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. H. J. Trigg of £125 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) The Borough Surveyor also reported that he estimated the cost of providing the filter house at £68. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to proceed with this work.

11—Royal Automobile Club Caravan Rally—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the R.A.C. stating that the Club proposed to hold its Caravan Rally at the Racecourse on the 4th and 5th May next, and thanking the Council for their invitation, and the Mayor stated that he was prepared to entertain the competitors to tea as was done last year. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Mayor, and that a cup valued at £5 5s. 0d. be awarded as last year, and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for a Dance in the Pittville Pump Room to which competitors be admitted free on production of their badges.

12—Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 9th inst from the Secretary of the General Hospital stating that the Sub-Committee consider it essential that there should be a definite agreement with regard to the proposed restrictions for the protection of the Hospital. The Chairman reported that he and the Mayor had had a further conference with the Hospital Sub-Committee and had agreed to submit draft resolution for approval of the Council. The Committee approved of this draft and accordingly it was RESOLVED, That the Council undertake that if the site of the Car Park is declared by the Hospital Board to be a nuisance to them it shall be removed to a site on the other side of the road and also that if the Hospital report that any nuisance or disturbance is caused by Polo Matches or Swimming Galas these will be limited to not more than four in a season and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd March, 1934** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Pruen, Smith and Waite ; Messrs. H. W. Bennett and E. W. Dicks (Councillor Waite in the chair).

13—Montpellier Gardens—Custodian—The Committee interviewed two of the Corporation Gardeners who had applied for the post of Custodian. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for applications for the appointment from men between the ages of 28 and 38, and that the Chairman, the Mayor, Councillors Grimwade and Smith be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications received, and to make an appointment.

14—Summer Bands—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered 10 tenders received for the provision of next Summer season's bands, and they recommended as follows .—

(a) That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole to provide a Quartet to play for 1 ½ hours on weekday mornings, and an Orchestra of 9 to play for two hours on weekday evenings from 19th May to the 29th June be accepted.

(b) That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for a Military Band to play on Sunday afternoons and evenings from the 13th May to 24th June (both dates inclusive) at a cost not exceeding £12 12s. 0d. per Sunday.

(c) That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole to provide a Quartet to play weekday mornings for 1 ½ hours, an Orchestra of 10 to play weekday afternoons for two hours, and a Municipal Military Band to play weekday evenings and Sunday afternoons and evenings from 30th June to 9th September (both dates inclusive) for the sum of £102 per week be accepted, subject in each case to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.



15—Conference—RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Deposit Friendly Society Conference be admitted to the band concert on Sunday evening, the 12th May free of charge.

16—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 19th and 25th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Whit-Monday Fete—That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for a procession of trade vehicles as last year, except that the horse section be not included.

(b) Montpellier Pavilion—That the application of Mr. Aubrey Standing to rent this Pavilion at a rent of £4 per week plus lighting on a weekly tenancy commencing on the 2nd April be accepted.

(c) Marle Hill Lake—Boating Rights—The Sub-Committee having reported that they are in negotiation with two firms for letting the boating rights at the Marle Hill Lake for the coming season, that the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept an offer from one of these firms.

(d) Winter Dance Band—That consideration of next winter season's Dance Band be adjourned, but that Gammon's Band from Malvern be engaged to play at a Municipal Dance to be held on the 14th April to enable the Sub-Committee to hear this Band.

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

17—" Everyman "—The Entertainments Manager reported the arrangements made for the production of "Everyman" at the Town Hall, and reminded the Committee that the Council have agreed to a percentage of the profits being given to the General Hospital. RESOLVED, That 50 per cent. of the net profits be given to the Hospital.

18—Alstone Baths—The Committee further considered application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for a reduction in the charges for the use of these Baths, together with copy of the balance sheet for last year. RESOLVED, That the charge hitherto made for the hire of chairs at galas be not made during the coming season.

19—Town Hall—(a) Ladies' Convenience—The Committee further considered the question of providing additional cloak room and lavatory accommodation for ladies at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for adding the room used as the Information Bureau to the ladies' cloak room and for transferring the Information Bureau to the Card Room and for providing a moveable partition for dividing off the portion of the corridor beyond the Entertainments Manager's office to enable this to be used as a dressing room for artists.

(b) Drawing Room—The Committee considered the tenders received for the provision of new carpet and chairs for the Drawing Room for which provision had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender or tenders.

20—Hospital Carnival—Read, letter of 21st instant from the Chamber of Commerce that the Chamber were joining with the Rotary Club in organising a Promenade Carnival in aid of the Hospital Centenary Fund, and the date preferred would be Whit-Monday, and the Chamber asked whether the Council would agree to allow the proceeds of the Whit-Monday Fete to be devoted to the same effort. The alternative date suggested was the 31st May, and they asked if the use of the Winter Garden could be granted in the event of the weather being unfavourable. RESOLVED, That the Chamber of Commerce be informed that the Committee cannot agree to the proceeds of the Whit-Monday Fete being given to the Hospital, and they consider the alternative date suggested, namely the 31st May, is too near the Whit-Monday Fete and suggest that a date about the middle of June would be preferable, and if this suggestion is adopted, the Committee will recommend the Council to grant the free use of the Winter Garden in the event of weather being unfavourable.

21—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 22nd instant from the Hon. Secretary of the St. Gregory's Athletic Club stating that owing to the boxing season terminating on the 31st instant, they had been unable to avail themselves of the offer of the Council to grant the free use of the Winter Garden for a boxing tournament in aid of their Club funds, and asking whether the Council would grant them the free use of the building on a date to be arranged next season, for an amateur boxing tournament in aid of the Hospital, RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to promise the use of the building next season.

22—Spa Federation—The Entertainments Manager submitted report of the meetings of the Spa Federation held in London on the 14th and 15th instant, attended by Councillor Howell and himself.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th March, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis and Leigh James (Alderman Moore in the chair)

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made in the improvement of the public lighting. The total number in which the lighting had been improved to date was 320.

(b) Naunton Way—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to erect two lamp standards for the lighting of this road at an estimated cost of £18 14s. 8d.

2—Signs on Lamp Standards The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had a survey made of all the signs fixed on lamp standards in the Borough. Apart from the 100 local omnibus signs, there were 87 separate and distinct signs on the standards, some of which were obsolete, and others were in a bad condition, and needed painting or repairing. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to these.

3—Renewal of Cables—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the maximum load on several sections of the mains in the Borough had considerably increased and that as previously reported it would be necessary to relay a large number of cables before next winter. The two portions which were most effected were the area between Overton Park, St. Stephen's Road, Moorend Park Road, Leckhampton Road and Park Place, and the area comprising the London Road district from College Road to Copt Elm Road including the district between Hewlett Street and Hale's Road. In these two areas a considerable amount of new 3-phase 4-core cable would be required to supersede the existing single phase concentric cables which were nearly all old cables, the loan charges on which had expired. The laying of these cables would necessitate the provision of new 3-phase transformers and switchgear. He estimated the cost as follows :—

Lansdown, Tivoli, The Park etc.

Cables and Link boxes	8,961 1
Transformers ...	1,375 0
Switchgear	<u>1,320 16</u>
	£11,656 17

London Road district.

Cables and Link boxes ...	3,739 2 3
Transformers ... —	343 0 0
Switchgear	<u>690 0 0</u>
	<u>4,772 2 3</u>

Total cost	£16,428 19 10
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RESOLVED, That the proposals of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £16,429 for the cost of carrying out the work.

(b) Stub-Station—In connection with the foregoing minute the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to provide a new sub-station in The Park district and he submitted offer from the owners of Park Grange, Moorend Park Road, to build a sub-station in accordance with plans to be prepared by him on a site at Park Grange and to lease the same to the Corporation on the rental and terms submitted. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the lease be for a period of 25 years ; RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare plans for the erection of the building.

4—Electricity Works—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the chimney at the Electricity Works.

5—Damage to Lamp Standard—Albion. Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Employers-Liability Assurance Corporation had agreed to settle the claim for the cost et making good the damage to the lamp standard in Albion Street by payment of two-thirds of the amount of the claim, and to enter into an agreement for the settlement of any future claims on this basis. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Supply to Rural Areas—Read, letter of 26<sup>th</sup> ult. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the erection of overhead lines for the supply to Hyde Farm subject to the usual conditions.

7—Loan of £15,000—Read, letter of 20<sup>th</sup> inst. from the Electricity Commissioners forwarding sanction to a loan of £15,000 for prospective expenditure on mains and services, the loan to be repayable within a period of 25 years.

8—Gas Tests —Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., and 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 470.3, 470.4, 472.1 and 472.2 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.8, 5.8, 5.6 and 5.8 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE. Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Scott Langley, Miller and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

##### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 28th February, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	72,000 gallons	238,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	309,000 “	844,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	22,000	58,000
Total	403,000	1,140,000

##### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about 52,974,000 gallons.

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

3—Appeals—(a) The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted. (b) RESOLVED, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report as to the appeal made by Mr. G. P. Rymer for an abatement in respect of a leakage of water at the farms.

4—Sandford Pumping Station—The Borough Engineer submitted complaint received in regard to the emission of smoke from the Sandford Pumping Station chimney, and having experimented with washed crushed coke mixed with coal he recommended that the offer of the Cheltenham Gas Company to supply this fuel at 17s 6d. per ton at the Gas Works be accepted for a trial period of one month. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

5—Water Troughs at Cleeve—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the L.M.S. Railway Company inquiring whether the Corporation could supply approximately 30 million gallons of water per annum for water troughs for locomotive purposes at Cleeve on the same terms as were offered by the Committee in December 1907. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee for the Borough Engineer to consider and report thereon.

6—Supplementary Water Supply—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing memorandum on the subject of the provision of supplementary water supply during the drought.

7—Tewkesbury Water Main—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. C. C. Castle that he had now settled the claims made by Mrs. Stephens, Capt. Hewitt and Messrs. Holder, Purser and Matthews. The total amount of the claims was £267 11s. 0d. and the amount at which the That claims is be had been settled was £62 12s. 6d., and the Town Clerk reported that these had been paid. RESOLVED, his approved.

8—British Waterworks Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual meeting and conference to be held at Edinburgh from the 26th to 30th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Special meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 17th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Leigh James and J. F. Ward (Alderman Margrett in the Chair). Councillor Rogers also attended.

1—Three Counties Show—The Town Clerk reported the endeavours which had been made to get over the difficulties in regard to the water supply, and site for the Three Counties Show, Mr. Williams had now agreed to let the ground for a rent of £80. An offer of £100 had been made to the Southam Parish Council if they would agree to extend the main, and he now submitted letter from the Clerk to the Soul ham and Brockhampton Parish Council stating that they would recommend the Rural District Council to extend the main if the Corporation would contribute £200 towards the cost thereof. In addition to this there would be cost of temporary mains for distribution on the Show Ground which the Borough Surveyor estimated at £70. The Parish Council could not undertake to supply more than 10,000 gallons per day, and this quantity would only be available if the yield of the spring was not less than the present yield. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Edwards, the Secretary

of the Show, estimated that 60,000 gallons would be required for the four days. RESOLVED, That as no satisfactory assurance can be obtained that an adequate supply of water can be relied upon, the Committee do not consider that they would be justified in recommending the Council to renew their invitation

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore, Taylor and Yarnold Councillors Pruen, Waite and J. F. Ward (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of T. Handford and S. Birt for the transfer of Licences Nos. 77 and 7 to Taxi Cabs Registered Nos. XY 8513 and DF 5804 respectively be granted.

4—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date, 1933.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
12th March	St. Gregory's School ...	Heating apparatus ...	Slight	£3 11s. 0d.
19th March	The Woodlands, Leckhampton	Details not yet obtained.		

5—Petroleum Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Major W. Bowie Evans and Messrs. H. E. Steel Ltd. for licences to store 500 gallons in an underground tank at Thirlestaine Garage, 150 Bath Road, and 100 gallons in tins at 105 High Street respectively be granted.

6—Film, " Damaged Lives"—Mr. P. K. Lucas Phillips, Liaison Officer of the British Social Hygiene Council attended in regard to the exhibition in Cheltenham of the film " Damaged Lives " which had not been passed by the British Board of Film Censors, and therefore required the sanction of the local authority before exhibition. RESOLVED, That the film be viewed by the Committee on the 5th April at 11 a.m.

7—Omnibus Services—(a) Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham District Traction Company in regard to the Committee's request that some covered double decked omnibuses should be provided on the Charlton Kings and Leckhampton routes, and stating that whilst it was not immediately practicable to replace so many vehicles as would be necessary to give effect to this suggestion, the proposal was receiving the favourable consideration of the Company with a view to its adoption in due course.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham District Traction Company enclosing a list of the modifications for which they proposed to apply when the renewal of their licences was considered by the Traffic Commissioners. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to these.

8—Borough Arms—Read, application from the Division Commissioner of the Cheltenham Girl Guides for permission embody the Borough Arms in the design of their Division Standard for use at Church Parades, Rallies etc. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

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9—Town Planning Scheme—The Town Clerk reported the conference held between representatives of this Committee and representatives of the County Council in regard to the formation of a Joint

Committee with executive powers, and submitted draft agreement, providing for the formation of the Executive Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to revise the draft agreement to meet the points raised by the Committee, and submit the same to the Committee for further consideration.

10—Rodney Road Car Park—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Transport stating that before sanctioning a loan for the purchase of the land in Rodney Road, and laying out this as a Car Park, the Council would have to give the notices under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, and the Town Clerk reported that the notices had accordingly been given RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

11--Traffic Commissioners—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Transport forwarding a list of Traffic Commissioners and Deputy Traffic Commissioners appointed for the Western Traffic Area which included the Deputy Mayor.

12—Allotment Gardens for Unemployed—Read, circular of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, stating that in reply to the question asked in the House of Commons, the Minister of Labour had stated that he did not anticipate that the Ministry would require unemployed allotment holders to attend a course of training proposed under the Unemployment Bill if this meant that they could not continue the cultivation of their allotments, and asking the Council to consider the desirability of giving the matter due publicity throughout their area. RESOLVED, That a copy of the letter be sent to the Editor of the Echo.

13—Car Parks—The Committee considered letter from the British Legion asking the Council either to hand over the Municipal Car Parks for management by the Legion and to share the profits or, in the alternative, to appoint as Car Park attendants disabled Ex-service men. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to hand over the Car Parks to the British Legion, but that when a vacancy occurs, the Committee will consider the employment of disabled Ex-service men.

14—Police Agreement—The Town Clerk submitted the draft agreement as finally approved by the County Council and the Home Office, RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

15—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the office hours be fixed at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m., and that Minute No. 10 passed at a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 20th October, 1931, be varied accordingly.

16—Leckhampton Hill Estate—Read, letter of 13th inst from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens enclosing plan of the piece of land proposed to be purchased by Mr. Murray Lindner. Mr. Lindner did not propose to erect any building at present, but was prepared to agree that no building should be erected without plans having been first submitted to and approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That the plan of the site be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance.

17—Joint Airport—The Committee considered the Report of a Conference held between representatives of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Corporations at Gloucester on the 13th inst. at which meeting Mr Peter of Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co., attended and submitted report of the progress made with the negotiations for the purchase of the land and in accordance with the recommendations made by the Conference it was RESOLVED:—

(a) That Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co., be instructed to obtain provisional contracts for the purchase by the two Corporations jointly of the lands referred to in the Report coloured Yellow, Dark Green, Pink, Blue and edged Blue, containing 180.894 acres at prices not exceeding in the aggregate £11,000 and otherwise on the terms stated.

(b) That the two Councils be recommended to clear, drain, grade, sow and roll, and otherwise carry out the recommendations contained in Mr. Ivor McClure's report on C.A. Form 80 in relation to, the

enlarged Site " A " provisionally approved by the Air Ministry for an "all types" licence, and also to provide an access road of light construction to the site and the Circle and Names thereon at a total estimated cost not exceeding the sum mentioned in the report of the Conference, subject to the acceptance by the two Councils of an offer from an operating Company to take a lease of all the lands to be purchased, on terms which will result in the annual cost to each Council for interest and sinking fund charges in respect of such land and the preparation of the enlarged site " A " as above mentioned not exceeding £250.

(c) That each Council be recommended to authorise its duly appointed representatives in conjunction with the duly appointed representatives of the other to invite tenders for the execution of the works referred to in, and offers for a lease in accordance with, paragraph (b), and to accept on behalf of the two Councils jointly such tender and offer as they may deem expedient.

(d) That the Council be recommended to apply to the Minister of Health for sanction to the borrowing of its share of the estimated expenditure involved in the purchase of the lands and the preparation of the enlarged Site " A " as above-mentioned.

CHAS. M. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Bendall, Davis, Green, Smith and J. F. Ward; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's inspection of the allotments, and that allotments previously reported were still in a bad state. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to these tenants terminating their tenancy.

(b) Albert Road Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of No. 28 had encroached a distance of two feet on to the pathway adjoining his allotment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Unemployed Allotments Association asking them to see that the path is restored.

2—Whaddon Road (New)—Allotment No. 42—Read, letter from the tenant as to the broken drain, and stating that the allotment was as he took it eight years ago. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to see the tenant, and report further thereon.

3—Creamery Piece—Allotment No. 40—Read, application from the tenant for permission to erect a pig-sty on his allotment. RESOLVED, That permission be given for the erection of a pig-sty subject to the site being at least 60 yards from Craven Cottage, and to the pig-sty and drainage thereof being erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and on the understanding that no claim for compensation shall be made in respect of the pig-sty on the termination of the tenancy.

4—Hatherley Road Land—Read, letter from Messrs. Cross, Son & Hodgetts, offering for purchase by the Corporation the land containing between 4 and 5 acres at the back of the houses erected by their clients in Hatherley Road near the Hatherley Tank, which was scheduled in the Town Planning Scheme for allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase.

5—Sandford Mead Allotments—RESOLVED, That Mr. Grinham, the tenant of the piggeries at Sandford Mead be allowed to remove the pigsties on his allotments on the termination of his tenancy.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th March, 1934.** Present—Councillors Addis, Green, and J. F. Ward ; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor J. F. Ward in the chair).

6—Hatherley Road Land—The Town Clerk reported negotiations for the purchase of this land, and submitted letter from Messrs. Cross, Son & Hodgetts on behalf of Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd., offering to sell the whole of the land they had left, except the frontage land, at the price of £40 per acre, including the remaining turf on the land, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land, which is scheduled under the Town Planning Scheme for allotments.

J. F. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th March 1934,** Present. Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Bendall, Davis, Green, Smith and J. F. Ward (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gardens Superintendent had inspected the tree complained of by Mr. Page, and reported that he considered the tree was in sound condition and recommended that a few small branches overhanging the garden of Mr. Page's house should be cut back and the head of the tree thinned out. RESOLVED, That this be done.

2—Recreation Grounds—Sunday Morning Opening—RESOLVED, That the present practice of opening the Recreation Grounds to the public on Sunday mornings during the summer month, lie continued, commencing in April.

3—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That the application of the Y.M.C.A. for a cricket pit, it on one evening per week be not granted as the Committee consider that this would interfere with the use of the ground by the smaller children.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Hard Tennis Courts—Mr. A. G. Dye, Chairman of the Brooklyn Lawn Tennis Club attended, and asked the Committee to reconsider their decision as to the terms of letting the hard courts as his Club were not in a position to pay the rent of £40. RESOLVED, That the Committee must adhere to their previous decision not to reduce the rent.

5—Gardens Superintendent—Car—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council as to the allowance to be paid to the Gardens Superintendent for providing a car. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of an annual allowance of £70 per annum, and that Minute No. 6 passed at the last meeting of this Committee be varied accordingly.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.



## ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th March, 1934.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Bendall, Burrow, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, Scott Langley and Rogers (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During February, 1934, 3,064 (against 6,647). Included in these figures were parties of 8 girls from the Central School, 72 girls from Dunalley Street School, and 175 students (in five parties) from the Cheltenham Ladies' College.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £4 10s. 4d.

Exhibitions—The Exhibition of Paintings, Miniatures, Sculpture and Jewellery, by the Society of Women Artists had been on view from the 31st January to the 5th March. Visitors, 3,938. Net cost £10 19s. 8d. On the 8th March this exhibition had been replaced by the Permanent Collection.

Reorganisation of Geological Room—The final instalment of showcases had been received, and the work of completing an entirely new display would proceed forthwith.

Excavations at Bourton-on-the-Water—The two Leaden cisterns from Bourton-on-the-Water were apparently unique so far as Britain was concerned. The purpose for which these vessels were intended had not yet been ascertained. The better example had been placed on view in the Art Gallery.

Staffordshire Pottery—This set of 25 pieces had been purchased for £5 from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

Distemping—A small instalment of distemping in the Museum corridors was being carried out by Messrs. Griffiths Bros. at an approximate cost of £3 18s. 0d.

Codex Sinaiticus—The total sum produced by the local effort to date was £50 17s. 3d., and cheques totalling £47 12s. 3d. had been sent by the Borough Treasurer to the British Museum.

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2—Donations—Mr. W. A. Rixon, oil-painting by himself. " A Town in the East " ; Dr. O. H. Wild, 5 local bygones. Mr. A. W. Richardson, Old hand Chaff Cutter from Winchcombe ; Mr. E. Holden, 2 wrought iron nails from Gloucester, c. 1450 ; Mr. Desmond, Grey Squirrel ; Mrs. Haslam, 2 silver tokens of Bristol and Gloucester . R. P. Wild, Photograph of interior of Ebrington Arms; the late Lt.-Col, F. J. Ashburner, Books, Documents, etc., relating to the Pittville Pageant of 1908. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors,

3—Loans—Major J. G. N. Clift, Early 19th century Potato Dibber ; Mr. L. Lane, Sculpture by himself " The Boxer." RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That the restoration of one of the Leaden Cisterns from Bourton-on-the-Water at a cost of 35s, and the purchase of a Harvester's Cider Bottle for the sum of 7s 6d be approved.

5—Pittville Pump Room—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Burrow, Dr. Hayward and Capt. Trye be the representatives of this Committee to meet representatives of the Parks Committee, with regard to the proposed use of Pittville Pump Room for the display of Museum and Art Exhibits.

6—Children through the Ages Exhibition in London—RESOLVED, That appropriate exhibits, as suggested by the Curator, be available for this exhibition should application be made by the Organiser.

7—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on May 11th.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 23rd March, 1934.** Present—Alderman Yarnold; Councillors Betteridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th February, 1934 to 23rd March, 1934, Interments 62 ; Grave Spaces sold 14 (First Position 1, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 9) ; Memorials erected 12 ; New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8943 to 8956 (both inclusive).

3--Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to grave of Charles Kynaston, and William and Ellen Sewell ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of William Crispin, Joseph Marth, Martha Sandalls, Walter Poole, Charles Henry Powell-Kettle, William Studdard Huddart, and William John Holyoake ; Kerbing to graves of James Taylor, and Blanche Hayes.

4—Car Park—The Committee further considered the question of providing accommodation for the parking of cars near the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

5—Main Drive—RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to remove the two bushes adjoining the main drive as these obstruct the view of incoming traffic.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

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#### **WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd March, 1934.** Present—Councillors Howell, Lipson, Pruen and P. T. Smith.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor D. L. Lipson be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2—Winter Garden—Messrs. Evans, Webb and Wilkins, the Directors of the Company registered to promote this Scheme attended, with their Solicitor, Mr. C. E. Jeens and informed the Committee of the present position in regard to this Scheme and asked for a further extension of three months from the 31st March. RESOLVED, That this Committee recommend the Council to agree to this extension.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Barnett and Bettridge (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

(b) Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit a proposal to the Assessment Committee for a reduction in the assessment of this Car Park.

2—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payments of Rates, and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly payments as now settled by the Committee were regularly paid.

3—Central Electricity Board—Read, letter of 7th ult., from the Central Valuation Committee in regard to the assessment of the trunk lines, towers and transformer stations in the occupation of the Board.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James, Pruen and Waite. The following Chairmen of the Committees also attended :—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Margrett and Yarnold ; and Councillor J. F. Ward (Alderman Taylor 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 2d. in the Le for the year.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th March, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Leigh James (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £99,067; Leaving outstanding £5,854.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1934. Amount collected £20,656, Leaving outstanding £490.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 27th inst. Present The Mayor Alderman Taylor (in the chair); Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Leigh James. 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 offers of £6,800 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 £12,500 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Housing Bonds—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing Bonds amounting to £1,280 be approved

(b) Read, letter of 7th instant from the Ministry of Health stating that no objection would be raised to Housing Bonds amounting to £6,150 falling due for repayment in the next two months being renewed at 3 ¼ per cent or other rate of interest not exceeding 3 ½ per cent. The Ministry asked to be notified of any renewals effected at rates of interest less than 3 ½ per cent.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported offers received of two loans of £10,000 each for a period of 20 years. RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted, and that Debentures be sealed on account of duly authorised loans.

7—Borough Treasurer's Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that five members of his staff had passed the examinations of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants held in January :—Messrs. C. P. G. Neat and E. J. B. Wills securing the full diploma of the Institute, Mr. E. Stacey, Final—Part II, Mr. R. J. Browning, Final—Part 1, and Mr. D. McArthur, Intermediate. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to these members of the staff.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. R. J. Browning, ledger clerk in his department, had secured a post in the Borough Treasurer's Department, Southend-on-Sea, and would leave on 22nd April. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to fill the vacancy at a salary not exceeding that paid to Mr. Browning.

8—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Clark, retired labourer, who was in receipt of a pension of 16s 8d. per week, died on 16th instant.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. A. G. Williams, sweeper, had been certified as permanently unfit for employment, He had completed 40 years service in March, 1931, and being 61 years of age was then entitled to retire. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 14s 1d. per week as from 10th October last, when he finished work, calculated on his wages for the last five years on a non-contributory basis of 40 years service.

9—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk submitted sanction dated 20th instant from the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £15,000 for mains and services, repayable within a period of 25 years.

10—Auditor's Report—The Town Clerk submitted the District Auditor's Report of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1933. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd May, 1934.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th day of May, 1934, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to make Standing Orders in respect of Contracts. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Wednesday, 4th April, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A., Moore, Pates, Taylor and Yarnold; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.B.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Sawyer.

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

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Trye, John Henry, The Grotto, Moorend Road, Cheltenham, Captain, RN. (Retired) ••• 17

Pruen, Arthur Sidney Fitzgerald, Fallowfield, St. Stephen's Road, Cheltenham, Solicitor ••• 1

Ward, Edward Laurence, 2 Hatherley Court Road, Cheltenham, Company Director ... ••• 1

One Ballot Paper handed in NN as declared by the Mayor to be spoilt. The Mayor accordingly declared the said John Henry Trye to be elected Alderman, who then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That Alderman Capt. Trye be assigned to the St. Mark's Ward for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year.

3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th March, 1934, 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.

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

Public Health                      Meeting held March 12

Housing                              Meeting held March 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Addis: " That Minute No. 5 be amended, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of sheds instead of Messrs. Rainger & Rogers." Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to return the documents deposited by Messrs. Copp Bros.-by way of security for the due performance of their contract.

Street and Highway              Meeting held March 19

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Burrow: "That Minute No. 6 in regard to granting of applications for projecting signs under an annual permit be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

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Stores Sub-Committee      Meeting held March 27

Town Planning                      Meeting held March 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 16 & 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pates and accepted by the Chairman : " That Minute No. 11 in regard to the Caravan Rally be amended, and that two cups, value £3 3s. 0d. each plus cost of engraving, be presented." Resolved, also, That with reference to Minute No. 16 (c) the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange terms for the granting of a lease of boating rights and associated amusements at Marle Hill Annexe to the Supercraft Motor Boat Co. for a term of not exceeding seven years.

Electricity and Lighting      Meeting held March 26

Water                                  Meeting held March 13

General Purposes and Watch      Meetings held March 17 & 20

Allotments                          Meetings held March 12 & 26

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 6 be amended, that the Council agree to purchase the land in Hatherley Road at the price of [28 an acre instead of [40 an acre " was withdrawn).

Parks and Recreation Grounds      Meeting held March 12

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Yarnold and seconded by The Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 5 in regard to the Gardens Superintendent's car allowance be referred back " was lost).

Art Gallery and Museum              Meeting held March 16

Burial Board                      Meeting held March 23

Winter Garden Development Meeting held March 23

(An Amendment moved by The Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 2 in regard to the granting of a three months further option to the directors of the Company registered to promote the scheme be not approved " was lost).

Rating Meeting held March 8

Finance Meetings held March 22 & 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.

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5—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 those purposes (including the amount required for the purposes of the Public Libraries Acts) during the period commencing on the First day of April, 1934, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1935, 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 a General Rate of 10s 2d. in the on the rateable value of each hereditament, as shown in the Valuation List and in the form shown in the Rate Books be and the same is hereby made and approved in respect of the period commencing on the First day of April, 1934, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1935, 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, 1934, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed hereto. Resolved, 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.

6—Local Employment Committee—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Labour, asking the Council, to nominate a representative to serve on the Cheltenham and District Local Employment Committee which the Minister had decided to re-appoint for a further period of three years. Resolved, That The Deputy Mayor; (Alderman Capt. Trye) be nominated.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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MINUTE'S of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th May, 1934.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property-8 Northfield Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 8th January last the works specified to be done at these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. J. Baker & Son at a cost of £20 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 17 Rotunda Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations

prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the premises. 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, that the condition of the said part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 11th June next.

(b) 46 Rutland Street ; Flesk Cottage, Wellesley Road ; Beechhurst Cottage, Hale's Road ; 1 and 2 Forge Cottages, Milsom Street ; Old Tudor Cottage rear of 1 to 3 Brighton Cottages—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 11th June next.

(c) 27, 60 and 61 Rutland Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. Mrs. Watts attended on behalf of the Owner of 27 Rutland Street together with the tenant (Mrs. Prosser), also Mr. J. T. Ireland, Owner and occupier of 61 Rutland Street attended and both Owners objected to Demolition 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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.

(d) 3 Priory Street ; 12 Suffolk Square ; Six Chimney Farm—Mr. Prude the tenant of Six Chimney Farm attended and objected to a Closing Order being made. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of parts of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that Mr. Prude be asked to consult with the Jesus College, the Owners of the premises.

(e) Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had put in hand the necessary work required. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be adjourned for three months.

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(f) 9 Columbia Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted undertaking dated 9th instant by the Owner (Miss Perreyman) to carry out within 8 weeks such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the house fit for human habitation, RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be accepted.

(g) 5 and 5a Hermitage Street: 6, 10 and 12 Columbia Street ; 6 and 10 Rutland Street ; 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages—The Committee further considered making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. Mr. Tandy, on behalf of the Owner of 5 and 5a Hermitage Street, and Mr. Phipps, the Owner



of 6, 10 and 12 Columbia Street, attended, and the Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of 6 and 10 Rutland Street and 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages were prepared to consider carrying out the necessary work required. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting to enable the owners to obtain estimates and to consider carrying out the work required in accordance with the specification to be prepared by the Sanitary Inspector.

(h) 1 and 2 Green's Passage—The Committee further considered making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses, and Mr. and Mrs. Hands attended on behalf of the Owner. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months to enable the owner to obtain estimates and to consider carrying out the necessary work required in accordance with specification to be prepared by the Sanitary Inspector.

(i) 8, 9 and 9a Hewlett Place—Mr. Fitzroy Fowles attended on behalf of the Owner of these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders be adjourned for one month to enable the owner to consider and submit proposals for altering and reconstructing the property.

(j) 17, 22, 51, 56, 57, 58 and 65 Rutland Street—Mr. and Mrs. Hands, the Owners, attended. RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for three months, and that the Housing Committee be asked to consider purchasing all or any of the houses.

(k) 16 and 24 ; 37, 38, 39, 42, 59, 62, 63 and 64; 25; 31; 43 ; 49; and 18 Rutland Street—The Committee further considered making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. Mrs. Watts, on behalf of the Owner of Nos. 16 and 24, and Mr. Baldwin, the Owner of No. 43 attended, and the Town Clerk submitted letter of 20th ult. from Miss Green, Owner of No. 25, and the Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of the other houses were prepared to consider carrying out the work required. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the various owners to obtain estimates and consider carrying out the work required in accordance with specification to be prepared and supplied to the owner by the Sanitary Inspector.

(l) Engineer's Arms, St. Paul's Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the occupier of these premises had, in October last sublet the portion of the premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made in July last, but that the premises had now been vacated. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant warning him that if there is any further breach of the Closing Order the Corporation will take proceedings against him for the penalties under the Act.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 10 lbs. Beef ; 15 ½ lbs. Mutton ; 2 qrs. 9 lbs, Pork ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. Tinned Goods ; 2 qrs. 9 ½ lbs. Fowls.

4—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. Roy Prewett and Rosina Instone to be registered as Retail Purveyors of milk within the Borough in respect of 62 Winchcomb Street and 9 Tivoli Place respectively be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. Estcourt Harrison of Chargrove House, Shurdington for registration as a Producer be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

5—Barn Farm Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. W. L. Jones for permission to drain a house which he proposed to build at Elmstone Hardwicke into the outfall sewer. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, providing for a payment by the Owner of 2s in the £ per annum 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.

6—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the National Citizens Union with resolution passed at their meeting held on the 21st ult. expressing regret and disappointment at the

decision of the Town Council to defer application of the Act requiring the slaughter of sheep and lambs by a mechanically operated instrument.

7—Dust Nuisance—The Sanitary Inspector reported that these works had now restarted, and he had received complaints of the nuisance caused by the emission of dust, and having inspected the same he was of opinion that the complaints were justified. RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that if the nuisance is allowed to continue it will be necessary for the Corporation to take action in the matter, and that the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under observation with a view to proceedings being taken if necessary.

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8—Public Conveniences—(1) The Committee considered the report of the Borough Surveyor of his inspection of the public conveniences in the Borough. RESOLVED, as follows :—

(a) Clarence Parade—That no alteration be made in the closing time of 10.30 p.m. of the ladies' convenience.

(b) Parish Churchyard—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimates for providing new stalls at this convenience.

(c) Montpellier Walk—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for a new convenience for both sexes, including cloak room and washing accommodation for erection in Montpellier Gardens in place of the existing underground men's convenience and ladies' convenience at the Custodian's Lodge.

(d) Grosvenor Street, Sherborne Street, Waterloo Passage and Gloucester Road—That Messrs. J. Dobell & Co. Ltd. be asked to have the conveniences in these streets belonging to them enlarged and improved and repaired where necessary, and in the case of Waterloo Passage, that if the repairs are carried out, the Electricity and Lighting Committee be recommended to provide an electric lamp.

(e) York Passage—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for rebuilding this convenience.

(f) High Street and Ambrose Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate for renovating and decorating the underground convenience at the junction of these streets.

(g) St. George's Place—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to renovate and paint the convenience in this street. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-arrange the duties of the general attendant and of the attendant at the High Street and Ambrose Street convenience as now approved by the Committee.

(2) Queen's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the erection of a public convenience containing three water closets for women and two water closets and five stalls for men he estimated the cost at between £450 and £500. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of the convenience, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost of this, including the cost of the land to be purchased from the L.M.S. Railway Company, namely £40. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enter into provisional contract for the purchase of the land.

9—Barn Farm—RESOLVED, That consent be given to the placing of three stays on telegraph poles in a field adjoining Longhill Hospital subject to an annual payment of 1s per stay, and to any damage which may be done in the placing of the stays being made good. The consent to be determinable by three months' notice in writing on either side.

10—Empire Health Week—Read, circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute suggesting that the Corporation should organise a Health Week. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report.

11—Meat Inspection—The Committee further considered circular from the National Veterinary Medical Association of Great Britain and Ireland urging local authorities, when considering the appointment of meat inspectors, to appoint veterinary surgeons. Read, also, circulars from the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Association with their observations on the circular. RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied with the present system of meat inspection by Sanitary Inspectors holding the Meat Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Association accordingly.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Leigh James and Smith (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1-The Moors, Tewkesbury Road (a) Read, letter of 7<sup>th</sup> inst. From the Ministry of Health suggesting that an alternative layout on the lines sketched on the plan enclosed with their letter should be adopted so as to avoid the construction of the boundary road adjoining the remainder of the land belonging to The Moors, and asking for an amended layout plan and revised estimates accordingly. The Borough Surveyor submitted amended layout plan on the lines suggested, He estimated that the proposed layout of the Ministry would effect a saving of about £55. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Committee do not approve of this layout as it would expose the backs of the houses on the north west side of the property to view from Tewkesbury Road ; and had no regard to the future development of the adjoining land ; the provision of an open space at the back of the houses in the inner road would not be satisfactory, but an open space in front as proposed in the original layout would form a pleasing feature, and that if necessary the Chairman, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be authorised to interview the Ministry thereon.

(b) The Committee considered the proposed purchase of an additional acre of land for the enlargement of the St. Peter's Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That if the Council decide to accept the offer of Mr. Smith to sell an additional acre of land for £300 (which the Committee consider desirable), that the proposed layout be amended so as to leave one acre as an addition to the St. Peter's Recreation Ground.

2—Selection of Tenants and Repairs and View Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the meetings of the Sub-Committee held on the 21st and 29th ult., and 12th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Outbuildings—That the Sub-Committee's recommendations in regard to the various outbuildings inspected by them be approved.

(b) 43 Kipling Road—That the tenant of this house be required to fit a new door to the garage, and also to clear away all rubbish etc.

(c) 2 Orchard Terrace—That a soak-away be provided to drain off the water from the path at the rear of this house.

(d) New Houses, Wordsworth Avenue—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the clay and rubbish etc. removed from the gardens of these houses, RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Reconditioning-7a Rutland Street—(a) The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner of this house had now withdrawn his offer to sell the site, and the proposal to convert the partly demolished building thereon into a one-bedroom house could not therefore be proceeded with.

(b) 17, 51, 56, 57, 58 and 65 Rutland Street-(a) Sanitary Inspector reported that with reference to the notices served to make Demolition Orders in respect of these houses the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Hands had attended the Public Health Committee, and satisfied the Committee that they were unable to carry out the work required to render the houses fit for human habitation, and the Public Health Committee recommended that the Housing Committee should consider the purchase of the houses for reconditioning. The owners were prepared to sell the houses at the price of £240, free of all costs, and his preliminary estimate of the cost of reconditioning the houses was £700, and he recommended that these should be purchased and reconditioned RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare specification and obtain tenders for reconditioning the properties.

4-207 and 209 Leckhampton Road—Tramway Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector reported his inspection of these two houses, which were of the back-to-back type, and that he had considered whether it would be an economical proposition to reconstruct these so as to bring them up to the standard of the houses reconditioned by the Corporation in the Borough, but in view of the condition and position of the houses he recommended that these should be demolished. RESOLVED. That tenders be invited for the demolition of the houses when the tenants have been rehoused.

5—Sale of Houses---(a) The Town Clerk submitted two applications to purchase houses in Whaddon Avenue. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to sell the houses on this Estate.

(b) 54 Tennyson Road and 23 Byron Road—The Town Clerk submitted offers from Mr. F. J. Eckersall to purchase these two houses as valued by the District Valuer, namely 54 Tennyson Road, £475, and 23 Byron Road, £355 RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sales.

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6—Slum Clearance—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was prepared- to consider the proposal of the Town Council to provide more houses than were actually necessary to re-house the equivalent displaced population but pointing out that the effect of this would be to increase the rents to be charged, and also that the contribution from the rates of £3 15s. 0d. per annum for 40 years would be payable in respect of each new house provided. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health to approve of both the Government Subsidy and the contribution by the Corporation in respect of the 105 houses required for re-housing the population to be displaced by the Clearance Areas being spread over the 130 houses proposed to be erected, the Council being satisfied that if this is adopted, the rents of the houses will not be increased beyond the means of the persons for whom they are being erected.

7—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933-TheChairman reported two conferences which representatives of the Corporation had had with the Master Builders Association, who were prepared to consider the erection of houses to let under this Act if the Corporation could assist them

in obtaining a suitable site RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd April, 1934,** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Projecting Signs--(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer with regard to 87 direction and notice signs and 100 omnibus signs fixed on lamp standards, which were in need of painting and repairing. He also submitted copy of the circular addressed to 12 owners of private direction signs, none of which had yet received attention. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove any signs which have not been repaired by the end of May and to warn the owners accordingly.

(b) Read, application for permission to erect a Neon electric sign across the corner of the balcony of 103 Promenade. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this so far as this Committee is concerned, subject to compliance with the regulations of the Electricity Committee as to luminous gas tube signs.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore for permission to erect a projecting sign at 24 Pittville Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

2—Asphalt Roller—The Borough Surveyor reported that with regard to the report at the last meeting on the condition of the boiler of one of the asphalt rollers, it did not appear to be practicable to get this repaired, owing to it being of American make. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the provision of a diesel engine roller, and also for the disposal of the old roller, and also another old disused roller.

3—Refuse Collection—Foreman's Car Allowance—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Refuse Collection Foreman for an allowance of £50 per annum in respect of his car. RESOLVED, That he be paid an allowance of per annum plus the usual allowance of petrol supplied to him as at present.

4—Private Improvement Works—Victoria Place, Bath Road ; and Eldorado Road—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor submitted its apportionments of the Private Improvement Works carried out in these roads, amounting to £38 6s. 1d. and £86 10s. 0d. respectively. RESOLVED, That these be approved, and that demands for payment be served on the owners named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent be made to the owners on the amount apportioned against them provided payment is made within one month of the service of the demand.

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5—New Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Education Committee, in enlarging the playground of Devonshire Street School, proposed to rebuild the boundary wall fronting New Street, and it had been suggested that this should be set back a distance of 4 feet, and that the Corporation should bear the cost of the wall, estimated at about £30 RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to contribute the sum of £30, subject to the Education Committee building the wall to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make up the land to be given up.

6—Shelburne Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Councillor Smith asking the Committee to consider the advisability of rounding off both corners of Shelburne Road at its junction with Hatherley Road. He had seen the Headmaster of Dean Close School, who had stated that the School Authorities would be willing to give up the land if the Corporation would do the necessary road works and also erect a close boarded fence along the new boundary and quick hedge behind in addition to making a crossing lower down where a fresh entrance would have to be made to their land. RESOLVED, That these terms be agreed to.

7—Omnibus Stopping Places--Read, letter from Mrs S. E. Butler suggesting that a seat should be placed in Montpellier Terrace near its junction with Bath Road for the convenience of persons waiting for the omnibuses RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8—Automatic Traffic Signals—Hale's Road and Old Bath Road-- Read, letter from Mr. C. F. Bensted complaining of the position of one of the light signals erected at this crossing, as this was close to his house. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to alter the position of the signal.

9—Rowanfield Road—Read, letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades Council calling attention to the bad state of Rowanfield Road, and Alderman Yarnold reported that the owners in the road were taking steps to have the pot-holes repaired. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

10—Direction Signs—Read, letter from the Black and White Motorways Ltd., asking for permission to erect a larger sign in place of the sign at present fixed on the lamp standard near the junction of Promenade and High Street, directing to their motor coach station. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the approval of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, and to the sign being of light construction and fixed at such a height as will be clear of all traffic and over the footpath.

11—Streamers across Streets--(a) High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Motor Club for permission to place a streamer across the High Street on the days of their Motor Cycle Football Matches during the coming season be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Promenade—RESOLVED, That the applications of the Gloucestershire Branch of the English Folk Dance and Song Society and the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for permission to place a streamer across the Promenade for two days advertising the Folk Dance Festival at Pittville Gardens on the 30th June, and for two days on the occasion of each of their galas during the 1934 season respectively, be granted subject to the usual conditions,

(c) Read, letter of the 23rd inst. from Mr. G. Bradfield objecting to the Committee granting permission for the placing of streamers across the streets. RESOLVED, That no action be taken

12—Traffic Control—(a) Read, letter from Mr. H. C. Mould, enclosing plan and suggestions for controlling the traffic in the centre of the town. RESOLVED, That these suggestions be considered when the Committee are considering further means of traffic control.

(b) Evesham Road—Read, letter from Mr. S. Robson in regard to the traffic in Evesham Road, and suggesting that a speed limit should be imposed, and that the word "Slow" at the junction of Wellington Road should be repainted, and an island and lamp erected at this junction, and that traffic lights should be erected at the junction of High Street and Promenade RESOLVED, That Mr. Robson be informed that the Council have no power to impose a speed limit ; there is not sufficient space for the erection of an island and lamp at the junction of Wellington Road ; and that the Ministry of Transport are not prepared to approve of the erection of traffic lights at the junction of High Street and Promenade as desired by the Committee, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to renew the painting of the words "Slow" in Evesham Road.

13—Hewlett Road—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr A. V. Gregory enclosing cheque for £92 in full payment of the estimated cost of making up the footpath and roadway fronting Messrs. Goddard &

Hunt's land in Hewlett Road, and the Borough Surveyor reported that the work had now been put in hand.

14-1 Ormond Villas—The Committee considered complaint of the untidy appearance of this empty shop at the top of Montpellier, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the owner and the agents asking them to have the premises put in good order.

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15—Footpath, Moorend Grove to Parish Boundary—The Town Clerk submitted resolution from the Leckhampton Parish Council drawing attention to the condition of this footpath which in wet weather became very muddy. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this repaired.

16—Damage to Paving—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to the paving at the corner of High Street and Berkeley Avenue by a vehicle belonging to Commercial Roadways Ltd., and the Town Clerk reported that the Company had offered the sum of 35s in full settlement of the claim made for making good the damage. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

17—Petrol Pump—Suffolk Garage—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. H. S. Jones had not paid the annual charge of 5s wayleave in respect of the petrol pump swing arm over the footpath as this pump had not been used for two years, and was now locked, and he had no intention of using the same. RESOLVED, That Mr. Jones be informed that the wayleave must be paid so long as the swing arm remains erected.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd April, 1934.** Present—Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. C. Gurney and W. L. Mellersh (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1934

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	28.7	33.2
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	20	13.2
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	36.2	49
At St. Mark's (13 Meetings) . ..	28	23.6

(b) Highbury Centre—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Infant Welfare Association that the Association had found it advisable to engage a trained nurse for the weekly afternoon session at this Centre at a cost of 5s per week, and asking the Committee to meet this cost. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That this be agreed to and the grant to the Association increased accordingly.

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2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1934

No. of Children on Register	2,402
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	618
“ (over 1 year)	626
“ Un-notified Births discovered	1
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	2,001
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	157
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	78
“ Children remitted to Hospital	6
“ Ante-natal cases visited	37
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	8
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	38
“ Measles cases visited	17

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	101
New Orders ...	77
Orders discontinued during quarter	49
“ continuing to coming quarter	129

Children Act :

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	47	12
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	50	12

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 51 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1934, and that the total amount of doctors' fees paid for the period from 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1934, was £100 6s. 6d., of which £22 12s. 6d. was rechargeable to patients (b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st March, 1934: Still-births 3 ; Deaths of Infants 1 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 3 ; Laying out a dead body 1.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no request for a specialist's opinion had been received during the quarter.

5—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 26 mothers and 16 infants had attended the School Dentist in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee.

6—Milk—The Chairman reported that three tenders had been received for the supply of milk for the year ended 28th February next, and that he had accepted the tender of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—National Baby Week Council—Read, circular from the National Baby Week Council asking the Council to appoint two representatives on the Council. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed.

8—Conference—Read, circular from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality inviting the attendance of delegates to the National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare to be held in Birmingham on the 3rd, 4th and 5th July next. RESOLVED, That as Miss Oswald, Secretary of the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association was attending, no additional representative be appointed.



9—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted two applications to take children for reward under the Act RESOLVED, That one case be not granted as the applicant already has one child, and that the other case be granted.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 18th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Ullenwood Estate—Mr. Walford of Messrs. Young & Gilling (agents for the vendor), and Mr. Slatter of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co. (agents for the purchasers) attended and informed the Committee that a sale of the Ullenwood Estate was being negotiated, and they submitted a plan indicating the proposed development of the Estate, and the Committee indicated to them the proposals which it was intended to incorporate in the Scheme for the protection of water supply, view points and amenities, and for the provision of sewage disposal, roads and gas and electricity services, and as to the site which the Committee consider most suitable for the establishment of a petrol station.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett and Grimwade; Capt. Leschallas; Major Shakspeare; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3716	Wheeler & Mansell	Layout plan and 73 houses, Eldon Road,
3717	Evans, Mrs.	2 semi-detached houses, Rowanfield Road.
3718	Corpus Christi College	Cold store, 11 Henrietta Street:
3719	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Detached house, Libertus Road.
3720	Eager, E.	Detached house, Hayward's Road.
3721	Hamlett, P. R.	Motor house, 34 Glenfall Street.
3722	Baring, E.	Motor house, Inveresk, Eldorado Road.
3723	Holliday & Page	Conversion of outbuildings into shop premises, Dunalley Parade.
3724	Price, A. N.	Motor house, 3 Pittville Parade,
3725	Gillham, J. J. & Son	New shop front, 396 High Street.
3726	Bradshaw, H. E.	4 semi-detached houses, Rowanfield Road.
3727	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Rebuilding Wheatsheaf Inn, 2S3 Old Bath Road.
3728	Saunders, Miss H.	Reconstruction of scullery, 23 Park Place.
3729	Yolland, H. H.	Squash racquet court, Longuenesse, 127 Old Bath Road.
3730	Barratts, Messrs.	Shop front, 365 High Street.
3731	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Case store, Cheltenham Original Brewery, High Street.
3732	Goddard & Hunt	Motor houses, Kings Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3716, 3718, 3719, 3721, 3722, 3724, 3725, 3730 and 3732 be approved, but that in regard to Plan No. 3725 the owners be informed that the Committee do not regard the proposal to insert their name in the paving as desirable ; That Plans Nos. 3717, 3720 and 3726 be approved subject to the owners entering into under-takings to dedicate the land for the widening of the roads to byelaw widths of 36 feet if and when required ; That Plan No. 3727 be approved subject to the building being set back behind the building line ; That Plan No. 3728 be approved subject to a roof light being provided ; That Plan No. 3729 be approved subject to the building being 15 feet from adjoining property, and to the surface water being carried to the ditch; That Plan No. 3731 be approved subject to the steelwork being approved by the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plan No. 3723 be not approved.

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3—Town Planning Area—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
604	Harrison, D. H.	Bay window, bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
610	Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Apostles' Church	Vestries, Holy Apostles' Church.
611	Halford, Mrs.	Bungalow, Charlton Kings Common.
612	Young, G. W.	Petrol pump, Lyefield Garage, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.
613	Carey, Mr.	Garage, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury.
614	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Convenience, The Bell Inn, Shurdington.
615	Bliss, H. D.	Bungalow, Sunnyfields Lane, Up Hatherley.
616	Churchman, N. C.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
617	West, R. E.	House, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury
618	Birt, J. R.	Lock-up shop, Lynworth Farm, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury
619	Bendall, H. A.	2 detached semi-bungalows, Shurdington.
620	Yeend, J.	New greenhouses, Uckington.
621	Drummond, P.	Development and 7 houses, Brookfurlongs, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
622	Bowd, W. H.	Amended layout for 3 houses, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury.
623	Corporation Electricity Dept.	Overhead cables, Badgeworth, Great Witcombe, Cowley and Coberley.
624	Billings, A. C. & Son	Development and 28 houses, Charlton House Estate.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 610, 613, 619 and 622 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 604, 615, 617 and 621 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to set back the fences and dedicate the land for the widening of the roads if and when required, and in the case of Plan No. 621, subject also to house No. 3 being set back behind the building line ; That Plans Nos. 612, 614 and 620 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to remove the buildings behind the building line at their own cost and without compensation if and when required ; That Plan No. 616 be approved subject to hand made sand faced tiles, either dark brown or Cotswold grey in colour, being used ; That Plan No. 618 be approved subject to the building being used for the sale of dairy produce only ; That consideration of Plan No. 623 be deferred ; and That Plans Nos. 611 and 624 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Miss L. Wishaw for permission to erect a house on her land at Leckhampton Hill, RESOLVED, That she be informed

that the Committee will be prepared to give her application favourable consideration on submission of plans.

(b) Read, application from Mr. S. E. Alcock for permission to use the land adjoining No. 7 Painswick Lawn as a builder's yard. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site was in an area scheduled for general residential purposes, and could not be used for any purpose other than residential except by special consent of the Council. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Committee—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council appointing Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst and Capt. H. P. Leschallas as their representatives on the Committee for the ensuing year. Read, also, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council appointing Messrs. A. Wiggett and J. Walker as their representatives.

6—Plan No. T. P. 602—Read, letter from Mr. G. Foster stating that he was not prepared to give the undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road on Leckhampton Hill unless he was freed from all liability for making up the road and being put to no expense in setting back his boundary walls. RESOLVED, That subject to approval by the County Council a proviso be added to the undertaking freeing him from liability in making up the road.

7—Plan No. T. P. 341—Appeal by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. T. Bausor—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of appeal made by Mr. and Mrs. Bausor against the conditions imposed on the approval of their plan for a house in Shurdington Road that they should undertake to connect with the sewer when constructed. A letter was received from the District Council agreeing to the distance for connection of the drain being limited to 150 feet. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward the observations of the Committee to the Ministry of Health.

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8—Badgeworth Lane—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. W. J. Farmer, owner of Cornubia, Badgeworth Lane, stating that he was prepared to give up the land for the widening of the road provided he was freed from the liability of making up the road, and from any cost of setting back his fence and gate. RESOLVED, That this be deferred pending decision in the case of Bolton's appeal.

9—Control of Elevations—Read, circular of 28th ult. from the Institute of Municipal and County Engineers in regard to the Elevations and Siting of buildings. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the clauses to be inserted in the scheme are under consideration.

10—Rural District Council—Capt. Leschallas reported that the Rural District Council had now formed a Town Planning Sub-Committee to deal with plans, drainage and water services and asked whether the Committee would agree to Mr. Streater attending their meetings so as to co-ordinate the work of the two Committees. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of this.

11—Land, Old Bath Road—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the construction of the sewer on the land sold to Mr. Hall was now in hand and with a view to economy he recommended that a light section reinforced concrete road should be constructed so that this might be incorporated in the southern by-pass at some future date. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. G. E. Adams owner of Overstrand, Old Bath Road, adjoining the land belonging to the Corporation, asking whether the Committee would agree to let him the strip of land between his house and the temporary road which had been excluded from the sale to Mr. Hall and reserved for the construction of the by-pass road. RESOLVED, That this land be let to Mr. Adams on the same terms as similar strips proposed to be let to Mr. Hall, namely at a nominal rent of 1s per annum, Mr. Adams to do any fencing required, and the Corporation to have the right to take the land on 3 months notice when required for the by-pass road.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

2—**Entertainments Sub-Committee**—Read, Reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on 4th, 10th and 16th instant. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Montpellier Pavilion—That the application of Mr. Aubrey Standing to rent the pavilion on a weekly tenancy at a rent of f4 per week plus lighting, commencing on 21st May be acceded to.

(b) Summer Bands—That the tender of Messrs. R. A. Lister & Co. Ltd to supply their Military Band to give two performances on each of the seven Sundays from 13th May to 24th June at a charge of £14 14s. 0d. per Sunday be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) Summer Dances—That tenders be invited for the provision of a band for the dances to be held on Wednesday evenings during the summer, and also that the Saturday night dances be continued from 19th May, and that Gammon's Band from Malvern be engaged to play at these dances from week to week at a charge of £7 7s. 0d. per dance.

(d) Whit Monday Fete—That the proposed procession be not held in view of the Hospital Carnival on 7th June, and that the tender of Mr. Dawes to supply his Military Band to play for 3 ½ hours on Whit Monday for £16 16s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, plus the cost of one rehearsal for the dances.

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

3—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the corridors at the Town Hall redecorated.

4—Cheltenham Hospital Fete and Carnival—(a) Pittville Gardens and Marle Hill Annexe—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. G. A. Hawkins applying for the free use of the Pittville Park, Marle Hill Annexe and the Pump Room in connection with the above Fete to be held on 7th June. The Fete would conclude at 10 p.m., and the dance in the Pump Room at midnight. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Carnival Committee undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the property.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Carnival Committee for the Promenade to be decorated with bunting be acceded to, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Burrow, Green and Howell be appointed to act with the Borough Surveyor in arranging the method of decoration.

5—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Central Brotherhood for permission to hold religious meetings in the Pavilion on Sunday afternoons be granted when the Pavilion is not otherwise engaged,

6—Alstone Baths—Read, application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath on Tuesdays from 6.30 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 to be

arranged with the Superintendent RESOLVED, That the use of the Baths be granted on the terms as last year but as varied by the Council at their last meeting.

7—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—The Committee considered offer from Mr. A. W. Smith to sell an additional acre of land at The Moors at the price of £300. RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of houses to be erected in the district, the Committee recommend the Council to purchase this land for the extension of the recreation ground.

8—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating Rights—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported the terms arranged with Supercraft Engineers for the lease of the boating rights etc. at Marle Hill Annexe. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Rent and Term—£20 for first year with option to continue for further term of 7 years at a rent of £50, rent to be payable by three instalments, namely on 31st May, 15th June and 15th August.

(b) That the two paddle boats belonging to the Corporation be sold to Supercraft at £5 each or hired at a charge of £1 each.

(c) Treatment of Weeds—The Lessees to be responsible for keeping the water free from weeds as in previous agreements, except that their out-of-pocket expenditure for materials be limited to not exceeding £5.

(d) Sunday Hours—That the Council be recommended to approve of boating commencing at 10 a.m. on Sundays instead of 2 p.m.

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(e) Closing Time—That the closing time be extended to 11 hours after sunset instead of 1 hour as hitherto.

(f) Charges—The charges proposed to be made for boating to be submitted to and approved by the Committee.

(g) Catering—That the sole catering rights at the Annexe be granted to the lessees except in so far as these have already been granted for the Whit-Monday Fete.

After the current year the lessees asked for the right of providing amusements in the Annexe, such as maypole, juvenile aerial ride, see-saw, swings and putting course, and were prepared to submit the amusements to the Corporation for approval, but such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, but the Sub-Committee consider that it should be in the absolute discretion of the Council as to what additional amusements should be allowed.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the Sunday hours be fixed to commence at 1 p.m. and not 10 a.m.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Smith and Waite; and Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That Mr Bache be asked to attend the Conference of the National Association of Local Government Officers at Scarborough to support the invitation given by the Corporation to hold their 1935 Conference in Cheltenham, and if he considers it necessary that Councillor Lipson be asked to accompany him.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council invite the Prudential Staff Union to hold their 1935 Conference in Cheltenham.

10—Hospital Carnival—(a)—Decoration of Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the decoration of the Promenade met on the 26th inst. They recommended that flower baskets be provided on the lamp standards from the corner of Clarence Street to Oriel Road, and that every other pair of lamp standards be decorated with flags and shields and twisted bunting with festoon cellophane across the road, and that the Municipal Offices be decorated with bunting. Mr. Bache attended and explained the proposals, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost at approximately £75. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

(b) Read, letter of 24th inst. from Mr. G. A. Hawkins, Chairman of the Fete Committee, asking if the Committee had any objection to a licence to sell intoxicating liquors being obtained for Pittville Gardens from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the day of the Fete. RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to a licence being applied for in respect of the Marle Hill Annexe and the Pump Room subject to provision being made for some temporary public conveniences in the Marle Hill Annexe.

11—Committee—Read, letter of 25th inst. from the Chamber of Commerce that they had appointed Mr. Edward Baring and Mr. H. W. Bennett as their representatives on this Committee. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Elementary School Children—Read, letter of 26th inst. from the Education Secretary that the Education Committee had considered the letter from the Board of Education intimating that payment by the children in respect of arrangements for swimming carried on during school hours was precluded by the terms of the Education Act, 1921, and that the head teachers had reported that a large number of the children did not receive swimming instruction because their parents were not in a position to pay the admission charge of 1d. plus 1d. for costume and 1d. for towel. The Education Committee asked the Council to accept a payment of £50 by the Education Committee to cover the admission of children from the Central and Elementary Schools to the baths during the coming season. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept a sum of £75. RESOLVED, also, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be instructed to settle the time table for attendances of School children with a view to seeing that adequate periods are left for the use of the Baths by the general public.

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13—**Entertainments Sub-Committee**—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 23rd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Whitsuntide Programme—That the programme submitted by the Entertainments Manager be approved, and that he be authorised to engage the cabarets now reported.

(b) Summer Orchestra—That the charge for chairs at concerts by the light Orchestra be fixed at 2d., and by the Military Band at 3d.

(c) That Mr. Cole's light orchestra be engaged to play on Whitmonday afternoon at the pro rata charge in his contract.

(d) That the Super Six Dance Band be engaged for the dance to be held in the Pump Room on Whitmonday.

(e) Organ Recitals—That the arrangements made with the B. B.C. for the broadcast of two organ recitals from the Town Hall on the 6th and 9th June be approved.

(f) Summer Dances—That the tender of the Super Six Dance Band of Cheltenham of £2 10s. 0d. per dance (being the lowest of 12 tenders received) be accepted for a trial period of four weeks, and that the charge for admission to the dances be 1s.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except with regard to (c), the Sub-Committee be instructed to engage Mr. Dawes' Military Band instead of the light orchestra to play in the Winter Garden on Whit-Monday afternoon at a cost not exceeding £4 4s. 0d.

14—Town Hall—Drawing Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that this room had now been redecorated and new carpet was being provided. RESOLVED, That in future the Entertainments Manager be instructed to see that the Drawing Room is not used for a bar except with the consent of the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

15—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating Rights—Read, letter from Councillor Burrow that he had interviewed Supercraft Engineers who were agreeable to defer commencing boating on Sundays until 1 p.m., and also to the Corporation having sole discretion as to what additional amusements, if any, should be provided next year. Read, letter from Supercraft Engineers that Mr. W. E. Butlin of Grand Parade, Skegness, had agreed to take over the boating rights on the terms arranged with them. RESOLVED, That the agreement he entered into with Mr. Butlin on the terms and conditions arranged with Supercraft Engineers.

16—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter suggesting that deck chairs should be placed in Montpellier Gardens and hired to the public RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for some chairs to be provided at a charge of 2d. per chair.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Leigh James, Scott Langley and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made in the improvement of the public lighting. The total number of positions in which the lighting had been approved to date was 352.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to install an additional lamp in Waterloo Passage.

(c) Hatherley Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application for improved lighting in the portion of Hatherley Road from Shelburne Road to the second railway bridge, having regard to the large number of new houses erected in this portion of the road. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to re-arrange the lighting and provide five new standards as now recommended at an estimated cost of £54 12s. 7d.

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2—Electricity Works—(a) Chimney—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted four tenders received for the felling of the chimney at the Electricity Works. RESOLVED, That the tender of Blackburn Starling & Co. Ltd. of £29 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(b) The Town Clerk reported the enquiries received in regard to the Electricity Works being adapted and leased for a woodwork factory. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to give favourable

consideration to an application for a lease and to recommend the Council to expend a reasonable sum in adapting the works for the purpose.

3—Signs on Lamp Standards—The Committee considered application from the Black and White Motorways Ltd, to fix a larger sign, 4 ft. x 2 ft. 6 ins, on the lamp standard in High Street opposite Messrs. Dod wells' shop. RESOLVED, That whilst the Committee do not consider the erection of so large a sign is desirable, if the Council agree to this, the Committee make no objection to it being placed on the lamp standard.

4—Wages—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Workmen's side of the Joint Industrial Council had made a claim for the restoration of the per cent reduction made in the wages in 1932, and that after considerable negotiations the Employers had agreed to restore the reduction subject to all District claims being suspended and to stabilisation for a period of twelve months ; this agreement had been approved by the National Council and would apply to workmen in the Electricity Undertaking and come into operation from the first full pay period in May.

5—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Borough Electrical Engineer and the Town Clerk be authorised to open the tenders received for the erection of the overhead lines for the Birdlip Scheme with a view to these being examined and reported on at the May meeting of the Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 12th instant from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Council were prepared to approve of the proposed overhead lines for the Birdlip Scheme being erected in accordance with the suggestions made by the County Surveyor and the Rural District Council, and subject to a modification of the line in the neighbourhood of the property known as " Four Winds," and to the Council undertaking to set back the poles on Route A 46 to the improvement line without compensation, when required to do so by the County Council. The line near " Four Winds" had been subsequently agreed.

(c) Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Clerk to the Cirencester Rural District Council raising no objection to the application of the Corporation to supply electricity in the parish of Birdlip.

6—Electrical Research Association—RESOLVED, That the Corporation subscription to this Association be increased to £10 10s. 0d. per annum.

7—Transformers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders received for twelve months supply of indoor type transformers and pole mounting type transformers, and he recommended the acceptance of the tenders of the British Electrical Transformer Co. amounting to £1,290 9s. 9d. in respect of indoor type transformers and £309 12s. 0d. in respect of pole mounting type transformers (being the lowest tender in each case for the alternative designs). RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted subject to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

8—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, report of damage to a lamp standard on 26th instant by a lorry belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., the claim for which would be settled under the Halving Agreement with the Royal Insurance Co.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st March, 1934, which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 471.2 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, report of Gas Tests made on 28th ult., and 5th, 11th, 18th and 24th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.1, 473.0, 470.7, 471.9 and 469.0 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.8, 5.8, 5.8, 5.6 and 5.4 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.



### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, and Dr. Hayward, (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For month ended 31st March, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	95,000 gallons	280,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	571,000 „	1,163,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	27,000	54,000
Total	693,000	1,497,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS  
Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 47,940,000 gallons.

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

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

4—London Road—The Borough Engineer reported that Aldermen Margrett and Pates had inspected the land in London Road near the River Chelt on which persons were constantly trespassing, and they recommended that the Borough Engineer be instructed to place additional stakes in the hedge, and cover it with several strands of barbed wire, and to deal with the iron gates in the same way, at an estimated cost of £15. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Dowdeswell Wood—The Chairman reported that he had accepted an offer from Messrs. J. Webb & Sons of for a patch of underwood of about four acres on the recommendation of Mr. C. C. Castle, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) Footpath to Ledbury Road—Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury asking the Council to remove the obstructions from the footpath across the field known as Stone-breaking Meadow leading to the Ledbury Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be informed that the Committee do not admit that there is any public right of way across this land.

(b) Mythe and Ledbury Roads—Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury asking the Council to substitute an iron railing for the present wall so as to improve the visibility of cars taking this corner. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee suggest that white lines painted on the road would serve the purpose, but that the Corporation are willing to comply with the request if the Tewkesbury Corporation will bear the cost of the work,

(c) RESOLVED, That the deposit of £1,000 with Bank interest to date, made by Messrs. C. A. Horton Ltd., for the due performance of their contract to construct raw water storage reservoir be repaid to them on the Certificate of Mr. J. S. Pickering that the work has been completed to his satisfaction.

7—Land, London Road—RESOLVED, That Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to let the land recently purchased from Mrs Burton.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th April, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Moore Councillors Lipson and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Domestic Servants' Registries—Superintendent Wayman reported that all the agencies in the Borough had recently been visited, and the books inspected and found in order.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. D. Wheatcroft for the transfer of Licence No. 10 to Taxi Cab Registered No. XV 6126 be granted.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners Association asking the Council to discontinue charging the fee of 10s for inspection in the case of the transfer of a licence to another cab. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

4—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date, 1934:	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
19th March	The Woodlands, Crippetts Road, Leckhampton.	Defective fireplace	£40 to £50	£4 12s. 0d.
14th March	4 St. Paul's Street North	Defective fireplace	Slight	£2 14s. 0d.

(b) Fire Station—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the painting and redecorations at the Fire Station at an estimated cost of £55 10s. 0d.

5—Cinematograph Act—Film " Damaged Lives"—(a) The Chairman reported the Committee's inspection of the film "Damaged Lives" on the 5th inst., and had agreed to raise no objection to the exhibition of the film to adult audiences.

(b) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Council had revoked the condition imposed when delegating the powers under the Act to the Corporation, "That cinemas be not opened for the purposes of exhibition on Sundays, Good Friday or Christmas Day," so that it was now open to the Council to decide whether they shall or shall not impose any condition forbidding the opening of cinemas on Good Friday or Christmas Day.

6—Hospital Carnival—RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the placing of stalls in the Promenade and also a procession of decorated vehicles etc. from Montpellier to Pittville on the occasion of the Hospital Carnival on the 7th June so far as this Committee is concerned, subject to the requirements of the Police being complied with.

7—King's National Roll—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Local Employment Committee asking the Council to renew their undertaking to employ disabled ex-service men which expired on the 3rd inst. RESOLVED, That the undertaking be renewed for a further period of two years.

8—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Scott & Sandells and Mr. S. A. Sperry for licences to store 500 gallons and 100 gallons respectively in underground storage tanks at St. James' Garage, Montpellier and 235 High Street be granted.

9—Airport—The Town Clerk reported that it was proposed that a Joint Committee of 4 representatives of each Corporation should be appointed to regulate and manage all matters

connected with the establishment and operation by the two Corporations of the joint Municipal Aerodrome at Staverton Bridge. RESOLVED, That the following be appointed the Cheltenham representatives :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Waite.

10—Town Planning Scheme—Executive Committee—The Town Clerk submitted revised draft agreement providing for the formation of an Executive Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve the draft, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to submit this for the consideration of the County Council. (A copy of the draft agreement accompanies the Minutes).

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11—Conferences—Read, circular of 19th inst. from the Fulham Borough Council asking the Council to support the representations made by them to eight various Municipal Associations asking them to consider limiting their future annual conferences to not more than three days. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—Local Government Act, 1933—Standing Orders—The Town Clerk reported that Section 266 of this Act required that all contracts made by the Council on or after 1st June next must lie made in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, and it would, therefore, be necessary to make Standing Orders with respect to contracts, and he submitted draft Standing Orders, RESOLVED, That these be approved as now settled by the Committee, and recommended for adoption by the Council. (A copy of the proposed Standing Orders accompanies the Minutes).

13—Shops Acts—The Town Clerk submitted complaint made by the Young Women's Christian Association that seats had not been provided for the female assistants at Messrs. Stubb's Stores, High Street, and submitted report of the Shops Acts Inspector stating that the Manager of the stores had given instructions that the seats provided were not to be removed, and to see that the requirements of the Act were complied with.

14—Rodney Road Car Park—The Town Clerk submitted the objections received to the proposal of the Corporation to use the land acquired in Rodney Road as a Car Park, and the same were duly considered. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to proceed with the proposal, and that notice be given to the objectors of this decision in the manner provided by Section 68 (3) of the Public Health Act, 1925.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th April, 1934.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Green and Smith; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments, which showed that a number of allotments previously reported on, were still in a bad state, and that the pathway adjoining No. 28 Albert Road had not yet been restored. The broken drain at No. 42 Whaddon Road had now been put in order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Unemployed Allotment Association again with reference to the encroachment on the footpath.

2—Land, Hatherley Road—Read, letter from Mr. E. Rooke on behalf of himself and other occupiers of the new houses in Hatherley Road, applying for the purchase of a strip of land with a depth of 60 feet at the back of their houses, making a total area of 1,320 square yards. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rooke be informed that the Corporation are prepared to entertain the sale of the land required on terms to be arranged.

3—Asquith Road Allotments No 4—Read, letter from Mr. T. D. Clark, tenant of this allotment, asking to be allowed to use the shed on his allotments as a garage for his car. RESOLVED, That he be informed that this cannot be allowed.

4—Baglin's Piece Allotments—Councillor Addis reported that complaints had been made that the ditch adjoining these allotments was blocked. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th April, 1934,** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Green and Smith (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—(a) Custodian—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Custodian for permission to rent a house on St. Mark's Housing Estate in order to be nearer to his work. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to give favourable consideration to this application.

(b) Hard Tennis Courts--Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Brooklyn Hard Court Tennis Club agreeing to take the hard courts at the rent of £40 if the Council would agree to make an allowance up to a limit of £5 if it was found at the end of the season that there was a deficit on their expenses. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to this.

2—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Custodian of this ground for a free supply of gas to his house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to report as to the position in regard to the supply of gas to Custodians at other grounds.

3—Drinking Fountains—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made application to the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, and they had offered a gift of 2 granolithic bubble drinking fountains for erection in recreation grounds within the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Association be thanked for these gifts, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have one fountain erected at St. Peter's Recreation Ground, and one at one of the other grounds.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, letter from Mr. R. W. Carpenter of Chaddlewood, Marle Hill Road, calling attention to the bad state of the coping stones on the wall at the back of his house, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected this, and it did not appear that the Corporation were liable for the maintenance of this wall. RESOLVED, That Mr. Carpenter be informed that the Corporation cannot accept any responsibility for this wall.

5—The Moors, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. on behalf of Mr. Smith that he was willing to sell an additional acre of land at the price of £300. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to purchase this additional acre if he is willing to sell at the same price as the other land purchased.

6—Play Leadership—Read, circular from the National Playing Fields Association enclosing report of the conference in connection with the problem of Play Leadership on children's public playgrounds out of school hours. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

**BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th April, 1934.** Present—Alderman Yarnold ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Betteridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Yarnold in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th March to 27th April, 1934. Interments 71 ; Grave Spaces sold 37 (First Position 7, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 26) ; Memorials erected 10 ; New Inscriptions 29.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8956 to 8993 (both inclusive).

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved:—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Lister M. Reginald Bradley, Lt.-Col. J. G. Johnston, R. E., and Charles S. Norris ; Headpiece, Kerbing and Posts to graves of Elizabeth Brookes, and Fanny Elizabeth Spier ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of Frederick Nicholls and Annie Louisa Nicholls, Harriet Emily Parsons, Thomas John Burrows, Louisa and Alfred William Arkell, George Arthur Hooper, and Alfred Thomas, and Louie Hastings ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Emma Redman, and Thomas Reginald Tate ; Kerbing and Vase Centre Piece to grave of William George Evans ; Kerbing to graves of Samuel Richard Day and Eleanor Agnes Day, Frederick Arthur Wright, and John Middlemiss, Marianne Scott and Marianne Middlemiss.

4 —Maintenance of Grave-1223 A.1 —Read, letter from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens, on behalf of the executors of the will of the late Mrs. E. H. Nelson, asking on what terms the Corporation would undertake the maintenance of this grave space in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Council will be prepared to undertake the maintenance of the grave in consideration of a lump sum payment of £50.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th April, 1934.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Betteridge, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward and Lipson; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh.

1—Election of Chairman—On ballot being taken, Councillor D. L. Lipson was appointed Chairman of this Committee, in succession to the late Alderman H. W. Thomas.

2—The late Alderman H. W. Thomas—Councillor Lipson, on taking the chair, moved that a vote of condolence be passed to the widow and family of the late Alderman Thomas, and that the Librarian be instructed to send a letter accordingly. The members signified their assent by standing in silence.

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3—Librarian's Report for February and March—Receipts £34 0s. 8d. Number of volumes issued in the Reference Department 12,593 (last year 12,001); Lending Department 35,464 (last year 35,618) ; Junior Department 5,393 (last year 6,042). Total for the two months 53,450 (last year 53,661). Total issue for the year ended March, 1934 305,537 (last year 312,522). The Reference Department was open 5 days less, the Lending Department 3 days less, and the Junior Department 2 days less than in the previous year.\*

\* Further details will be given in the printed Annual Report which will be issued in due course.

Replacements-97 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given :—

February 12th Mr. Paul Sturge, " Youth hails adventure," (Attendance 102).

" 15th . The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, "The Codex Sinaiticus." (Attendance 305).

" 19th Sir Charles Allom, "The English Home." (Attendance 161).

" 23rd Mr. Edward Holden, " The Romance of Wrought Iron in Industry and the Architectural Arts." (Attendance 54).

" 26th Miss E. Nunn, "Ideals of Modern Education." (Attendance 86).

March 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Doris M. Gill and Miss Pullen, " Story Hour" for children. (Attendance 253),

" 5th Miss Winifred Mellersh, " Wild Birds and their usefulness." (Attendance 174).

" 12th Mr. E. J. Batstone, " Peeps through the Eye of a Camera." (Attendance 86).

" 19<sup>th</sup> Mr. C. L. Clarke, "The Wonderland of Photography." (Attendance 156).

Codex Sinaiticus—The total sum collected by the Librarian to date, and forwarded to the British Museum by the Borough Treasurer, was £55 18s. 6d.

Shelving Organization—This work had been completed and had given much greater facilities of floor space to the public Junior Library—During Easter week the Junior Library was being kept open all day as an experiment.

4—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 121 volumes, published at £51 11s. 0d., be purchased for £3 8s. 8d.

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

(c) That the sum of £25 be spent on Replacements.

5—Donations--Anonymous, 18 vols.; British Legion, 1 vol.; Miss E. Maude Bubb, 36 vols.; Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., 29 handbooks ; Miss M. Cant, 7 pamphlets, 31 vols.; Mrs Dodgson, 3 vols.; Mrs. M. Hall, 1 vol.; Ketton Portland Cement Co., 1 vol.; London Association of Certified Accountants, 1 vol.; Mrs. Luttrell, 12 vols.; Mrs. Marriott, 1 vol.; Mr. H. F. Morgan, 1 vol.; Mr. W. E. Palser, 1 vol.; Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons Ltd., 1 pamphlet ; Stubbs Directories Ltd., 1 vol.; Town Clerk, 1 vol.; Truman & Knightley Ltd., 1 vol.; Dr. O. H. Wild, 3 pamphlets ; Capt. R. P. Wild, 9 pamphlets.

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

6—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That " To-morrow," 6d., monthly, be added to the list of periodicals taken.

7—The Walpole Society—RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of one guinea be made for the publications of this Society, and that the Librarian be asked to secure second-hand copies of past volumes, as occasion offers.

8—Exterior Paintwork—The Borough Engineer estimated the cost of this at £45. RESOLVED, That the work be put in hand at the end of April.

9—Hospital Centenary Fund—RESOLVED, That a collecting box be permitted in the entrance hall of the Library.

10—Whitsun Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on Whit-Monday, May 21st.

11—Staff—The Librarian reported that Miss B. Otterburn would be resigning at the end of June to take up nursing. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to appoint a new junior assistant at 12s 6d per week.

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee take place on June 7th.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th April, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Yarnold ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Unpaid Rates—(a) A Statement of Unpaid Rates was submitted and signed.

(b) RESOLVED, That a special meeting of this Committee be held on Monday, 16th inst. at 3 p.m. to interview Rate defaulters and to consider half-yearly Rate Statements.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th Aril, 1934.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

3—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payments of Rates, and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended whilst weekly payments, as now settled by the Committee, were regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st May, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the year ended 31st March, 1934. Amount collected £198,540 ; Owners allowances £1,571 ; Voids £6,658 ; Excusals £477 ; other Irrecoverables £831.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1934. Amount collected £1,299 ; Leaving outstanding £18,965.

3—Housing Bonds— (a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £150 had been received for 3 ¼ per cent Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing Bonds amounting to £370 be approved

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 1st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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5—Borough Treasurer's Department—Staff—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. R. J. Browning (Ledger clerk in his department) had resigned his appointment to take up a position at Southend-on-Sea, and he proposed to appoint a new junior clerk (T. F. Walker) at a salary of £39 per annum rising to per annum on the 1st August next, and to rearrange the duties of the following members of his staff : and also that the salaries of D. McArthur and J. Morrell should be increased to £117 and £91 per annum respectively, rising on the 1st May, 1935, to £130 and £104 per annum respectively, and also that the salaries of A. M. Smith and E. Jones should be increased to £65 per annum, and of S. A. Harris to £117. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved.

6—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the post of assistant in the Entertainments Manager's office being designated for the purposes of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported as to the large number of vacant designated posts now existing owing to the workmen engaged since the Scheme was adopted not desiring to contribute to the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the various Committees be asked to make it a condition of engagement of employees entering the permanent service of the Corporation that they should be required to contribute to the Superannuation Scheme provided that the men engaged are suitable for admission to the Scheme having regard to their age and state of health.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that the total of the Fund at 31st March last was £48,175, and the surplus on last year was £5,125, £5,000 of which he proposed to apply to new capital purposes in lieu of borrowing with interest at 3 ½ per cent. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) L. Heaton—The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable in respect of Mr. L. Heaton (late draughtsman in the Electricity Department) amounted to £57 3s. 11d. calculated on his permanent service reckoned from the 1st May, 1928.

(e) Assistant Mains Superintendent—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. Godden (Assistant Mains Superintendent) was entitled to a refund of his contributions amounting to £131 7s. 2d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

7—Automatic Traffic Control Signals—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to insure the signals against damage and also third party risk on the terms now reported.

8—Auditor's Report—The Committee further considered the District Auditor's report of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1933 RESOLVED, That this be referred for the observations of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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## Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st May, 1934.

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 June, 1934, 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. ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR-Town Clerk to report Election on 17th May of Councillor for Park Ward.
2. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Communications by the Mayor.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE • HOUSING COMMITTEE and to accept tender or tenders for erection of 368 sheds. • STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to receive report of Stores Sub-Committee re tenders for rollers etc. • TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE • TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE • ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE • WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to consider applications for renewal of Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, also to make Order under Section 68 of Public Health Act, 1925 revoking Order authorising use of East and South sides of Imperial Square as Car Park. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE —To appoint a Member of Education Committee representative of Cheltenham College to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. P. R. Claus.
6. To fill vacancy on each of the following Committees :—Street and Highway ; Town Improvement and Spa ; Rating ; and Public Library.
7. 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, 7th May, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A., Moore, Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Pruen, Rogers and Smith.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Morris and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th April, 1934, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held April 9

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Green : " That Minute No. 8 (r) be amended in that the Clarence Parade lavatory be kept open until 11 p.m."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade " That Minute No. 8 (2) be amended by providing for two of the women's water closets being free of charge" was not seconded).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Burrow " That Minute No. 8 (1) (b) be not approved and that the convenience in the Parish Churchyard be closed " was not seconded).

Housing Meeting held April 19

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. C. H. Reason to purchase 60 feet frontage of land in Brooklyn Road adjoining the land sold to Mr. Rogers at £3 a foot be accepted subject to contract containing the usual conditions and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale."

Street and Highway Meeting held April 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 10 in regard to the erection of a larger sign at the junction of Promenade and High Street directing to the Black & White Motor Coach Station be not approved." (An Amendment moved by the Rev. de Courcy-Ireland : "That Minute No. 3 be amended and that the Refuse Collection Foreman's car allowance be increased to £30 " was not seconded).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 23

Town Planning Meetings held April 18 & 26

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 20 & 27

(An Amendment moved by The Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 8 (e) be amended, and that the closing time of the boating be fixed at one hour after sunset " was not seconded).

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Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 30

Water Meeting held April 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 30

Except Minute No. 12 with regard to Standing Orders ; and subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Barnett: " That Minute No. to in regard to the Town Planning Executive Committee be referred back for further consideration."

Allotments Meeting held April 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 9

Resolved, also, That the application of the Hospital Carnival Committee for the use of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the 7th, 8th and 9th June be referred to this Committee with power to act.

Burial Board Meeting held April 27

Public Library Meeting held April 5

Rating Meetings held April 5 & 16

Finance Meeting held May 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.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 4th June, 1934.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th May, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following house had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :---38 Brunswick Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notice be given to the Owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring him 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—(a) 148 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 specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

(b) 1 Priory Buildings—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the drainage work at these premises had now been carried out by Mark Williams & Co. Ltd, at a cost of £46 7s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Owner be asked to attend the net meeting of the Committee in regard to his application for the cost to be repaid by instalments.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 4 Lansdown Place; Mersea House, 100 Bath Road ; and 21 Henrietta Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basements of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be served upon the persons having control of the houses, Owners thereof, and mortgagees, if any, that the condition of the said parts of the said houses and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the

works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th July next.

(b) 3 Priory Street—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement rooms of these premises and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. Read, also, letter from the Owner consenting to an Order being made 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 unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners to carry out the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said basement 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 rooms for sleeping purposes.

(c) 5 Hewlett cottages (2 Crumps Court) 121 Tewkesbury Road ; 36a York Street ; 51 Sherborne Street—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 8th July next.

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(d) 8a and 9a Hewlett Place The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. Read, also letter from the Owner's agent consenting to 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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.

(e) 12 Suffolk Square (basement) ; and Six Chimney Farm (Part of)—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(f) 5 and 5a Hermitage Street ; 6, 10 and 12 Columbia Street ; 6 and 10 Rutland Street ; and 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect again Nos. 6 and 10 Rutland Street and report on the proposal of the Owners to use No 6 as a store and to keep No. 10 unoccupied.

(g) 9 Hewlett Place—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking dated the 17th inst. of the Owner of this house that he will within 9 weeks from the date thereof carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the said house fit for human habitation, be accepted, in pursuance of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. Beef ; 2 qrs. 26 lbs. Pork ; 3 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. Plaice ; 294 Cucumbers ; and 21 lbs. Fowls.

5—Hayden and Barn Farms—(a) Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 12th inst. Councillor Leigh James had been appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Sub-Committee recommended as follows: —

(i) That Mr. Rymer be supplied with 12 new farm gates and posts, together with 38 yards of fencing material to repair the fencing round the cattle yard, Mr Rymer to creosote or paint the same once a year, and that new ball taps be fixed to the water troughs and protected from interference, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(ii) The Sub-Committee had discussed with Mr. Rymer terms for the proposed renewal of the lease of the farms, and instructed the Borough Surveyor to submit estimate of the work which Mr. Rymer asked should be carried out The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars and estimate of the works required amounting to £110. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that Mr. Castle be asked to attend to advise the Committee on the renewal of the lease.

(iii) The Sub-Committee recommended that the offer made by Messrs. Leishman and Copeland on behalf of a client to purchase the old black and white cottage at the farms be not accepted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, but that the cottage be offered for sale for removal from the site, and that if no offers are received, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to demolish this.

(b) Water Supply—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the conditions of the water pipes supplying the farms.

(c) Barn Farm—It was reported that Mr. Rymer had sublet this house, and that the tenant had asked for the renewal of the kitchen range. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the work required at the house, and that Mr. Rymer be asked for an explanation of the subletting of the house without the consent of the Corporation.

6—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his annual report for the year ended 31st December last, which would, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, be an ordinary report. The following statistics were included in the report which were based on the Registrar General's estimate of population in 1933, which was 50,720. The Birth Rate was 12.3 per thousand inhabitants, which was a little below the average for recent years though 0.6 higher than the 1932 figure. The gross Death Rate was 16.74 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 12.6 per thousand inhabitants, as compared with 12.3 for the whole of England and Wales. The Death Rate of children under one year of age was 51.3 per thousand live births as compared with 64 for the country as a whole. RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for printing and stencilling the report and that the Chairman and Mayor be authorised to accept a tender.

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7—Health Week—The Medical Officer of Health reported on the circular received from the Royal Sanitary Institute suggesting that a Health Week should be organised in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a Health Week be not held.

8—St. Paul's Training College Church—The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter received from Messrs. Healing & Overbury stating that there had been a recurrence of a plague of flies in this church during the recent warm weather, and he and the Sanitary Inspector had given advice as to the methods to be adopted for protection, and the district was being searched for breeding places which might be a source of the complaint.

9—Health Congress—Read, circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute that the Minister of Health had consented to address the Congress at Bristol on the 13th July on " Some aspects of the Housing Question " and inviting members of the Council to attend this session. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

10—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933--Read, letters of 23rd and 28th ult. and 11th inst. from the National Council of Women, the Cheltenham Animals' Welfare Association, and the Cheltenham Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, urging the Town Council to reconsider its decision not to apply the provisions of the Act requiring the slaughter of sheep and lambs by a mechanically operated instrument.

11—Dust Nuisance—The Town Clerk reported interview which he had had with directors of the Dammann Asphalt Company, and reported that the Company were proposing to install further plant and make some alterations at Whitsuntide. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under observation and report at the next meeting of the Committee.

12—Public Conveniences —It was reported that Messrs. J. Dobell & Co, Ltd. had redecorated and repaired the public conveniences which the Committee had asked them to do, with the exception of the one in Milsom Street which did not belong to them. RESOLVED, That the Council's thanks be conveyed to Messrs. Dobell & Co. Ltd. for the prompt manner in which they have carried out the work RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out to the convenience in Milsom Street,

13—Tallow Factory, Sherborne Street—Read, letter from Councillor Barnett enclosing letter from Rev. Habershon complaining of the smell from this factory. Read, also, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. A H. Taylor's Butchers' Hide, Skin, Fat and Wool Co. Ltd, regretting that any complaint should have been made, and stating that the Company had decided to install new plant at a cost of about £250, and that as soon as this was installed, they felt confident that no annoyance from smell would occur. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

14—Abattoir—Read, report of the Sanitary Inspector of contravention of the Abattoir Byelaws by allowing pigs to remain at the Abattoir for more than 24 hours with food or water. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the owner or person in charge of the pigs.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th May, 1934.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Grimwade and Lipson (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Sheds----The Borough Surveyor submitted specification and plans of Sheds, and reported that Tenders had been invited. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Pates) and Councillor Addis be appointed a Sub-Committee to open the Tenders and to recommend the acceptance of a Tender or Tenders to the Council at their Meeting on 4th June.

2—Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 11th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows 48 Elm Street--That the tenant of this house be given notice to quit owing to his carrying on the trade of a marine store dealer at the house. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee—Read, report of this Sub-Committee held on 17th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) and Councillor Green.

They recommended that the offer of the Chairman to provide a perpetual Challenge Cup for the best kept garden by a tenant be accepted, but that the Cup be not awarded to the same tenant two years in succession. Also that the sum of £14 be awarded in prizes to amateurs at the discretion of the Sub-Committee and additional prizes of 15s and 7s 6d for a class for tenants who are gardeners by occupation RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the thanks of the Committee be given to Alderman Pates for his kind offer.

4—"The Moors," Tewkesbury Road—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the original lay-out of the Corporation for "The Moors" subject to an assurance being given that the 4-bedroom houses will only be let to families of 7 persons or more. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of 130 houses. RESOLVED, also, That the assurance asked for by the Ministry of Health in respect of the 4-bedroom houses be given.

(b) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £300 for the purchase of an additional acre of land at "The Moors " so as to leave one acre of the land already purchased available for appropriation for the purposes of proposed Recreation Ground.

5--Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. F. J. Hunt to purchase 10 feet frontage of land adjoining his house in Brooklyn Road at £30 be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

6—Pilley Lane Housing Estate-305 Old Bath Road—(a) RESOLVED, That this house be offered to the tenant at the price valued by the District Valuer subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. C. W. Price complaining of the unruly behaviour of tenants and children living on the Pilley Lane Estate. RESOLVED, That these complaints be referred to the Police.

7—Alstone Lawn Housing Estate—(a) RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. A. Miller to purchase 34 feet of frontage to Gloucester Road for the erection of a fried fish shop and dwelling-house at the valuation of the District Valuer, namely £4 per foot, be accepted subject to contract, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. F. J. Rouse to purchase 30 feet frontage to Gloucester Road at the price of per foot for the erection of a shop and dwellinghouse be accepted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

8-64 Rutland Street—The Town Clerk submitted offer on behalf of Mrs. Earengy to sell No 64 Rutland Street. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Earengy be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider the purchase of the site when the house has been demolished by her

9—Field No. 396 Brooklyn Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. A. P. Nidd complaining of the weeds growing on this vacant land. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds cut down and burned.

10—Bed-Bug—Read, Circular of 9th inst, from the Ministry of Health enclosing Memorandum on the subject of the Bed-Bug and how to deal with it, and asking the Council to take into immediate consideration the question of securing disinfestation wherever the nuisance is found to occur. The Housing Manager and the Sanitary Inspector reported the steps which were being taken by them to prevent infestation. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

11—Prospect Villa, Folly Lane—RESOLVED, That application of Mr. J. H. Davis (tenant) to sublet stabling for two horses and for Mineral Water Store be agreed to.

12—St. Mark's Housing Estate—The Chairman reported that the owner of 43 Milton Road had complained of the nuisance caused by children playing on the grass by the space in front of his house. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Police,

13—Reconditioning—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk to the Sunbury-on-Thames Urban District Council thanking the Council and Mr. Jefford for the assistance given to their delegates on the occasion of their visit to inspect houses reconditioned

14-1 and 2 Elm Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that on rendering with cement the front walls of these houses it was found that the front wall of No. 2 required strengthening and the front wall of No. 1 rebuilding and that, in view of the urgency, the Chairman had authorised the work to be proceeded with The extra cost of the work now being carried out was £76. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Treasurer be asked to report as to the rent at which the premises should be re-let

15—Sale of House-17 Byron Road—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. R. Davis to purchase this house for £355 be accepted subject to consent of Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1934.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Building Inspector's Office—The Borough Surveyor recommended that as a considerable number of telephone messages were transmitted to and from the Building Inspector's Office, an extension should be made thereto. RESOLVED, That the extension be made

2—National Safe Driving Competition—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of the Safe Driving Competition arranged by the National Safety First Association, and recommended that nine drivers who were eligible should enter for the competition at a cost of £2 2s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Rollers and Lorries—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been invited for a new Diesel engined road roller and for offers for the two old rollers and two Peerless lorries. RESOLVED, That these be referred for consideration of the Stores Sub-Committee, and that they be authorised to accept suitable tenders.



4—Road Fund—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Ministry of Transport in regard to grants from the Road Fund during the year 1933/34, and the Borough Surveyor reported interview which he had had with the Divisional Road Engineer in regard to improvement schemes on Classified Roads, RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Engineer be instructed to consider and bring up any schemes which they consider might be put in hand during the year

5—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Slab Factory was re-opened on the 13th ult.

6—High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Healing & Overbury stating that Corpus Christi College were prepared to dedicate to the highway the piece of ground adjoining the footpath outside their new shops at 182 High Street. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks.

7—Borough Surveyor's Department—Accounts Clerk—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. H. K. Parkes for an increase in salary be granted, and that his salary be increased to £175 per annum.

8—Private Improvement Works—Eldon Road and Naunton Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates for making up and sewerage these roads by the abutting owners. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the said roads required to be levelled, repaired, sewered, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, and of any premises benefiting by the works though not fronting, adjoining or abutting on the part of the roads to be repaired, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that in default of the notices being complied with the Naunton Terrace work be carried out by direct labour, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the sewerage and making up of Eldon Road.

9-100 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the offer of Mr. Warren to sell this property. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accept Mr. Warren's offer.

10—Albany Road—Tree—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mr. J. Davis for the removal of a tree outside No. 8 Park View, Albany Road be adjourned for view.

11—Damage to Trees—Read, reports of damage to two trees in Glencairn Park Road and Evesham Road by motor vehicles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for making good the damage.

12—Damage to Footpaths —Read, reports of the Borough Surveyor of damage to footpaths in Gloucester Road and Libertus Road by motor vehicles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for making good the damage.

13—Projecting Signs—(a) Black and White Motorways—Read, letters of 15th and 19th inst. from the Black and White Motorways Ltd. asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to grant permission for the erection of a larger sign on the lamp standard in High Street outside Messrs. Dodwell's shop. Mr. H. R. Lapper, General Manager of the Company attended. The Committee suggested to Mr. Lapper that he should reduce the size and height of the proposed sign, and RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Green be authorised to approve of the erection of a modified sign temporarily until the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Chairman reported that he had consented to the erection of an illuminated sign at the Theatre subject to the usual conditions and the regulations in regard to luminous gas tube signs. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., and Claude-General Neon Lights Ltd. for permission to erect projecting signs at 145 and 418 High Street respectively be granted subject to the usual conditions, and in the case of 418 High Street subject also to compliance with the regulations in regard to luminous gas tube signs.

14—One-Way Traffic—(a) Read, letter of 16th inst. from the North Gloucestershire Motor Traders Association suggesting that in order to assist the road safety campaign, parking should only be allowed on one side of the One-Way streets. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to adopt this suggestion.

(b) High Street, Bath Road and Cambray—The Town Clerk reported that no objections had been received to the One-Way Traffic Order in respect of the portion of High Street from Cambray to Bath Road, except a letter from the Automobile Association suggesting difficulties might arise in regard to traffic in Bath Road and Cambray. The Secretary of the West of England Branch of the Association had since had an interview with the Chairman, the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk, when the points raised by him were discussed and he was reporting thereon to his Association.

15—Rodney Road Car Park-2 Oriel Villas—The Town Clerk reported negotiations with Mr. Lionel Lane on behalf of the Owner of No. 2 Oriel Villas who would agree to withdraw the objection to the Car Park if the Corporation would enter into a similar covenant with regard to the entrance into the Oriel Villas road and as to the use and maintenance of the said road, as had already been entered into with the Owner of No. 3 Oriel Villas. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Common Seal fixed to a deed of covenant.

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16—View Meeting—Read, report of the View Meeting on the 16th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Green and Morris. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the partly dead elm tree at junction with St. George's Road and decaying chestnut tree opposite Hotel Verdun be felled and replaced with young trees.

(b) Montpellier Street—That Mr. C. J. Bullock be required to have his petrol pumps painted the standard colour of dark rural green and that he be asked to have the standard sign erected in place of the existing advertisements.

(c) Montpellier- Terrace—That the proprietor of the Langton Garage be required to paint the petrol pumps the standard colour and to remove odd signs and also the cigarette machines from boundary wall, and to keep back the swing arms when not in use, and to take out the nails in the public tree outside the garage.

(d) Montpellier Terrace—That a seat be fixed on south side of this road near junction with Bath Road as suggested by Mrs. Butler.

(e) Shurdington Road--That Messrs. Waghorne & Evans be required to paint their pumps the standard colour when they are next repainted, and to remove the swinging projecting sign, also that they be asked to have the standard sign erected in place of the other signs, with the exception of the large sign.

(f) Leckhampton Road—That the proprietor of the Hannington Garage be required to paint his pumps the standard colour, to remove the swing sign and to set back the oil boxes opening direct on to the footpath in Pilley Lane, and also to remove the Raleigh Cycle sign.

(g) London Road—That the proprietor of the Beaufort Garage be required to have his pumps painted the standard colour, and to have the standard sign erected in place of the numerous other signs, and also to see that the swing arms are kept back when not in use.

- (h) Berkeley Place—That the footpath adjoining garden be gravelled where necessary and that the abutting owners be informed that this can be paved at their cost if desired.
- (i) Hewlett Road—That Mr. H. S. Norman's application for removal of tree outside " Lamorna" be not granted.
- (j) Selkirk Street—That Col. Thoys's application for removal of tree outside his stables be not granted.
- (k) All Saints' Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath in front of the new houses paved with slabs.
- (l) Passage—Whaddon Road to Pittville Circus—That Miss Druitt be informed that the Corporation are not responsible for the maintenance of the hedge and fence adjoining this footpath.
- (m) Pittville Crescent—That the wych elm tree overhanging " Scoriton " be pruned.
- (n) Trinity Church. Lane—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan specification and estimate for the repair of this lane by the abutting owners.
- (o) St. George's Road—That Mr. W. H. Smith's application for removal of tree outside "Ribblesdale" be not granted.
- (p) Gloucester Road—That the dead elm tree on west side opposite Alstone Lawn be felled and replaced by a young tree
- (q) Queen's Road—That Mr. Leopold's application to paint the pumps at Alpha Garage with orange and black colours be not acceded to, and that he be required to paint these the standard colour.
- (r) St. Mark's Estate—That the gravel paths on the estate be tar dressed where necessary.
- (s) Shakespeare Road—That painting the lower part of Post Office pole as an alternative to lagging be approved.
- (t) Overton Park Road—That the dead chestnut tree be felled and replaced with a young tree, and that the Treeman be instructed to report on the trees in this road with a view to these being thinned out.
- (u) Gloucester Road—That Mr. J. Booth be required to remove the projecting swinging sign erected at his garage at the corner of Granley Road.
- (v) Berkeley Street—That portions of the footpath on the west side be removed.
- (w) Bath Road—That the proprietor of the Thirlestaine Garage be required to paint his pumps the standard colour.

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, 24th May, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Grimwade and Morris ; Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. J. Walker and A. Wiggett (The Mayor 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.
3733	Parker, J.	Motor house, Hatherley Road.
3734	Black & White Motorways Ltd.	Cafe and offices, St. Margaret's Road.
3735	Miller, A.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Gloucester Road
3736	Russell, S.	Motor house, 13 Shelley Road.
3737	Tucker, Rev.	Motor house, Mead Road.
3738	Cheltenham Corporation Electricity Dept.	Substation, rear of Park Grange, Moorend Park Road
3739	Hilltout, R.	Motor house, Moorend Park Road.
3740	Potts, J. H.	Conservatory, 6 Brampton Terrace
3741	Herbert, Mrs.	Garages with rooms over, Hatherley Hall.
3742	Harvey, H.	Detached house, Arle Road.
3743	Rouse, F.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Gloucester Road.
3744	Cheltenham Theatre and Opera House Co.	Alterations, Opera House, Regent Street.
3745	Saunders, Miss E.	Motor house, 23 Park Place.
3746	Hall, C.	Additional bathroom and sitting room, The Grove, Moorend Park Road.
3747	Goddard & Hunt	Layout plan for 20 houses, Jersey Avenue.
3748	Chesters, J.	Conversion of North Street Picture House into garage.
3749	Castle, C. C.	2 semi-detached houses, Hale's Road.
3750	Hayward, C. W.	Motor house, Hatherley Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3733, 3735, 3736, 3737, 3738, 3739, 3743, 3745 and 3750 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3734, 3744 and 3746 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plans Nos. 3734 and 3744 subject also to the steelwork being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3740 be approved subject to the building being used only as a conservatory ; That Plan No. 3741 be approved subject to a three-way petrol chamber being built over drain and the owner entering into an undertaking that the garages will be used solely as garages for occupants of flats at Hatherley Hall, and that no unnecessary noise or disturbance will be caused to the occupiers of houses in the immediate vicinity ; That Plan No. 3742 be approved subject to dark tiles being used ; That Plan No. 3747 be approved subject to roads and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3748 be approved subject to a three-way petrol chamber being built over the drain, and to the steelwork being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plan No. 3749 be approved subject to the development scheme being approved.

2—Town Planning Area—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
625	Peacey, Mr.	Garage, Croft Road, Charlton Kings.
626	Eadie, Mrs.	House, Sandy Lane Road, Charlton Kings.
627	Little, Miss E.	Bungalow, Charlton Kings Common.
628	Corporation Electricity Dept.	Transformer kiosk, new road, Messrs. Bradley's Estate, Charlton Kings.
629	Bendall, H. A.	Two pairs of cottages, Little Shurdington.
630	Roberts, J.	Additions, Clevefont Lodge, Evesham Road.

631	Mason, L.	Petrol pump, Filling Station, Broadway Road, Winchcomb.
632	Billing, A C. & Sons	Layout for 42 houses, Charlton House Estate.
633	Gough, B.	28 building plots, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings.
634	Bubb, Miss E. M.	Additions to cottage, East Court Estate, Charlton Kings.
635	Shepherd, R. B.	House, Merestones Road, Leckhampton.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 625, 633 and 634 be approved ; That Plan No. 626 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being used ; That Plan No. 628 be approved subject to the removal of the transformer kiosk if and when required for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plans Nos. 629 and 635 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to set back the front fences to provide for roads 36 feet wide if and when required, and in the case of Plan No 635 subject also to satisfactory drainage being provided ; That No. 632 be approved subject to (1) the Owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to widen Cirencester Road to 42 feet, the owner being relieved of road charges : (2) the land beside the stream being reserved as an open space, and that there shall be no change in the user of the land without the consent of the Town Planning Authority : (3) levels, sections and gradients of roads and sewers being submitted and approved before any work is carried out : and (4) the design of the houses being varied so as to avoid monotony ; and that Plans Nos. 627, 630 and 631 be not approved.

3—Plan No. T. P. 541—Appeal by Mr: and Mrs. Bausor—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister considered that the appellant was entitled to a final settlement of the matter without further delay, but he had written to the Rural District Council, and if before the appeal is decided the line of the sewer is determined within 100 feet of the appellant's house, and the Town Council, as a consequence, decide to withdraw the condition under appeal, the Ministry asked to be notified forthwith.

4—Appeal by Mr. A. A. Bolton—Read, letter from the Ministry of health that a letter had now been written to the appellant that as he understood that terms of settlement had been arranged with the Town Council and the Gloucester County Council, he proposed to regard the appeal as withdrawn,

5—Plan No. T. P. 602—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council agreeing to a proviso being added to the undertaking so that Mr. Foster would be relieved of the cost of making up the road dedicated for widening, and the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Foster had now given the undertaking subject to this proviso.

6—Badgeworth Lane, etc.—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Highways Committee had now agreed that as a general rule, where development is proposed along an existing public highway and the developer agrees to dedicate to the public the land necessary for widening the road up to the town planning improvement line, the Council should agree to relieve the developer of the cost of such widening in the absence of byelaws to the contrary. The Committee felt, however, that having regard to the variety of circumstances which may arise, each case must be considered on its merits.

7—Appeal by Mrs. E. A. Halford—Read, letter of 14th inst, from the Ministry of Health asking for the observations of the Council on the appeal of Mrs. E. A. Halford against the refusal of her plan for a bungalow on land adjoining Charlton Common, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Health of the grounds on which this plan was refused.

8—Proposals as to Further Buildings on Land in Private Drive off Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. on behalf of Mr. R. A. Harvey asking for the modification of the covenants contained in the deed dated 17th October, 1924 between J. A. Hough and others and the

Corporation to enable him to build two more houses on the land served by the private drive.  
RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

9—Town Planning Department—Staff—It was reported that Mr. W. G. Neat, Junior Town Planning Assistant, had resigned, as he had obtained another appointment. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage another assistant at £3 per week and also a junior clerk at £1 per week.

10—Plans—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase the necessary maps to complete the sections for copies of the Town Planning Map for supply to the local authorities.

11—Motor Car—RESOLVED, That an allowance of £60 per annum be made to the Town Planning Assistant for the use of his own car for work in connection with the Town Planning Scheme.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th May, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Summer Concerts—It was reported that a trial had been made of amplifying the Spa Light Orchestra, which had proved very satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. J. Fear to provide the amplifiers and necessary equipment for £2 10s. 0d. per week for five weeks be accepted.

2—Dog Show—Read, application of 19th inst. from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Canine Society for the free use of the Winter Gardens on 3rd October for their dog show. RESOLVED, That the Winter Gardens (if available) be let to them at the same charge as before, namely £3 3s. 0d., and as an alternative that the Society be offered the free use of Pittville Gardens for their show.

3—Conference—RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Conference of Labour Women to be held in Cheltenham from 18th to 22nd June be granted free admission to the gardens and concerts

4—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. E. W. Dicks asking for permission to place a small bronze plate on the fountain in this ground presented by the late Councillor W. J. M. Dicks recording the date of his mayoralty. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

5—Auditor's Report--The Committee considered the report of the Auditor in regard to the receipts etc. from catering at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That a clerk from the Borough Treasurer's Department be engaged to act as a cashier at entertainments at which the receipts are likely to justify this. RESOLVED, also, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to see that records are kept of stores remaining unsold and of perishable stores sold to the staff.

6—Town Hall—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Vice-Chairman of the General Hospital for the free use of the Town Hall in case of wet weather on Sunday, 24th June, for the service proposed to be held in connection with the Hospital Centenary.

7—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meetings held on 7th and 23rd inst

They recommended (inter alia) as follows .—

(a) Season Tickets—That season tickets for the use of deck chairs in all the Gardens, Promenade and at concerts be issued for the summer season at a charge of 7s 6d.

(b) Alstone Baths—That arrangements be made for the open-air bath at Alstone to be available for men on Tuesday afternoons.

(c) Montpellier Gardens—That the telephone be installed at the Lodge.

(d) Montpellier Pavilion—That the rent of the Pavilion let to Mr. Aubrey Standing be reduced to £2 a week as from 28th inst.

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

8—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letters of 23rd and 24th inst. from the Rev. A. H. Rhodes and Rector and Pastor W. J. Manning protesting against boating for children on Sundays as they considered this would interfere with the work of Sunday Schools. RESOLVED, That they be informed that Sunday boating has been allowed for many years and that the only alteration made by the Council has been to extend the opening hour from 2 p.m. to 1 p.m., and that as Sunday boating is one of the terms of the contract entered into by the Corporation, they are now unable to alter this.

9—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask Messrs. Shentons to remove their advertisements on their Boot and Shoe Factory adjoining Sandford Park, which are a disfigurement to the Park and in respect of which complaints have been made.

10—Promenade—RESOLVED, That the Electricity Committee be asked to have the lamp standards in the Promenade repainted.

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11—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that advertisements were issued inviting applications for the appointment of Custodians at these Gardens and that the Sub-Committee appointed one of the applicants who subsequently declined the appointment and they had therefore appointed Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien for a probationary period of six months. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—Winter Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Army Authorities for permission to use the Winter Garden for sleeping about 230 soldiers on the night of June 6th/7th, when they would be passing through Cheltenham on their return from camp. No motor transport would be parked in the Gardens and the soldiers would arrive about 6 p.m. on 6th June and leave about 5 a.m. the following morning. RESOLVED, That the application be granted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make arrangements for the lavatory accommodation at the rear of the Town Hall to be available.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1934.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Addis, Morris and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—Supply to Rural Areas—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the tenders received for the erection of the overhead line for the supply to Birdlip etc. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the tender of Messrs. Johnson & Phillips Ltd. amounting to £2,911 13s. 10d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and to the necessary wayleaves and consents and sanction to loan being obtained.

2—Cables—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to advertise for tenders for the cables required for the ensuing 12 months, and that the Chairman and another member of the Committee be authorised to open the tenders when received.

3—Extension to Main--RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension to main for the supply of premises at Hayden Hill at an estimated cost of £23 14s. 5d. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the placing of the overhead lines.

4—Electricity Works—Chimney—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the chimney was felled on the 21st May. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to sell the bricks and rubble at the prices now approved by the Committee,

5—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 3rd, 10th, 15th and 20th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 476.0, 473.8, 470.7 and 470.0 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.8, 5.6, 5.5 and 5.4 inches of water.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th May, 1934,** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margret, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For month ended 30th April, 1934.	Average for corresponding Period during past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	105,000 gallons	241,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	501,000 "	719,000
Leckhampton Springs	32,000	51,000
Total	638,000	1,011,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 71,577,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Water Mains, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that he estimated the cost of renewing a number of mains in the Borough of Tewkesbury at £3,535 14s. 6d. In several cases it was proposed to replace the 3 inch pipes with 4 inch pipes, and the Tewkesbury Corporation had agreed to pay the sum of £169 11s. 9d. for the estimated extra cost of providing these larger pipes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the work put in hand.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) RESOLVED, That a new Boiler Feed Pump of the Weir type be purchased from Messrs. Haythorn Davey & Co at a cost of £55.

(b) Mill Avon, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that the River Severn Catchment Board had under consideration widening the river which would necessitate the renewal of the inverted syphon rising main under the river. He estimated the cost of this work at £354, of which sum he



considered that-.330 should be paid by the Board. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to offer to have the Syphon renewed subject to the Board agreeing to contribute £330 to the cost.

6—Lower Woodlands Farm—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle that Mr. Barrett desired to give up the tenancy of this farm on the 29th September next, and recommended that the land should be let to Mr. J. W. C. Neather at a rent of £52 per annum. The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained a satisfactory reference of Mr. Neather. RESOLVED, That the land be let to Mr. Neather as recommended and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

7—Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Act, 1930—The Borough Engineer reported that it was necessary to have the large reservoirs examined under the above Act by one of the Panel of Engineers appointed under the Act. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee for him to submit the name of a suitable Engineer.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th May, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Leigh James and Lipson (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had been called to a motor lorry and trailer which was on fire in High Street on 16th inst, caused by an overheated wheel. Damage, slight, Brigade Expenses £4 10s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, report of the Annual Licensing Meeting held on 23rd inst. Present—Alderman Sawyer, together with Superintendent Wayman and the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector. All the hackney carriages were inspected, and the licences and drivers licences recommended for renewal for one year, with the exception of Licences Nos. 43 and 78, which, owing to the condition of the cabs, were recommended for renewal for 6 months and 7 months respectively. The condition of the vehicles showed a marked improvement on previous years RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

4—Cinematograph Regulations—Read, circular of 8th inst from the Home Office that the Secretary of State was advised that Cinema safety lighting systems which were not maintained from a separate source of supply during the whole time the public was present, but were switched on or transferred to the battery by means of an automatic device in the event of failure of the main supply did not comply with the regulations. Read, also, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer of the safety lighting systems of the five cinemas in the Borough RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the proprietors of the two Picture Houses who are not at present complying with the regulations in regard to safety lighting, calling their attention to this.

5—Adam Lindsay Gordon—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Major General Guise Guise-Moores suggesting that the Corporation should purchase the boyhood home of Adam Lindsay Gordon in Priory Street which was for sale. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not adopted.

6—Root, Fruit and Grain Show—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle that the cup presented by the Corporation had now been won outright RESOLVED, That another cup be provided.

7--Floral Fete—Read, letter from the Hon. Treasurer of the Floral Fete Committee asking if the Corporation would increase their subscription of £15 15s in view of the fact that this year's Show was being held in aid of the Hospital Centenary Appeal Fund. RESOLVED, That in view of the subscription already made by the Council the application be not agreed to.

8—Protection of Birds Act, 1933—Read, circular from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds asking the Corporation to have some illustrated posters calling attention to this Act posted RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have some of the notices posted.

9—Airport—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Gloucester that the City Council had appointed the following as their four representatives on the Joint Committee to regulate and manage all matters connected with the establishment and operation by the two Corporations of the Joint Airport :—The Mayor (Councillor T. Hannam Clarke), Alderman Roberts, and Councillors Edwards and Nicholls.

10—Town Planning Scheme—Executive Committee—The Committee further considered the draft agreement for the formation of an Executive Committee referred back at the last meeting of the Council. Councillor Grimwade also attended the Committee. RESOLVED, That the agreement as now revised be recommended for approval of the Council.

11—Local Government Act, 1933—Standing Orders—The Town Clerk submitted an amended Draft of the Standing Orders which he had revised in view of suggestions made by the Representatives of Law Committee of the A.M.C. RESOLVED, That these be recommended to the Council for adoption. (A copy of the revised Standing Orders accompanies the Minutes).

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th May, 1934.** Present —Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Davis, Green and Smith; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments.

(a) Albert Road—The tenant of No. 28, reported last month, has made good the roadway.

(b) Rainbow Field—The Unemployed Allotment Association's allotment No. 48 and also No. 16 were in a bad state.

(c) Asquith Road—No. 27 was also in a bad state.

(d) Whaddon: Road (New)—Mr. Yeend also reported that Nos. 18, 19 and 27 were in a bad state.

(e) Alma Road—The weeds on the vacant allotments required mowing.

(f) Baglin's Piece—The ditch complained of by Councillor Addis had been filled up for many years, and as most of the allotments were now planted up to the ditch, he recommended that the cleaning of the ditch should be deferred until the Autumn.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Unemployed Allotment Association calling attention to the bad state of No. 48 Rainbow Field, and also to write to the tenants of the other uncultivated allotments, giving them notice to quit. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds on the vacant allotments mown,

2—Allotments for Unemployed—Mr. Yeend reported that a number of allotment holders who had taken allotments from the Unemployed Allotment Association, had now obtained employment, and it was a cause of great dissatisfaction to ordinary allotment holders that they were continuing in occupation of the allotments at the reduced rent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Association calling attention to this.

3—Allotments Rents—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to whether any reduction should be made in the rent of the various allotments, namely :—Councillors Addis, Bendall Green Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend.

4—Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of tenants in arrears with their rent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give these tenants notice to take possession of the allotments with an intimation that the notice will be withdrawn if the arrears are paid before the expiration of the notice.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 14th May 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Green and Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1- —Park Custodians—The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to the terms of employment of the custodians at the various Recreation Grounds. The custodians of the Agg-Gardner, Whaddon Road and Naunton Park Recreation Ground, were paid £2 6. 0d. per week with house, and the custodian of the Whaddon Road Recreation Ground also received an allowance for gas for lighting which averaged 1s 6d. per week. The custodian of St. Mark's Recreation Ground received a wage of £2 10s. 0d. a week with no house, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommend that all custodians be paid the uniform wage of £2 7s. 6d. per week, and that the custodian of St. Mark's Recreation Ground be provided with a house.

2—Chelsea Flower Show-RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend this Show as last year, reasonable expenses being allowed.

3—Cricket Pitches-Read, applications from the Savoy Cricket Club and Cheltenham District Traction Company Sports Club for the use of a cricket pitch for the ensuing season. RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted as no pitches are available.

4—Hospital Carnival—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Hospital Carnival Committee for the free use of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground in connection with their Fête on the 7th June, and also from 6 p.m to 10 p.m. on the 8th and 9th June. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Carnival Committee undertaking to make good any damage which may be done to the ground

5—Pittville Pump Room—Read, letter from Col. S. H. Platt suggesting that a telephone should be installed in the Pump Room. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Post Office suggesting that a public call box should be placed either in the Pump Room or in the approach road.

6—Damage to Shrubs, Wellington Square—Read, report of damage to the shrubs in Wellington Square by two boys, and the Borough Surveyor reported that the boys had been severely reprimanded. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

7—Sandford Park --Read, application from the St. John Ambulance Brigade for permission to hold the Inspection of the Combined Cheltenham and Gloucester Divisions in Sandford Park in the evening of the 30th June. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, as on previous occasions,

8—Conference—Read, circular from the Association of Superintendents of Parks and Botanic Gardens inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual conference of the Association to be held at Edinburgh on the 12th, 13th and 14th September next, RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed,

9—Pittville Estate—Evesham House and Garden—Read, letter from Mr. J. W. Robson on behalf of the owner of this property asking that the rent charges of £2 7s. 0d. and £12 5s. 0d. making a total of £14 12s. 0d., reserved in respect of Evesham House and Evesham House Garden respectively, should be apportioned as follows :—Evesham House No. 1, £2 6s. 6d. No. 2, £2. For detached house erected in the garden of Evesham House £3, and for each of the two semi-detached houses erected in the said garden, £2 1s. 3d., making a total of £11 9s. 0d. (the balance of £3 3s. 0d. having already been apportioned in respect of the plot appropriated for an Electricity Substation), RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to a Deed being entered into carrying out the terms and apportionment proposed.

W. SAWYER, Chairman

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#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 11th May, 1934.** Present—Councillors Burrow, Dr. Howell, Dr. Davies ; and Mr. W. N. Weech (Councillor Howell in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—Visits—During March and April, 5,355 (against 10,195). A summary of the year's work will be printed in the Annual Report.

Receipts—Refunded lighting expenses £2 1s. 4d., Donations to "Friends of the Museum Fund" £4 14s. 8d., Catalogues and Postcards 13s 6d, Completion of grant from Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees £73.

Exhibitions—Photographs by Cheltenham Amateur Photographic Society, April 4th to 14th ; 3rd Annual Exhibition by Cotswold Art Club, April 19th to May 26th.

Codex Sinaiticus—Total local subscriptions to date amount to £72 5s. 9d., all of which has been transmitted to the British Museum. Mineral Collection—The re-arrangement of these specimens is proceeding with the help of Mr. C. R. Mapp.

Show-cases----Two large table-top cases were being reconstructed on the premises at a cost of approximately £6.

South Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—This group had been invited to hold their October meeting in Cheltenham on a day to be fixed.

Exhibition of Bygones—Circulars had been issued by the Floral Fete Committee, and a certain amount of response had already been received.

Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society—The Curator reported that he attended the Spring meeting at Notgrove and Bourton-on-the-Water on 7th inst., when he addressed the Society on the subject of the two Roman leaden cisterns found there, and now in the Museum. He had written a description of the vessels and of the Bronze Age pot from Slade Farm, which will appear in the next volume of the Society.

Birds—The Curator read a list of birds which had been discarded from the Maisey collection.

2—Donations—Messrs. F. Bucknell, C. W. Coates, A. Newman, Wal. Pope and Dr. O. H. Wild had presented a variety of by-gones ; Mr. G. H. Evans, a rare Iron Age Pot from Danes Camp, Northampton ; Mr. C. I. Gardiner, 3 cards advertising Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Cheltenham, 1839 ; Hon. Lady Henniker Heaton, Embroidered satin waistcoat, C. 1760, and 7 other examples of Georgian and early Victorian costume. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—" Borgund Church, Norway "—The Curator reported the offer of this oil-painting as a gift to the Art Gallery from Mrs. F. A. Ringer. RESOLVED, That owing to its large size, the gift cannot be entertained.

4—Mrs. E. E. Boorne—The Curator reported the offer of 3 pictures by A. J. Meadows (Bay near Whitstable), C. B. Barber (Lion and lioness), and E. Timmermans (Off Ostend, at night), by Mrs. E. E. Boorne as a gift for the use of the Art Gallery, Town Hall or other Corporation property. RESOLVED, That this gift be accepted with thanks.

5—Loans—Mrs. R. Tregaskis, Christening robe and satin waistcoat. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lender.

6—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—The Curator reported the purchase of a Silver Medal, Grand National Archery Meeting, Cheltenham, 1856, for 30s, and a chalk drawing of " A Lane at Cheltenham," 1803, by Joseph Farington, R.A., for 22s RESOLVED, That these purchases be confirmed.

7—Whitewashing ceilings—RESOLVED, That the ceiling and frieze of three rooms in the Museum be whitewashed at a cost of £10 15s.

8—Postcards—RESOLVED, That 500 photographic postcards of the Roman leaden vessels from Bourton-on-the-Water be printed at a cost of 38s.

9—National Art-Collections Fund—RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of £1 1s. 0d. be made to this fund.

10—Museums Association Conference—RESOLVED, That the Curator attend as the Committee's delegate at this Conference at Bristol from 2nd to 6th July.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on July 13th.

J. HOWELL, Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th May, 1934.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th April to 25th May 1934. Interments 58 ; Grave Spaces sold 14 (Second Position 2, Fourth Position 12) ; Memorials erected 15 ; New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 8994 to 9007.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Ada Milne, and Elizabeth Eleanor Hamilton and Mary Jennie Hamilton ; Headpiece and

Kerbing to graves of Sarah Ann Speller Eliza Hemming and Caroline Maud Cox, John Tyrwhitt Walker, Hilda Williamson, Daniel John Burke, Fanny Elizabeth Freeman, and Margaret Violet Davies ; Cross and Bases to existing Kerbing to grave of Graham Burbidge ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Elizabeth Stockwell, and Tom Dobbs ; Book and Kerbing to grave of Arthur George Madgwick ; Kerbing to graves of Alfred Addison Cheeseman, Florence Lydia Ricketts, Jane Hebden, and William John Chown ; Vase to grave of Mary Ann Welch.

4—Maintenance of Graves in Perpetuity—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of the receipts and expenditure on the graves maintained by the Corporation in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the planting of the graves for a period of three years commencing on 1st October next, and that the question of cleaning and renovating the memorials on the graves be considered as and when occasion requires. RESOLVED, also, That the Superintendent be instructed to obtain tenders for cleaning the memorial on the Rolleston grave.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th May, 1934.** Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Rogers (Alderman Taylor 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th May, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs (Alderman Taylor 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 £16,437; Leaving outstanding £89,120.

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, 1934. Amount collected £4,974 ; Leaving outstanding £14,649.

3—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanction :—

Date, 1934.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
11th May	Purchase of The Moors	£2,793	80 years.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 29th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Col. Biggs.

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

5—Loans—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £9,200 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported the terms arranged for a loan of £10,000 for a term of 10 years with the option for either party to terminate the loan at the end of the 5th year. RESOLVED, That the terms be approved and that debenture be sealed on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Private Improvement Expenses—Read, circular of 27th March last from the Ministry of Health stating that in view of the general fall in the rate of interest at which Local Authorities are able to raise loans, the Minister had come to the conclusion that the rate of interest of five per cent at present charged to persons paying for private street works and other works, the cost of which is recoverable by Local Authorities, is too high, and enclosing copy of an Order reducing this rate of interest to four per cent in respect of expenses becoming recoverable for the first time after 1st April, 1934. The Town Clerk reported that under the Cheltenham Improvement Act, the Corporation were entitled to charge five per cent. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to reduce interest on Private Improvement Expenses to four per cent.

7—Superannuation—(a) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving of the post of assistant in the Entertainments Manager's office being designated as an established post for the purposes of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable to the Southend-on-Sea Urban District Council in respect of Mr. R. J. Browning amounted to £52 19s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

8—Hospital Centenary Appeal—Read, letter from the Chairman of the Centenary Appeal Committee thanking the Council for their donation to their Appeal Fund.

9—Rates Department—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the application of Mr. H. V. Webb for an increase in salary be granted, and that his salary be increased to £117 per annum as from 1st inst., with a further increment of £13 per annum on 1st May, 1935.

10—Auditor's Report—The Committee further considered the Auditor's report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1933, and the Town Clerk reported the arrangements made by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee in regard to the catering receipts and stores at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th June, 1934.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of July, 1934, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such, Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to consider applications for licences to deal in game. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE ,, PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. DELANCEY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES-To appoint representative Trustee of the Delancey Hospital to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Councillor L. Scott Langley.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th June, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A., Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Taylor Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Yarnold and Councillor Leigh James.

1—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 17th May of Mr. Ben Leigh James of 113 Bath Road, Cheltenham, as Councillor for the Park Ward, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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2—Minutes of Previous Meeting —Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th May, 1934, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held May 14

Housing Meeting held May 17

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee which met on the 1st inst. when nine tenders were opened for the provision of 368 brick built sheds, That the tender of Mr. F. J. Simmonds of Gloucester amounting to £4,150 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to the contractor undertaking to employ not less than 75 per cent. of local labour, and to the sanction of the Ministry of Health being obtained to a loan, and subject 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 £4,150 10s. 0d.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland : " That this tender be not accepted, and that the tenders be reconsidered " was withdrawn).



Resolved, also, That the amended offer of £160 from Mr. C. H. Reason to purchase a plot of land in Brooklyn Road with a frontage of 60 feet thereto in accordance with the valuation of the District Valuer and consent of the Ministry of Health be accepted.

Street and Highway Meeting- held May 23

Except that with regard to Minute No. 8, in default of the notices being complied with, the Private Improvement Works in Eldon Road be carried out by direct labour.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith : " That Minute No. 14 (a) in regard to the suggestion that parking should only be allowed on one side of One-way streets, be referred back for further consideration " was not seconded).

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Stores Sub-Committee which met on the 29th ult. when they opened four tenders received for new road roller, That the tender of Messrs. Aveling-Barford amounting to £739 for the supply and delivery of one 7-ton Diesel-engined Road Roller be accepted ; and also, that the offer of Messrs. H. Packer & Co Ltd. to pay £5 each for the two disused Peerless lorries and £41 for the two steam rollers be accepted.

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Town Planning Meeting held May 24

Except that the resolution to Minute No. 2 with reference to Plan No. 632 be altered by omitting the words "and that there shall be no change in the user of the land without the consent of the Town Planning Authority," and also with reference to condition (4) relating to the same plan, that the owners be asked to give an assurance by letter as to variation of design, so as to avoid monotony, instead of giving a formal undertaking.

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting. held May 25

Electricity and Lighting Meeting. held May 23

Water Meeting. held May 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held May 24

Resolved, also, That the applications of Messrs. S. Yates, W. G. Constable, A. Barnfield, F. B. Cypher, P. C. A. Wiggall and J. H. Jordan for the renewal of their licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903, be granted for one year or until the date of the Order in Council bringing into effect the provisions of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1933, whichever shall be the earlier.

Resolved, also, That an Order be made under Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925, revoking as from the 8th inst. the Order made by the Council on the 7th December, 1925, authorising the use of the carriageways on the East side of Imperial Square as a Car Park, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

Allotments Meeting held May 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 14

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 5 in regard to the installation of the telephone at Pittville Pump Room be referred back for further consideration " was withdrawn).

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 11

Burial Board Meeting held May 25

Rating Meeting held May 10

Finance Meeting held May 29

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

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4—Gustav Holst—Resolved, That this Council record their deep regret at the death of Gustav Hoist who was a native of Cheltenham and educated at Cheltenham Grammar School. It is a source of pride to his native town that he won for himself a worldwide reputation as a composer and a place among the great musicians, and the Council desire to convey to his widow and family their sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

5—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Ben James be appointed to fill the vacancies on the following Committees :—Town Improvement and Spa Committee, Rating Committee, Public Library Committee and Art Gallery and Museum Committee. Resolved, also, That Councillor Dr. Hayward be appointed a member of the Street and Highway Committee, he having resigned his membership of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

6—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. P. R. Clauss be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee for a further term of 3 years from the 4th inst., as representative of the Cheltenham College.

E. L. WARD,

Mayor.

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**MINUTES of Mc Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd July, 1934.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen and Rogers (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 17 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

(b) 8 Northfield Terrace—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Owner of these premises asking the Committee to accept payment of the sum of 120 in respect of the works carried out at these premises. 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 six shillings within a period not exceeding six years with interest at the rate of 14 per centum per annum until the whole amount is paid.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following house had no proper ash receptacle, viz, :-17 Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notice be given to the Owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring him to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) Holmsdale, Painswick Road ; and 1 and 2 Oxford Passage—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) 1 Priory Buildings—Mr. C. Goatman (Owner) attended and asked the Committee to accept payment of the sum of £46 7s. 0d. in respect of drainage work carried out at his house by instalments of £2 a month. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the said expenses to be Private Improvement Expenses chargeable on the premises to be paid by Annual Instalments within a period not exceeding 2 years with interest at the rate of £4 per centum per annum.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 17 Rotunda Terrace (Basement)—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement rooms of these premises, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. Mr. W. Wiggins attended and objected to a Closing Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are 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 Owner to carry out the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user of the said premises, 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 rooms for human habitation

(b) Flesk Cottage, Wellesley Road ; Beechurst Cottage, Hale's Road ; 4 Brighton Cottages, Millbrook Street ; 6 and 10 Rutland Street ; and 64 Rutland Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. Col. A. G. Stewart, the Owner of Flesk Cottage, Wellesley Road, attended and stated that whilst he agreed it was unsuitable for a dwellinghouse, he desired to use the ground floor as a potting shed and bulb store and was prepared to so alter the premises as to be suitable only for this purpose. Read, letter from Mr. A. Nicholls, the Owner of 4 Brighton Cottages, Millbrook Street, consenting to a Demolition Order being made.

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The **Rota Sub-Committee** reported their further inspection of Nos. 6 and 10 Rutland Street and recommended in the case of No. 6 Rutland Street that the application of the Owner to use the premises as a Store be not acceded to and in the case of No. 10 Rutland Street that a Demolition Order should be made but that the Owner he informed that the Committee will be prepared to rescind the Order if she is prepared to recondition the property to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

Read, letter from Dr. W. G. Earengy suggesting that in view of the age of the present tenant of 64 Rutland Street the matter should be adjourned on an Undertaking being given not to let the premises to anyone else.

RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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, provided that in the case of Flesk Cottage, Wellesley Road, the Council will be satisfied as sufficient compliance with Order if the house is so altered as to be suitable only for a potting shed and bulb store and to be incapable of human habitation RESOLVED, also, That the recommendation of the Rota Sub-Committee in respect of No 10 Rutland Street be adopted and the Owner informed accordingly.

(c) Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street ; and 49 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings dated the 26th and 30th ult. respectively given by the respective Owners of these houses that each Owner will within three months and six weeks from the date of the respective Undertakings carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation be accepted in pursuance of section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(d) 37, 38, 39, 42, 59, 62 and 63 Rutland Street—The Town Clerk submitted Undertaking dated the 16th ult. given by the Owner of these houses that she will (1) take with all reasonable dispatch the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession of such of these houses as are not already vacant and (2) on obtaining such possession forthwith proceed to carry out the works comprised in the Specification prepared by the Sanitary Inspector and complete the same within six months from the date of obtaining possession and (3) That the said premises should not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for that purpose and cancel the Undertaking. RESOLVED, That this Undertaking be accepted.

(e) 12 Suffolk Square (part of)—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking dated the 16th April given by the Owner of part of 12 Suffolk Square (comprising two rooms on the ground floor and three rooms on the first floor of the wing at the rear of the said premises) that he will within six weeks from the date of the Undertaking carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the said part of the said premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that it has been rendered fit for human habitation and cancel the Undertaking, be accepted.

(f) 27 Rutland Street—Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mrs. Watts asking the Committee to rescind the Demolition Order made in respect of this house, and to give her an opportunity of re-conditioning the house. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to agree to this

(g) 61 Rutland Street---Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., enquiring whether the Council are prepared to rescind the Demolition Order made in respect of this house in view of the occupier's circumstances. The Town Clerk reported that the Owner was not in a position to give an Undertaking to carry out the work required. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to consider the purchase of the property for reconditioning.

(h) 60 Rutland Street—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. J. K. Bradbury asking the Council to rescind the Demolition Order made against this house. RESOLVED, That this be not acceded to

(i) Six Chimney Farm (Part of)—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

(j) 46 Rutland Street ; 6, 10 and 12 Columbia Street ; 25 ; 16 and 24 ; 18 ; 31 ; and 43 Rutland Street ; 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee and that

meanwhile the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare and furnish the Owners with specification of the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 23 lbs. Beef, 1 qr. 9 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt. 18 lbs Pork ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. Fish ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. Cucumbers ; 2 tins Beef ; 9 tins Sausages and Beans ; 1 Chicken and Ham Roll ; and 2 tins Fruit.

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Violet Grace Smith of 3 St. Margaret's Cottages to be registered as a Retail Purveyor of Milk within the Borough in respect of St. Margaret's Dairy be granted subject to the usual conditions.

7---Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Notice arising from defective brickwork and yard, served but not complied with RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

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8—Public Convenience—Clarence Parade—RESOLVED, That the caretakers of this Convenience be granted two weeks' holiday each year in future.

9—Flooding—High Street—The Borough Surveyor now submitted plan and detailed estimate of the proposed new Storm Overflow to be constructed from North Street junction and thence along Clarence Street, Clarence Parade and Royal Well Lane to the River Chelt at an estimated cost of £3,000 15s. 6d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for carrying out the work and that Minute No. 11 (2) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 12th March last be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work on receipt of the sanction to loan.

10—Offensive Trade—Fish Frier, Shop, Tennyson Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in November last, the Committee informed Mr. W. T. Morris, that they were prepared to consent to his establishing the trade of a Fish Frier at a Shop in Tennyson Road for a period of three years providing the apparatus for frying fish was approved by him, but that Mr. Morris had opened the shop without obtaining formal consent, and without obtaining his approval to the apparatus. Mr. W. T. Morris, Mr. H. F. Midwinter, and a representative of the Company which installed the fish frying apparatus attended. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months and the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to keep the premises under observation with a view to his determining whether the apparatus installed is satisfactory.

11—Dust Nuisance—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Madeley Wood Coal Blast Slag Co. Ltd. that they hoped the new plant which they were installing would entirely eliminate the nuisance caused by the emission of dust. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report on the new installation at the next meeting of the Committee.

12—Nutrition—Read, circular letter of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing Report of the Conference between representatives of the Advisory Committee on Nutrition and representatives of a Committee appointed by the British Medical Association RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

13—Tallow Factory—Sherborne Street—The Committee further considered the complaints received of this Factory and the Chairman and Councillors Morris and Rogers reported on their inspection of the Factory. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, The Mayor, Alderman Moore, and Councillors the Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Morris and Rogers be appointed to confer with the Directors of the Company in regard to the matter.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, CHairman

## HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th June, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, Leigh James, Lipson and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from Mr. D. W. Herdman complaining of the use of the inner road at Kingsley Gardens for parking cars. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up "No Parking" notices at each end of the crescents, and that the attention of the Police be called to the matter.

2—The Moors, Tewkesbury Road —The Borough Surveyor submitted designs of the 1, 2, 3 and 4 Bedroom houses to be erected on this Estate. RESOLVED, That these be approved, and that tenders be invited for the erection of 130 houses.

3—Housing Manager—(a) RESOLVED, That consideration of Miss Hort's Annual Report be adjourned till the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Housing Manager reported that Miss Keith, assistant in her department, had resigned to take another appointment, and in view of the increasing number of houses and the additional houses proposed to be erected, she recommended the appointment of a woman assistant, fully trained on the Octavia Hill system at a commencing salary of £180 per annum. If this was agreed to it would be possible to obtain from the Society of Women House Managers a pupil trainee without salary. RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment of a woman assistant, fully trained on the Octavia Hill system at a commencing salary of £180 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £240 per annum, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the post being designated for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, also, That the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee be authorised to interview candidates and make an appointment.

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4—Selection of Tenants and Repairs and View Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Meetings of the Sub-Committee held on 24th ult. and 8th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) 25 Pates Avenue—That the tenant of this house be required to remove the shed erected by him, and that he be paid the sum of 10s compensation.

(b) Alstone Lawn Estate—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have wire mesh fencing placed along the hedge on the South boundary of this Estate from the South Eastern end as far as the back entrance to No. 32 Pates Avenue, and that a gate be erected at the entrance to the passage at the side of 31 Pates Avenue.

(c) 30 Pates Avenue—That the tenant of this house be required to remove his wireless aerial to the back of the house.

(d) That the large asphalt corner of the footpath at the junction of Pates Avenue and Alstone Lane be enclosed with posts and a chain, leaving a footpath all round, and that seats be placed inside.

(e) That the plot of land between 30 and 31 Pates Avenue be divided into two allotments and let at 15s each per annum, first year rent free, and that the plot between 39 and 40 Pates Avenue be similarly let as one allotment, and that preference be given to tenants on the Estate.

(f) Housing Manager's Office—That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to consider the provision of larger office accommodation for the Housing Department. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

5—Reconditioning—(a) The Committee considered the suggestions of the Public Health Committee that the Committee should consider the purchase of Nos. 10 and 61 Rutland Street for reconditioning. The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner of 51 Rutland Street was prepared to sell the house for £50, and he anticipated that this could be reconstructed so as to provide for a two-bedroom and three-bedroom house at a cost of approximately £200 RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, the Council be recommended to purchase this house, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare specification and obtain tenders for reconstructing the same RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of No. 10 Rutland Street subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

(b) 64 Rutland Street—The Committee further considered the offer made on behalf of Mrs. Earengy to sell this house. The Sanitary Inspector reported that when the house had been demolished the site could be used for providing a garden for No. 65 Rutland Street, purchased by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the house for the sum of £6 10s. 0d., the Council to be responsible for carrying out the demolition.

6—Housing Act, 1930—The Town Clerk submitted circular 1407, dated 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to Slum Clearance and demolition of houses under Part 1 of the Act.

7—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle stating that Mr. Wasley had offered the sum of £10 for the mowing grass and the grazing up to Christmas next on the vacant land on this Estate, and the Town Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to this offer so far as their land was concerned. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(b) Mr. Castle also reported that he had now settled Mr. Wasley's claim for the demolition of his pig sties, and the land taken from him for the erection of the Non-Subsidy houses at 15 guineas, and for his rent to be reduced by per annum as from 1st May, 1933. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Master Builders Association that although the Association had not turned down the proposal to erect houses to let under this Act, they had not been able to find any land which could be utilised for the purpose, and consequently the proposed scheme for the formation of a company for the proposed scheme had not been proceeded with.

9—Slum Clearance—Sites for New Houses—Read, letter of 14th inst., from Mr. Troughton offering for sale 12 acres of land adjoining Swindon Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report as to the suitability of the land for building in regard to levels and drainage and subject to a satisfactory report the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate with Mr. Troughton for the purchase.

10—Higgs' Cottages—Read, letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling on behalf of the Owners of this property offering it for sale at £433 6s 0d. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked for his valuation of the property.

J. P. PATES.

Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th June, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor 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, RESOLVED :—

(a) That the tender of Messrs. Webb Brothers Ltd. for the supply of 70 tons of house coal West Cannock (No. 1 Cobbles) at 30s 8d. per ton be accepted.

(b) That the tender of Messrs. Williams & Co. for the supply of 140 tons of Welsh Smokeless (Nixon's Nay. Best) at 33s per ton be accepted.

(c) That the tender of Messrs. Webb Brothers Ltd. for the supply of 180 tons of Large Anthracite Cwmgwrach Big Vein at 36s 6d. per ton be accepted.

(d) That consideration of tenders received for 400 tons of Rough Small Steam Coal be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make a trial with several kinds of coal offered.

2—Telegraph Line—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department for consent to the placing of an overhead line along Albert Road with one pole be granted subject to the exact position of the pole being agreed by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of painted lagging being fixed to the base of the pole if required, or to the base of the pole being painted up to a height of 6 feet.

3—Road Fund—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 31st ult. from the Ministry of Transport in regard to the charges allowed as grant earning expenditure to cover the use of heavy and light plant. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

4-100 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. J. Warren reducing his offer to sell this property to £34 the Corporation to be responsible for demolishing the same. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

5—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Regent Studios for permission to place a projecting sign on No. 9 Tivoli Place be adjourned for view.

6—Junction, Park Place and Ashford Road—Read, letter from Miss A. Baker complaining of the noise caused by the hooting of motor vehicles at this junction, and asking the Corporation to have the unnecessarily high and thick hedges and fence at this corner removed. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for inspection and report.

7—Lansdown Road Railway Bridge—Grants from Road Fund—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the Great Western Railway Co. in regard to the suggested widening of Lansdown Road Railway Bridge, and that the Company had asked for an Undertaking that the out-of-pocket expenses estimated at £20 which would be incurred in making a special survey and estimate should be borne by the Corporation in the event of the work not being proceeded with RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay this

8—Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell offering to pay £50 towards the cost of making up the footpath adjoining their houses in Hatherley Road ; Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had given up the land for widening of the road and set back their fences. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath made up.



9—Queen's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that three trees which were infected with mealy bug had been removed and adjoining trees suitably dealt with in order to prevent infection. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10--Junctions, Gloucester and Tennyson Roads and Andover and St. Stephen's Roads—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Councillor Bettridge suggesting that warning signs should be erected in Gloucester Road and Andover Road near the junctions with Tennyson Road and St. Stephen's Road respectively RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider these are necessary.

J. H. TRYE,  
Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st June, 1934,** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, J. Walker and A. Wiggett (The Mayor 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.
3751	Skinner, H. L.	Motor house, Capesthorpe, Keynsham Road.
3752	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion into flats, Northwold, Queen's Road.
3753	Trenhaile, W. S.	Garage and alterations to cottage, 2 Clare Garden Cottages.
3754	Blount, C.	Motor house, Belgrave Lodge, Montpellier Terrace.
3755	Castle, C. C.	New road off Hale's Road
3756	Witts, F. P.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
3757	Harvey, T. H.	Additions to bungalow, Gloucester Road.
3758	Goddard & Hunt	4 semi-detached houses, Eldon Road.
3759	Rouse, F.	Store at rear of shop, Gloucester Road.
3760	O'Brien, S.	Box Room, The Hollies, Tewkesbury Road
3761	Crabtree, E. R.	Garage and filling station, Carlton Street.
3762	Ford, D.	Motor house, Albany Court Hotel.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3751, 3754, 3756, 3757, 3758, 3759, 3760 and 3762 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 3752 and 3753 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that in the case of Plan No. 3752 subject also to the building not being used other than for three self-contained flats and basement for occupation by a caretaker ; That Plan No. 3755 be approved subject to the works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3761 be not approved.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans---The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
636	Winchcomb District Hospital Governors	Alterations and additions to Winchcomb District Hospital.
637	Bubb, Miss E. M.	Alterations and additions to cottage, East Court Estate, Charlton Kings.

638	Grant. Mrs. E. A.	Garage and cycle shed, The Willows, Battledown.
639	Dunn, A. E.	Additions, Yorkleigh, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.
640	Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Garages, Trenance, London Road, Charlton Kings.
641	Bubb, Miss E. M.	Conversion of stables into cottages, East Court Estate, Charlton Kings.
642	Brown, D.	Additions, The View, Leckhampton Road.
643	Roberts, J.	Additions, Cleevemont Lodge, Evesham Road.
644	Pearce, G.	Garage, Blacksmith Lane, Prestbury.
645	Descourt, Miss	Garage, Gable Cottage, Park Estate, Prestbury.
646	Cluer, G. T.	Shop, Nutgrove, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury.
647	Bradbury, R.	3 bungalows, Shurdington Road, Leckhampton.
648	Tomkins, J.	House, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
649	Boulter, G.	House, Ham Road, Charlton Kings
650	Moustowe, C.	Bungalow, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
651	Mason, L.	Petrol pump, Broadway Road, Winchcomb.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 636, 637, 638, 639, 641, 642, 644, 645, 648 and 649 be approved ; That Plan No. 640 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the garages behind the building line if and when the estate is developed, and also that the garages will be for the sole use of the residents at Trenance, and will not be let or sold for any other purpose ; That Plans 643 and 651 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to remove the buildings if and when required by the Road Authority, and to make no claims for compensation in respect thereof ; and That Plans Nos. 646, 647 and 650 be not approved.

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3—Town Planning Department—Staff—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications received for the appointment of Junior Town Planning Assistant, and to make an appointment.

4—Plan No. T. P. 341—Appeal by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. T. Bausor—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Health forwarding instrument allowing the appeal made by Mr. and Mrs. Bausor.

5—Gloucestershire Regional Town Planning Committee—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Regional Town Planning Committee asking the constituent councils to subscribe a further sum equal to a half year's contribution', RESOLVED, That provided all the other Councils agree to make a further half year's subscription, the Council also agree to pay a half year's subscription, namely £25.

6—Appeal by Mrs. A. E. Halford—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had held a Local Inquiry on the 19th inst. on the appeal made by Mrs. E. A. Halford.

7—Plan No. T. P. 632—Read, letter of 19th inst, from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen, enclosing undertaking amended as agreed to at the conference which representatives of the Corporation and Mr. Billings had had with the Clerk to the County Council and the County Surveyor. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Royal Crescent Garden—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the meeting of the General Purposes and Watch Committee on the 19th inst. the Town Clerk reported that since that meeting Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeaman had intimated that their clients would be prepared to agree to the remaining land being scheduled under the Town Planning Scheme as a Car Park subject to a condition that the land should not be acquired for a Car Park until two-thirds of the houses or parts thereof having rights in the Garden are used for offices, commercial or business purposes, it being understood that the houses occupied by Dr. Currie and Mr. Cardew were not to be regarded

as being at present so occupied RESOLVED, That this Committee recommend that this condition be agreed to if the Council is satisfied with the other terms offered as set out in the above mentioned minute of the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

E. L. WARD.

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th June, 1934,** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, Smith and Waite; and Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted,

2—Alstone Baths Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Charlton Kings Girls' School for permission to attend the Alstone Baths, as owing to the delay in making their application there was now no time available at the Montpellier Baths. RESOLVED, That the school be allowed to attend on Thursday afternoons for half an hour subject to the usual charge.

3—Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of 30th ult, from the Official Correspondent to Charlton Kings Council School asking the Committee to reduce the charge of 2d. per scholar in view of the contribution of £10 made by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to their application, and suggest that application might be made to the County Education Committee under the Education Act, 1921 for payment as is made by the Borough Education Committee.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 4th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Montpellier Pavilion—That the Pavilion be let to Mr. Eric Shenton from 18th June on a weekly tenancy at £3 per week plus lighting for the engagement of Touring Concert Parties.

(b) Summer Concerts—That blind persons be given the same facilities for free admission to concerts as last year.

(c) Conference—That the National Union of Railwaymen be invited to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham next year. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted,

5—Town Hall—(a) Industrial Trades Exhibition—The Entertainments Manager submitted application from the Industrial Trades Exhibition for the use of the Town Hall for their Exhibition to be held in 1935. RESOLVED, That the Town Hall be let to them on the same terms as this year, viz : Rent £150 plus lighting.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Card Room be granted for a Meeting of the Road Safety Campaign Committee, to be held on 3rd July, 1934.

6—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the National Commercial Temperance League to hold their Conference in Cheltenham.

(b) N.A.L.G.O.—The Town Clerk reported the visit of the President and Organising Secretary of the National Association of Local Government Officers in regard to the arrangements to be made for

next year's Conference. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Waite), Alderman Pates and Councillor Burrow be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Local Conference Council to be appointed to make the arrangements for the Conference.

7—Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Town Clerk be instructed to interview the Ministry of Health in regard to the delay in issuing the sanction to the loan for the construction of the Swimming Pool.

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

9—Pittville Gardens--The Town Clerk reported that the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society had made application to the Kennel Club for the renewal of their Championship status in connection with next year's Dog Show, but that the Kennel Club has asked before granting this application for an assurance that an adequate water supply would be provided for the Lavatories at the Gardens in respect of which they had received a complaint. RESOLVED, That the Parks Committee be recommended to provide a larger pipe for a supply of water to the Flush boxes and to improve the lighting of the Conveniences. RESOLVED, also, That the Society be given the assurance that a sufficient supply of water will be provided in time for next year's Show

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd June, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer; Councillors Burrow, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Smith and Waite ; Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

10—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, application from the Cheltenham Badminton Club for the use of these Baths for next Winter Season, and Mr. H. H. Cox, the Hon. Secretary of the Club, attended. The Committee informed Mr. Cox that as it was proposed to install filtration plant at these Baths it would not be possible to let the Club the use of the Baths for the whole of the Winter Season, and offered the Club the use of one of the transepts of the Winter Garden. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Entertainments Sub-Committee be asked to meet representatives of the Club to ascertain what work would be required to adapt one of the transepts of the Winter Garden to enable this to be used for Badminton.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Central School boys be allowed to continue attending these Baths at 8.30 a.m. on Fridays during the summer to complete their preparation for the Life Saving Examination at a charge of 1d.

11—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meeting held on 18th inst.

They recommended (inter alia)

That the application of the Unemployed Association for the free use of one of the transepts of the Winter Garden on 26th July for an exhibition of produce grown by unemployed allotment holders be granted.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

12—Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered the opening of the putting course on Sundays. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to allow putting at these Gardens on Sundays between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

13—Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving in principle the proposal to construct a swimming pool, and the raising of a loan for the purpose, but before doing so they required detailed drawings of the Bath and the various connections thereto ; the Ministry stated that they were advised that where tension faces are in contact with water the stress in steel should not exceed 12,000 pounds per square inch. The Ministry also asked for a copy of the Council's resolution, authorising the appropriation of the two plots of land at present held for waterworks and parks purposes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to alter the specification to provide that the stress in steel shall not exceed 12,000 pounds per square inch, and also to advertise for tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent under Section 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 to the appropriation of the land containing two acres belonging to the Waterworks Undertaking, and the land containing 2'64 acres, part of Dale's Field, acquired for park purposes, required for the purposes of the Swimming Pool.

14—Conference—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the Public Lighting Engineers to hold their 1936 conference in Cheltenham.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th June, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis and Leigh James (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made in the improvement of the Public Lighting. The total number of positions in which the lighting had been improved to date was 438.

(b) The Committee considered request received for the lighting of the undeveloped portion of Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot see their way to light this portion of Brooklyn Road.

2—Electricity Works—Chimney—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from Blackburn, Starling & Co. Ltd. stating that owing to the unusual construction of the chimney the work had taken exactly double the time estimated, and that this could not have been foreseen, and asking whether the Corporation could see their way to make some extra payment. RESOLVED, That the sum of £10 be paid to the Company, and that they be asked to deal generously with the men who actually carried out the work.

(b) Factory Site --The Committee considered the adaptation of a portion of the disused works for a factory, and the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted alternative schemes and estimates. RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Committee be held on 6th July at 11 30 a.m. to discuss the matter further with the proposed lessee.

3—Renewal of Cables—Motor Lorry—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in connection with the scheme for laying new 3-Phase cables it would be necessary to provide additional haulage, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the provision of a new lorry.

4—Neon Signs—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Regulations made by the Council should be amended in regard to the installation of Neon signs so as to require that the power factor of such signs be not less than 0.85. RESOLVED, That the Council adopt this new regulation.

5—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the Demonstration Room redecorated.

6—Hire of Cookers—Two smaller cookers were submitted for the inspection of the Committee, which the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended should be hired at a cheaper rate than the present rate of 5s per quarter charged for the larger cooker. RESOLVED, That the Revo No. 1 pattern be let on hire at 4s per quarter.

7—Extensions to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the receipt of applications for extensions to mains at The Hewletts, Charlton Kings ; and Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell. The last mentioned premises were outside the area of supply of the Corporation, and in the area of the Wessex Power Company. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to make the necessary extensions on the terms now approved by them. 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 the consents of the Local Authorities concerned, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary wayleaves for laying of cables and erection of lines, and for payment of compensation for removal of any trees. RESOLVED, also, in the case of Rossley Manor, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for an Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, authorising a supply to Rossley Manor in the Parish of Dowdeswell.

8—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Birdlip—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in two cases he had had difficulty in obtaining the required wayleaves for poles and overhead lines for the supply to Birdlip, which had caused delay in the commencement of the work. RESOLVED, That notices under Section 22 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919 be served of the proposal to place the lines. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport under Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1926 for their consent to the erection of the lines in question.

(b) Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanctions to loans for £1,428 for underground mains and £-340 for sub-station equipment repayable within periods of 25 and 20 years respectively, being part of the loan of £5,310 for the supply to Birdlip.

(c) Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines in the parishes of Badgeworth, Great Witcombe, Cowley, Coberley and Shurdington for the purposes of the supply to Birdlip subject to the usual conditions.

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9—Promenade—Lamp Standards—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that these lamp standards should be painted. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer-instructed to report as to this at the next meeting of the Committee.

10—Sir Charles Parsons' Memorial—Read, letter of 30<sup>th</sup> ult., from the Royal Society asking the Corporation to contribute towards the appeal being made for the memorial to the late Sir Charles Parsons in recognition of his great invention, the steam turbine. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to subscribe direct to the memorial.

11—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on 31st ult., and 5th, 13th and 21st inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.0, 472.2, 471.8 and 470.2 B.Th.U., respectively, and the pressure 5.2, 5.2, 5.2 and 6.0 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th June, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margret.: and Moore ; Councillors Barnett and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For month ended 31st May, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	109,000 gallons	255,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	497,000	1,190,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	35,000	51,000
Total	641,000	1,496,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS  
Estimated Usable Quantity about ...      70,909,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Water Main, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Tewkesbury Corporation asking thy' Corporation to lay about 100 yards of 3 inch main with a Fire Hydrant at Clarence Road, Tewkesbury, in respect of which the Tewkesbury Corporation are prepared to pay 9 per cent. per annum. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the work put in hand.

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5—Automatic Sprinklers—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to issue an advertisement in the newspapers warning consumers against the waste, misuse and undue consumption of water and to circularise consumers with garden supplies warning them against the waste of water and the use of automatic sprinklers.

6—" Buckland Stables "—Read, letter of 21st ult., from Mr. T. J. Brain asking the Corporation to pay the cost, amounting to £3 8s. 0d. for opening and re-instating the ground at Buckland Stables in order to search for the position of the water service pipe, and stop tap. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

7—Tewkesbury Waterworks--(a) The Borough Engineer submitted three offers received for the disposal of about 310 cubic yards of sand which was not now required at Tewkesbury. RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. H. Walkley of Tewkesbury of £37 10s. 0d. being the highest offer received be accepted.

(b) Mechanical Lubricators—RESOLVED, That two Mechanical Lubricators be purchased from Messrs. Hathorn Davey & Co. Ltd. for the two existing Worthington Pumps at Tewkesbury, at a cost of £32 10s. 0d.

(c) RESOLVED, That the formal opening of the extensions to the Tewkesbury Waterworks be held on the 3rd July next at 3 p.m.

8---Dowdeswell Reservoirs—Superintendent—The Borough Engineer reported that the Superintendent (Mr. D. Bloxam) had completed his year's probationary service and his work had

been satisfactory. RESOLVED, That Mr. Bloxham now be appointed to the designated post under the Superannuation Scheme vacated by Mr. Bolton.

9—Home or Lower Farm—RESOLVED, That the application of Capt. A. C. Hext for permission to erect a lean-to shed at the back of his stables on ground belonging to Home Farm, in respect of which the tenant raises no objection, be granted subject to the position of the shed being approved by the Borough Engineer and to payment of an annual acknowledgement of 1s per annum.

10—Northfield Springs—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report at the next Meeting of the Committee as to fencing in the Springs.

11—Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Act, 1930—The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Engineer had made application to be appointed on the Panel of Engineers under this Act. RESOLVED, That Mr. G. Gould Marsland be appointed to make an inspection and report in pursuance of Section 2 of the above Act on the Dowdeswell Reservoir.

12—Evesham Road—Read, report of damage to stand pipe in Evesham Road on the 11th ult., by a Motor Car. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage.

13—Land, London Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle had let the grass on acres of the land in London Road to Mr. Ball for £1 up to Christmas next. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14—Grey Squirrels—Read, letter from Col. Elwes that he believed that there were some of these animals in Redwood and Lineover which were coming across to his land, and asking that steps should be taken to destroy them. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Major Mason the tenant of the shooting, calling his attention to the complaint.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th June, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Leigh James, Lipson and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals ; no outbreak having occurred since last Meeting.

(b) Sheep Scab Order, 1928 -Read, circular of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries requesting Veterinary inspectors to give on their Report Forms, in cases where a condition other than Sheep Scab is diagnosed, particulars of the disease condition present which led the owner to report his suspicion of the existence of sheep scab, and the Town Clerk reported that he had instructed Mr. Brain accordingly.

2—Rodney Road Car Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that a number of season ticket holders in respect of Imperial Square Car Park whose tickets were still in force had asked that the season tickets might apply to the Rodney Road Car Park. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to but that the season ticket holders be allowed to use their season tickets until expired at any of the Car Parks in the Promenade, Montpellier Walk, Cambray or the south side of Imperial Square.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire;



Date, 193.1.	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hawthorne Villa, Grosvenor Street	Newspaper coming in contact with light	about £60	£4 10s. 6d
June 3rd	Messrs. Reed & Patterson, Ltd., Bath Road	Petrol pump explosion	Not yet ascertained	2 10s. 0d.
June 9th	Agg Gardner Recreation Ground	Not apparent	—	3 9s. 6d.
June 10th	Barrett's Mill House	Not apparent	£35	4 7s. 6d.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of G. Edwards and A. E. Tilley for transfer of Licences No. 35 and 23 to Motor Cabs HR 8964 and DD 1783 respectively be granted.

5—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Read, application from Mr. W. S. Smith of 2 Albion Street, Coal Merchant, for a licence to sell Poisonous substances to which section 2 of the Act applies for use exclusively in connection with agriculture and horticulture: Mr. Smith had given the necessary public notices and Notice to the Chief Constable and no objections had been received, RESOLVED, That the application be granted up to the 6th June next or to the date on which the Order in Council is made bringing into effect the provisions of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1933, whichever date is the earlier.

6—Cinematograph Act—(a) Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Film Censor (Sir Herbert Cuming) asking the Committee to agree that no film should be passed by them without reference to him and that, if he had any objection, the Committee would give him an opportunity of discussing it with them before coming to a decision. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to this.

(b) "A" Films—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Sir Herbert Cuming drawing attention of the Committee to the fact that frequently "A" and "U" Films were exhibited at the local Cinemas in the same continuous programme which appeared to him to make it difficult to enforce the condition requiring that no child under the age of 16 years should be present without parent or guardian during the exhibition of an "A" Film. The Town Clerk reported that he written to the Local Cinemas and submitted their replies. All the Cinemas had given instructions to their staff that whenever an "A" Film is included in the programme no children under the age of 16 years unaccompanied by an adult were to be admitted even though part of the programme might contain a "U" Film. RESOLVED, That copies of these replies be submitted to Sir Herbert Cuming.

(c) Safety Lighting Regulations—Read, letters of 28th and 30th ult. from the two Cinemas which were found not complying with the Regulations with regard to safety lighting that the regulations were now being complied with.

(d) Jungle Films—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copy of a letter from the R.S.P.C.A. asking Local Authorities not to permit the exhibition of Films known as "Jungle Films" which depicted fights to death between animals or suffering of animals. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

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7—Mayor's Salary—The Committee considered a recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that the allowance made to the Mayor should be increased as from the 9th November next That this recommendation be approved and adopted, to £400 per annum. RESOLVED,

8—Mace Bearer—RESOLVED, That a new Robe and Hat be provided for the Mace Bearer.

9—Municipal Offices—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee to provide Office accommodation for the Housing Department. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee

consisting of the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Moore and Pates be appointed to consider the matter of office accommodation and report to the Committee.

10—St. Paul's Street South—The Committee considered a complaint received of the nuisance caused by miscellaneous collection of oil drums and rubbish left behind by the late occupiers of the land in St. Paul's Street South. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove these, and that consideration as to the future user of the land purchased by the Corporation be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

11—Royal Crescent Garden—The Committee further considered the acquisition of a portion of the Royal Crescent Garden for the widening and improvement of Royal Well Lane The Town Clerk submitted further letter from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson and Yeaman of 16th inst. that the Owners were now prepared to accept a sum of £1,000 for a strip of the garden fronting Royal Well Lane to enable the road to be widened to 50 feet, and containing 994 square yards and also the triangular plot of land at the southern corner containing 830 square yards for a bus stand subject to the terms set out in their letter of 10th February as amended by their letter of 17th April last, namely :—

(i) The Corporation to provide wooden paling fence along the new frontage to Royal Well Lane, and the return fence between the land sold and the land retained to be an iron railing on a stone plinth ;

(ii) The Corporation to undertake at their expense the widening of the road and paving and channelling and to fix gates where required, and to plant a row of poplars along the new boundary to Royal Well Lane, and also to covenant not to erect any public convenience and not to cut down the four trees marked in green on the plan so long as these remain sound ;

(iii) The Corporation to pay the vendor's scale costs, and valuer's fees ;

(iv) The present line of posts to be removed so as to give access to the land on the Western side, but to be replaced in a new position to prevent access to the Royal Crescent Road, for vehicles for which there was to be no right of access ;

(v) The scheduling of the remaining land as a Car Park to be taken out of the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to agree to these proposals. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the widening and improvement of the road to 50 feet, including a footpath on both sides of 10 feet wide and the construction of bus stand at approximately £2,987, exclusive of street lighting. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section of the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, for the compulsory purchase of the above mentioned land containing altogether 1714 square yards and coloured pink and blue on the Map now submitted, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice and to do all things necessary to obtain the confirmation of the Order. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant from the Road Fund towards the cost of carrying out the improvement.

12—Promenade—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to consider making an Order under the Road Traffic Acts for unilateral parking in the Promenade from Clarence Street to Oriel Road.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Green ; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted the report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments.

(a) Whaddon Road—The tenant of No. 72 had demolished a building, but had left the concrete base and other rubbish, and the tenant of No. 21 had formed a manure heap on the roadway. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants requiring these matters to be remedied.

(b) Baglin's Piece—No. 9 was reported to be in a poor state. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant calling attention to this,

(c) The following allotments were in a bad state :-48 Rainbow Field (let to the Unemployed Allotment Association) and Nos. 31, 33 and 40 RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Unemployed Allotment Association in regard to No. 48, and to give notice to take possession of the other allotments.

(d) The following allotments had now been put in a satisfactory state of cultivation,-150 (a) North Ward, 47 Albert Road, 27 Asquith Road and 16 Rainbow Field. RESOLVED, That the notices to quit be withdrawn.

2—Reduction of Rents—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 6th inst. They recommended that the rents be reduced as follows:-

Name of Allotments	Present Rent.	Proposed Rent.
Albert Road	17s 6d.	16s 0d.
Alma Road	19s 0d.. ..	16s 0d.
Asquith Road	19s 0d.	18s 0d.
Alstone Lawn	£1 ..	18s 0d
Baglin's Piece	19s 0d. .	18s 0d.
Brooklyn Road	19s 0d	18s 0d.
Creamery Piece	19s 0d.	18s 0d.
Crabtree Piece	19s 0d.	18s 0d .
Gapper's Field	19s 0d	18s 0d.
Rainbow Field	19s 0d. .	18s 0d.
Sandford Mead	£1	£1
Tennyson Road	19s 0d	18s 0d
Whaddon Lane (New)	17s 6d.	17s 6d.
(Some allotments at present let at 19s to be reduced to 18s).		
Whaddon Lane (Old)	19s 0d.	18s 10d.
Wasley's Field	19s 0d.	18s 0d.

and a discount of 6d. be allowed off the rent per chain provided payment is made within one month, except in the case of Sandford Mead and Whaddon Lane (New), in which cases a discount of 5 per cent be allowed as at present. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the reductions be allowed in respect of the current year's rent.

3—Whaddon Lane (New)—Read, application from the tenants of No. 18 for a rebate in the rent in view of the bad state of the ground. RESOLVED, That they be allowed the allotment free until 29th September next.

4—Allotments for Unemployed—Read, letter from Mr. A. C. Castle, Hon. Secretary of the Unemployed Allotment Association in regard to the complaint that tenants of the Association who had obtained employment were continuing in occupation of their allotments at the reduced rent, and stating that under their rules a man was not considered to be in regular employment until he had had a period of unbroken work for more than six months.

5—Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of arrears of rent amounting to £31 19s. 0d. due from past tenants which were irrecoverable. RESOLVED, That these be written off.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

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#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th June, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Green (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—School Sports—RESOLVED, That the application of the Education Committee for the use of this Recreation Ground for the School Sports on 4th July next be granted as in previous years.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the application of the Knights of St. Columba for the use of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the afternoon of 27th July next for the St. Gregory's School Sports be granted subject to the Recreation Ground not being closed to the public.

3—Lane at Rear of Pittville Parade—Read, letter from Miss E. M. Hands complaining of the condition of this lane. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

4—Pittville Gardens—Telephone—Read, letter from the District Manager of the Post Office Telephones stating that he thought there was little prospect of a kiosk at the approach road to the Pump Room producing sufficient receipts to cover the annual charges, but that there would be a better prospect of reasonable receipts being obtained if the kiosk were provided at the junction of Evesham Road and Central Cross Drive. RESOLVED, That this proposal be not entertained.

5—Sandford Park—Read, letter from the St. John Ambulance Brigade thanking the Committee for granting the use of Sandford Park for their Inspection on 30th June.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd June, 1934.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 26th May to 22nd June, 1934 Interments 42 ; Grave Spaces sold 15 (First Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 11), Memorials erected 14 New Inscriptions 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9008 to 9022. 3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved:—Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of H. Daniels and Elizabeth Daniels, Charles Cox, and Frederick James King ; Block and kerbing to grave of Robert Edmund Johnson; Block on Crazy Paving to grave of Nigel Neville, Teresa Jane Matilda Neville, Violet Neville and Winifred Edith Neville ; Kerbing and posts to grave of Alice Hopton ; Flat stone to grave of Charlotte Louisa Laurie ; Kerbing to grave of Charles Gerard Hatch.

4—Maintenance of Grave 3236 Section R—Seven tenders were received for the cleaning of the memorial and re-writing the inscription of this grave. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. H. H. Fry of £3 17s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th June, 1934.** Present—Councillors [kraal', Burrow, Grimwade, Ben James, Lipson : Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; and Messrs. H. J. Norris, E. C. Rogers, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for April and May --Receipts £30 10s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in the Reference Department 10,583 (last year 10,981); Department 32,506 (last year 33,180) ; Junior Department 4,569 (last year 4,852). Total for the two months 47,658 (last year 49,013).

Binding and Replacements-834 volumes had been returned from the binder, and 274 volumes had been replaced.

Codex Sinaiticus—The Librarian reported that the Local Fund now stood at £73 17s. 10d. RESOLVED, That the Collecting Boxes be withdrawn from the Lending Library and from the Art Gallery, but that the Subscription List be kept open.

2—Books--RESOLVED, (a) That 304 volumes, published at £101 0s. 9d., be purchased for £64 1s. 11d.

(b) That the sum of £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £50 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 2 vols. published at £4 13s. 0d. be purchased for £3 18s 8d. out of the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

3—Donations—Anonymous, 2 vols.; Messrs. Arthur's Press Ltd., 1 vol.; Miss Baker-Penoyre, 1 vol.; British Museum (Natural History) 4 vols ; Councillor E. J. Burrow, 1 periodical ; Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., 56 guides; Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. 1 vol.; Mr. A. Chandler, 1 vol.; Messrs. Constable & Co. Ltd., 1 vol.; Great Western Railway Co. Ltd., 3 vols.; Councillor H. C. Grimwade, 1 vol.; Joint Council of Qualified Opticians, 1 vol.; Mr. H. W. A. Kilgour, 1 vol.; Miss Marriott, 5 vols.; Mrs. M. R. Menzies, 3 vols.; Mr. H. F. Morgan, 1 vol.; Needed Truth Publishing Offices, 2 vols.; Mr. G. G. Pearce, 6 vols.; Mr. S. W. Strange, 1 vol.; Society of Friends, 6 vols.

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

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That " Town and Country Planning " and "The Church of England Newspaper," suggested for purchase be not taken.

5—Library Association—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference in London from 10th-14th September

6—Public Library Jubilee Celebrations, October 13th, 1934—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to arrange a Public Lecture and an Exhibition of some of the treasures of the Library.

7—Staff—(a) The Librarian reported that he had appointed Miss Joan R. Fawn (Lond. Matric.) to a junior post on the staff at 12s 6d per week, as from the 7th August, 1934.

(b) RESOLVED, That the salaries of Miss S. Graham-Smith and of Miss P. Morgan be increased from 12s 6d to 17s 6d per week, as from the 11th June.

8—School Libraries—RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade and Mr. H. J. Norris be the representatives of this Committee on the Sub-Committee re School Libraries.

9—Boiler Insurance—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. reported that the Boiler was in satisfactory working order.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on July 12th.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th June, 1934,** Present—Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Rogers (Councillor Bartlett 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—A statement of unpaid rate arrears was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Bailiff asking him to deal more expeditiously with the execution of the Warrants issued by the Magistrates.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th June, 1934,** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £28,021 Leaving outstanding £77,536

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1934. Amount collected £8,465, Leaving outstanding £11,160.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1934	Purpose.	Amount	Period of Repayment.
25th June	Additional acre of land at The Moors	£300	80 years
29th May	Electricity supply to Birdlip (Mains)	£1428	25 years
29th May	Electricity supply to Birdlip (Mains)	£340	20 years

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 26th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor.

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 £20,000 on loan RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans, subject in the case of £10,000 of the said sum to the usual financial stress clause.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £13,200 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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6—Royal Crescent Garden—With reference to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Watch Committee and the Town Planning Committee of their meetings held on the 19th and 21st inst. respectively, RESOLVED, That this Committee recommend that before any terms are arranged for the purchase by agreement of the land required a valuation should be obtained on behalf of the Corporation, as it appears to the Committee that the price of £1,000 asked is too high, having regard to the improvement which will be effected to the land retained by the widening of the road, and to which the remaining land will have a frontage.

7—Reconditioning—The Committee considered recommendation of the Housing Committee to allot a further sum of money for the purchase and reconditioning of properties. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of a sum not exceeding £500 being expended. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Committee be recommended to offer the reconditioned houses for sale.

8—Unemployed Services Club—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Rector (Chairman) and the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Unemployed Services Club, giving particulars of the charges for the upkeep of the Club, and asking the Council to make another grant of £50 as they did last July. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make a grant of £50 for the ensuing year.

9—Audit of Accounts—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of regulations made under the Local Government Act, 1933, in regard to Audits by District Auditors

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 26th July, 1934.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to at the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 30th day of July, 1934, 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 application for telephone line to Barn Farm. HOUSING COMMITTEE and to accept tenders for 130 houses at The Moors and also offer to purchase 25 Byron Road. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE OWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. COUNCILLOR GRIMWADE TO MOVE :-" That this Council requests the County Council to give improved facilities for reaching the public path which now runs along the western boundary of the Grammar School Playing Field by permitting the public to pass over the cinder path leading from Brooklyn Road and along the northern boundary of their property, reserving their right to remove the concession at any time."

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 2nd July, 1934, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye. C.B.E., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, Barnett. Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rey. de Com.cv-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson. M.A., Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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

1—John Field Ward, J.P.—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Councillor J. F. Ward resigning his office of Councillor for the St. Peter's Ward. Resolved, That this Council receives with genuine regret the resignation of Mr. Ward who has for the past 6 years given to the Town Council generally and to the North Ward in particular his ungrudging services.

2 —Great Western Railway—Resolved, That The Mayor. Councillor Waite and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed a deputation to interview the G.W.R. Co. to urge upon the Company the importance to Cheltenham of arrangements being made for the new train service from Birmingham to Cardiff stopping at Cheltenham.

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3- Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th June, 1934, 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.

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

Public Health... Meeting held June 11

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore : " That Minute No 4 (f) in regard to the rescindment of the Demolition Order made in respect of 27 Rutland Street be referred back."



Housing Meeting held June 14

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 3 (b) in regard to the appointment of Assistant Housing Manager be referred back " was lost).

Street and Highway .. Meeting held June 18

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bettridge and seconded by Councillor Pruen "That Minute No. to in regard to the erection of warning signs in Andover Road and Gloucester Road be referred back " was lost).

Town Planning Meeting held June 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Moore : That Minute No. 8 in regard to Royal Crescent Garden be referred back " was lost).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 15 & 22

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Bettridge and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 12 in regard to the opening of the Putting Course on Sundays be not approved."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by The Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 5 (a) in regard to the letting of the Town Hall for the Industrial Trades Exhibition be referred back " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett " That Minute No. 8 in regard to the Entertainments Manager's salary be referred back " was not seconded).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 25

Water Meeting held June 12

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General Purposes and Watch 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by The Deputy Mayor : " That the resolution to Minute No. It in regard to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of Royal Crescent Garden be amended to read as follows :—

"Resolved. That failing purchase by agreement, an Order be made under the Common Sep in pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, for the compulsory purchase of the above mentioned land, containing altogether 1,824 square yards and coloured pink and blue on the map now submitted, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Transport."

Resolved, also. That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the purchase of the portion of Royal Crescent Garden to be acquired, and for the cost of the construction of omnibus stand and road improvement.

Resolved, also, That the applications of Messrs. Pelham Anderson (General Manager, MacFisheries), Olive & Olive, Iddles & Sons, H. F. Barnett, C. Barnett & Son (2 Montpellier Street), F. Panter, C. Barnett & Son (86 High Street), The Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., Miss M. F. Woodard, W. Dean and L. A. Soper for the renewal of their licences to deal in Game be granted for one year expiring on the 1st July, 1935.

Allotments Meeting held June 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 11

Burial Board Meeting held June 22

Public Library Meeting held June

Rating Meeting held June 7

Finance Meeting held June 26

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

5—Delancey Hospital Trustees— Resolved, That Councillor L. Scott Langley be appointed a representative trustee of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on the 2nd July, 1937.

6—Committees—Read. letter from Councillor Pruen resigning his membership of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee. Resolved, That Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland be appointed in his place.

E. L. WARD, 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 read on Monday, 30th July, 1934.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1934** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Leigh James, Dr. Hayward, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 16 and 17 Mitre Street, and 31 Sandford 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 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, notices be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ash-pits or ash receptacles, viz. :-1 All Saints' Road ; Cambray Spa ; and 20 Mitre 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, 1859, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 202 and 202a High Street ; and 3 Warwick Buildings, Winchcomb Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above 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.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 4 St. James's Terrace, Suffolk Parade—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the premises. 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 said 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) 4 Lansdown Place; and Six Chimney Farm—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms of 4 Lansdown Place, and four rooms at the rear of Six Chimney Farm. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners to carry out the work 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 rooms for human habitation.

(c) 17 Rotunda Terrace—RESOLVED, That the back room be excluded from the Closing Order directed to be made in respect of the basement at these premises.

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(d) 3 and 4 Fairview Street 53 Worcester Street ; rear of 6 Lansdown Terrace—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 10th September next.

(e) 1 and 2 Forge Cottages, Milsom Street—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, 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 undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of work 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.

(f) 100 Bath Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and

that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to supply the Owner with specification of the work required to render the basement fit for human habitation.

(g) 5 Hewlett Cottages, 121 Tewkesbury Road, 51 Sherborne Street, and 46 Rutland Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses Mr Crawley, on behalf of the owners of 51 Sherborne Street, and Mrs. Rudd, on behalf of the owner of 121 Tewkesbury Road attended. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to supply the owners with specifications of the work required to be done to render the houses fit for human habitation.

(h) 6 and 10, 25, 16 and 24, 18 and 31 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(i) 21 Henrietta Street—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of this house. Mr. Brown, the tenant, attended, and objected to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(j) 43 Rutland Street, 6, 10 and 12 Columbia Street, 5 and 5a Hermitage Street, 36a York Street and 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages—The Town Clerk submitted undertakings signed by the owners of these houses to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That these undertakings be accepted.

(k) 27 Rutland Street—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the decision of the Committee not to rescind the Demolition Order made in respect of this house. RESOLVED, That the owner be furnished with a specification to enable her to consider whether she is prepared to give an undertaking to carry out the works required to render the house fit for human habitation.

(1) 4, 5 and 6 Rose and Crown Passage, and 2 and 3 Grafton Passage—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the tenants of these houses, requiring them to quit the premises by the 1st November next

(m) 12 Suffolk Square and 20 Grosvenor Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the parts of these houses in respect of which Closing Orders had been made, had now been rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That Orders be made determining the Closing Orders.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 7 lbs. Beef ; 9 lbs. Pork ; 18 lbs. Mutton ; and 5 lbs. Lambs' livers (tinned).

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of George William Shoemith to be registered as a Retail Purveyor of Milk within the Borough in respect of Lowerfield Farm, Gloucester Road, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

7—Infectious Diseases—Read, circular of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing copy of the Public Health (Treatment of Infectious Disease) Regulations 1934, which came into operation on the 1st inst. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

8—Public Health Congress—Read, circular of 25th ult. inviting the attendance of delegates to attend a Public Health Congress to be held in London under the Presidency of the Minister of Health on the 19th November next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

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9—St. George's Square Convenience—The Borough Surveyor submitted proposals for providing additional accommodation at this convenience. RESOLVED, That this be not proceeded with at present,

10—Brooklyn Road—Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had written to the owners adjoining Brooklyn Road with regard to the proposal to extend the sewer, but had only received a reply from one of them. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with at present.

11—Sewage Works—The Committee considered a report of the Borough Surveyor as to the need for enlarging the filters at the Sewage Works. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to prepare a scheme for enlarging the filters to deal with a dry weather overflow of 21 million gallons per day at Hayden Sewage Works, and also to interview the landowners adjoining the farms with a view to their taking additional supplies of sludge on their lands.

12—Dust Nuisance—(a) The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received a complaint from Mr. A. J. Nunn of the nuisance from smoke from a factory in Leckhampton Road, but he had not ascertained to what building the complaint referred, but was making enquiry into the matter.

(b) Dammann Asphalt Works—The Sanitary Inspector reported that these works had been kept under observation, and that the additional plant being installed by the Company to prevent the nuisance had not been completed, but was in progress.

(c) W. F. Rees & Co. Ltd.'s Works—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received complaint of the nuisance from dust and smell from the experimental works started by Messrs. W. F. Rees & Co. Ltd. in Tewkesbury Road, but on inspection he had found that the works had been run for a few days, but were not then working, but he would keep the premises under observation when work was resumed,

13—Axle Tank—The Sanitary Inspector reported that during the hot weather he had received complaints of the smell from this tank. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider what steps can be taken to prevent any cause of complaint from this source.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th July, 1934.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Slum Clearance—Site for New Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary layout of the land offered for sale adjoining Swindon Road, and the Town Clerk reported negotiations with Mr. Troughton for the purchase of the land. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with negotiations.

2—Sheds—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now sanctioned the loan for the erection of the 368 sheds. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to circularise the tenants, and require them to remove their existing sheds.

3—The Moors—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had invited tenders for the erection of the 130 houses. RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Committee be held on the 27th inst. to consider these.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to accept the offer of Mr. Smith of £35 for the apples, plums and pears at The Moors.

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4--Housing Manager--The Commo further considered the annual report of the Housing Manager. RESOLVED That this be circulated to the members of the Council. RESOLVED, also, That the Public

Health Committee be recommended to provide temporary additional assistance with a view to dealing with the disinfection of houses. and in particular of furniture and bedding etc..

5-7 Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society in regard to the arrears due from the owner of this house. RESOLVED, That the Building Society be asked to take the necessary steps to realise their security.

6—St. Mark's Housing Estate—Cutler & Sysum's Contract—RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be instructed to make a final inspection of these houses without waiting for the full maintenance period of six months with a view to the final accounts being submitted.

7--7 and 8 Russell Place—Read, letter complaining of the nuisance caused by the sites of 7 and 8 Russell Place, which had been demolished, being left unfenced. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with the owner for the purchase of the sites with a view to a pair of houses being erected thereon under the next slum clearance scheme.

8-25 Pates Avenue—Read, letter from the tenant of this house asking the Council to reconsider allowing him to retain the shed erected by him. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to require the removal of the shed, but that the tenant lit, allowed to re-erect this on the spare piece of land on the Western corner of the Estate, and that this land be let to him at a charge of 10s per annum.

9—Non-Subsidy Houses—The Committee further considered the proposal to erect Non-Subsidy houses in view of the decision of the Master Builders' Association that they were unable to proceed with the scheme for the erection of houses. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to have plans and estimates prepared for the erection of about 22 Non-Subsidy houses on the vacant land adjoining Brooklyn Road, the houses to be similar to those erected in Wordsworth Avenue, and to forward these to the Ministry of Health as requested for approval before obtaining tenders.

10-93 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this house complaining of the unsafe condition of the ceilings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these made good.

11—Hope Street—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health stating that a local investigation had been made on behalf of the Ministry, including a comparison of the rents of the houses erected under the improvement scheme and those of similar houses in the district, from which it appeared that the Department would not be justified in acceding to the application of the Corporation for a reduction in the rents.

12-64 Rutland Street—The Town Clerk reported that this house had now been purchased from Mrs. Earengy for the sum of £6 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the tenant be allowed to remain until the work of reconditioning the adjoining house No. 65 is put in hand.

13—Reconditioning—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee to sell the houses reconditioned by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inform likely purchasers that the Committee are prepared to consider offers for the purchase of any of them.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th July, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Bath Road and Sandford Road Junction—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College, stating that the College Council agreed to give up the land at the junction of Bath Road and Sandford Road as shown on the map submitted subject to the College being put to no expense in the matter, and to the new line of fence being agreed upon. The estimated cost of removing the plinth and railings was £40, and the road work would be charged to the classified road account. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement.

2—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had not yet completed the tests of the coal for the boilers. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Aldermen Pates and Sawyer, be authorised to accept a tender or tenders.

3—Recruitment of Labour---(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, asking for the casual labourers to be engaged in alternate months only in order to provide work for double the number of men, together with report of the Borough Surveyor thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to adopt this suggestion.

(b) Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Unemployed Services Club asking the Council to consider putting in hand some additional work, and to give men on transitional benefit the first consideration when engaging labour, and asking that all labour be engaged through the Labour Exchange, to whom no lists of names should be submitted. RESOLVED, That the Club be informed that the practice of the Corporation is to obtain men through the Labour Exchange, and that no lists of names are submitted.

4—Maining of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been in communication with the Ministry of Transport and the County Surveyor in regard to the maining of additional roads, namely :---Imperial Circus, Clarence Street, Andover Road, part of Suffolk Road, Thirlestaine Road and part of Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council for an Order declaring these roads and parts of roads to be main roads.

5—Old Bath Road--RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place another seat in Old Bath Road near the Croquet Club.

6—Borough Surveyor's Department—Chief Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. I. C. Jenkins, Chief Assistant in his department, had been appointed Engineer and Surveyor to the Farnborough Urban District Council, and owing to pressure of work in the department, he would like a successor appointed as soon as possible. RESOLVED, That applications be invited for the appointment at a commencing salary of £300 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to a maximum of £360 per annum, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Scheme, and that the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and to interview candidates and make an appointment.

7—One-Way Traffic Order—Sandford Mill Road—The Committee considered a proposal for making a One-Way Traffic Order in respect of Sandford Mill Road. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 46 (2) of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and Section 29 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, That an Order be made under the Common Seal prohibiting the driving of any vehicle in a North-Easterly direction

along Sandford Mill Road from its junction with Old Bath Road to its junction with London Road, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation thereof.

8—Promenade—Uni-lateral Parking—On the recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, the Committee considered the question of making an Order for unilateral parking in the Promenade. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 46 (2) of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and Section 29 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, That an Order be made under the Common Seal, prohibiting any vehicle from waiting on the west side of the portion of the Promenade from its junction with the Southern side of Imperial Circus and the Northern side of Crescent Terrace, and that provision be made in the Order so as not to prohibit vehicles from waiting on that side of the road for so long as may be necessary to enable a person to board or alight from such vehicle. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation of the Order. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up a notice on the East side of the Promenade between County Court Road and a point opposite Crescent Terrace that vehicles must not wait or park on that side of the road for a period longer than 15 minutes.

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9—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the View Committee, That the application for permission to erect a barber's pole and sign at premises let to Mr. H. Jurd at 9 Tivoli Place be granted subject to the usual conditions. RESOLVED, also, That the five garage signs erected at Nos. 10 and 11 Tivoli Place be inspected at the next View Meeting.

(b) Read, application from Mr. J. W. D. Booth asking the Corporation for permission to retain the projecting sign erected at the Granley Service Station, Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(c) Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Reaco Ltd. that they hoped in the near future to erect some of their latest electric advertising clocks in Cheltenham, and asking on what terms these would be approved RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Company be asked to furnish design of the clock.

10—Petrol Filling Stations—Read, letters from Messrs. V. T. Nicholls, G. W. Midwinter, C. Bullock & Co., Langton Garage, Alpha Garage and Waghorne & Evans stating that they had taken the necessary steps to comply with the Byelaws as requested by the Corporation,

11—Cheltenham District Traction Co.—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Manager of the Company stating that as requested by the Council, the Company had agreed to provide some covered top double deck omnibuses, and had ordered six, and asking for an assurance that the Corporation would assist by having the branches of those trees lopped which are likely to cause damage to the omnibuses. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees cut back where necessary as requested.

12—America Passage—Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr. George Bradfield, complaining that America Passage was being obstructed again by goods belonging to Messrs. Lance & Co. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Police.

13—Petrol Pump—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. G. T. Taylor for permission to erect a petrol pump with swing arm over the footpath at College Garage, Suffolk Road be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

14—St. George's Road—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to a tree in this road by a motor lorry belonging to the Metropolitan Transport Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.



15—Eldon Road—Read, memorial and letters from various owners on Eldon Road in regard to the cost of making up and severing Eldon Road. RESOLVED, That these letters and memorial be considered when the apportionment is made.

16—Land, Old Bath Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. M. Parsons complaining of the nuisance caused by children playing on the land at the rear of Old Bath Road sold to Mr. Hall, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a temporary fence across the road leading to this back land.

17—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mrs. A. M. Rees offering to purchase a 10 foot strip of land adjoining the brook in Brooklyn Road to give access to her land at the back. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained, but that Mrs. Rees be informed that the Committee would be prepared to grant her a wayleave for a water main across the Corporation's land.

18—Royal Well Lane—Read, report of damage to a sign in this road by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Richardson & Spicer. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

19—View Meeting—Read, report of View Meeting held on the 11th inst. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Rogers

They recommended as follows:—

(a) Bayshill Road—That the dead birch tree in this road be removed and plane tree substituted in the Autumn.

(b) Parabola Road—That the decaying sycamore tree in this road be felled.

(c) Overton Road—That existing chestnut trees opposite " Abbeyholme " be left standing for a further two years before thinning out is considered ; That the three dying lime trees on same side as " Abbeyholme " be felled and two new acacia trees substituted ; and That the decaying sycamore tree immediately below the entrance to " Abbeyholme " be felled.

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(d) The Park—That the dead elm tree between Tivoli Road and Park Place be felled.

(e) Albany Road—That Mr. J. Davis' renewed application for removal of trees near No. 8 Park View, be not granted.

(f) The Park—That Mrs. Whitby's application for removal of unsafe tree outside " Elville," be granted.

(g) Church Road, Leckhampton Road and Charlton Lane Junction—That at the School Managers' request no sign " Children Cross Here " be erected.

(h) Park Place—That the owners of property at the South side of the junction with Ashford Road be requested to lower their hedges.

(i) Montpellier Drive and Vittoria Walk—That the dead elm tree be felled and new plane tree substituted.

(j) Clarence Square—That the Parks Committee be recommended to have the birch tree immediately opposite No. 49 Clarence Square judiciously thinned out.

(k) Wellington Square—That the Parks Committee be recommended to remove the large sycamore tree immediately opposite " Eastholme."

(l) Pittville Cross Drive—That the Parks Committee be recommended to remove the dead lime and birch trees in this road and replace them in the Autumn.

(m) Eldon Road---That Mr. D. R. B. Broom's application for the slyer birch tree at Eldon Road to remain be granted but that any unsatisfactory trees be removed when the road is made up and other suitable trees substituted.

(n) Battledown Approach—That Mr. F. Stuart Smith's application for the pruning of trees in this road be granted and the work done in the Autumn. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th July, 1934.** Present—Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James and Lipson ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. C. Gurney and L. Mellersh (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1934.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	28.6	24
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	18.1	18.1
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	31.6	48
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	25.4	26

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2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1934 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,385
“ Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	592
“ over 1 year)	649
“ Un-notified Births discovered	5
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors...	1,937
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	121
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	65
“ Children remitted to Hospital ..	6
“ Ante-natal cases visited ...	37
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	3
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	18
“ Measles cases visited	37
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	3

#### Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	129
New Orders ...	55
Orders discontinued during quarter	70
“ continuing to coming quarter	114

#### Children Act :

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register during the Quarter	45	11
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	66	13

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 40 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st April to 30th June, 1934, and that the total amount of doctors' fees paid for this period was £11 4s. 9d., of which £4 9s. 3d. was rechargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 30th June, 1934: Still-births 3 Deaths of Infants 4 Artificial feeding being necessary 3.

4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 20 infants and 27 mothers had attended the School Dentist in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee during the quarter ended 30th June, 1934.

(b) The attendances during the year were 38 mothers and 47 infants. The proportion of the cost of the dental service payable by this Committee amounted to £50 1s. 8d.

5—Children and Young Persons Act, 1932—RESOLVED, That the application of St. Anne's Church of England Nursery Training College for the renewal of their exemption under Section 69 (1) of this Act be granted for a further period of 12 months.

6—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—The Committee further considered the application of Mrs. E. M. Magnall for her premises at 79 Promenade to be registered as a Nursing home, together with letter from the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health thereon. RESOLVED, That the premises be registered subject to a fully trained nurse being retained at the premises.

7—Birth Control Conference—The Medical Officer of Health reported on the attendance of Miss Goddard, the Health Visitor at this conference.

8—Birth Control—Read, circular from the Ministry of Health on the subject of Birth Control. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th July, 1934,** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas, Major Dent Brocklehurst ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, Kensett, Walker and Yiend (The Deputy Mayor 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,
3763	Norcott, S. L.	Motor house, Mead Road.
3764	White, O.	Detached house, Charlton Lane.
3765	Hall, G. A. M.	Four semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
3766	Stroud, L.	Conversion into flats, Lewisland, Bath Road.
3767	Timothy Whites	Additions at rear of 386 High Street.
3768	Morris, S. C.	Detached house, Thorncliffe Estate.
3769	Ebdon, J.	Additions and alterations, Wilton House, Montpellier Terrace.

3770	Stephens, H.	Sun parlour, Elsington, Thirlestaine Road.
3771	Payne, Miss E.	Additions and alterations, Hiltwood House.
3772	Crabtree, E. R.	Garage and filling station, Carlton Street.
3773	Reason, C. H.	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
3774	Jordan, E. C.	Lock-up garage, Overton Road.
3775	Murphy, W. D.	Motor house, The Close, Mead Road.
3776	Rainbird, G.	Conversion into 2 houses, Oakley, The Park.
3777	Yates, F.	Detached house, Tewkesbury Road.
3778	Payne, Miss E.	Detached house, Hewlett Road.
3779	Yates, F.	Layout for 62 houses, Arle Road (Preliminary Plan)
3780	Copeland, R. V.	Additional kitchenette, 13 Spa Buildings.
3781	Wheeler & Mansell	Layout and 8 bungalows, Hatherley Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans No. 3763, 3764, 3767, 3768, 3772, 3773, 3774 and 3775 be approved ; That Plan No. 3765 be approved subject to the floors of the rooms over the garage being pugged with cement concrete ; That Plans Nos. 3766, 3769 and 3776 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary inspector, and in the case of Plans Nos. 3769 and 3776, subject also to the floors of the portions of the buildings which form disused stables being taken up, and the surfaces underneath being excavated to a depth of 12 inches, and filled with hardcore and covered with 6 inches of concrete, and to the plaster being hacked off and the walls and ceilings replastered, and also in the case of Plan No. 3769 to the front elevation harmonising with the existing elevation ; That Plan No. 3770 be approved subject to the front elevation harmonising with existing building ; That Plan No. 3771 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking not to make a claim for compensation in respect of the new work if at any time it is found necessary for the same to be removed for the purposes of the Town Planning Scheme ; That Plan No. 3777 be approved subject to (1) the bay windows being set back behind the building line, (2) sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, and (3) the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the improvement line laid down in the Scheme if and when required ; That Plan No. 3779 be approved for dwellinghouses only, and subject to all the buildings being set back behind the building line, and to the corner blocks being amended to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 3781 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to the improvement line if and when required by the Corporation ; and that Plans Nos. 3778 and 3780 be not approved.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General interim Development) Order, 1933:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
652	Bevan, O.	Chalet, Dog Lane, Crickley Hill.
653	Cooke, F. G.	Additions, The Fosse, Uckington.
654	Vaughan, S.	House, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington.
655	Scott Plummer, H.	2 detached houses, Southfield Estate, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
656	Marshall, A. E. & Sons.	Bungalow, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
657	Holborow, J. P.	Development, Glenue House, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings
658	Holborow J.P.	Development (11 building plots) Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 653 be approved ; That Plan No. 654 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence and dedicate the land for the improvement and widening of Leckhampton Lane if and when required That Plan No. 655 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land 18 feet from the centre of the existing road for the widening of Sandy Lane to 36 feet if and when required ; That Plan No 656 be approved subject to no part of the building being erected nearer than 25 feet to the boundary of the street ; That Plan No. 658 be approved in respect of the Plots marked " B " to " L " on the plan ; and That Plans Nos. 652 and 657 be not approved.

3—Plan No. 640—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Naunton Estates (Cheltenham) Ltd., that instead of erecting new garages it was proposed to convert the old stabling at " Trenance," London Road, into garages and offering to undertake to remove these after the tenancy expires on 30th April next, and any other obstructions so as to comply with the plans approved for the development of Ewens Farm on 24th August last. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Town Planning Department—Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee had considered the applications received for the appointment of Junior Town Planning Assistant and Junior Clerk, and had appointed Mr. B. E. Bishop of Leamington to the former post, and Mr. S. R. Browning to the latter post. RESOLVED, That Mr. Bishop be allowed the cycle allowance of £4 per annum as allowed to the previous assistant.

5—Arle Court Estate—Mr. H. J. True, architect of Gloucester, attended in regard to a proposal by his clients to purchase this Estate for layout and development for houses, and submitted preliminary proposals, and the Committee indicated to Mr. True the lines on which they would be prepared to approve of the layout and development of the Estate.

6—Draft Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that the time allowed by the Ministry of Health for the preparation of the draft Scheme expired on 13th October next. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of six months.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th July, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates Councillors Burrow, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1--Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 2nd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Military Band—That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for the Military Band to visit the Recreation Grounds as in previous years.

(b) Winter Garden—That a Police Constable be engaged to assist in keeping order at the Band Concerts in the Winter Garden on Sunday evenings.

(c) Winter Dance Band—That the tender of Gammon's Band from Malvern to play at a Dance Tea and Evening Dance on Saturdays during the winter season for the sum of £12 12s. 0d. per Saturday be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Alstone Baths—(a) The Committee further considered the application of the Cheltenham Badminton Club for the use of these Baths for next winter season, and the Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had met representatives of the Club, and recommended that the Club be offered the use of the South Transept of the Winter Garden from the 1st October to the 31st March at a rent of E.80 for the season plus lighting, the Corporation to whitewash the first range of glass in the roof, and to redecorate the lavatories at an estimated cost of about £15. Mr. H. R. Cox, the Hon Secretary of the Club, attended, and consideration was adjourned to enable the Club to consider the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Badminton Club asking that, when the alterations to these Baths were being considered by the Committee, the improvements set out in their letter for the use of the Baths for badminton should be considered at the same time RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report on the improvements suggested by the Badminton Club. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report on the cost of covering in the open air bath, and heating the water with a view to this being adapted for the teaching of swimming to school children.

3—Montpellier Gardens—Floral Fete- The Town Clerk submitted memorial received from 14 residents in the vicinity of Montpellier Gardens complaining of the nuisance caused by the loudspeakers etc. at the fun fair at the Gardens on the occasion of the Flower Show. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Floral Fete Committee for their observations, and that they be informed that the Committee suggested that next year's Show should be held in the playing field at Sandford Park.

4—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for a meeting on the 24th instant in connection with the Hospital Carnival.

(b) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Chamber of Commerce asking whether the Council could see their way to take over the supply of newspapers for the Town Hall, now provided by the Chamber. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to do this, and the Entertainments Sub-Committee be asked to revise the list of papers now supplied by the Corporation.

5—Chairs—It was reported that the contract for the maintenance of chairs had now expired. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to carry out the maintenance of the chairs with the staff at the Town Hall, and to report thereon to the Committee in six months time.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th July, 1934:** Present—The Mayor ; :Alderman Pates ; Councillors Rev. Courcy Ireland, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

6—Entertainments Sub--Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 17th inst.

They recommended (inter alia):-

(a) Moonlight Dances—That Moonlight Dances be held on Saturdays at the Winter Garden and the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange with Mr. Cole for a section of his Band to play at the Dances.

(b) August Bank Holiday—That Mr. Cole's Military Band be engaged to give an extra performance in the morning at a pro rata charge of the Contract, namely, £8 6s. 3d.

(c) Town Hall--That the present list of newspapers and periodicals supplied by the Corporation be continued with the addition of Punch and " The Tatler."

(d) Summer Dances—That for the present Mr. Billy Derek's Band be engaged for the Summer Dances at a charge of £4 per Dance.

(e) Montpellier Pavilion—That the Pavilion be let to the " Laughter Makers" for the first week in September at a charge of £3 plus lighting.

(f) Military Bands—That the Montpellier Gardens be let to Mr. T. B. Phillips for one night in August at a charge of £5 for a Concert by a first-class Military Band.

(g) Fishing Competition—That arrangements be made with the Local Angling Association for a Fishing Competition in Pittville Lake, and that the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to provide prizes out of the entrance fees received

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

7—Piano, Town Hall—The Entertainments Manager reported the need for another Grand Piano for use for concerts only At important concerts hirers of the Hall had to hire a Piano, and it was necessary also for the Corporation to hire a Piano on the occasion of Broadcasts. The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had obtained four tenders for the supply of a second-hand Grand Piano. RESOLVED. That the Committee approve the purchase of a Piano at the price submitted and that the cost be spread over four years. RESOLVED, also, That Councillors Waite and Burrow and Mr. Arthur Cole be authorised to inspect and purchase the Piano.

8—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the cost of enlarging the Ladies' Cloakroom and lavatory accommodation by taking in the Bureau and transferring the Bureau to the Card Room, for which provision had been made in the estimates. He also submitted plans and estimates for providing a Pay Desk in the Vestibule and collapsible screens at the end of the East corridor so as to provide Dressing accommodation for artistes RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain Tenders for carrying out these alterations

9—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Swimming Pool and the first part of the Recreation Ground was ready for opening and the filtration plant had been put into operation. RESOLVED. That the ground and pool be opened forthwith from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day, except Sundays, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage the necessary attendants.

10—Promenade—Willow Tree—The Borough Surveyor reported that the larger of the two Willow Trees was dying, as the roots had begun to rot. RESOLVED, That the Parks Committee be recommended to have the tree removed and another tree planted.

11—Directional Pointer Maps—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co Ltd. to supply a new issue 1,500 Directional Pointer Guide Maps of Cheltenham, free of charge, be accepted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th July, 1934.** Present—Alderman Moore; Councillors Addis, Scott Langley, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity Works—Factory Site—The proposed lessee attended and the question of altering and adapting a portion of the Electricity Works for a factory was discussed with him, and the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans and estimates prepared by Messrs. Barnard and Partners, showing the alterations necessary to provide the accommodation required. Consideration was adjourned for the proposed lessee to consider these plans.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd July, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Leigh James and Morris (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made in improvement of lighting. The total number of positions in which the lighting had been improved to date was 461

3—Accounts, 1933/34—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March last shewing a net surplus for the year of £1,575. The expenditure included a considerable outlay on renewals and replacement of cables and services during the year, and the items of £12 6s. 0d. in respect of Sub-stations and £688 17s. 0d. for re-laying cables had been charged to the Nett Revenue Appropriation Account. RESOLVED. That this be approved and that £500 of the surplus be transferred to the Renewals Fund and the balance carried forward.

4—Insurance—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to effect Policies of Insurance to cover risks to passengers when riding in Motor Cars and Austin Van belonging to the Electricity Department.

5—Extension to Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application for a supply to premises at Brockworth. RESOLVED, That the applicant be informed that as the nearest supply is nearly a mile away, the expenditure would be too great to justify the Committee extending the main.

6—Casual Labour—The Committee considered letter received from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers suggesting that the casual labour employed should be engaged for alternate fortnights and also asking that only married men should be employed. RESOLVED, That the Union be informed that the Corporation could not agree to their proposal as to fortnightly changes and that the selection of men required was left to the Employment Exchange, but it be suggested that they might ask the Local Employment Committee to consider whether any other proposal can be made to meet their views.

7—Supply to Rural Areas -Birdlip --(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with Mr. Willis for a slight diversion of the overhead line across his property to meet his wishes. RESOLVED, That this diversion be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport and the Local Authorities concerned for approval thereof.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing sanction to the loan of £2,812 for overhead lines for a supply of Electricity to Birdlip repayable within a period of 25 years.

8—Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the tender, received for supply of cables for the ensuing year RESOLVED, That on his recommendation the tender of The Hackbridge Cable Co Ltd. be accepted subject to contract prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

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9—Renewal of Cables—(a) Lorry—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders from 13 firms for the supply of a new Lorry. RESOLVED, That the tender for the provision of a Vulcan Four ton Tipping Lorry designed to draw a 4 ton Trailer for the sum of £557 be accepted.



(b) Read, letter of 20th inst from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing sanction to a loan of £12,700 for mains and 3,729 for Sub-Station equipment repayable within periods of 25 and 20 years respectively in connection with new cables in the Lansdown and London Roads Districts.

10—Bridges—Moorend Park Road and Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be fixed to an Undertaking with the Great Western Railway Company agreeing to repay to the Company any additional expense that may hereafter be incurred by them in or about the reconstruction, alteration or repair of these bridges in consequence of the cables, tubes and ducts in the roadways over the same.

11—Extensions to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from the Wessex Electricity Company agreeing to application for an Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909 authorising supply to Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell.

12—Gas Test—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for quarter ended 30th June last which shewed the calorific value for the quarter to be 471.8 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, reports of Gas tests made on 28th ult., 4th, 9th and 20th inst. which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 471.6, 471.5, 472.8, 471.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 6.0, 6.0, 6.2, 6.3 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th July, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Barnett and Dr. Hayward (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.	
	For month ended 30th June, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	101,000 gallons	251,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	218,000	503,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	29,000	50,000
Total	348,000	804,000

#### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 72,702,000 gallons

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

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

4—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of visitors attending the Hewletts Reservoirs during the past month had been as follows :—June 3rd-70, 10th-56, 17th-49, and 24th-84

5—Lower Hewletts Farm—Read, letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling offering for sale Lower Hewletts Farm, being Lot 3 on the Sale plan of the Hewletts Estate, which contained farmhouse and 87 acres

of land adjoining the Hewletts Reservoirs. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Pickering and he had inspected the parts of the Hewletts Estate which affected the gathering areas of the Hewletts Water Supply. The Northfield Springs from which the main source of supply was obtained was situate on land belonging to Mr. Mitchell of Glenfall, who, it was understood, had purchased Lot 5, being the land above the Northfield Springs. On the land now offered there were only two deep seated springs which were drawn upon, and with a view to protecting this source it would only be desirable to purchase approximately the northern half of Lot 3, together with the adjoining portion of Lot 1, comprising about 12 acres, but the price asked for the land appeared to be excessive as the configuration of the land would make building development difficult, and the land was of poor agricultural quality. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the purchase of the land at the price offered.

6—Leckhampton Reservoir—Read, letter from Mr. H. Lewin, making application to rent the fishing in Leckhampton Reservoir. He would stock the Reservoir from time to time at his own expense. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend that this offer be not entertained.

7—Grey Squirrels—Read, letter from Major Mason that his part-time keeper had been instructed to do his best to destroy the grey squirrels, and the Custodian at Dowdeswell Reservoir had also been given permission to shoot them, and on his return he would give the matter further attention.

8—Extension to Main—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D.C. that the District Council had arranged to extend the water main from a point in Noverton Lane, Prestbury, to the end of Finchcroft Lane, and had entered into a contract with Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd for the execution of the work at £189 10s. 6d., which they asked the Corporation to refund to the District Council as and when the water charges amounted to 10 per cent. thereon. RESOLVED, That an agreement be entered into accordingly.

9—Farms at Dowdeswell—Mr. C. C. Castle attended, and asked for a supply of six new gates—three for the Woodlands and three for Castle Barn Farm, four gate posts and six barbed wire signs for land in the occupation of Mr. Ball, at an estimated cost of £14. A length of boundary fence was also required at Woodlands Farm, and he advised that a fence with two strands of wire should be provided at an estimated cost of £50. Repairs were also required to the gaps in the wall along London Road, and he recommended that these should be attended to. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted, and that tenders be obtained for the fencing.

10—Tewkesbury Waterworks—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to provide a tablet at these Works, recording the opening of the extensions, and that an estimate be obtained from Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons for providing this.

11—Waterworks Conference—The Borough Surveyor made a report on his attendance at this Conference.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th July, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Lipson, Pruen, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair)

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date, 1934.	Place.	Cause.	Damage. Brigade Expenses.
23rd June	Timothy Whites, High Street ...	Accident to spirit stove	About £3,000 £8 0s. 6d.
26th "	Tar boiler, Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury	Accident	Not known £4 4s. 0d.
4th July 23	Grosvenor Place South ...	Not apparent ... ..	£100—£150 £5 11s. 6d.
7th "	Marle Hill Court ... .	Train on adjoining railway line	Slight ... £3 16s. 0d.
10th "	Liddington, Leckhampton Road	Not apparent ...	Slight ... £4 1s. 0d.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. F. Meadows for the transfer of Licence No. 36 to Taxi Cab Registered No. FH2361 be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted list of hackney carriage licences not taken up. RESOLVED, That Supt. Wayman be asked to take proceedings against any person plying for hire without a licence.

4—Wireless Relay Service—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. R. T. Rosser asking for permission to establish a wireless relay service in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr. A. Ricketts, Rate Collector, be extended for one year expiring on 28th July, 1935.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of F. Harding (Pavior) and C. Waring (Sweeper) be extended for 6 months expiring on 12th March, 1935 and 2nd March, 1935, respectively,

6—Domestic Servants Registries—Supt. Wayman reported that all the Domestic Servants Registries in the Borough had recently been visited, and the books inspected and found in order.

7—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. W. T. G. Taylor and North Street Motors Ltd. for licences to store 500 and 2,000 gallons respectively at their respective premises at College Garage, Suffolk Road and premises in North Street be granted.

8—Municipal Offices—Three tenders were received and opened for the supply of a new domestic boiler for these Offices. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Stephens & Finch for a No. 15 D. Ideal Domestic Boiler at a cost of £17 18s. 0d. be accepted

9—Borough Arms—RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the applications of the Incorporated Dental Society and the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club using the Borough Arms on their conference programme and note paper respectively,

10—St. Paul's Street South—Read, letter from G. H. Bayley & Sons enquiring on what terms the Corporation would sell the sites of Nos. 10 to 16 St. Paul's Street South to Corpus Christi College RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend a sale at the price of £200, being the total cost of the acquisition of the land by the Corporation. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee agree to Mr. T. C. Safe, who had obtained the contract for the erection of the houses on the opposite side of the street demolishing the Britannia Inn in consideration of his having the materials.

11—Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That season tickets be issued for this Car Park at a charge of 15s , and that such tickets be also available for use at the other Car Parks.

12—Year Book—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the supply of the Municipal Year Book, but that next year the book be printed in two parts, namely, the diary portion (to be printed in advance) and the year book portion.

13—Extension of the Borough —The Town Clerk submitted copy of letter of 9th July to the County Council from the Ministry of Health with the Minister's observations on the County Review under Section 46 of the Local Government Act, 1929, in which the Minister had decided that the addition to the Borough of the portion of the parish of Prestbury should be modified as shown on the plan, which modification included the area originally asked for by the Corporation except the portion on the west side of the G.W.R line, comprising about 44 acres, but including a small adjustment of the boundary near the Hewletts Reservoirs. The Minister was also of opinion that portions of the Parish of Leckhampton should be added to the Borough comprising about 113 acres at the foot of Leckhampton Hill and about 90 acres near Warden Hill Road, making the Railway the boundary in this part and also 25 acres of Up Hatherley, these additions being shown on the plan furnished by the Minister and the County Council have been asked to consider these suggestions and to confer with the Authorities concerned.

The Minister was also of opinion that there would be an advantage in the union with the Borough of the Urban District of Charlton Kings as they form practically one continuous urban community and have asked the County Council also to consider adding the Urban District to the Borough.

RESOLVED, That the Council approve of the suggested additions of the portions of the Parishes of Leckhampton and Council, Up Hatherley that the Town Clerk be instructed to support these proposals on behalf the council. RESOLVED, also, That the Council approve of the proposed addition of Charlton Kings to the Borough as they are strongly of opinion that it will be for the benefit of both these areas that they should be administered by one local authority.

14—Airport—The Town Clerk submitted Reports of Meetings of the Joint Airport Committee held on 29th May and 7th July last, The Mayor of Gloucester had been appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee up to 9th November next.

Provisional Contracts had been entered into for the purchase of 180.894 acres of land at the price of £10,600. Tenders had been invited for offers to take a lease of the circle and adjoining lands when this had been cleared, drained, sown and rolled and access road and name provided by the two Corporations and one offer, namely from the Westgate Motor House Co. (Gloucester) Ltd., had been received.

The Mayors of the two Corporations had conferred with representatives of the Company and the Town Clerk of Cheltenham had submitted draft heads of agreement of proposed lease which was settled by the Joint Committee. The terms included a term of 7 years from the date the site was completed and ready for use as a landing-ground ; a rent of £150, Lessees paying rates and Lessors paying tithe rent charge and property tax and covenants for the protection of the respective parties including provisions with regard to the erection of buildings and user of the frontage to Cheltenham-Gloucester Road,

Tenders had also been invited for the clearing, grading, draining, sowing and rolling the Aerodrome site and eight tenders had been received and on which the two Surveyors had reported.

The tender of Mr. J. B. Carr of Tettenhall of £2,923 5s. 10d. was the most favourable and the estimated cost of the Access road was £300, and the Circle and Name and North point £115, making the total cost of the Site Works at £3,338 5s. 10d. The Acting Treasurer of Gloucester had submitted details of the estimated annual deficit. The annual Loan Charges on the purchase of the land and carrying out of Site Works amounted to £611 and the Tithe was £9 per annum. The rent of the site and Field No. 57 was estimated to produce £156 showing a net deficit of £494.

The Joint Committee had therefore decided to enter into a lease with The Westgate Motor House Co (Gloucester) Ltd. in a form to be approved by the two Town Clerks and to accept the tender of Mr J.

B. Carr for the Clearing, grading etc. of Site of £2,923 5s. 10d. subject to sanctions to loans being obtained from the Ministry of Health and to contracts being entered into The Joint Committee had also received a report from Messrs. Bruton Knowles Co. that the owner of the piece of land numbered 57 on the Ordnance Map containing 3.895 acres fronting the main Cheltenham-Gloucester road had now offered to sell the land at the reduced price of £650 with vacant possession and the Joint Committee recommended that the two Corporations should enter into a provisional Contract for the purchase of this land and to make application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan to purchase this additional land.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £375, being the Corporation's share of the cost of the purchase of field No. 57.

15—Housing Department—The Sub-Committee inspected the Housing Manager's office. RESOLVED, That the office be transferred to the office on the second floor occupied by the Stores Clerk of the Electricity Department, subject to the approval of the Electricity Committee, and that the Stores Clerk be transferred to Miss Hort's present office. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the necessary screen etc. to adapt the present Stores Clerk's office for the Housing office.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Smith; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

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

2—Allotments Inspection--The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments.

(a) The following allotments were in a bad state of cultivation :-29 Albert Road, 27 (b) Whaddon Road (New), 10 and 17 Baglin's Piece, 12 Alma Road and Rainbow Field. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give 6 months' notice to quit to the tenants of these allotments, with an intimation that the notices will be withdrawn if the allotments are put in a satisfactory condition before the expiration of the notices.

(b) There were 6 allotments vacant in Alma Road which had been vacant for a long time. RESOLVED, That these be offered to the occupier of the adjoining market garden land.

(c) Rainbow Field—Complaints had been received from allotment holders in Rainbow Field of the damage caused by children trespassing across the allotments to get to Naunton Park Schools. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Education Committee asking him to warn the children against trespassing across the allotments, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up a warning notice at the entrance to the allotments in Old Bath Road.

3—Committee—Read, letter from Mr. A. C. Castle, resigning his membership of the Committee, and stating that the Unemployed Allotment Association recommended that Mr. E. J. Carter should be

appointed in his place. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Carter in place of Mr. A. C. Castle.

4—Reduction of Rents—The Town Clerk reported that some of the allotments were let at more or less than the ordinary rent per chain. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Committee a list of cases in which the rent is above or below the ordinary rent.

P. T. SMITH,  
Chairman.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th July, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis and Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

Gardens—(a) Foreman—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Pittville foreman had broken his leg in circumstances which did not entitle him to compensation, but he and his wife were carrying on his work as far as possible, and he was only receiving 15s per week from National Health Insurance. RESOLVED, That payment be made to him to make up his full wages during his disability.

(b) Boats—The Borough Surveyor reported that two of the boats were unfit for further use. RESOLVED, That these be broken up.

(c) Fishing—RESOLVED, That a charge of 6d. per day be made for fishing in the upper lake.

(d) Subway—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gate to the subway repaired, and that instructions be given that when the gardens are used for large gatherings, provision must be made for controlling pedestrians crossing from one garden to the other through the subway to avoid risk of injury from crushing.

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2—British Grown Flowers and Plants—The Town Clerk reported visit of Mr. Kenyon on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, urging that British grown narcissi, tulips and roses should be purchased, and offering a supply of labels for use with displays of British grown bulbs etc. The Gardens Superintendent reported that except with regard to some early varieties of tulips, his supplies were all British grown, RESOLVED, That he be instructed as far as possible to buy only British grown tulips etc., and that the offer of the labels be accepted.

3—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That the following applications for permission to play football etc on the Recreation Grounds during the season 1934-35 be granted :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	Central School Old Boys A.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays,
“	St. Paul's Old Boys F.C.	Alternate Saturdays,
“	St. Gregory's R.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays,
“	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club	Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Wednesday A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
“	Cheltenham St. George A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
“	St. Philip's United F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Naunton Park R.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's	Smiths Systems F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Whaddon Road	Wesley Sunday School F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

## ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th July, 1934,** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bendall, Burrow, Grimwade and Rogers ; and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for May and June—Visits—During May and June, 4,231 (against 6,916). Included in these figures was a party of 18 students from St. Mary's College.

Receipts—Sale of Catalogues and Postcard reproductions, commission on sales in Cotswold Art Club Exhibition, and "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £12 9s. 9d.

Exhibitions—3rd Annual Exhibition by the Cotswold Art Club, April 19th—May 26th ; Permanent Collection, May 26th—June 29th ; Exhibition of Cotswold Bygones, July 1st—July 31st.

Floral Fete : Exhibition of Cotswold Bygones—This display in a special marquee provided by the Fete Committee, attracted over 5,000 visitors, who paid 1d. per head for admission. The Curator was in attendance, and gave talks and demonstrations of the appliances, throughout the two days. He had published a Handbook to the Collection at a cost of 10 guineas, and over half of this sum had been recovered by sales. The Exhibition was transferred from Montpellier Gardens to the Art Gallery, where it was being continued until the 31st July. School classes, to whom the Curator was giving lectures, were being received daily.

"Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—This Fund which was inaugurated in November, 1930, amounted to £140 13s. 6d. Purchases from the Fund totalled £138 0s. 10d.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his report on the Conference, which was held at Bristol, July 2nd-6th. He had been re-elected Hon. Secretary.

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2—Donations--Miss E. M. Bubb, 3 oak Show-cases Mr. J. E. M. Brouck, Roman Coin, Mr. E. C. Harte, 11 prints; Miss D. Milk, " Helen M. Jordan" ; Mr. C. H. Tipping, Bronze Statuette from Hampnett, 2 vases of Leckhampton Pottery; Dr. O. H. Wild, Badger ; Mrs. Tomlinson, Model of Pittville Pump Room ; Lt.-Col. H. P. Bonham, Stone Axe Head from Camp, Glos; Mr. W. Clifford, Bristol Watch Movement. Gifts of Bygones, in connection with the Exhibition, had been received from the following: --Miss E. M. Bubb, Mr. C. Bullock, Major J. G. N. Chit, Mr. C. W. Coates, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mr. . Creed, Mrs. Greenwell, Councillor W. J. Green, Commander F. P. Hart, Mr. G. P. Hoperaft, Mrs. Hull, Miss Lascombe, Rev. F. Meyrick-Jones, Mrs. Mercer Mr. A. Newman, Mr. F. R. Perry, Miss Tuke, Mr. T. Whiting, Dr. O. H. Wild, Mr. W. Wilson and Mr. A. C. Newport.

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

3—Offer of Donations---(a) RESOLVED, That the following offers of donations be accepted with thanks :--Portrait in oils, by Bernard Munns, of the late Gustav Hoist (formerly on loan), offered by Mrs. Hoist ; Oil-Painting, "The Roadmakers," by Arthur J. Black, R.O.I., bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mullins, Victorian Doll, c. 1890, offered by Miss Travess ; two engravings by Holler and Ingouf, offered by Mr. E. C. Harte.

(b) That the Curator be authorised to obtain further particulars of a bust of John Galsworthy, by David Evans, offered by Dr. Charles Carpenter, and of a Chinese Silk Embroidered Banner, offered by Mrs. Begg.

4—Loans---Mrs. A. Herbert, Nut-cracker and Apple-scoop ; Mrs. Handy, Water-wheel ; Mr. C. H. Tipping, Harvester's Bottle.

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

5—Offer of Picture—RESOLVED, That the offer, by an anonymous donor, of the loan of a picture by Charles M. Gere, A.R.A., entitled " The Vale of Gloucester," and exhibited in this year's Royal Academy, be accepted, until such time as an Art Gallery be established in Gloucester, according to the conditions of the loan.

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in arranging for an Exhibition of Prints by the Society of Graver-Printers in Colour, be approved.

7—Campden Exhibition—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in lending " The Pool, Blockley," by James Bateman, and " Holcombe House, Painswick," by Charles M. Gere, from the Permanent Collection for this Exhibition, be approved.

8—National Art-Collections Fund—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to co-operate with the N.A.C.F. in the arrangement of a lecture in the Art Gallery on behalf of the Fund.

9—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That the purchase of 7 bygones, at a cost of £8 12s. 6d., be approved.

10—New Show-Casing in Natural History Room—Three quotations had been received for this work, for which £75 was made in the Annual Estimates, RESOLVED, That the quotation of Mr. E. C. Dale, of Cheltenham (the lowest) of £68, be accepted.

11—Staff—RESOLVED, That the salary of the Museum Assistant, John N. Taylor, be increased from 20s to 25s a week, as from July 30th, as per Estimates.

12—Art Gallery Roof—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in having the Art Gallery roof stippled over, with a view to lessening the heat in the Gallery during the summer months be approved.

13—Pittville Pump Room—RESOLVED, That an early meeting of the Joint Committee *re* Pittville Pump Room be called.

14—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open on August 6th, until 8 p.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th July, 1934.** Present The Mayor; Councillors Bendall and Rev. de Courcy Ireland, (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland the chair)

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd June, to 20th July 1934. Interments 46 ; Grave Spaces sold 13 (First Position 2, Second Position 3, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 6) Memorials erected 9 ; New Inscriptions 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED. That the Common Seal be affixed to Nos. 9003 to 9015.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Headpiece Kerbing to graves of Ella Shirley Ingles and George Stevens Ingles, John Horlick, William John Aaron, Violet Lushington Smith, Ernest Davis, Edith Martha Stokes, and Robina Thomas ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Kenneth Stuart Hector, Winzel Webber, Louisa S. Nelson, and William J. T. Mullins ; Granite Ledger with iron to grave of Edith Nash Skillicorne; Sundial on Headpiece and Kerbing to grave of Arthur Fosbery Holmes ; Kerbing to graves of Sarah Ann Harding, Esther Joan Swoffer, John Jones, Lionel Paget Hedges, and James Knight ; Marble Vase to grave of Frederick W. Bradshaw.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.



## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th July, 1934.** Present—Councillors Bettridge, Davis, Grimwade, Ben James and Lipson ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies; and Messrs. Norris, Rogers, Vernall and Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair)

1—Librarian's Report for June—Receipts £16 1s. 4d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 5,258 (last year 5,616); Lending Department 14,988 (last year 15,229) ; Junior Department 1,910 (last year 1,927).

Binding and Replacements-174 volumes had been returned from the binder, and 15 volumes had been replaced.

Staff—The following members of the staff had been successful in the Library Association Examinations held in May :—

Mr. W. M. Martin	Final Part II (now qualifies for F.L.A.).
Miss M. Nealon... ..	Intermediate Part II.
Miss P. Morgan	Elementary.

RESOLVED, That an expression of the appreciation of the Committee be conveyed to the assistants concerned.

School Libraries Committee—The membership of this Committee was now complete and consisted of Councillor Grimwade and Mr. H. J. Norris (representing this Committee), Alderman Clara Winterbotham and Mr. P. R. Clauss (representing the Education Committee), Miss C. Dallimore and Mr. A. G. Dye (representing the Head Teachers), Mr. W. Turner Long and the Librarian. The first meeting would be called in September.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 147 volumes, published at £53 15s. 0d., be purchased for £31 12s. 0d

(b) That the sum of £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of 350 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 2 vols. published at £6 0s. 0d. be purchased for £1 16s 6d. out of the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

(e) That the "Form and Order of the Coronation Service of King Edward VII," offered at £1 17 0d. be not purchased.

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3—Donations—Anonymous, 2 vols.; Councillor E. J. Burrow, 1 periodical; Messrs. Ed.. J. Burrow & Co., 1 vol.; City and Guilds of London Institute, 1 vol. Messrs. Guinea Gold No Liability and Guinea Airways Ltd., 1 vol.; Mrs Bell Haworth, 12 vols.; Mr. S. V. Strange, 1 vol.; Miss Tuke, 28 vols.; Messrs. C. C. Wakefield & Co., 1 vol.; Mrs. Wylie, 4 vols.; Cremation Society, 1 vol. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Periodicals—(a) RESOLVED, That " Modern Transport " and " The Cambridge University Reporter," suggested for purchase, be not taken.

(b) That "The Labour Woman," offered gratis, be accepted.

5—Offer of Bookmarks—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to negotiate with Messrs. Hearn's Advertising Service Ltd. for a renewal of their contract for the supply of bookmarks, on the same terms as hitherto

6—Extending Ladder—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to replace the existing extending ladder, now unsafe for further use.

7—Publicity—The Librarian drew attention to the " Handbook to St. Mark's Estate," in which publicity had been secured for the Institution, and also to No. 2 of the " Cheltenham Quarterly," which had been well received by Institutions to which it had been sent in exchange for other publications, and by readers.

8—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including the Newsroom, be closed on August Bank Holiday.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on September 6th.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th July, 1934.** Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Taylor 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—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 payments as now settled by the Committee, are regularly paid.

3—Unpaid Rates—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the bailiff (Mr. Martin) to return the warrants held by him, and that in future, the Borough Treasurer be instructed to arrange for one of his staff to collect the unpaid rates in respect of which Orders of the Magistrates have been obtained.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th July, 1934.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst, on the collection of the First Instalment of this Bate. Amount collected £69,239 ; Leaving outstanding £36,318.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1934. Amount collected £14,814 ; Leaving outstanding £4,809.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1934.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
29th June ..	368 Sheds at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Housing Estates ...	£4,151	60 years.
5th July	Electricity Mains, Birdlip Extension ..	£2,812	25 “

20th “	Electricity Mains. Lansdown and London Road Districts ...	£12,700	25	“
20th “	Plant do. do.	£3,729	20	“

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 24th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Leigh James.

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

5—Requirements of Local Authorities---The Town Clerk submitted report of the Committee set up by the Ministry of Health on the standardisation and simplification of requirements of Local Authorities, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. G. Liddiard (Ex-labourer) died on 3rd inst. He was in receipt of a pension of 6s 2d per week.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. F. J. Brown (Ex Town Hall Cleaner and now Labourer) had paid the arrears of contributions due, and had been reinstated in the Superannuation Scheme as authorised by the Committee.

(c) Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving of the designation of the post of woman assistant in the Housing Manager's Department for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme.

(d) The Committee again considered application from Mrs. Gleed, the laundry woman at the Baths, to be placed on the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That the matter be further considered when the quinquennial valuation is obtained next year.

7—Conferences—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 10th inst, from the Ministry of Health in regard to the attendance of delegates at conferences of Local Authorities or associations of Local Authorities.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th August, 1934.

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 clay of September, 1934, 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. Town Clerk to Report Election of Councillor for St. Peter's Ward to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Councillor J. F. Ward.
3. Communications by the Mayor.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE  
TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and Swimming Pool.  
RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. To fill vacancies on the following Committees :--Education ; Maternity and Child Welfare ; Electricity and Lighting ; Parks and Recreation Grounds ; Allotments ; Housing ; and Winter Garden.

6. COUNCILLOR P. T. SMITH TO MOVE :-" That in future no more season tickets be issued for the parking places in the Promenade, Montpellier Walk, Cambray and Imperial Square (South side), and for the Car Park in Rodney Road and that on the expiration of current season tickets no renewals be issued and that the several minutes authorising the issue of season tickets be rescinded."

7. To consider offer to purchase No. 2 Spenser Avenue.

8. To consider application from Mr. James Maxwell for a Licence to deal in Game at 74 Tennyson Road.

9. 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, 30th July, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Lipson, M.A., Miller, Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Yarnold and Councillor Bendall.

1—Unemployed Service Club—Read, letter of 28th inst. from the Advisory Council of the Cheltenham Unemployed Service Club thanking the Council for their grant of £50.

2—Garden Prize Scheme—The Mayor presented to Mr. G. J. Ingram of 15 Spenser Road the Challenge Cup given by Alderman Pates for the best kept garden on the Housing Estates.

3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd July, 1934, 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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4--Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held July 9

Resolved, also, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department for permission to extend the overhead telephone line from Tewkesbury Road to supply Barn Farm be granted subject to the exact positions of the 15 poles and stays being approved by the Borough Surveyor. District Sanitary Inspector—A letter was received from

Mr. A. C. Arnold, Assistant Sanitary Inspector, resigning his appointment as from the 31st August, having obtained an appointment at Southend-on-Sea. Resolved, That Mr. Alfred Charles Franklin Gisborne be appointed District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £190 per annum and a 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 and to be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, and to Mr. Gisborne passing a Medical Examination.

Housing            Meetings held July 12 & 27

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the erection of additional Non-Subsidy houses be referred back." Resolved, also, That the offer of the Misses Eckersall to purchase No. 25 Byron Road at the price of £355 be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Street and Highway    Meeting held July 16

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 8 in regard to Unilateral parking in the Promenade be referred back " was lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 16

Town Planning    Meeting held July 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 4 be amended, and that the cycle allowance to the Junior Town Planning Assistant be £2 per annum instead of £4

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held July 13 & 20

Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to accept a tender for the alterations at the Town Hall mentioned in Minute No. 8.

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held July 6 & 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 3 in regard to the Accounts for 1933/34 be referred back until the Statement of Accounts is printed and supplied to the members of the Council."

Water    Meeting held July 10

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General Purposes and Watch    Meeting held July 17

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 11 in regard to the issue of season tickets for Rodney Road Car Park be not approved " was lost).

Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. H. S. Jones for a licence to store 300 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at 54 Suffolk Road be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Allotments            Meeting held July 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds    Meeting held July 9

Resolved, also, That permission be given to All Saints' Old Boys' A.F.C. and the Labour Hall and Institute Sports Club to play football on alternate Saturdays on Naunton Park and Whaddon Road Recreation Grounds respectively during the coming season if accommodation is available.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 13

Burial Board Meeting held July 20

Public Library Meeting held July 12

Rating Meeting held July 5

Finance Meeting held July 24

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

5—St. Mark's Housing Estate—In accordance with notice of motion duly given and with the consent of the Council amended it was moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That this Council invites the views of the Governors of the Grammar School as to affording improved facilities for reaching the public path which now runs along the western boundary of the Grammar School Playing Field by permitting the public to pass over the cinder path leading from Brooklyn Road and along the northern boundary of their property, reserving their right to remove the concession at any time." On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared to be carried.

6 —Water Supply to Crickley Hill—Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Rural District Council for consent of the Council to their scheme for supply of water to Crickley Hill district, being in the area of the Water Undertaking, be referred to the Water Committee with power to act.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday 23rd August, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker, W. Wiggett and A. Yiend (The Mayor 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.
3782	Clarke, Major F. S.	Additional Bay window, 6 College Lawn,
3783	Boardman, H. G.	Motor House, 47 Shakespeare Road.
3784	Perry, F. P.	Extension to timber store, Croome Villa, Ashford Road.
3785	Eager, E.	Detached House, Cranham Road.
3786	Mitchells & Butlers	Conversion of stables into urinal and W.C.'s at Crown Vaults.
3787	Copland, R. V.	Additional kitchenette, 13 Spa Buildings.
3788	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Detached House, Arle Road
3789	Greig, David	Additions to shop, 325 High Street.
3790	Bowle- Evans, Major	Alterations to Offices, Idmiston House.
3791	Rigg, C. H.	Motor House, 6 Montpellier Terrace.
3792	King-Turner, Miss	Motor House, " Brakeville," Hatherley Road.

3793	Wintour, W. J.	Underpinning to walls and enlargement of area to basement at Dunkeld, Gloucester Road.
3794	Bridgman, S. A	Motor House, 138 Tennyson Road.
3795	Selley, H,	Alterations and additions, Oakley Lodge, Shurdington Road.
3796	Wake, H. B. L.	Motor House, Newick House, Sandford Road.
3797	Naunton Estates Ltd.	Offices, Naunton Way.
3798	Poulton, H. B.	Additional Bedroom, St. Andrew's, Old Bath Road.
3799	Cheltenham Corporation	132 Houses, The Moors, Tewkesbury Road
3800	Yeates, F.	62 Houses, Arle Road.
3801	Payne, Miss E.	Detached Bungalow, Hewlett Road.
3802	Bowd, W. H.	3 Motor Houses, Evesham Road.
3803	Ward, Mrs. A. G.	Alterations and additions, "The Firs," Moorend Road
3804	Trigg, J. H.	Motor House, Sydenham Road South.
3805	Cheltenham Ladies' College	Conversion of Museum into two Class rooms.
3806	The Gloucestershire Marketing Society	Covered Market.
3807	Trigg, H. J.	Detached House, Hall Road.
3808	Rawlins, H. H.	Alterations and additions, Maida Vale Laundry, Naunton Parade.
3809	Bendall, Mrs. M. F.	Motor House, St. Mary's Lawn, Leckhampton Road.
3810	Green. J. E.	Motor House, Oakridge, Hewlett Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3782, 3783, 3785, 3788, 3789, 3790, 3792, 3794, 3796, 3798, 3799, 3801, 3802, 3804, 3805, 3807, 3809 and 3810 be approved ; That Plan No. 3784 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at his own cost and without compensation if and when required ; That Plans Nos. 3786, 3787, 3793 and 3803 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector. That Plan No. 3791 be approved subject to the doors being made to open inwards ; That Plan No. 3795 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking not to make any claim for compensation in respect of the new work if at any time it is necessary for the same to be removed for the purposes of the Town Planning Scheme ; That Plan No. 3800 be approved subject to the roads and sewers being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer ; That Plan No. 3806 be approved subject to the elevation to Gloucester Road being submitted to and approved by the Committee and to the approval of the General Purposes and Watch Committee ; That Plan No. 3808 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the new work if at any time a street is laid out in accordance with the agreement entered into with the owner on 7th April, 1933 ; and That Plan No. 3797 be not approved.

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2—Town Planning Area—plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
659	Ride, Miss	House, Cleeve Hill.
660	Ballinger, Miss E. V.	Pair semi-detached houses, Bishop's Cleeve.
661	Strickland, F.	Garage, Clenstone, Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury.
662	Larner, Mr.	Bay Window, Oakland Avenue, Prestbury.
663	Hale, Miss	Garage, Crossways, Park Estate, Prestbury.
664	Pratt & Co.	Lounge & Cloak Rooms, Cheltenham Race Course
665	Bradbury, R.	Two detached Bungalows, Shurdington Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 662, 663 and 664 be approved ; That Plan No. 659 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the fence to the main road to the line prescribed by the County Council and the fence to the by-road to 18 feet from the centre of the existing road, and to dedicate the land for the improvement of the respective roads when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No. 660 be approved subject to (1) the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the fences 18 feet from the centre of the existing roads, also to set back the corner and to dedicate the land for the improvement of the roads when required by the Road Authority ; (2) sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; (3) no part of the building being less than 35 feet from the centre of either road That Plan No. 661 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the garage behind the building line laid down for the new road at his own cost and without compensation when required by the Road Authority ; That Plans Nos. 665 and 666 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—Read, letter from Mr. C. Mustoe asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow him to erect a bungalow in New Barn Lane. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to plans being submitted, and to an undertaking being given not to erect any more buildings on the adjoining land without a proper development plan being submitted, and to an approved sewerage system being provided in connection with such development plan.

4—Appeal by Mrs. A. E. Halford-Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing instrument dismissing the appeal made by Mrs. A. E. Halford against the refusal of the Council to grant permission for the erection of a bungalow on Charlton Common.

5—Road A 40—Cheltenham Boundary to Northleach Prison—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council that as a result of further consideration alterations had been made to the proposed improvement and building lines along this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that mean-while the Town Clerk be asked to confer with the Clerk to the County Council on the question of prescribing lines along the portion of the road in the Town Planning Area.

6—The Hollies, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson & Yeaman asking what width of road would be required to meet the requirements of the Scheme for a new road proposed to be constructed from Tewkesbury Road to develop the back land at the Hollies. RESOLVED, That a road 50 feet wide between fences be prescribed in the draft Scheme in the position now approved by the Committee.

7—Town and Country Planning Summer School—RESOLVED, That Mr. Streater, the Town Planning Assistant, be authorised to attend this School at Oxford from 24th to 30th September.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th August, 1934.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bettridge, Ben James and Waite, (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and (dealt with applicants for the excusal of Rates.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman



## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th August, 1934,** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £98,328 ; Leaving outstanding £7,229.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1934. Amount collected £18,971 ; Leaving outstanding 11,367.

3—Housing Bonds— (a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £200 had been received for 3 ¼ per cent Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing Bonds amounting to £65 be approved.

4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1934.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
27th July	Sewerage, High Street Area	£3,000	30 years
13th August	Half cost of purchase of land for Aerodrome		60 years
“	Half cost of clearing, levelling etc., Aerodrome site	£1,670	25 years
15th August	Roads at The Moors Housing Estate	£3,051	20 years
“	Erection of Houses at The Moors	£34,655	60 years
“	Sewers at The Moors	£2,020	30 years
“	Sub-stations and equipment	£729	20 years
“	Shurdington and Badgeworth Line		

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 28th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Waite. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £2,000 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 Debenture amounting to £1,300 be approved, and the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

7—Borough Treasurer's Department—Staff—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. P. G. Neat, a senior assistant in his department had secured an appointment in the York City Treasurer's Office, and he therefore proposed to promote Mr. E. J. B. Wills, at present senior internal audit clerk, to the position vacated by Mr. Neat at a salary of £210 per annum, rising to £220 per annum on the 1st April next, and to advertise for applications for senior internal audit clerk to fill the vacancy occasioned by such promotion at a salary of £180 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Chairman and Borough Treasurer be authorised to interview applicants and make an appointment.

8—Public Works Loan Board—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for a loan of £4,655 in respect of the sanction to loan for this amount for the

erection of 132 houses at the Moors for a period of 60 years, the money to be advanced by the Board by such instalments as may be required. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to a mortgage of the General Rate to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for securing repayment of the above mentioned loan, such loan to be repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within the period authorised by the said sanction. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order authorising delivery of the Commissioners' certificate for the said sum to the Borough Treasurer.

9—Municipal Offices—Mail Arrangements--RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to purchase a bag for the conveyance of the Corporation's mail from the Post Office, and that the Custodian of the Offices be instructed to fetch the mail from the Post Office at each delivery.

10—Requirements of Local Authorities—The Committee further considered the report of the Committee set up by the Ministry of Health on the standardisation and simplification of requirements of local authorities, together with letter from the Education Secretary thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary to take any action on the recommendations contained in the report.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices. Cheltenham,

27th September, 1934.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend, the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of October, 1934, 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 accept tender for storm water overflow. HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and Report of Traffic Sub-Committee re Passenger Crossings. 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 WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY & ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEES (Joint Meeting)
- RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

## Borough of Cheltenham.

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd September, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Hayward. M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Lipson, M. Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Margrett and Councillor Pruen.

1—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 1st August of Mr. George Britt Compton of 4 Christ Church Villas, Malvern Road, Cheltenham, as Councillor for the St. Peter's Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor J. F. Ward, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th July, 1934, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Town Planning Meeting held August 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held August 31

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Lipson : "That Minute No. 6 (b) in regard to the letting of the Town Hall for the proposed production of 'Good Friday' be referred back."

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. A. Jackaman & Son, Ltd, of Slough, for the construction of the Swimming Pool, amounting to £12,086 8s. 11d. (being the lowest of 17 tenders received) be accepted subject to sanction to loan being received, and to contract and bond to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Bell Bros. Ltd. for the filtration plant, amounting to £1,600 be accepted subject to sanction to loan being obtained, and to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

Rating Meeting held August 17

Finance Meeting held August 28

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

4—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Compton be appointed a member of the following Committees :—Education, Maternity and Child Welfare, Parks and Recreation Grounds and Allotments. Resolved, also, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed a member of the Winter Garden

Development Committee, that Councillor Bendall be appointed a member of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, and that Councillor Bettridge be appointed a member of the Housing Committee.

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5—Parking Places—In accordance with notice of motion duly given, it was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Green :—

" That in future no more season tickets be issued for the parking places in the Promenade, Montpellier Walk, Cambray and imperial Square (South side) and for the Car Park in Rodney Road, and that on the expiration of current season tickets no renewals be issued, and that the several minutes authorising the issue of season tickets be rescinded."

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared to be lost.

6—2 Spenser Avenue—Resolved, That the offer of Mrs. D. G. Moore to purchase No. 2 Spenser Avenue at the price of £465 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 consent to the sale.

7—Game Licence—Resolved, That the application of Mr. James Maxwell for a licence to deal in game at 74 Tennyson Road be granted, expiring on the 1st July, 1935.

8—Education Act, 1921—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Byelaws made under Part IV of the Education Act, 1921.

9—Great Western Railway—Read, letter of 13th ult., from the Great Western Railway stating that commencing on Monday, October 1st arrangements were being made for the new Streamlined services operating between Birmingham and Cardiff to call at Cheltenham (Malvern Road), and enclosing a schedule of the altered services. In view, however, of the limited accommodation, it would not be possible to convey local passengers as between Cheltenham and Gloucester. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Company.

10—Slum Clearance—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry were not prepared to approve of the rate contribution on 105 houses being pooled over the 132 houses to be erected. Resolved, That the erection of the houses be proceeded with but that the Ministry's letter be referred to the Housing: Committee for further consideration.

E. L. WARD, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monday Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 1st October, 1934.**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1934** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Leigh James, Dr. Hayward, Morris, Pruen and Rogers (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at Coronation Villa, Naunton Parade—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person

having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

2—Slum Clearance Programme—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the houses proposed to be added to 2nd instalment of the Slum Clearance Programme, namely; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward and Morris.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ash-pits or ash receptacles, viz. :-30 and 35 Malvern Street ; and 40 Duke Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 55 and 56 Upper Park Street ; 50 and 51 Rosehill Street Zion Cottage, Short Street ; and 15 St. Paul's 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) 3 Warwick Buildings, Winchcomb 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 specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Rear 6 Lansdown Terrace—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the upper part of this building and the Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the premises 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, that the condition of the said part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of this Committee on the 12th November, 1934.

(b) 16, 24 and 46 Rutland Street—The Committee further considered the making of Demolition Orders in respect of these houses and Mrs. E. J. Watts attended as Owner of No. 46 and on behalf of Mr. A. C. Watts Owner of Nos. 16 and 24 and offered to give Undertakings to have these houses put in repair in accordance with the Sanitary Inspector's Specification, RESOLVED, That if the formal Undertakings are given within 14 days as promised, the same be accepted, but otherwise Demolition Orders under Section 19 of the Act be made.

(c) 21 Henrietta Street and 4 St. James's Terrace—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms of these premises, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no under takings having been given by the Owners to carry out the work 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 rooms for human habitation.

(d) 310 High Street—Part of—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to enforce compliance with the Closing Order made by the Council.

(e) RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the houses which are now vacant and in respect of which Demolition Orders have been made.

(f) 100 Bath Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for two months.

(g) 5 Hewlett Cottages ; 121 Tewkesbury Road ; and 18 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(h) King's Head Gardens—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for three months.

(i) 51 Sherborne Street ; 25 Rutland Street ; 31 Rutland Street ; and 53 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the various owners of these houses to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation be accepted.

(j) 2 and 4 Fairview Street—The Committee further considered making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses and Mr. Downer attended on behalf of the Owner RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to furnish specification of the work required to render the houses fit for habitation.

(k) 17 Montpellier Villas (Basement) ; 9 Columbia Street ; 2 Oriel Terrace (Basement) ; 49 and 59 Rutland Street ; and 23 Jersey Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these premises had now satisfactorily carried out the Undertakings given by them to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the respective Undertakings be cancelled.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwts. 1 qr. 13 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs. Veal ; 2 qrs. 6 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs. Pork ; 2 qrs. Crabs ; 15 Fowls ; and 17 Rabbits.

7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Thos. Lees and Thos. Drinkwater to be registered as Retail Purveyors of Milk within the Borough in respect of Elm Farm, Hester's Way, and Newland, Prestbury, respectively, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of A. A. Matthews for registration as a Producer in respect of Boyton Farm, Shurdington Road be not granted.

8—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted Notice requiring proper ash receptacle, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

9—Hayden and Barn Farms—The Town Clerk submitted draft lease of the farms to Mr. G. P. Rymer, as approved by the Sub-Committee and Mr. C. C. Castle. The lease provided for a new term of 7 years from the 25th March, 1935, at the same rent as at present, namely £526 4s. 0d. plus 5 per cent on the cost of the electricity installation, namely £1 11s 3d., and for the Corporation to carry out the repairs set out in the schedule, at a cost of £158 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and the Common Seal be affixed to the lease.

10—Abattoir—The Town Clerk reported that the National Farmers' Union had suggested that the Abattoir should be approved as a Dead-weight Certification Centre under the Cattle Industry

(Emergency Provisions) Act, 1934, and he had, therefore, made application to the Cattle Committee for such approval. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Health Department—Read, letter of 29th ult from the Ministry of Health, approving of the appointment of Mr. A. C. F. Gisborne as District Sanitary Inspector as from the 1st instant in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Inspectors Order 1926.

12---Flooding—High Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had forwarded sanction to the loan of £3,000 for the storm water overflow from High Street to the Chelt. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for carrying out the work, and that the Flooding Sub-Committee be authorised to open the tenders and make a recommendation thereon direct to the Council at their next meeting.

13—Accidents in Sewers—The Town Clerk submitted circular 1419 from the Ministry of Health enclosing extracts from a report of a Committee appointed by the Minister of Health to consider what measures can be taken to reduce the risk of fatal accidents to persons working in sewers and sewage tanks. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

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14--National Rat Week—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries had fixed the week the 5th November next as a National Rat Week, and desired the co-operation of the Council in the campaign. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to carry out the usual campaign, and that he be authorised to expend the sum of £5 5s. 0d. on advertisements.

15---Sewage Works (a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report of Mr. O'Shaughnessy on his periodical examination of the Sewage Works. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make provision in the specification for the proposed new works for replacing the filtering media to a depth of 9 inches on top of the existing filter beds with larger media as recommended by Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

(b) Black and White Cottage—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for offers for the removal of this cottage, but no offers had been received. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to demolish this as previously decided

(c) Sewage Distributors—Five tenders were received for the sewage distributors in connection with the proposed RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

16—Drainage Schemes—Read, letter from Councillor Grimwade pointing out that plans for the erection of houses in the Borough had recently been disapproved owing to there being no sewers, and suggesting that the Committee should provide sewers for the areas of the Borough likely to be developed. RESOLVED, That if a scheme for building is by any builder, accompanied by an undertaking to build a reasonable number of houses within a given time, this Committee will favourably consider the laying of a sewer

17—Arle Tank-The Borough Surveyor submitted his report on this tank. He recommended that the screening of sewage at the tank should be discontinued ; connections with the screening chambers temporarily made up; and that a short length of sewer should be constructed from the existing outfall to Barn outfall to bye-pass the screens, also that all the open chambers should be closed in order to confine the sewage gases to the sewer, and if possible to make a connection between the sewer and the destructor chimney with a view to ventilating the sewers. The estimated cost of this work was £117 If this proved efficient it would be necessary also to construct small screens at Barn Farm which in any case would be required when the houses at The Moors were built. RESOLVED,

That these recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out

18—Sewer, Lower Mill Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that periodically the sewer in Lower Mill Street, which received the ammoniacal gas liquor, became choked, and it was frequently necessary to open this out to remove the hard incrustation. RESOLVED, That the Gas Company be requested to construct a separate drain for the gas liquor to discharge into the main outfall sewer.

19—Offensive Trade—Fish Frier, St. Mark's Estate—RESOLVED, That consideration of issuing formal consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier in Tennyson Road by Mr. W. T. Morris be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to submit a report thereon.

20—Dust Nuisance—Messrs. W. F. Rees & Co. Ltd.'s Works—The Sanitary Inspector reported that up to the present these works were being run intermittently, but when in operation they were, in his opinion, a serious nuisance to the neighbourhood, and he submitted further letter from the Superintendent of Police complaining of the nuisance caused to the occupier of the Police Station in Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to issue a writ for the abatement of the nuisance unless immediate steps are taken to remedy the cause of the complaint.

21—Milk Producers' Scheme—Read, circular of 3rd ult. from the Milk Marketing Board enclosing draft Accredited Milk Producers' Scheme, the main purpose of which was to improve the purity and quality of milk supply, and enquiring if the Council were in a position to provide the necessary veterinary and bacteriological services. RESOLVED, That it be pointed out that the provision of veterinary and bacteriological services appears to be a matter for the County Council.

22—Craven Cottage, Durban Cottages and Glen Cottages, Folly Lane—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had taken analyses of the water supply to Craven Cottage and No 1, Glen Cottages and found that the supply was seriously polluted. These cottages were supplied from a well and either the well must be polluted or the pipe supplying the cottages defective, proposed to examine the well and also obtain samples from the other cottages. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the owner to the matter and ask for immediate attention and that, if necessary, notices under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, be served in respect of the cottages and that if on examination the well is found to be polluted the Town Clerk be authorised to apply for an order for closing the well.

ARTHUR S. PRUEN.

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Lipson (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Alstone Lawn Estate—Pates Avenue—Six tenders were received for the railings and gates to be erected round the open space in the centre of Pates Avenue. RESOLVED, That the tender of Blackburn & Sons Ltd. of Preston, amounting to £115 2s. 9d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

2—The Moors Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been obtained for the supply of concrete pipes for the diversion of the stream, and that the tender of Messrs. Stanton Ltd. had been accepted, and the work was in progress. RESOLVED, That this be approved.



(b) Wiring—Seven tenders were received for the internal wiring of the 132 houses including internal wireless aerials. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Henderson & Priestley of £658 2s 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) Clerk of Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for a Clerk of Works, provision for which had been made in the loan. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Addis and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and make an appointment.

(d) The Committee considered the letter from the Ministry of Health which was read at the last meeting of the Council, stating that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the Rate contribution on 105 houses being pooled over the 132 houses being erected. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, the Chairman and the Town Clerk be authorised to interview the Ministry of Health thereon, and that Sir Walter Preston be asked also to attend the deputation.

3—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Housing Manager reported that she had discovered dry rot in the floors of several houses on the Pilley Housing Estate apparently caused through the ventilators being placed against floor joists, and thereby preventing free circulation of air. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine all the houses on the Estate and report thereon to the Committee.

4—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) The Housing Manager reported that since the list of applications for houses on St. Mark's Housing Estate was re-opened on 1st January last 185 applications had been received. In addition there was a large demand for houses to rent at about 10s a week inclusive.

(b) 35 Byron Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this house be required to remove the large sign erected by him over the porch of the front door, but that he be informed that the Committee will raise no objection to his placing a small metal or wooden notice on the front gate, to be approved by the Housing Manager.

5—Reconditioning—(a) 18 Rutland Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. J. Warren, the owner of 18 Rutland Street, was prepared to sell this house for £50. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for reconditioning the house.

(b) 60 Rutland Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that in proceeding to make arrangements for the demolition of this house in compliance with the Demolition Order it was found that it was linked up with the adjoining house, 59 Rutland Street, and if demolished it would be necessary to build another wall to No 59. In these circumstances he recommended that the offer of the owner to sell the house for £20 be accepted with a view to reconditioning the house as a two-roomed house. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for reconditioning the same.

(c) 56 and 57 Rutland Street—Two tenders were received for reconditioning these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

(d) 53 and 65 Rutland Street—Four tenders were received for reconditioning these houses RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Son amounting to £255 5s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(e) The Committee considered the sale of four of the houses reconditioned by the Corporation, and settled the minimum price at which these should be offered for sale.

6—Sites for New Houses—(a) The Shrubbery, Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons offering this property for sale. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

(b) Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering for sale 21 acres of land at the back of the houses in Gloucester Road known as The Vineyards, adjoining the occupation road at the South Western side of Alstone Lawn Estate RESOLVED. That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to whether this land can be developed.

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7—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933—Read, letter of 29th ult from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Master Builders Association stating that the question of building houses under this Act had been fully discussed again, when he was instructed to state that the Association were prepared to build houses under this Act provided land could be obtained at a price which will make a scheme economically possible.

8-25 Pates Avenue—Read, further letter from the tenant of this house in regard to the shed erected by him RESOLVED, That under the circumstances the shed be allowed to remain for a period of one year when the matter will be reconsidered.

9—Non- Subsidy Houses—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the proposal to erect 22 Non-Subsidy houses on land adjoining Brooklyn Road. Read, also, letter from Mr. W. J. Rogers reminding the Council that the adjoining land had been sold on the understanding that houses of a value of not less than £750 should be erected thereon, and asking for an assurance that the Council would adhere to this covenant. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the present.

10—Institute of Housing Administration—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Housing Manager to attend the annual conference of this Institute to be held at Southampton on 19th and 20th October next.

11-17 Rotunda Terrace—The Committee interviewed the tenant of the basement of this house in respect of which a Closing Order had been made. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to remain in the basement until the houses at the Moors are completed, when he be allotted the tenancy of one of these.

12—Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on 4th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

Sites of Demolished Houses—That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit a report on the suitability of the sites of demolished houses for the erection of new houses

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee at their meeting and held on the 12th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the Chair) ; Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Green and Dr. Hayward.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the application for the removal of tree opposite 123 Promenade be not granted.

(b) Montpellier Walk—That Madame Spence's application for the removal of trees opposite 11 and 12 Montpellier Walk be not granted.

(c) Tudor Lodge Road—That Mr. R. S. Thompson's application for the removal of tree opposite The Orchard be not granted.

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(d) Tivoli Place—That no objection be taken in regard to the five garage signs in this road.

(e) Grafton Road—That Miss J. Schuster's application for the removal of seat opposite Heysham House be not granted.

(f) Andover Road—That the leaning tree at the corner of this road be felled.

(g) Gloucester Road—That Miss K. B. Cage's application for the removal of tree in front of 344 Gloucester Road be not granted, but that this and the adjoining tree be thinned out in the Autumn.

(h) Gloucester Road---That Mr. J. W. D. Booth be required to remove the swinging and illuminated tobacco sign at his garage in Gloucester Road.

(i) St. Mark's Estate—That the Public Footpath notices on the footpath across the Grammar School Playing Field be repainted and the words " please keep to the footpath " added. Also, That the Governors of the Grammar School be asked to remove the obstruction at the South West corner or alternatively to provide an adequate stile

(j) Millbrook Street—That no action be taken in regard to the dilapidated garage in this street.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted,

2---Private Improvement Works--(a) Argyll Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted his apportionment of the Private Improvement Works carried out in this road, amounting to £672 12s. 7d. RESOLVED, That this, as now settled, be approved, and that demands for payment be served on the owners named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent be made to the owners on the amount apportioned against them provided payment is made within one month from the service of the demand,

(b) Trinity Church Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specification and estimates for making up and sewerage these roads by the abutting owners at a cost of approximately £145. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the said road required to be levelled, repaired, sewered, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, and of any premises benefiting by the works though not fronting, adjoining or abutting on the part of the road to be repaired, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days, and that in default of the notices being complied with, the Borough Surveyor do proceed to execute the work, and that the expenses be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to contribute the sum of £45 towards the cost in view of the openings made in the road for sewers and electricity cables.

(c) Eldon Road—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. for felling 46 trees in Eldon Road amounting to £46 less £10 for timber to be removed by them from site be accepted.

3—Maining of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council had now approved the Council's application for the maining of the following roads :—Imperial Circus, Clarence Street, Andover Road, part of Suffolk Road, Thirlestaine Road.

4—" Major Road Ahead" Signs—Read, circular from the Ministry of Transport stating that the Minister was prepared to approve for the purpose of grants from the Road Fund the cost of the erection and maintenance of " Major Road Ahead " signs on unclassified roads in County areas where the road ahead is a Class I or Class II road. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Chairman and Borough Surveyor for consideration, and that they be asked to submit their suggestions for the erection of these signs.

5—Painswick Road, Shurdington Road Junction—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of St. Barbe was willing to give up the necessary land for rounding off the corner at the junction of Painswick and Shurdington Roads subject to payment of the sum of £5 for compensation, and to the Corporation re-building the wall to the height of the existing wall. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

6—Direction Signs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman and himself had had a conference with the Chief Highways Director of the Royal Automobile Club with regard to the Club's Report on Traffic Signs, and following such conference certain amendments were now being made to the Report which would be submitted for consideration in due course.

7—Maintenance of Weighbridges—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from Mr. Turner to undertake the maintenance of the Corporation weighbridges. RESOLVED, That this be considered when the present contract for maintenance has expired.

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8—Pedestrian Crossing Places —Read, circular of 20th inst from the Ministry of Transport that in view of the results of the experiments in London the Minister was anxious that foot passenger crossings should be tried upon an adequate scale elsewhere in the country at the earliest possible date, and asking the Council, after consultation with the Police, either to submit to the Minister a scheme containing proposals for the establishment of foot passenger crossings or, if it appeared that the establishment of such crossings is unnecessary, statement of reasons to its conclusion. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Traffic Sub-Committee, and that they be authorised to report direct to the Council at their next meeting. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Rogers be added to the Traffic Sub-Committee in place of the late Alderman Thomas.

9—Underground Telegraphic Line--High Street and London Road—Read, application from the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the placing of an underground telegraphic line along High Street and London Road from a point near the Royal Hotel to a point near Holy Apostles Church. RESOLVED, That consent be given, and that the reinstatement of the trenches be undertaken by the Corporation subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office Telegraphs.

10—Royal Well Lane—Taxi Stand—RESOLVED, That during the construction of the storm water overflow along Royal Well Lane the taxis be allowed to stand in Crescent Place opposite the Police Station.

11—Land, Corner of Whitehart Street—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mrs. C. Loveridge asking if the railings round the piece of land at the corner of Whitehart Street could be removed. RESOLVED, That this be not acceded to, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see that the land is kept clean and tidy.

12—Projecting Signs—(a) Read, further letters from Messrs Reaco Ltd. enclosing designs of the clocks which they proposed to erect, together with an application for the erection of a clock at 20 Ambrose Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Chairman reported that since the last meeting he had granted an application for a projecting sign at 5 Pittville Street. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Read, letter from Mr. P. J. Groom drawing attention to the danger of Messrs. Halfords Ltd suspending goods from a bar over the footpath outside their premises in High Street, and stating that the bar had recently collapsed, but had since been re-erected RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Halfords Ltd. calling their attention to this.

13—Streamers Across Streets—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Supporters Club for permission to erect a banner across the High Street on the occasion of their Home matches be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the British Hospitals Air Pageants for permission to erect a banner across the Promenade be granted for two days on the occasion of their Air Display at Cheltenham on 26th September.

14—Tyndale, Clarence Square—The Town Clerk reported that as authorised at the meeting of the Council in Committee on 3rd inst. he had entered into a contract for the purchase of Tyndale, Clarence Square at the price of £600. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

15—Wagons—Read, circular from the Railway Clearing House in regard to the periodical general repair of Private Owners' Wagons. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain offers for the purchase of wagons with a view to these being sold at the expiration of the present contract for maintenance.

16—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. E. Walley had not yet obtained another appointment, and was therefore continuing in temporary employment in his department at a salary of £2 10s. 0d., and in view of the large amount of work now on hand lie recommended that his services should be retained for the time being. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that he be paid a salary of £175 per annum on the understanding that the Corporation can dispose of his services without any notice.

17—Royal Well Lane Improvement—The Borough Engineer reported that the Ministry of Transport now suggested that instead of widening this road entirely on the side of Royal Crescent Garden a strip should be taken from the properties on the opposite side so as to bring the road as widened in direct line with Clarence Parade. RESOLVED, That the Ministry of Transport be asked to agree to the widening as originally proposed in view of terms having already been provisionally arranged with the owners of the Royal Crescent Garden and of the extra cost which would be involved by negotiating the purchase of the strip on the other side of the road

J. H. TRYE

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Hayward ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, P. F. Kennett, J. Walker and A. Yiend (The Mayor in the chair).

1-----Plans of New Buildings—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and P1ar.: intended New Buildings, namely:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3811	James, W. C.	Tool shed, 58 Duke Street.
3812	Ursell, J.	Motor house, 68 Naunton Lane.
3813	Copeland, R. V.	Greenhouse, Westall Green.
3814	Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd.	Office, Tewkesbury Road.

3815	Holder, F. W.	Motor house, Hales Road.
3816	Winterbotham, Alderman Clara	Greenhouse, tool house and summer house. The Garden House, Pittville,
3817	Holy Trinity School Managers	New staff rooms, Holy Trinity Schools.
3818	Hawkins, G. A.	Motor house, Battledown Approach.
3819	Andrews, D.	Motor house, Parabola Road.
3820	White, H.	Bathroom over porch, 1 Priory Terrace.
3821	Children's Hospital Committee	Nurses' sitting rooms and bedrooms, Children's Hospital, Harp Hill.
3822	Woodard, Miss	Motor house, Keynsham Road.
3823	Martyn, A.	Detached house, Eldon Road.
3824	Tidd, K.	Detached house, Eldon Road.
3825	Turk, M.	Motor house, Promenade.
3826	Goddard & Hunt	4 semi-detached houses, Eldon Road.
3827	Finney, A.	Tool shed, Sun Street.
3828	"	W.C., Sun Street.
3829	Ideal Flats Ltd.	Conversion of stables into garages and office, Lypiatt Road.
3830	Kearsey, F.	Bungalow, Hester's Way.
3831	Midland Bank Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Midland Bank, Promenade.
3832	Bruce, Mrs. E. M. A.	Motor house, Montpellier Terrace.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3812, 3813, 3815, 3818, 3821, 3822, 3825, 3826 and 3832 be approved; That Plan No. 3811 be approved in pursuance of Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, as a temporary building, and subject to the building being taken down and removed at any time within three calendar months after notice requiring such removal ; That Plans Nos. 3814 and 3816 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 ; That Plan No. 3817 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 3819 be approved subject to elevation being made to harmonise with the existing building ; That Plans Nos. 3823 and 3824 be approved subject to no part of the buildings being nearer than 20 feet from the back edge of the pavement ; That Plan No. 3829 be approved subject to the buildings not being used for human habitation ; That Plan No. 3830 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the necessary land for the widening of the road if and when required, and subject also to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 3831 be approved subject to the steelwork being approved by the Borough Surveyor ; and That Plans Nos. 3820, 3827 and 3828 be not approved.

(b) Contravention of Byelaws—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. Smith had erected several buildings on a site at Maida Vale without plans having been first submitted and approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Smith to show cause why the buildings should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
667	President, Women's Institute	Additions, Women's Institute, Bishops Cleeve.
668	Greenhalf, R. F.	Alterations and additions, 66 North Street, Winchcomb.

669 Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. Garage, Sandy Lane. Charlton Kings.

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No of Plan	Name	Description.
670	Sanders, Mrs.	Garage, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.
671	Thomas, Mrs. H. W. D.	Detached house, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
672	Boroughs, A. J.	Garage, Corona, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
673	Halford, Mrs. F. W.	Bungalow, Charlton Kings Common.
674	Bausor, G. W.	Garage, Shurdington.
675	Moloney, J.	Additions, The Haven, Tewkesbury Road, Uckington.
676	Matthews & Wheatley	Pair of semi-detached bungalows, Warden Hill Road.
677	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Rebuilding, Fox & Hounds Inn, Prestbury Road,
678	Mustoe, C.	Bungalow, New Barn Lane.
679	Haidon, G. P.	Garage and dairy shed, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
680	Murray, Col. E. M.	Garage, Pen Rhys, Battledown.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 674, 675, 679 and 680 be approved ; That Plan No 677 be approved subject to no part of the building being erected in front of the building line ; That Plan No 678 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking not to erect any further buildings without first submitting a development plan in accordance with the Town Planning Scheme for the whole of the property, showing details as to roads, sewers and water supply, as mats be required by the Town Planning Authority ; and That Plans Nos. 673 and 676 be not approved.

3—Southern Bye-Pass—It was reported that Messrs. Bradley & Sons were about to lay out a portion of the road which would eventually form part of the proposed Southern Bye-pass, passing through their property, and asking what width of road would be required and for specification of the roadworks RESOLVED, That, as this will be a County road, the matter be referred to the County Council.

4 —Hayward's Lane—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. W. Curl for permission to enclose land in Hayward's Lane already given up for the widening of the road on his undertaking to surrender the land again when required, be not granted.

5—Little Theatre—Read, letter of 12th inst from St. James' Church Lads' Brigade stating that Madame Irving was willing to give an entertainment on their behalf in the "Little Theatre" if the Council would approve of an extra performance being given above the five performances allowed per year. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to this.

6--Town Planning Scheme—Read, letter of 6th inst, from the Ministry of Health extending to 30th April, 1935 the period within which the draft Scheme shall be adopted.

7—Plan No. 659—RESOLVED, That the conditions attached to this Plan be amended so as to provide for the undertaking to be given by the owner to apply to the existing main road only, and that the dedication of the land for the improvement of the by-road be not required, and that Minute No. 2 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

8—Water Tanks—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Gloucestershire Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England asking the Committee to exercise caution in approving Plans with exterior water tanks RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will have regard to the views expressed in the letter.

9—Road A. 40, Cheltenham Boundary to Northleach Prison—RESOLVED, That consideration of the alterations in the proposed improvement and building lines along this road be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

10 —Town Planning Conference—Read, circular of 18th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council inviting the attendance of two representatives of the Council to a conference at the Shire Hall. Gloucester on 17th October at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering alternative methods of planning the County RESOLVED, That Alderman Taylor and Councillor Grimwade be appointed to attend, together with the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Town Planning Assistant.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 31st August, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James and Waite ; and Air. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the Chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, Reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 30th ult., and 13th, 20th and 31st inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Fishing Competitions—That the proposed Fishing Competitions at Pittville Gardens be not proceeded with this year,

(b) Travel Association--That a space be taken in the folder being issued by the Travel Association in connection with Cheltenham and Cotswolds at a cost of £20, to be provided for out of the advertising account.

(c) Town Hall—That the Town Hall be let for the Root, Fruit and Grain Show on 1st and 2nd November on the same terms as previously, namely £14 14s. 0d., plus lighting and staff.

(d) Pittville Gardens—That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to reduce the charge for fishing at Pittville Gardens to 3d. after 5 p.m.

(e) That at the expiration of Mr. Cole's Contract on 9th September next, the Quartette be continued to play mornings at the Town Hall throughout the Winter Season and that tenders be invited for the Quartette and the Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

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

2—Piano, Town Hall—The Sub-Committee appointed to purchase a piano reported that they had inspected and purchased a Steinway Grand Piano from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. at a cost of £50.

3—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That delegates to the Incorporated Dental Society Conference be granted free admission to the Concerts and Gardens.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pittville Pump Room and Drawing Room at the Town Hall be granted on the occasion of the visit of the Hereford Chamber of Commerce for tea and a Meeting respectively.

4—Winter Garden—(a) RESOLVED, That the covered Tennis Court be let on the same terms as last year.



(b) RESOLVED, That the Winter Garden Development Committee be asked to meet and consider the utilisation of the Winter Garden.

(c) Badminton-The Committee further considered the letting of the South Transept of the Winter Garden to the Cheltenham Badminton Club and the Borough Surveyor reported that the work which the Club required to be carried out would cost about £30. RESOLVED, That the South Transept be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of £80 plus lighting from 1st October to 31st March next, subject to the Club contributing £15 towards the cost of the work required and also to an Agreement containing similar terms to the former Agreement for Alstone Baths being entered into.

5— Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer stating that in making temporary arrangements to carry the increase in next winter's load, a sub-station was needed in the Montpellier District, and he asked for consent to erect a temporary sheet steel kiosk at the South corner of Montpellier Gardens adjoining Montpellier Terrace Road in the position indicated on the plan. The kiosk would be about 6 ft. square and 6 ft. 6 ins. high and would be surrounded by shrubs and plants. RESOLVED, That consent be given to the erection of the kiosk.

6—Town Hall—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders received for the construction of a Pay Desk at the Town Hall RESOLVED, That the tender of the Cheltenham Shopfitting Company of £79 10s. 0d. be accepted and that this be incorporated as a prime cost item in the Contract to be entered into for the enlargement of the Ladies' Cloak Room.

(b) Read, letter of 10th inst., from Miss E. M. Tait asking for a concession in the use of the Town Hall and scenery for the production of John Masefield's drama " Good Friday " during mid-Lent 1935, for three performances. RESOLVED, That in view of the large loss made in the production of " Everyman " last Lent, the Committee are unable to make any reduction in their charge for the Town Hall.

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7 --Swimming Pool—Seventeen tenders were received for the construction of the Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make enquiries in regard to the tender now approved with a view to a tender being submitted to the Council for acceptance at their Meeting on Monday next, the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. —

8-Pittville Gardens—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society that it had been definitely decided to hold their Championship Show at Cheltenham next year, in either the second or third week in May. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Gardens be granted as last year for the Show on to be arranged.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1934, EXCEPT MINUTE 6 (b) WHICH WAS REFERRED) BACK].

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Burrow, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and South, and Mr. H. W. Bennett (The Mayor in the chair).

9—Swimming Pool—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported as to the provision of heating for the new Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain estimates, and that the matter be furthered considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) Clerk of Works—RESOLVED, That Councillors Green, Smith and Waite be appointed a Sub-Committee to engage a Clerk of Works for this Scheme.

10—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be asked to consider the tenders to be received for the enlargement of the Ladies Cloak Room, and the other alterations at the Town Hall.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Large Hall be granted on the 3rd October for the "Draw" for the motor car in connection with the Hospital Carnival. (c) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the N.A.L.G.O. Conference Council on the 23rd November next for a Dance.

(d) RESOLVED, That the Supper Room and Refreshment Room be let to the Cheltenham Rugby Football Supporters Club at the reduced charge of £4 6s. 0d. per occasion subject to not less than four dances being held.

(e) The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the application of Miss E. M. Tait for some concession in regard to the proposed production of the drama " Good Friday " at the Town Hall during next Lent RESOLVED, That (subject to the dates being approved by the Committee) the use of the " Everyman" scenery be granted free of charge, and that the ordinary scale of charges for the hire of the Hall be made, but that Miss Tait be informed that if a loss is made on the production, the Council will be prepared to reduce the charges to the amount of the loss not exceeding 50 per cent of the ordinary scale charges, and that Minute No. 6 (b) passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 31st August be varied accordingly.

11—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That monthly and season tickets be issued for the open air bath for the winter season as in previous years, but that the bathers be informed that alterations at the Maths may necessitate the open air bath being closed for the latter part of the season.

12—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted agreement to be entered into with the Badminton Club for the use of the South Transept. RESOLVED. That this be approved as now settled by the Committee.

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13—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, Reports of the meetings of the Sub-Committee held on the 5th and 14th inst, They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Sunday Concerts—That the tender of Messrs. Listers to provide a military band to play on the 16th and 23rd instant for the sum of £10 10s. 0d. per Sunday be accepted.

(b) Quartet—That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole to provide a Quartet to play mornings in the Town Hall from the 10th September to the 27th April for the sum of £10 per week be accepted.

(c) Sunday Concerts—That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole to provide an Orchestra of 10 and an Organist for the Sunday Concerts at a charge of £9 19s. 6d. per Sunday be accepted for a minimum number of 20 concerts from the 21st October up to and including Easter Sunday, 1935, the Corporation to have the option of the Band for the full period of 27 Sundays. Also, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage artists for the concerts at an average cost of not exceeding £2 2s. 0d. per Sunday.

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

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Burrow, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James and Waite ; and Messrs. Baring and Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

14—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on 17th and 21st inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :-

(a) Winter Dances—That the tender of Georges Ltd. to provide the bar for the Winter Dances be accepted.

(b) Boxing—That amateur boxing tournaments be arranged with St. Gregory's Athletic Club on the 10th October and 2nd November on the terms now submitted.

(c) Military Band—That Lister's Military Band be engaged for an additional Sunday, namely the 30th September at a cost of £10 10s. 0d.

(d) Guy Fawkes Night—That the Guy Fawkes Night entertainment at Pittville Gardens be not provided this year. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

15—Montpellier Baths—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, That the Swimming Bath be closed on the 14th October.

(b) Havelock House—The Town Clerk submitted offer to sell this house which was next but one to the Spa Baths, RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

16—Town Hall—(a) Musical Festival—Read, application from the Musical Festival Committee for the free use of the Town Hall for the Musical Festival to be held on May 10th (evening only), May 11th, 13th to 18th (inclusive), and Sunday 19th for the Prize Winners' Concert. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of the cost of lighting as last year.

(b) Ladies' Cloak Room—The Committee considered the three tenders received for enlargement of the Ladies' Cloak Room, removal of Information Bureau to Card Room, erection of collapsible screen at the end of the corridor, provision of pay-desk, and polishing and planing of floors. RESOLVED, That the Prime Cost sum of £120 for planing and polishing the floors be excluded from the contract, and the contingencies reduced to £20, and that the lowest tender received, namely that of Amos Wilson & Son (as now adjusted) amounting to £979 be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee as to raising a loan.

17—Conference—Councillor Ben James reported that at the recent conference of the National Federation of Meat Traders, they had accepted the invitation to hold their Conference in Cheltenham next year. RESOLVED, That the free use of the necessary accommodation at the Town Hall be granted subject to the dates being approved, and that the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Councillor James for his efforts in securing the Conference.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

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#### **ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th September, 1934,** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair)

1---Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the improvements carried out since the last meeting.

2—Safe Driving Competition—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to enter the Electricity Department lorry drivers for this competition.

3—Association of Public Lighting Engineers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from the Electrical Development Association making an appeal for increased support by members of the Electrical Development Association. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to join the Association and to pay the annual subscription of £1 1s. 0d.

4 —Electricity Works---The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from the Electricity Commissioners stating that the Commissioners were of opinion that the Council might properly charge to the Electricity Reserve Fund expenditure on such repairs and renovations to the shell and floor of the buildings as may be necessary to render them weatherproof and capable of being used, and thereby facilitate the leasing of the premises pending such time as the Council may be able to use them for the purpose of the Electricity Undertaking.

5—Electrical Contractors—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Cheltenham Circle of Electrical Contractors were arranging to visit the Building Centre and Elma Showrooms in London on the 24th October and were inviting local architects and builders to join them in the visit, and had extended an invitation to the members of the Electricity Committee. RESOLVED, That the members of the Committee who are able to attend be requested to notify the Borough Electrical Engineer.

6—Demonstrator—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the resignation of the Demonstrator, Miss Hawkins, and that he had advertised for a Demonstrator at a salary of £3 5s. 0d. per week RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Substation Sites—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the offer of a site near Hales Road at the price of £50 plus vendor's scale costs RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported negotiations for another site in London Road. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to negotiate the purchase of this or other suitable site on the terms now authorised by this Committee.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for the erection of the Substations, and that the Chairman, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Addis and Bendall be appointed a Sub-Committee to open the tenders and accept a suitable tender.

8—Showroom Stock—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to dispose of a number of fittings and appliances in the Showroom at reduced prices, which though effective, are not now suitable for display

9—Extensions to Mains—Badgeworth Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension to the main for the purpose of supplying premises in this road at an estimated cost of £189 18s. 1d

10—H.M. The King's Jubilee—The Borough Electrical Engineer suggested the desirability of the Committee taking early steps to consider whether any scheme in the way of lighting decorations should be made so that the materials required could be placed on order. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the matter has been considered by the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

11—Wiring Regulations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Institution of Electrical Engineers had recently RESOLVED, That these issued a new edition of the Regulations for the Electrical Equipment of Buildings Regulations be adopted.

12--Sign on Lamp Standard—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the terms which he had offered to the Black and White Motorways Ltd. for providing the necessary connections and for the maintenance (excluding breakage of panels) of the illuminated sign to be erected by them on the lamp standard at the corner of the Promenade. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

13—Billing and Adding Machines—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the offer of the makers for the maintenance of these machines, amounting to £10 18s. 0d. per annum for the Billing machine and £1 12s. 0d. per annum for the Adding machine. RESOLVED, That these terms be accepted.

14—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Birdlip—(i) Read, letter from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the deviation in the route previously approved by the Ministry on 23rd June last. (ii) The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Commissioners had now issued sanction to a loan of £729 for the balance of the loan of £5,310 for this scheme.

(b) Rossley Manor—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, authorising this supply, but the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the overhead line had not yet been issued.

(c) Boddington—The Town Clerk reported the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of the overhead line for the supply to Boddington.

15—Pressure—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners in regard to the pressure of supply. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to interview the Commissioners with reference thereto.

16—Overhead Lines—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Gloucestershire Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England asking that his Society should be consulted with regard to the choice of alignments for overhead electric cables. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to comply with this request.

17—Accounts, 1933/34—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Accounts had now been printed and circulated. The accounts showed a net surplus for the year of £1,575, and the expenditure included a considerable outlay on renewals and replacement of cables and services during the year, and the items of £12 6s. 0d. in respect of Sub-stations and £688 17s. 0d. for relaying cables had been charged to the Net Revenue Appropriation Account. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and £500 of the surplus be transferred to the Renewals Fund, and the balance carried forward.

18—Gas Tests—(a) Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 27th and 31st July, 9th, 16th, 22nd and 28th August, 3rd, 9th and 20th September, which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 471.2, 472.3, 474.2, 471.0, 472.0, 472.2, 472.3, 472.8 and 472.5 B.Th.U. respectively.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of the General Notification of the Gas Referees re-issued on the 31st August, 1934, which would come into force on the 1st October.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th September 1934.** Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Miller and Morris (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1--Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Reports of the Borough Engineer for the months of July and August were read : —

	For month ended 31st July, 1934	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	100,000 gallons	169,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	168,000 "	300,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	29,000	40,000
Total	297,000	509,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 71,751,000 gallons

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st August, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	97,000 gallons	128,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	143,000	277,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	24,000	33,000
	264,000	388,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 75,653,000 gallons.

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of July and August

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

4—Farms at Dowdeswell—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. C. C. Castle, That the tenants of the various farms at Dowdeswell be allowed the same abatement in the rent due up to Michaelmas as allowed previously.

5—Castle Barn Farm and The Grindalls—Read, application from Mr. T. Roberts, the tenant, for a reduction in his rent. Mr. C. C. Castle attended) and recommended that a reduction should be made. RESOLVED, That the rent of Castle Barn Farm be reduced by £20 per annum, and the rent of the Grindalls by £5 per annum, the reductions to take effect as from the year commencing 29th inst.

6— Woodlands Farm—Fencing—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £24 for fencing and £27 19s. Od. for gates (being the lowest in each case) be accepted.

7— Moors Housing Estate—The Borough Engineer reported that he estimated the cost of providing and laying the water mains on this estate at £600. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work put in hand.

8—Sandford Mill Pumping Station—The Borough Engineer reported that preparations were now being proceeded with for the construction of the Swimming Pool, and it would, therefore, be necessary to fence in the area adjoining the Pumping Station to prevent trespass, and he estimated the cost of providing a fence at £75. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the fence erected,

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9—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase spares for the new Pumping Engine in case of breakdown at a cost of £108.

(b) Four tenders were received for the scrap metal at the Pumping Station and Sandford Mill. RESOLVED, That the tender of J. Small of 35s 6d. per ton and 4s 6d. for the oil barrels (being the highest tender received) be accepted.

(c) Engineering Assistant—Read, letter of 6th from Mr. I. C. Jenkins, former engineering assistant, asking for an honorarium to be granted him in view of the large amount of overtime it was necessary for him to work while the new extensions were being proceeded with, including frequent occasions on Sundays and Bank holidays. Mr. Pickering was authorised to engage an assistant to help with the work, but as there were no suitable applicants, a lot of the additional work devolved on him. RESOLVED, That he be granted an honorarium of 100 guineas.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted inscription for the tablet proposed to be placed on the new Works recording the opening of the works by Alderman Margrett on the 3rd July last. He also submitted estimates from Messrs, R. L. Boulton & Sons of £7 10s. 0d. for a plain stone tablet and £11 10s. 0d. for a tablet with moulded edge and lettering in sunken panel similar to the one at Swindon Road Schools. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept the tender of £11 10s. 0d.

10—Tewkesbury Hospital—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Tewkesbury Hospital for a subscription towards the erection of the new Hospital, which was being erected on the site through which the 24 inch main had been laid. The laying of the main had necessitated the plans being altered, RESOLVED, That a further sum of £10 be paid as an addition to the compensation already paid for the laying of the main.

11—Supply to Parishes of Leigh and Elmstone Hardwicke—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Tewkesbury R. D. C. stating that it had been decided to extend the mains to supply these Parishes, and asking if the Corporation would give a bulk supply in each case RESOLVED, That a bulk supply be given on the same terms as for similar bulk supplies, and subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, but that in the case of Elmstone Hardwicke, the District Council be recommended to provide a larger main as advised by the Borough Engineer.

12—Reservoirs (Safety Provisions) Act, 1930—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Home Office stating that the Under Secretary of State was not prepared to approve of the Borough Engineer making the inspection of Dowdeswell Reservoir, and enclosing a list of engineers who were authorised to carry out these inspections. RESOLVED, That Mr. Edward Sandeman be instructed to carry out the inspection at a fee of 35 guineas plus travelling expenses, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the prescribed public notice of his appointment.

13—Rossley Manor—RESOLVED, That the Committee consent to the laying of the necessary underground cables for the supply of electricity to Rossley Manor.

14—Extension to Staverton—Read, letter of 24th July last from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking for the Council's approval to their Council extending the water mains from the present mains in Badgeworth Road to Bamfurlong, and from the present main in Gloucester Road to Staverton Bridge, and from a point near the entrance to Staverton Court along the roadway to the turning to Staverton and thence to the village, and asking the Corporation to refund to the District Council the cost of such extensions as and when the Water Charges amount to 10 per cent thereon. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the usual agreement being entered into, and to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer.

15—Crickley Hill Water Supply—Read, letters from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking for the consent of the Corporation to a Scheme for the acquisition by the Rural District Council of a spring at Crickley Hill and to providing a supply of water therefrom at an estimated cost of £2,000 to houses in the neighbourhood. The area to be supplied was situated within the water area of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the consent of the Council be given to the scheme subject to an agreement being entered into with the Rural District Council containing a provision that the

area to be supplied from the spring shall be limited to the area shown on the map submitted by the Borough Surveyor and to provision being made giving the Corporation the right at any time of acquiring the Undertaking at a valuation to be agreed upon or to be settled by arbitration.

16—Lower Hewletts Farm—RESOLVED, That this farm containing 87 acres including Farmhouse and buildings be purchased for the sum of £2,500.

JAMES MOORE.

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th September, 1934** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Taylor ; Councillors Lipson, Pruen and Smith (Alderman Margrett 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 the Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1934 (No. 2) 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, 1934.	Place	Cause	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
22nd July	Two Ricks Farm Elmstone Hardwicke			£6 10 6d.
2nd August.	The Grange Swindon	Not apparent	£100 —£150	£5 17 9d.
11th August	8 Promenade	“	£400-£500	£6 9s. 0d.
1st Sept. ...	Kyston, Halland Road.	“ S	light	£4 8s. 0d.

(b) Brockhampton Park-The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. B. C. Cobb terminating the agreement for the attendance of the Fire Brigade at Brockhampton Park Estate on 14th November next.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences-(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of G. F. Meadows and F. J. Singer for the transfer of Licences Nos. 36 and 57 to Taxi Cabs Registered Nos. FH 2361 and DF 2199 respectively be granted.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. E. W. Mace applying for a new licence for a Motor Cab as his present employment as chauffeur to the Inspector of Schools had been terminated. He had previously held a licence for five years. RESOLVED, That he be informed that if a satisfactory report by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector is received on his vehicle, the Committee will recommend the Council to grant him a licence.

(c) RESOLVED, That Superintendent Wayman be asked to make periodical inspections of all the taxis to see that the fare cards are properly displayed, and that the hackney carriage licence numbers are legibly painted on both sides of the vehicle.

4—Borough Extension—The Town Clerk reported that the County Council had invited representatives to attend a meeting of the County Local Areas Committee on 19th inst., and that the Sub-Committee had met on 17th inst. and appointed The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Pruen to attend.



5—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr. F. H. Harris be extended for one year up to 30th September, 1935.

6—King's Silver Jubilee—Read, letter of 31st July last from Col. Cockshott suggesting that a Committee should now be appointed to make arrangements for the local celebrations of the King's Silver Jubilee next May RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until information is received from the Secretary of State in regard to the proposed celebrations.

7—Petrol Licences —(a) RESOLVED. That the application of Mr. R. C. Hall for a licence to store 1,500 gallons of petrol in three underground tanks at his new garage adjoining the Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road be granted.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum and carbide be granted for one year from 5th prox.

8— Municipal Offices— Telephone—RESOLVED,—That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for a part time clerk to act as telephone attendant during the daily lunch hour at 6s 6d. a week.

9—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club applying for a reduction in the rent of the Athletic Ground RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Club to consider a suggestion that they should take a lease of the ground for the actual days required for Rugby Football purposes instead of for the whole year.

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10—Car Parks—(a) Rodney Road—The Town Clerk reported that on appeal to the Assessment Committee the assessment of the Rodney Road Car Park had been reduced to £80 Gross and £64 Rateable.

(b) RESOLVED, That the charge for parking solo motor cycles at the Rodney Road Car Park be half the rate charged for motor cars, namely 3d. for four hours and 6d. for the whole day, but that motor cycles with sidecars be charged the same rate as for motor cars.

(c) Read, letter from the North Gloucestershire Motor Traders Association complaining that the cards printed and supplied by the Association were not being distributed by the Car Park attendants. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see that the cards are distributed to persons using the Road Parking Places.

11—Traffic Commissioners—Read, circular of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Transport asking the Council to nominate one person for the panel of persons nominated by Councils in the Traffic area, from whom one Traffic Commissioner is appointed by the Ministry. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. Trye) be nominated.

12—Omnibus Services—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Councillor Grimwade asking the Council to approach the Cheltenham District Traction Company with a view to the fare from St. Mark's to Clarence Street being reduced from 3d. to 2d. The penny stage between Clarence Street and the Calcutta Inn, viz. St. George's Place was 1936 yards, the second penny stage to the Midland Station was 880 yards, and the third penny stage from the Station to the St. Mark's terminus was 800 yards, and children were charged 2d. for the whole route. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Traction Company to reduce the fare to 2d. and children 1d. for the whole journey.

13—Market—The Town Clerk submitted plans for the new building at the Market which had been prepared by Messrs, Barnard & Partners on the instructions of the Gloucestershire Marketing Society. The revised estimate of the architects for the building was £5,827 (including £456 architects fees) instead of £4,000 previously estimated. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved subject to the Society agreeing to pay a pro rata increase of rent for the extra cost above £4,000, and that

application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £5,827 for the cost of the building including architects fees.

14—Re-numbering of Streets—Hewlett Road—RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement (Clauses) Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers in this road to re-number their premises, and that if the notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the re-numbering carried out, and that no charge be made for re-numbering any premises which already have a number legibly marked thereon.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Smith ; Messrs. Carter and Clarkson (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments :—

(a) Albert Road—The tenant of No. 6 had dug out a trench in the roadway, and the tenant of No. 38 had encroached 18 inches upon the roadway. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments requiring them to make good the roadways.

(b) Baglin's Piece—The tenant of No. 26 had erected a shed over the ditch adjoining his allotment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant requiring him to remove the shed clear of the ditch.

(c) Asquith Road—The tenant of No. 4 had now removed the shed which he had been using as a garage

(d) Untidy Allotments—The following allotments were in a bad state with seeding weeds :-39, 49 and 53 Albert Road; 8, 12, 20, 21 and 24 Whaddon Road (New) ; 17 and 25 Baglin's Piece ; 7, 25, 36, 37, 69, 169 and 172 Crabtree Piece ; and four vacant allotments in Alma Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give six months notice to quit to the tenants of these allotments, with an intimation that the notice will be withdrawn if the allotments are put in a satisfactory condition before the expiration of the notice. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the four vacant allotments at Alma Road scythed.

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2.—Visitors—RESOLVED, That Councillor Compton be appointed a Visitor of the following allotments for the current year :—Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field, Baglin's Piece and Alstone Lawn. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Carter be appointed a Visitor of the following allotments for the current year in place of Mr. A. C. Castle :—Alma Road, Tennyson Road, Brooklyn Road and Wasley's Field Allotments.

3—Rainbow Field Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had written to the Education Secretary in regard to the complaints received of children trespassing across these allotments as a short cut to Naunton Park Schools, and he submitted letter from the Education Secretary stating that a copy of the Town Clerk's letter had been sent to the Head Teachers of the Schools with instructions that the children should be told not to trespass across the allotments.

4--Reduction of Rents--The Town Clerk submitted a list of allotments which were let at rents above or below the standard rate. RESOLVED, That the rents below the standard be allowed to remain as at

present unless re-let, but that the Visitors be asked to inspect the allotments let above the standard rent and report whether any reduction should be made,

5—Land, Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan for the layout of this land for allotments.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th September, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Promenade Fountain—Willow Tree—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the old willow tree at the Fountain, which was now reported to be dead, removed, and to have a new willow tree planted. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Kew Gardens Museum for a section of the old tree be granted.

2—Pittville Estate—Trees—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway (View) Committee:-

(a) Clarence Square—That the birch tree opposite No. 49 Clarence Square be judiciously thinned out.

(b) Wellington Square—That the large sycamore tree opposite " Eastholme be removed.

(c) Pittville Cross Drive—That the dead lime and birch trees in this road be removed, and replaced in the Autumn,

3—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Read, application from the Hon. Secretary of the Advisory Council of the Cheltenham Unemployed Service Club for the use of a football pitch on Whaddon Road Recreation Ground on the occasion of the visit of 70 unemployed men from Birmingham on 20th September RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

4—Football Pitches—Read, applications for football pitches from Whaddon United, Wolves F. C., St. Paul's Wednesday F.C. and Parish Church Schools Old Boys F.C. RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted as there are no pitches available

5—Pittville Gardens—Fishing—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, That the charge for fishing at Pittville Gardens be reduced to 3d. after 5 p.m.

W. SAWYER.

Chairman.

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#### **ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 7th September, 1934.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; councillors Bendall, Howell and Scott Langley (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August—Visits--6,991 (last year 6,432). Included in these figures were 33 parties of children from the schools of Cheltenham and district, to whom the Curator gave talks on the Exhibition of Cotswold Bygones

Receipts—Sale of Catalogue; and Postcards, etc., donations towards "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," and donation of £4 5s. 3d. from Mr R. Holland Martin, C.B., towards the cost of the Handbook to Cotswold Bygones. Total, £9 18s. 6d.

Exhibitions—July 4th-31st, Exhibition of Cotswold Bygones ; August 2nd—September 1st, Paintings and Drawings by Ellis Silas.

The Vale of Gloucester--This painting by Charles M. Gere, A.R.A., had now been received on loan.

Codex Sinaiticus—The Local Appeal had been closed, a total sum of £75 0s. 10d. having been received

Chinese Embroidered Banner—This specimen, offered as a gift, had been inspected by the Curator, but the owner has eventually decided to send it to New Zealand

2—Donations—Miss E. Maude Bubb, Wedding Dress, 1880, Georgian Fender and various other articles ; Mr. F. W. Burnett, Pair of sandals (Japanese), Cirencester Farthing, 1668 ; Mr. R. Cove, Roman Coin found at Prestbury ; Sister Farmer, Victorian Christening Robe, and Silver Chatelaine ; Mr. M. R. Hudson, 2 skulls, Flint-Lock Pistol ; Miss Foster, 2 Egyptian Jars ; Miss Newbold, Mineral Chest ; Mr Woolley, Token struck by T. Cape, Clarence Street, to commemorate the peace with Russia, 1856 ; Mr. J. Hughes, Clay Pipe ; Dr O. H. Wild, Glass Ship. Gifts of Bygones had been received from the following :—Mr. H. W. Beresford, Mr. J. K. Bradbury, Miss E. Maude Bubb, Mr. F. J. Chambers, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mr. S. Mabbett, Mr. T. Whiting, Mr. Albert Newman, Mr. William Wilson, Mr. C. W. Coates, Mr. G. R. Lewis, Lt.-Col. J. D. Blyth, Mr. C. Armstrong, Miss E. E. Fenwick. Gifts of process blocks of specimens in the Museum had been made by the following :—Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, "Country Life" and " The Listener."

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

3—Bust of John Galsworthy—RESOLVED, That a replica in bronze of this work by David Evans, A.R.B.S., offered by Dr. Charles Carpenter, be accepted with thanks.

4—RESOLVED, (a) That the following specimens, offered by Mr. K. W. Woollcombe-Boyce in memory of his father Mr. W. F. R. Woollcombe-Boyce, be accepted with thanks--Two oil-paintings ("Belgian Hares," by J. F. Herring, Sen., and " Pigs," by George Morland) ; Nailsea Glass Jug, Fulham Earthenware Puzzle Jug, Ewer in blue and white porcelain (Caughley or Worcester Pottery) ; and two firearms.

RESOLVED, (b) That the acceptance of four paintings, also offered by Mr. Woollcombe-Boyce, be deferred pending further investigation.

5—RESOLVED, That the offer, by Mr. T. Fitzroy Fenwick of two Majolica Vases, be accepted with thanks

6—RESOLVED, That the offer, by Mrs. Bateson, of a painting In the name of the Prophet, alms," by Charles Robertson, be accepted with thanks.

7—RESOLVED, That the offer, by Mr. P. Henniker Heaton, of a Peer's Robe, worn by Lord Gwydyr at the Coronation of George IV and William IV, be accepted with thanks.

8—Loans—Mr W. C. Priestley, Guinea scale ; Councillor J. L. Bendall, Pike Stale Engine ; Mrs. Campbell, Cheese Coaster and Wig Stand.

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

9—Pittville Pump Room—Alderman Winterbotham and Councillor Bendall, representing the Joint Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of Pittville Pump Room, together with the Borough Surveyor, the Parks Superintendent and the Curator, had met on the 20th July, when the

Curator read a report, outlining briefly what might be attempted in the Spring and Summer of 1935. RESOLVED, That this Report be circulated to the members of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee and to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

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10—Exhibitions—RESOLVED That the Curator's action (a) in arranging for an Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings by Ellis Silas, and (b) in arranging for the Annual Autumn Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists, November 15th—December 15th, be approved.

11—South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—RESOLVED, That the Group be invited to hold their Annual Meeting in Cheltenham on October 18th or 19th.

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

#### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 21st July to 21st September, 1934. Interments 79 ; Grave Spaces sold 26 (First Position 4, Second Position 2, Fourth Position 20) ; Memorials erected 34 ; New Inscriptions 17.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9036 to 9061

3—Designs—(a) RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved:—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of Oswald Walter Wright, Edwin Law, Sophia Creed, Mary Wyllie, Cecil Henry Charles, John Dyson Moore, and Cecily Stead ; Headpiece and Kerbing to graves of James Campbell, Harry Tranter, Rosabella Grace Hayward and Charles Thomas Hayward, Annie Elizabeth Merrell, John Smith, Ellen Shillah Smith and William John Smith, Dinah Ann Locke and Harriett Locke, Ernest George Hall and Anthony George Hall, and Evelyn Mary Drinkwater; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Capt. W. Brown, Millicent Minty, Charles Halford, Percy Walter Braine, and Fred Albert Smith ; Kerbing to graves of Henry Alfred Vaughan, Frederick Rogers, Herbert Robinson and Rannee Robinson, Ellen Porter, Ellen Mary Hall, Sarah Melina Aldridge, Ernest Wilfred Aldridge and Herbert Edgar Aldridge, and James Sherred Denley and Elizabeth Denley ; Bird Bath Pedestal to grave of Sarah Elizabeth Gibbs ; Marble Vase to graves of Joseph Colley and Ann Priscilla Colley, and Ethel C. B. Colley, Scroll to grave of Henrietta M. Roberts ; Marble Block and Kerbing to grave of Reginald Grassby.

(b) RESOLVED, That in the special circumstances the application of Mrs M. Green to place a concrete memorial on the grave of her mother be granted subject to the payment of the ordinary fees.

4—Maintenance of Graves in Perpetuity—(a) Seven tenders were received for the upkeep of the 23 graves maintained by the Corporation for a period of five years from the 1st October next.

RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Hopwood & Sons of £10 10s. 0d. per annum be accepted.

(b) 1731. B.1.—Read, letter from Mr. H. C. E. Vincent accepting the Council's offer to undertake the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity for the sum of £40, and the Town Clerk reported that he had accordingly sent the necessary deed to Mr. Vincent. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) 3128/9. Q. and 1333. M.—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs Grant Davies & Co. asking the Corporation to undertake the maintenance of these three graves in perpetuity for the sum of £80, including the putting in order of the two memorials and provision of paving or chippings on the two first mentioned graves. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accept this sum, but that in the circumstances they are prepared to accept the sum of £100 provided the memorials are first put in good repair and order and the paving and chippings provided.

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5—Theft of Flowers—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Wayman be asked to take proceedings against the two persons found stealing cuttings and flowers from graves.

6—Ladies' Lavatory—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Addis, Bendall and Green be asked to inspect and report as to the lavatory accommodation at the Cemetery.

7—Visitors—RESOLVED, That a rota of two members of the Committee be appointed for visiting the Cemetery each month.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

#### **WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 5th September, 1934.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Lipson, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. E. Baring (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—The Committee considered various suggestions for utilizing the present building, but it was decided that before considering these proposals it was desirable to obtain a report as to the cost of putting the building, including the roof, in good structural condition and renovation, including the provision of an adequate heating apparatus and an inner ceiling or floor. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to examine the building, and make a report thereon.

D. L. LIPSON.

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th September, 1934.** Present—Councillors Bettridge, Grimwade and Lipson; and Messrs. Norris and Vernall (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August—Receipts £24 19s. 9d. Number of volumes issued in Reference Department 10,410 (last year 11,179) ; Lending Department 29,505 (last year 32,200) ; Junior Department 3,135 (last year 3,405). Total for two months 43,050 (last year 46,784).

Binding and Replacements-189 volumes had been returned from the binder, and 55 volumes had been replaced.

Codex Sinaiticus—The Local Appeal had been closed, a total sum of £75 0s. 10d. having been collected.

Offer of Bookmarks—Negotiations had been completed with Messrs. Hearn's Advertising Service Ltd. for a supply of bookmarks on the same terms as hitherto, i.e. 20,000 bookmarks per annum, over a period of three years, and a payment of £15 for the first year, and £10 for each of the two succeeding years.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 139 volumes, published at £41 19s. 0d., be purchased for £29 6s. 1d.

(b) That the sum of £65 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 2 vols. published at £6 6s. 0d. be purchased for £3 10s 0d. from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

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3—Donations—Anonymous, 1 vol. Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.; Mr. Councillor Ed J. Burrow, 2 periodicals ; Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., 15 handbooks ; Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, 1 vol.; College of Preceptors, 1 vol.; Mr. P. G. Pass, 3 periodicals ; Mr. B. Harrison, 1 vol.; Mrs. Hedges, 89 vols.; Mr. Councillor J. Howell, 2 vols.; Miss Johnson, 1 handbook ; Miss Malvern, 20 vols.; Medical Officer of Health, 1 pamphlet ; Miss Newbold, 1 vol.; Rev. Canon J. Parr, 1 vol.; Messrs. George Routledge & Co., 1 pamphlet ; Mr. C. E. Tomlinson, 39 vols.; Capt. R. P. Wild. 1 periodical. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4 - Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Methodist Chronicle," offered gratis, be accepted with thanks.

5—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for the arrangement of nine lectures in the Art Gallery from October to December, be approved.

6—Betting News—Read, letter of complaint from Mr. Robert Woodfield, with regard to the newsroom and betting news. RESOLVED, That the betting news be obliterated from six further daily papers. (Authority already exists for the obliteration of betting news from five papers, and this proposal involves similar treatment to what will be one-half of the newspapers displayed).

7—Gloucestershire County Library—Read, letter from Mr. H. W. Household applying for library facilities for the parishes of Badgeworth, Coberley, Leckhampton, Shurdington, Staverton, Swindon, Uckington, Up Hatherley. Boddington, Elmstone Hardwicke and Bishops Cleeve, on a basis of 3s 6d per adult reader, two tickets being available for Non-Fiction and Fiction. RESOLVED, That the Town Council be recommended to accept the terms suggested.

8—Public Library Jubilee Celebration—Read, letter from Mr. Arundell Esdaile, M.A., F.S.A., Secretary of the British Museum, accepting the invitation of the Committee to give a Public Address on 18th October.

9 —Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on November 15th.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEES (JOINT MEETING).**

**At a Joint Meeting of the Public Library and Art Gallery and Museum Committees held on Monday, 24th September, 1934.**

Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Davis, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson and Rogers; The Rev. Barbara Thomas, The Rev. Canon Johnstone; Dr. R. Davis ; Messrs. F. B. de Sausmarez, H. J. Norris, W. N. Weech and F. Vernall (Alderman Winterbotham in time chair).

1—Librarian and Curator—Salary —RESOLVED, That the salary of Mr. D. W. Herdman as Librarian and Curator be increased by £50 to £550 per annum, the additional salary to be apportioned equally between the two Committees.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor: Councillors Barnett, Betteridge and Dr. Hayward (Alderman Taylor 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the excusal of Rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th September, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor: Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs. Leigh James, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £100,040: Leaving outstanding £6,257.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1934. Amount collected £20,572 Leaving outstanding £726.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £500 had been received for 3 ¼ per cent Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanction :—

Date, 1934. Purpose. Amount. Period of Repayment.

4th September Rodney Road Car Park 20 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 25th inst. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Leigh James.

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

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £750 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debenture amounting to £10,000 be approved, and the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.



(c) The Borough Treasurer reported the terms arranged for a loan of £25,000 for a term of ten years, repayable at the end of 5 or 7 years. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, and a Debenture sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

7—District Auditors—The Town Clerk submitted circular 1431 of the 1st instant from the Ministry of Health in regard to appeals from or applications in respect of decisions of District Auditors.

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, 1st October, 1934, at 3 p.m.** Present

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Laurence Ward, J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N., J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham ;  
Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Burrow, F.R.G.S.. Compton,  
Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell,  
F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Scott Langley, Lipson, M.A., Morris, Pruen, Rogers, Smith  
and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd September, 1934, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held September 10

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. of £2,738 18s. 0d. for the construction of the storm water overflow from High Street to the River Chelt be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

Housing Meeting held September 13

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of £298 10s. 0d. be accepted for reconditioning Nos. 56 and 57 Rutland Street.

Street and Highway Meeting held September 17

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No i6 be amended, and that Mr. Walley be engaged for a period of 6 months."

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Traffic Sub-Committee, That Foot Passenger Crossings be provided at the following points :—

(a) In the Promenade between a point near the Gas Company's Showrooms and a point near Paris House.

(b) In the High Street between a point near the Midland Bank and a point near Messrs. Boots Ltd.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Pruen and seconded by Councillor Davis : " That Foot Passenger Crossings be not provided " was lost).

Resolved, also, That the question of making application for an Order for Unilateral Parking in the Promenade be considered again by the Street and Highway Committee in view of further information received.

Town Planning Meeting held September 20

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 14 & 21

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 24

Water Meeting held September 11

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs: " That Minute No. 9 (c) in regard to the payment of an honorarium to Mr. I. C. Jenkins be referred back " was lost).

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General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 18

Allotments Meeting held September 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 10

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pates : "That Minute No. 5 be amended and that the charge for fishing at Pittville Gardens be reduced to 3d. after 2 p.m. instead of 5 p.m."

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 7

Burial Board Meeting held September 21

Winter Garden Development Meeting held September 5

Public Library Meeting held September 6

Public Library & Art Gallery & Museum (Joint Meeting) Meeting held September 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland : " That Minute No. 1 be amended, and that Mr. Herdman's salary be increased by £100" was not seconded).

Rating Meeting held September 6

Finance Meeting held September 25

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

E. L. WARD, 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, 29th October, 1934.**

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh James, Morris, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 17 Fairfield Walk and 31 Roman 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 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 representations, 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, notices be given to the persons having control of the houses requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the houses fit for human habitation.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ash-pits or ash receptacles, viz. :-146 Bath Road and 136 Swindon 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.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) Southlands, Queen's 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) 35 and 36 Upper Bath Road ; and 56 and 65 Upper Park Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owner requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

(c) 56 Upper Park Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises desired the Corporation to carry out the necessary drainage work at his cost and allow him to repay the cost by instalments of 10s a month. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 40 Rutland Street and Hatherley Lawn Stables : 15, 15a and 16 Casino Place—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also report of the Rota Sub-Committee thereon. 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, notices be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, to the Owners, to the persons 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 this Committee to be held on the 10th December, 1934.

(b) 5 Hewlett Cottages—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouse, 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 of work

or the future user of the house, a 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 28 days from the date on which the Order become 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.

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(c) 121 Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee with a view to the Housing Committee considering the purchase of the premises for reconditioning

(d) 6 and 10 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That the Demolition Orders made in respect of these houses, service of which had been deferred to enable owners to consider reconditioning same, be now served, as the owners are unable to carry out the necessary works of repair required.

(e) 25 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of accepting the Undertaking given by the owner of this house be adjourned for five months to enable the tenant to obtain another house.

(f) 1 and 2 Greens Passage and 16, 24 and 46 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings dated the 28th ult. and 2nd inst. respectively, given by the Owners of these houses to carry out such work as will in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation be accepted and that the Demolition Orders made in respect of Nos. 16, 24 and 46 Rutland Street be rescinded.

(g) 21 Bath Road and 15 and 16 Upper Bath Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of 21 Bath Road had applied for permission to take off the top storey of this house instead of entirely demolishing the same in compliance with the Demolition Order, and likewise the Owner of 15 and 16 Upper Bath Street desired to use these premises as stores. RESOLVED, That the Council will be satisfied as sufficient compliance with the Demolition Orders if the top storey of the premises are removed and the houses so altered as to be suitable only for business purposes and to be incapable of human habitation

(h) 29 Rutland Street and 8a Commercial Street—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. (being the lowest) for demolishing these two houses for the sum of £20 including the materials, be accepted.

(i) 4 St. James' Terrace and 17 Rotunda Terrace—RESOLVED, That consideration of enforcing the Closing Orders made in respect of the basements of these premises be adjourned for five months.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Beef ; 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Mutton ; qr. Veal ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs. Pork ; 14 lbs. Fowls ; 25 lbs. Rabbits ; 14 lbs. Prawn

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. T. Lees of Elm Farm, Hesters Way, to be registered as a Wholesale Purveyor of milk within the Borough instead of a Retail Purveyor be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions and that Minute No. 7 (a) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

7—Nuisance from Smoke etc.—The Sanitary Inspector reported complaints received of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from the chimneys of the Pin Factory, Russell Place ; Paragon Laundry, Hatherley Road ; Crook's Laundry and Thornccliffe Laundry, Leckhampton, and Tarr's Woodworking Co. Ltd., Malthouse Lane. The Owners of the Pin Factory had provided new smoke consuming apparatus as recommended by him and was working satisfactorily. He was keeping these premises under observation

8—Dust Nuisance—(a) Dammann Asphalt Works—The Sanitary Inspector reported on the alterations carried out at these works, and that the latest plant installed was working satisfactorily,

(b) W. F. Rees & Co. Ltd.—The Tallow Factory Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed Mr. W. F. Rees with regard to the complaints received as to the nuisance caused by dust from his plant in Tewkesbury Road, and that Mr. Rees had expressed his regret and promised to give the matter his immediate attention.

The Sub-Committee recommended that Mr. Rees be allowed two months from the 27th September within which to remedy the nuisance. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved.

9—Abattoir--Read, letter of 10th ult. from the Cattle Committee regretting that they could not see their way to approve of the Abattoir as a dead-weight certification centre, as it did not come within the category of large public abattoirs

10—Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926—Nos. 16, 24, 27 and 46 Rutland Street—Read, letter of 26th ult., from Messrs. Jessop & Son enclosing four applications on behalf of their client, Mr. A. C. Watts, for a £100 grant and a £50 loan in respect of each of these four houses, under this Act. RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted.

11—Gas Liquor—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Cheltenham and District Gas Company pursuant to the proviso to Clause 8 of the Agreement made with the Company dated 12th December, 1928, that the admission of Ammoniacal Gas Liquor is causing deterioration of the filter beds as it has altered the character of the sewage from a weak domestic sewage into a strong sewage, so that the filter beds are now being overworked and are consequently deteriorating, and also requiring the Company to reduce the rate of the discharge of the Ammoniacal Gas Liquor so as not to exceed one quarter per cent. of the normal dry weather flow or 175,000 gallons per hour, whichever quantity is the less, except during periods of wet weather, and then only to the extent and for such periods as may be expressly authorised from time to time in writing by the Borough Surveyor or by someone authorised by him to act on his behalf.

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12—Offensive Trades --(a) The Committee further considered the question of the establishment of the trade of fish frier at 82 Tennyson Road by Mr. W. T. Morris, together with report from the Medical Officer of Health thereon. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the powers contained in the Public Health Acts, 1875 to 1925, the Council consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier at 82 Tennyson Road for a period of 12 months expiring on the 31st October, 1935.

(b) The Committee considered application from Mr. D. T. Bowen of 611 Oxford Road, Reading, for consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier at 76 Tewkesbury Road, which would be fitted with the latest type of hygienic gas range made by Messrs. Preston & Thomas of Cardiff. RESOLVED, That the applicant be informed that the Council are prepared to give their consent to the establishment of the trade of a fish frier at these premises for a period of three years, subject to the apparatus to be provided for frying fish being of a make approved by and installed to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, and to the room in which the fish frying is carried on complying with his requirements, and subject also to the condition that only nut oil or other approved oil shall be used for fish frying.

13—Craven Cottage, Durban Cottages and Glen Cottages, Folly Lane—Read, letters from Mr. E. L. Baylis in regard to the complaints of the water from the wells supplying these cottages, and the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had taken samples of the water from the wells in the presence of Mr. Baylis's agent who had also taken samples, and these had been sent for analysis. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

14—Health Department—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to extend the services of F. Pontin (drain tester) for one year from the 12th December next.

15—Accidents in Sewers—The Borough Surveyor submitted his report on the circular from the Ministry of Health in regard to the measures which it was suggested should be taken to reduce the risk of fatal accidents to persons working in sewers and sewage tanks. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase a set of apparatus comprising detector lamp, breathing apparatus, life lines and portable barrier at a cost of £34. RESOLVED, also, That he be instructed to communicate with the Ambulance Headquarters in regard to the purchase of a resuscitation outfit.

16—Sewer Connections—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was desirable for the Corporation to make sewer connections instead of allowing the builders to make these themselves. This was the practice adopted in many other towns. If approved, he would give the builder concerned an estimate of the cost and obtain a deposit thereon from the builder, and when the connection had been made, the trench reinstated and the actual cost ascertained an accurate adjustment would be made either by a refund or a further payment by the builder as the case may be. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be adopted.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1934.** Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Morris, Pruen, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Pruen in the chair).

17—Tallow Factory—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider this matter reported that they had had several meetings and met representatives of the Taylors Butchers' Hide, Skin, Fat and Wool Co. Ltd., on three occasions. The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Rickerby, Thomson and Yeaman.

RESOLVED, to recommend the Council as follows :—

(1) That the Corporation purchase the present site of the Company in Sherborne Street for the sum of £200 and also to pay £1,300 as compensation, the Company to be entitled to remove any materials from site before completion of purchase. The purchase to be completed on the 30th day after notice to the Company of the Council's decision to purchase.

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(2) The Corporation to agree to give the required consent for the establishment by the Company of a new Tallow Factory to be erected on the site proposed to be acquired by them from Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., adjoining the railway between Swindon Road and the Midland Railway Depot in accordance with the plans submitted to the Sulu- Committee, subject to the building complying with the Building Byelaws, provided the factory is completed and the business is started within two years from the date of completion of the purchase by the Corporation of the present premises,

(3) The Company to be allowed to continue in occupation of the present factory as tenants at a rent at the rate of £48 per annum for a period not exceeding five months after the completion of the purchase, but such tenancy to end forthwith if the building of the new factory is not at the end of two months from such completion, being diligently proceeded with, it being understood that the Council cannot agree to the establishment on the proposed new site of the business a dealer in fats except possibly as a temporary accommodation pending the completion of the new factory, and provided this was carried on so as not to create a nuisance.

18—Offensive Trades—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order under Section 112 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as amended by Section 51 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907, declaring the trades of Bone Burner ; Dealer in Blood ; Dealer in Animal Fats and Butchers' Waste; Manure Maker ; Poultry Meal Manufacturer, and Tallow Refiner to be offensive trades, and that after notice of such order has been given, application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of the order.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Lipson and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—The Moors Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for wrought iron fencing on the western and eastern boundaries of this Estate. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Baylis, Jones & Baylis of 9s 10d. per yard (being the lowest) be accepted, but that half the cost of the fencing along the eastern boundary adjoining St. Peter's Recreation Ground be charged to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

(b) Clerk of Works—The Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed three applicants for the appointment of Clerk of Works for this Estate, and had appointed Mr. A. Waterhouse of Keighley at a wage of £6 per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Slum Clearance—Sites for New Houses—(a) The Vineyards, Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the development of this land, which had been offered for sale by Messrs. Leishman & Copeland. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

(b) Whaddon Farm Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed layout of the Whaddon Farm Estate, if this was purchased for housing The estate comprised 80.611 acres, including the 16 ½ acres of allotments, but excluding the frontages of Cleeve View Road. He reported that it would be necessary to lay a main sewer to drain the estate at an estimated cost of £1,827, which did not include branch sewers. The Sanitary Inspector stated that he estimated that an additional 200 houses would be required for rehousing under the Slum Clearance Programme RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the 80.611 acres, and alternatively for the purchase of the area coloured blue on the plan comprising 23.72 acres.

(c) Fairview Retreat and Britannia Square Clearance Order, 1934—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health that in view of the amendment of this Order the number of persons whose displacement would be rendered necessary by action to be taken by the Council under this Order would be taken as 10.

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3—St. Mark's Housing Estate—(a) 32 Shakespeare Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Chief Constable for the transfer to him of the tenancy of this house at present occupied by a constable, be granted.

(b) Grammar School Playing Field—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the Clerk to the Governors of the Grammar School stating that the Governors could not allow the public to pass along the footpath leading from Brooklyn Road and along the northern boundary of their Playing Field.

(c) 1 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the tenant of this house reporting damage to the fence by a motor car on 20th ult., and the Town Clerk reported that he had not yet been able to trace the owner of the car with a view to a claim being made for the damage.

4—Housing Bill—Overcrowding—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a representation to the Minister of Health with a view to his embodying in his definition of overcrowded houses in the new Housing Bill "those houses in which the deficiency of bedroom accommodation necessitates a child or children of the age of 12 years and upwards sleeping in the same room as their parents," and that Sir Walter Preston be asked to support this representation.

5—Reconditioning—(a) 9 Russell Place—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. C. Loveridge to purchase this house for £170 be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance.

(b) 15 and 44 Burton Street—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. R. H. Hughes to purchase these houses for £360 be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance.

(c) 21 Tewkesbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner was willing to sell this house for £30, and he estimated the cost of reconditioning the house at about £100. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for reconditioning the premises.

(d) 64 Rutland Street—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. Eager & Son amounting to £15 for demolishing this house be accepted.

6—Sales of Houses—RESOLVED. That the offers of Mr. and Mrs A. Hitchman and Mr. J. W. Gear to purchase Nos. 5 and 15 Tennyson Road for £460 and £485 respectively be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyances. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sales.

7—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Housing Conference to be held at Southport from 23rd to 26th November next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

8-80 Whaddon Avenue—The Housing Manager reported that the new tenant of this house wished to have the house wired for electricity. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to have this done.

9—St. Paul's Estate—The Housing Manager reported that a number of tenants on this Estate had asked for a supply of electricity for their houses, RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot entertain this until all the arrears of rent have been paid.

10—Non-Subsidy Houses—The Committee further considered the reference back by the Council of the proposal to erect 22 Non-Subsidy houses on land adjoining Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the present.

11—Arrears of Rent—The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report of the arrears of rent.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.



## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col, Biggs, Green, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Bath and Sandford Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Bursar of the College, expressing satisfaction with the improvement at the junction of these roads. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to the College for giving up the land for the improvement.

2—Lansdown Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a seat under the fascade of the Westal Green Sub-station.

3—Wagons—RESOLVED, That the offer of Wagon Repairs Ltd. of £5 for each of the wagons Nos. 1, 7 and 8 be accepted.

4—Suffolk Square and Suffolk Road Junction—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the owners of Stratford House Hotel and Tunstall Lodge in regard to the suggested improvements at the junction of Suffolk Square, Suffolk Road and Park Place. It was pointed out that when application was made for the approval of the erection of automatic traffic signals at this junction last year the Ministry of Transport in their letter of 15th February last suggested the erection of " Major Road Ahead " signs etc., and that the junction should be kept under observation for six months and that if no improvement in the accident record was made the question of installing traffic signals would then be reconsidered by the Ministry, and these signs had been erected. RESOLVED, That the application to the Ministry of Transport for approval of the installation of traffic signals at this junction be renewed.

5 - Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Mr. H. J. White on behalf of the owner of The Knole, Gloucester Road, offering to give up the land for the widening of the road to the improvement line subject to the Corporation erecting the new fence, the cost of which he estimated at £45 RESOLVED. That Mr. White be informed that the Council are prepared to purchase the strip of land for the sum of £45, which would enable the owner to erect the fences to the new line when the houses proposed to be erected on the land were completed.

6—Borough Surveyor's Department—Chief Engineering Assistant—The Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed five applicants for the appointment of Chief Engineering Assistant, and had appointed Mr. W. G. Bird of Blackburn.

7---"Major Road Ahead" Signs--The Borough Surveyor submitted list of the junctions at which he considered these signs should be erected. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Private Streets--The Borough Surveyor reported that he was receiving applications from owners who were developing land for permission to construct and make up the new roads with a view to these being taken over by the Corporation, so that the houses might be sold free of road charges. RESOLVED. That the Committee approve of this in principle subject to the roads being constructed and made up according to specification first approved by the Borough Surveyor.

9—Hatherley Place—Lane at Rear—RESOLVED, That this lane, in respect of which complaint had been received, be viewed at the next meeting of the View Committee.

10—Montpellier Walk—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. Marston Davis suggesting that a guard rail should be placed at the bottom of Montpellier Walk at the crossing near the National Provincial Bank as the view of down traffic to pedestrians crossing the road to Spa Buildings was obscured by the Bank premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Projecting Signs—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs. Halfords Ltd. in regard to the rail outside their shop from which goods were hung. RESOLVED, That this be viewed at the next view meeting.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Beetham & Clark for permission to erect a projecting electric sign outside their premises at 90 Promenade be not granted.

12—Streamer Across Colonnade—Read, application for permission to erect a streamer across the Colonnade, advertising Fry's Show Train which would be at St. James' Station on 4th December, when a charge for admission would be made, and the proceeds given to the General Hospital, RESOLVED, That the application be granted for two days.

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13—Gloucester and Libertus Roads—Read, letter of 10th inst, from Councillor Grimwade suggesting that white lines should be painted at this junction. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—St. Paul's Road—Read, report of damage to footpath outside Nos. 53 and 55 St. Paul's Road by a lorry belonging to the Regent Superfine Petrol Co. That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage

15—One-Way Traffic Orders— (a) Sandford Mill letter from the Ministry of Transport that the Minister had decided to confirm the One-Way Traffic Order in respect of Sandford Mill Road, and as soon as an intimation was received that the notices were ready for erection, the Order would be confirmed. The Borough that the notices were on order and delivery was expected in a few days the Surveyor reported

(b) Strand, High Street—The Committee further considered the One-Way Traffic Order in respect of the portion of High Street from Bath Road to Cambray, and considered that experience of the working of this Order showed the desirability of making One-Way Orders in respect of the portion of Bath Road and Cambray and Bath Street. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 46 (2) of the Road Traffic Act 1930 and Section 29 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933, That an Order be made, under the Common Seal prohibiting the driving of any vehicle along the streets and in the directions mentioned below, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation thereof :—

Street.	Direction in which driving of Vehicle
Prohibited.	
Bath Road from its junction with the North Easterly side of Bath Street to its junction with the South Westerly side of High Street.	North Easterly.
Bath Street.	South Easterly.
Cambray Place from its junction with the South Westerly side of High Street to its junction with the North Easterly side of Bath Street.	South Westerly.

(c) Promenade—The Committee further considered the question of making a Unilateral Parking Order in respect of the portion of the Promenade from Crescent Terrace to Imperial Circus. RESOLVED, That the making of a Unilateral Parking Order be not proceeded with, and that Minute No. 8 passed at the meeting of the Committee on 16th July last be rescinded RESOLVED, also, in pursuance of Section 46 (2) of the Road Traffic Act 1930 and Section 29 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933, That an Order be made under the Common Seal prohibiting the driving of any vehicle in a

North Easterly direction along the Promenade from its junction with the North Eastern side of Crescent Terrace to the South Western side of Imperial Circus, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation thereof. RESOLVED, also, That when the Order is confirmed notices be put up directing vehicles along Crescent Terrace and Clarence Parade. RESOLVED, also, That in pursuance of Section 46 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1930 and Section 29 (4) of the Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933, an Order be made under the Common Seal revoking the Borough of Cheltenham (Traffic Regulation) Order 1932 as amended by the Borough of Cheltenham Traffic Regulation (Amendment) Order 1933 in so far as it affects Imperial Circus Road.

J. H. TRYE.

Chairman.

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#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th October, 1934.** Present—Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James and Lipson ; Mesdames E. Booy, Lewis Grist and L. Mellersh (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report-1934. Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September,

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	26.4	26.7
At Clare Street (10 Meetings)	18.3	17
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	34.2	41.8
At St. Mark's (10 Meetings)	23.8	23.4

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September,  
1934 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,389
" Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	561
" " (over 1 year)	504
" Un-notified Births discovered	5
" Still Births discovered ...	1
" Home Visits paid by Health Visitors	1,636
" First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	144
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	50
" Children remitted to Hospital	4
" Ante-natal cases visited ...	28
" Whooping Cough cases visited	5
" Measles cases visited	4
" Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C	2

Grants of Milk :		
Carried over from previous quarter		114
New Orders ...		54
Orders discontinued during quarter ..		58
“ continuing to coming quarter		110

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register visited during the Quarter	37	13
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	35	15

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 33 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st July to 30th September, 1934, and that the total amount of doctors' fees paid for this period was £27 3s 0d. of which £7 18s. 3d was rechargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 30th September, 1934 : Deaths of Infants 4 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1 ; Liability to be a source of infection 2.

4—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 4 infants and 62 mothers had attended the School Dentist in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee during the quarter ended 30th September, 1934.

5—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for treatment in the General Hospital and the provision of a Special Nurse in two notified cases of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That these accounts be passed for payment.

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6—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927 --The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Minnie Godden for her premises at 17 Priory Street to be registered as a Maternity and Medical Nursing Home under the Act, and recommended that the application should be granted for three cases. RESOLVED, That the premises be registered for three cases.

7—Winter School for Health Visitors--Read, circular of 5th inst. from the Women Public Health Officers' Association, inviting the attendance of Health Officers to the 14th Winter School for Health Visitors to be held at Bedford College, London, from 28<sup>th</sup> December to the 9th January next. The expenses for the course, including residence in Bedford College, was estimated at £9 5s. 0d. plus railway fare. RESOLVED, That Miss Jordan be authorised to attend the School.

8—Maternity and Child Welfare Facilities—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the report made by Dr. Carol Sims after her recent visit to Cheltenham to enquire into the maternity and child welfare work in the Borough. The Ministry were glad to note the good provision made in conjunction with voluntary bodies for the welfare of mothers and children but with a view to increasing efficiency the Ministry suggested that consideration should be given to :—

(a) the need for more frequent visiting of children between the ages of one and five years ; and

(b) the desirability of extending to children under five years of age the facilities already available for the treatment of school children, including any arrangements for orthopaedic treatment which may subsequently be made. The Medical Officer of Health also submitted report on Dr. Carol Sims' visit, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to submit a report on the suggestions made by the Ministry to the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That a grant of £5 per annum be made to the Infant Welfare Association towards the provision of Cod Liver Oil for children, as suggested by Dr. Carol Sims.

9—Maternal Mortality—Read, circular 1433 of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the Circular 1167 of the 11th December, 1930, and the accompanying memorandum 156 (M.C.W.) on the subject of Maternal Mortality, which contained various suggestions for improving and developing maternity services of Local Authorities, and asking to be informed as soon as possible of the action which the Council decide to take in order to render their maternity service fully effective. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following extensions remained to be considered :—

(a) Extension of facilities for the provision of consultants in cases other than Puerperal Fever—To cover this requirement he recommended that the existing panel of consultants nominated by the Committee for the purposes of giving advice and treatment in cases of Puerperal Pyrexia at a fee of £3 3s. 0d. should be made available also for cases presenting any complications during pregnancy or at or after confinement, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Further provision of Hospital Beds for patients whose home conditions are unsuitable for confinement—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the accommodation at the Victoria Home was not usually held to be available for cases merely on grounds of unsuitability of home conditions, and it had been considered that the Swindon Road Institution meets the requirements of these mothers, but he thought that if sufficient accommodation was available the Victoria Home Committee might admit cases on these grounds if the Corporation made a further payment. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to approach the Victoria Home Committee thereon.

(c) Sterilized Maternity Outfits—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That two sterilized Maternity Outfits be purchased at a cost of about £2 for patients for whom either the Doctor or the Midwife considers that the provision is desirable.

(d) Employment for Midwives—RESOLVED, That the suggestion of the Ministry that the Council might encourage the employment of midwives by contributing to the fee of a midwife who is acting as a Maternity Nurse under a Doctor for a confinement be not adopted.

(e) Education of women as to the Importance of Ante-Natal Supervision—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the need for further activities in this direction would be considered in conjunction with the staff of the Victoria Home, and the Health Visitors would take every opportunity of impressing on mothers the importance of ante-natal supervision

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday 18th October, 1934.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham : Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Morris; Capt. Leschallas, Major Shakspeare ; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, W. F. Harris, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A Yiend (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings--The Borough Buildings, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
3833	Hall, G. A. M.	8 semi-detached houses and 4 garages, new road off Old Bath Road
3834	Alden, H. J.	Cycle and tool shed, Risbury, Eldon Road
3835	Hawkins, R. A.	Tool shed, Wynville, Eldon Road.
3836	Skinner, I. M.	Tool shed, Batchcott, Eldon Road,

3837	Young, L. E.	Motor house, 7 Shelley Road.
3838	Pitcher, J.	Tool shed, Sindola, Eldon Road.
3839	Davies, A. G.	Tool shed, 15 Eldon Road,
3840	Bramblebury, E. J.	Tool shed, Furzedown, Eldon Road.
3841	Rendle, A. H.	Cycle and Tool shed, 3 Wordsworth A
3842	Hacker, C. M.	Cycle and tool shed, 17 Eldon Road.
3843	Wood, A. D.	Cycle and tool shed, 93 Tennyson Road
3844	White, H.	Bathroom over Porch, 1 Priory Terrace.
3845	Goddard & Hunt	Motor house, Eldon Road.
3846	Powell. Miss	Motor house, Westbourne House, Grafton Road.
3847	Cheltenham Electricity Undertaking	Sub-station, lane off Hales Road.
3848	Corpus Christi College	4 semi-detached houses, St. Paul's Street South, on land proposed to be acquired from Corporation.
3849	Cheltenham Cottage Co, Ltd.	New sculleries, 1 to 24 Millbrook Street.
3850	Browning, Miss G.	New bathroom, 6 Hatherley Place.
3851	Silk, Mrs.	Alterations, Portmore Lodge
3852	C. H. Rainger, Ltd.	Motor house, Cheltondale
3853	Ward, E. L.	Potting and tool shed, Hatherley Court Road.
3854	Baker, F. J. W.	Cycle shed, 1 St. James' Terrace.
3855	Trenhaile, W. S.	Conversion of store shed to Chapel of Rest and store shed, rear of Clare Garden Cottages.
3856	Martin, C. B.	New bathroom and alterations to shop front, 336 High Street
3857	Shirer & Haddon	New porch, 1 Malvern Place.
3858	Bendy, A. J.	Motor house, Mead Road.
3859	Siddall, N. L.	Extension to workshop, Old Bath Road.
3860	A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd.	Motor house, Pittville Circus Road.
3862	O'Brien, S.	Detached house, Tewkesbury Road.
3863	Currie, J. D.	Motor house, rear of 13 Royal Crescent.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3834, 3835, 3836, 3837, 3838, 3839, 3840, 3841, 3842, 3843, 3845, 3846, 3847:3848, 3849. 3850, 3851, 3852, 3853, 3854, 3855, 3857, 3858 and 3860 be approved ; That Plan No. 3833 be approved subject to (1) the buildings being set back behind the building line, (2) the garages being set back behind the line of sewer, (3) petrol traps being connected to the drains to take water from the washdown, (4) the roofs being covered with dark sand faced tiles, and (5) the value of the houses being not less than £650 exclusive of the value of the land. That Plans Nos. 3844, 3859 and 3863 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 Corporation, and in the case of Plan No. 3859 subject also to the roof water being carried to a soakaway ; That Plan No. 3856 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and That Plan No 3862 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the building to the building line and the front fence to the improvement line, and to dedicate the necessary land for the widening of the road if and when required.

2—Town Planning Area—(a) Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :--

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
681	Gridland, A.	House, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
682	Reed, D. W.	House, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
683	Green, P. R.	House, Warden Hill Road.
684	Packman, J. T.	Garage, Glebe Road, Prestbury.
685	Trinder, J. W. T.	Garage, Jocelyn, Prestbury Road.
686	Pearce, Mrs.	Extensions to cottage, Crickley Hill.
687	Taylor, Miss	Extensions to cottage, Greet.
688	Bowd, W. H.	3 pairs of houses, East End, Charlton Kings.
689	Parker, J. H.	Hut, Seven Springs, Charlton Kings.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 681, 682, 684, 685 and 687 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 683 and 688 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to dedicate the necessary land for the widening of the road to the line laid down in the Scheme if and when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No. 686 be approved subject to the new work being carried out in the same materials as the old building ; and That Plan No. 689 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the but within one month and at his own cost if at any time required by the responsible authority.

(b) Plan No. 550—Read, letter from Mr. A. B. Cole applying for permission to defer painting the windmill erected by him at the Seven Springs until the Spring as he had been advised that the galvanizing had not been sufficiently weathered. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health stating that the Model Clauses were still under consideration, but it was anticipated that the revised Clauses would be issued by December next.

(b) Read, letter of 10th inst. from Councillor Burrow suggesting that an explanatory leaflet on the Town Planning Scheme should be issued. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Town Planning Assistant be asked to prepare a leaflet for consideration by the Committee.

(c) RESOLVED, on the request of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, That the lines of their proposed sewers be shown in the Scheme.

(d) RESOLVED, also, That the lines of proposed sewers in the Borough be shown in the Scheme.

4—Road A40—Cheltenham Boundary to Northleach Prison—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the County Highways Committee had decided to drop the prescription of building and improvement lines on this road on the understanding that such lines would be included in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Morris, Capt. Leschallas and Mr. Harris be appointed to inspect the road and to recommend as to the proposed improvement lines.

5—Buildings on Approaches to Cheltenham—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England urging that if the Committee cannot prevent building along the roads on the hills around Cheltenham they should endeavour to require the houses to be set well back from the roads so as not to obstruct the views. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee always endeavour to do this, and will have regard to the views expressed in their letter.

6—Town Planning Conference—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Conference held at the Shire Hall on 17th inst., and that the Conference had asked the County Council to draft proposals for the Town Planning of the County, and for the establishment of joint Executive Committees for the areas substantially on the lines shown on the map produced at the Conference.

7—Applications to Develop—(a) Plan No. 690—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plan and application for permission to establish a cabinet and joinery works at the end of Windsor Street, RESOLVED, That the site be approved generally subject to the submission of plans.

(b) Plan No 692—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. M. Lucas for permission to erect a bungalow on land fronting Swindon Road, draining into a septic tank be not granted in view of the large number of cess pits in this area

(c) Plan No. 693—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed development on land at Nostell, Leckhampton Road by Mr. G. A. M. Hall. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved in principle subject to certain modifications, including the provision of turning space and splayed entrances to Leckhampton Road and to building lines being fixed

8—The Hollies, Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and application from Mr. G. A. M. Hall for the amendment of the site of the proposed new road at the Hollies, Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the plan, as now amended, be approved, and that Minute No. 6 passed at the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd August last be varied accordingly.

9—Contravention of Byelaws—Mr T. W. Smith attended in regard to the two brick built bungalows and the conversion of offices and mess room adjoining Whitfield Cottage into a house which had been erected without submission of plans and which contravened the Building Byelaws. He now submitted plans of the two bungalows, and stated that he intended to demolish Whitfield Cottage, but if required would be prepared also to demolish the offices and mess room. RESOLVED, That the plans of the two bungalows be approved subject to Mr. Smith entering into an undertaking :—

(1) To demolish Whitfield Cottage and the offices and mess room.

(2) To set back the fence of the pair of houses adjoining one of the bungalows so as to provide requisite air space to be appropriated to the bungalow, and providing access thereto from the road to be provided ;

(3) To dedicate the necessary land in front of the houses and bungalows for a street ; and

(4) To expose the drains, footings, concrete oversite and damp-proof course of the bungalows for inspection by the Borough Surveyor, and to remedy any defects found therein.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Burrow, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, Smith and. Waite; and Mr. H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair):

1—Montpellier Gardens--Floral Fete—Mrs Bisset and Messrs, Baring and Fuller attended on behalf of Floral Fete Committee and asked for the use of Montpellier Gardens for the Floral Fete to be held on the 26th and the 27th June next. The Fete Committee had considered Sandford Park and Pittville as the venue for the Show, but were satisfied that Montpellier Gardens was the best site. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens (with the exception of the Putting Course) be granted for the two days of the Show 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 to and approved by the Committee, and subject also to the Floral Fete 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, and subject also to no loud speakers or



amplifying sound apparatus being used, and also to the Floral Fete Committee making provision in their contract for the Fun Fair to retain control over the side shows so as to have power to veto shows which are objectionable, and subject also to the Floral Fete Committee issuing tickets to persons hiring the hard tennis courts during the Show as last year. RESOLVED, also, That the grass tennis courts be let one week earlier if the ground is suitable for play as in previous years

2—St. Peter's Bathing Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the 11 weeks ended the 26th ult. approximately 10,730 children had used the Bathing Pool in St. Peter's Recreation Ground.

3—Swimming Pool—(a) The Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed two applicants for the appointment of Clerk of Works for the Swimming Pool, and had appointed Mr. C. Steer of Newcastle, Staffs, at a wage of £6 per week, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanctions to loans amounting to £13,937 for the construction of the Pool, and also formal approval to the appropriation of the land belonging to the Waterworks Undertaking and Dale's Field for the Scheme.

(c) RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the proposal of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee to use the spare piece of land adjoining Cheltondale as a nursery garden in place of the land taken for the St Peter's Recreation Ground.

4—Spa Baths—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

5—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the British Legion Western Area conference to be held on 16th and 17th February next.

(b) Councillor Burrow reported that the Stationers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland had decided to hold their annual conference in Cheltenham next year during the five days commencing on 1st June. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the conference, and that the thanks of the Committee be given to Councillor Burrow for his efforts in securing the conference.

(c) National Federation of Meat Traders—The Town Clerk reported that the Federation had provisionally booked the week commencing 30th September, 1935 for their conference.

6—Town Hall—(a) Diocesan Conference—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. E. F. S. Fowler stating that at a meeting of the Conference on 3rd inst. a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Corporation for granting the free use of the Town Hall for their conference.

(b) United Girls' Clubs' Display—Read, application from Miss M. T. for a concession in the hire charges for the Large Hall for the Annual Display of the United Girls' Clubs and the six rehearsals RESOLVED, That the Club be allowed to have three rehearsals in the Winter Garden and three in the Town Hall free of charge on dates to be arranged with the Entertainments Manager.

7--Alstone Baths—Read, application of 1st inst. from Mr. H. J. Norris, applying for a reduction in the charge made for the hire of the Baths and chairs for the School galas. RESOLVED, That the charge of 10s for the hire of the chairs be discontinued in future, and that the 10s already paid for the last School Gala be refunded.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1934**, Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Burrow, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson and Waite; and Messrs. E. Baring and H. W. Bennett (Councillor Waite in the chair).

8—Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported on the provision of heating installation for the Swimming Pool and recommended that a vertical steam boiler system should be provided. He estimated the cost of this including pipe returns, condensing tanks and heater bye-pass, and 35 ft. chimney at £648, on which the loan charges were estimated at £56 5s 0d. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect the heating installation at the Finchley Swimming Pool and subject to their being satisfied with their inspection the Council be recommended to approve the installation, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £648. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the work.

9—Spa and Alstone Baths—(a) The Committee considered the question of installing filtration plants at these baths. The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the installation of filtration plant at the Spa Baths at an estimated cost of £1,050. He also submitted plans and estimates for providing filtration plant for the two Swimming Baths at Alstone Baths to be installed in the existing Laundry which would have to be enlarged, and for the erection of a new Laundry which would also serve as a Laundry for the new Swimming Pool at Sandford Park. He estimated the cost of this work at £2,068 but the enlargement of the existing Laundry to provide for a filter house would necessitate the purchase of a small piece of land from the Great Western Railway Co. RESOLVED, That consideration of the installation of the filtration plant at the Spa Baths be adjourned for one month. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to install the filtration plant at the Alstone Baths and provide a new Laundry and, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the work and that the Committee be authorised to accept a tender. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms with the Great Western Railway Co. for the purchase of the small piece of land required for the filtration plant. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,068 for the cost of carrying out the work.

(b) The Borough Surveyor also submitted plans and estimates for providing additional dressing accommodation for ladies along the side of the Alstone Baths on land belonging to the Great Western Railway Co., and also for tiling the bottom of the Bath, re-decorating the interior, new flooring tiles round the Bath and also plans for covering in the Open Air Bath for providing a Bath for the school children, RESOLVED, That consideration of carrying out this work be adjourned.

10—Pittville Gardens—Dog Show—RESOLVED, That a miniature of the Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the Corporation for the above Show be offered for the winner of the Cup at next year's Show.

11—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Annual Meeting and Conference of the English Amateur Swimming Association to be held on the 1st and 2nd March next.

(b) Councillor Howell reported that the Gloucester Branch of the British Medical Association had decided to invite the Association to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1937. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to support the invitation on behalf of the Corporation and that free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Conference.

(c) RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Spring Council Meeting of the National Association of Master Bakers, to be held on the 1st and 2nd April next.

12—Town Hall—(a) Read, application from Mr. A. Pearson for a concession in the charges at the Town Hall for the Annual Display of students of Pengwern College, which this year would be in aid of the Rugby Football Club. RESOLVED That the free use of the large Hall be granted for one rehearsal as last year on a date to be arranged with the Entertainments Manager.

(b) Fire Drill—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for Fire Drill by the staff at the Town Hall once a quarter and to submit a report thereon to the Committee after each Drill.

13—**Entertainments Sub-Committee**—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on 19th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Dance Teas—That in future the charge for the Dance Teas be 1s 6d. including tea and that no separate Dance and Tea tickets be issued.

(b) Winter Garden—That the whole of the Winter Garden be let to Lady Sybil Lygon on the 19th November next for a Boxing Tournament to be promoted by Mr. Jeff Dickson in aid of the jockey, Eric Foster, who had been permanently disabled, at a rent of £5 plus all loss of rent and out-of-pocket expenses, including compensation payable to the Badminton Club for giving up the South Transept, and subject to a written confirmation from the Badminton Club that they are willing to give up the building being received by the Entertainments Manager.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Entertainments 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 Monday, 22nd October, 1934,** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Kendall, Morris, Scott Langley and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaints of the lighting in Leighton Road and Great Western Terrace, and also letter from Councillor Grimwade suggesting that the half-night lamp in Gloucester Road at the junction of Libertus Road should be changed to an all-night lamp. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that a View Meeting of the Committee be held next month.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report on the Public Lighting Improvement Scheme which showed that the estimated cost of completing the Scheme, as approved was £1,078 adjourned until the estimates for next year are considered. RESOLVED, That consideration be

(c) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report and details of expenditure on public lighting for the current year, amounting to £6,839 15s. 3d. excluding the cost of alterations and improvements, and the Committee approved of the report and estimates.

2—Sub-Stations--(a) Hales Road--The Sub-Committee reported that they had received six tenders for the building of the new Sub-station at the rear of 5 High Street, and had accepted the lowest tender received, namely that of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Son, amounting to £295. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract.

(b) Eldon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell were willing to sell a small piece of land for the erection of a kiosk for £3, plus 1 ½ guineas for Solicitors' charges. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3--Borough Electrical Engineer's Department-RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to advertise for a cost clerk at a salary of £200, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry

of Health for approval of the post being designated as an established post for the purposes of the Superannuation Act.

4—Extension to Main—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension to main referred to in his report at an estimated cost of £85 10s. 7d. on the terms now approved by the Committee.

5—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the deviation in the route of the overhead lines between Staverton and Uckington subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Rossley Manor—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of overhead lines for the supply to Rossley Manor etc., in the parish of Dowdeswell subject to the usual conditions.

6—Charlton Kings Station—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with the Great Western Railway Company in regard to the laying of a cable near Charlton Kings Station.

7—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Hanover Parade—Read, report of Borough Electrical Engineer of damage to a lamp standard in this road on the 29th ult. by a motor lorry belonging to Mr. A. Whittern. The claim had been settled under a sharing agreement with the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Co.

(b) Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer of damage to a lamp standard in Thirlestaine Road on the 10th inst. by a motor car belonging to Mr. W. H. Bowen, and the Town Clerk reported that the Scottish Automobile and General Insurance Co. Ltd. were willing to settle the claim by paying 75 per cent. of the cost of renewal. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(c) Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer of damage to a lamp standard in Albion Street by a motor lorry belonging to Mr. E. Sharp. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

(d) Sharing Agreements—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to all the Companies with whom the Corporation had agreements for the settlement of claims on the halving basis suggesting that the agreements should be amended so as to provide for the settlement of claims by the payment of 75 per cent., and that the majority of the Companies had agreed to this, and the agreements had been amended accordingly. Three companies had offered to increase their payment to two-thirds, and a number of others were giving the matter their consideration. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to terminate the agreements with the companies who are not prepared to pay the 75 per cent.

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8-- South-West England Alterations and Extensions Scheme, 1934—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Central Electricity Board enclosing this Scheme, awl the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Scheme did not affect the Corporation. RESOLVED, That no representations be made thereon.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th September which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 472.5 B.Th. U.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 28th ult. and 5th, 12th and 15th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 475.7, 469.7, 471.1 and 471.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.2, 5.2, 5.8 and 5.8 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett and Scott Langley (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For month ended 30th September, 1934.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	86,000 gallons	110,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	95,000	182,000
Leckhampton Springs	19,000	27,000
	200,000	319,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 74,660,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Southwick Farm—Read, application from Mr. E. P. Warner for a supply to Southwick Farm situate in the Tewkesbury area of supply. Read, also, letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury stating that the Tewkesbury Corporation had no objection to the supply being given. The Borough Engineer reported that the supply could be given from the 9 inch rising main but it was undesirable to tap this. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Boiler—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, That the second boiler be re-fitted with open front at a cost of £45.

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6—British Waterworks Association--RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend the Winter Session of this Association to be held in London on the 22nd November.

7—Cleevelands Drive—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to extend the existing main in Cleevelands Drive to connect with the present main in Marle Hill Court Road and to provide a new service to the house occupied by Miss Kesteven at an estimated cost of £81.

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for wiring the Lodge at Dowdeswell Reservoir.

9—Crickley Hill Water Supply—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham R.D.C. that his Council could not agree to the Corporation having the right at any time of acquiring the undertaking proposed to be provided in the Crickley Hill District, and asking the Committee to delete this clause from the proposed agreement. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend the Council to adhere to their previous decision, which they consider is reasonable.

10—Dowdeswell Glebe Land—Mr. C. C. Castle reported that Mr. Barrett desired to give up the tenancy of the two fields Nod. 268 and 295 let to him at a rent of £3 per annum, and that Mr. Neather was willing to take to these. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th October, 1934.** Present—The Deputy Mayor: Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Sawyer, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Leigh James, Lipson, Pruen and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that with the exception of a case of swine fever the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Domestic Servants' Registries—Superintendent Wayman reported that all the Registry Offices in the Borough had recently been visited, and the books inspected and found in order.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date, 1934.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses
21st September .	Model Farm, Ullenwood	Not apparent ...	£2,000—£3,000	£15 5s. 10d.
		Also called four days later as result of same.	--	£3 14s. 10d.
12th October ...	22 Shakespeare Road	Electric wiring of motor car	Slight.	£3 15s. 0d.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of K. R. Payne for the transfer of Licence No 51 to Taxi Cab Registered No. DF 3319 be granted.

5—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. B. Shenton for a licence to store 250 gallons of petrol in an underground storage tank at 30-36 Bath Road be granted.

6—Gresford Colliery Disaster Relief Fund-- Read, circular from the Joint Honorary Secretaries of this Fund requesting the co-operation of all local authorities in making the Fund as large as possible, and the Town Clerk reported that the Mayor had made a local appeal in the "Echo." RESOLVED, That the Council recommend to make a donation of 25 guineas, subject to sanction of Minister of Health.

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7—Stansby Trust--Read, letter from the Rector stating that the administration of grants under this Trust was becoming more difficult, and as most good cases were likely to be obtained through the Local Education Authority, he suggested that when representatives of the Council were next appointed on the Trust, Mr. Long should be appointed. Alderman Margrett stated that he was willing to resign his trusteeship in favour of Mr. Long. RESOLVED, That his resignation be accepted, and that Mr. Long be appointed a Trustee for a period expiring on 29th October, 1938.

8—Soup Kitchen—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on his recent inspection of the Soup Kitchen. RESOLVED That he be instructed to have the lower ventilator painted, and also the kitchen whitened.

9—Root, Fruit and Grain Show—RESOLVED, That a Cup, value £5 5s. 0d., be given for this Show in place of the Cu] previously given, which had been won outright.

10—Superannuation—RESOLVED, That the services of Mr. R. Owen Seacome, Town Clerk, be extended for one year up 18th November, 1935.

11—Leckhampton Hill—Read, letter from Mr. L. Prust offering to pay £5 per annum for the right of catching rabbits with ferrets and nets on Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to no guns or traps being used, and the right to terminate on 28th February next.

12—Fouling of Footways by Dogs—RESOLVED, That Superintendent Wayman be instructed to take steps to enforce the Byelaws made by the Council with regard to the fouling of the footways by dogs, and that an advertisement be issued in the " Echo" stating that proceedings will be taken against any person offending against the Byelaws.

13—Athletic Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place one pole near the grandstand in the Athletic Ground be granted subject to an annual payment of one shilling, and on the understanding that the Postmaster General will make good any damage which may be done in the placing or maintenance of the works, and subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club, stating that the Club were prepared to take a lease of the ground for the days actually required for Rugby purposes, namely all Saturdays and the two Bank Holidays, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for practice from the 1st September to the 22nd April, and four other weekdays during this period at a rent of .120 inclusive. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, but that the ground be let to the Club on a yearly tenancy as from the 1st May next, determinable by three months notice on either side, at a reduced rent of £250 per annum, including Rates, but the reduction in the rent to take effect as from the 1st November, 1934.

14—Borough Extension—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health in reply to the Town Clerk's letter asking for a deputation to be received in regard to the Borough Extension, and stating that the Minister did not think it would be proper for him to see a deputation from the Town Council, but that the Council might rest assured that their representations would receive the Minister's careful consideration.

15—Market—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd. agreeing to the increase in the fixed rents not exceeding a total of £525 on condition that should there be a material decrease in the actual expenditure as compared with the estimates, a proportionate reduction should be made in the fixed rents, and that the percentage payable on the sales of 15s. per cent, should apply to the gross amount of all sales exceeding £50,000 and not £40,000 as previously agreed. The Town Clerk reported that tenders were being obtained for the work. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Mayor be authorised to open the tenders and submit a tender for acceptance at the Council Meeting.

16—Town Clerk's Department—RESOLVED, That this Committee consent to J. Roberts, Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department, being articulated to the Town Clerk.

17—Airport—The Town Clerk reported that all the purchases of the land had been completed except the purchase from the Co-operative Society and the small piece of land belonging to Mrs. Piff, both of which purchases would be completed shortly. The lease to the Westgate Motorhouse (Gloucester) Ltd. had been entered into and the Contract with Mr. J. B. Carr for levelling etc. had been made and he had commenced work. The Joint Committee were in negotiation for the sale or lease of a site on the frontage for the erection of a factory.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1934,** Present- Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Rogers and Smith Clarkson, Vizard and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments :—

The following allotments were in a bad state with seeding weeds :-3a, 51, 57, 80, 82, 87, 90, 91, 97, 104 (b), 107 and 109 Asquith Road; 10 and 13 Alma Road ; 1 and 2 Brooklyn Road ; 20, 21. 63 and 194 Crabtree Piece ; 16 and 33 Creamery Piece ; 28, 33, 39, 49 and 53 Albert Road ; and 53 (b) Whaddon Road (1920). RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments intimating that unless the allotments are put in a satisfactory condition within three months, notice to quit will be given.

2—Land, Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted proposed layout of the land recently purchased for allotments. RESOLVED,, That the land be laid out in  $\frac{3}{4}$  chain plots to be let at the rate of 15s per chain, the allotments to be rent free up to the 1st January next to allow time to get them in order. RESOLVED, also, That an advertisement be issued inviting applications for these and other vacant allotments, and that notices be put up at the allotments.

3—Asquith Road Allotments—Read, application from the tenant of No. 29 for permission to erect a greenhouse on the understanding that no claim for compensation will be made on the termination of his tenancy. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

4—Reduction of Rents—The Visitors reported that they had inspected the allotments which were let at rents above the standard rate, and recommended that the rent of all these allotments should be reduced to the standard rate.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1934.** Present—Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Rogers and Smith (Alderman Sawyer in the chair).

1—Horizontal Bars—The Borough Surveyor reported that on enquiry he had ascertained that it was the practice in other towns to have either concrete, asphalt or tarmacadam beneath these bars.

2—Nursery Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that as the ground available at Ark Gardens for raising plants would be required for St. Peter's Recreation Ground, other ground would be required, and he suggested that two plots at the end of the open air Bath at Sandford Park should be appropriated for this purpose A new greenhouse would be required, and some fencing and double gates and supply of water. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

3—Pittville Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that repairs were required to the heavy cornice which caps the columns in the front elevation. RESOLVED, That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the building with the Borough Surveyor and report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee:- Chairman (Alderman Sawyer), Councillors Addis, Bendall and Green.

4—Sandford Park—Read, Resolution passed by the National Citizens' Union suggesting that dogs should be allowed to run free in the portion of Sandford Park east of College Road on certain days in the week. The Town Clerk pointed out that this would require an amendment of the Byelaws. RESOLVED, That this be not approved.

5—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Brooklyn Hard Court Tennis Club asking for a reduction in the rent of the courts for next season. RESOLVED, That consideration of tennis be adjourned until the letting of the courts comes up for consideration.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.



**BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th October, 1934,** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bettridge, de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 22nd September to 19th October, 1934. Interments 50 ; Grave Spaces sold 23 (First Position 4, Second Position 3, Fourth Position 16) ; Memorials erected 11; New Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9062 to 9084.

3 -Designs- RESOLVED, That the following Designs be approved :—Cross, Bases and Kerbing to graves of de Castro Elizabeth Ward, and Egbert Langlen Litchfield ; Cross and Kerbing to grave of Agnes M. H. P. Dittmer ; Kerbing and Posts to graves of Frederick Clyde Clare, Joseph Sharp Clare and Ellen Clare, and Edwin Davis ; Kerbing to graves of Edith Ramsland Harland, Stephen Henry Treweeke, and Edward Starforth.

4—Lavatory Accommodation—Councillors Addis, Bendall and Green reported their inspection of the lavatory accommodation at the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates for improving and enlarging the existing accommodation so as to provide for two W.C.'s for women and two for men, one of each to be provided with penny-in-the-slot locks.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

**RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Taylor 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 the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters--The Borough Treasurer submitted list of arrears for which Orders had been obtained from the Magistrates and the Committee gave instructions for distraint or Committal Orders applied for, but in some cases to be suspended while weekly payments as settled by the Committee were regularly paid. RESOLVED, That Mr. Dennis Louis O'Brien of 2 Britannia Square, Fairview Street be appointed Bailiff for levying distress.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1934.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £100,600 ; Owners' allowance £771 ; Voids £3,615 ; Excused £215 ; Refunds ; Irrecoverables £493.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1934. Amount collected £15,077 ; Abatements ; Voids £167 ; Defaulters £11.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £85 had been received for 3 ¼ per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1934.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
25th September	Swimming Pool	£10,087	30 years.
25th September	Concrete, Swimming Pool	£2,000	20 years.
25th September	Filtration Plant, Swimming Pool	£1,600	15 years.
25th September	Equipment, Swimming Pool	£250	5 years

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on 23rd inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair) and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Leigh James.

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

6—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £4,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

7—Superannuation Scheme—(a) RESOLVED, That Miss Phyllis Wilkins (Library Assistant) be appointed to fill the vacant designated post on the Library staff under the Scheme.

(b) Quinquennial Valuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Quinquennial Valuation of the Scheme was due on the 1st April next. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to report in regard to the cleaners and others who had so far been excluded from the Scheme.

8—St. Mark's Housing Estate—Messrs. Cutler & Sysum's Contract—The Borough Treasurer submitted the final accounts of this contract. The total cost of the contract, including the cost of making good the defects, was £12,674 13s. 10d. as compared with Messrs. Cutler & Sysum's tender of £10,560, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Federated Employers Insurance Co, Ltd. for payment of the sum of £1,500 due under their Bond.

9—Municipal Year Book—Three tenders were received and opened for the printing and supply of the Municipal Year Book for the next three years RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Jennings & Sons of Gloucester, of £3 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted

P. P. TAYLOR

Chairman.