

Borough of Cheltenham

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, CHELTENHAM, 8th November, 1935.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

I beg to give you notice that a **SPECIAL MEETING of the Council will be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES in the Borough on TUESDAY, the 19th day of NOVEMBER, 1935 at Three o'clock** in the afternoon pursuant to the **Local Government Act, 1933** to consider and decide as to the expediency of the Council promoting in the ensuing Session of Parliament jointly with the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Gloucester in the County of the City of Gloucester (hereinafter called " the Gloucester Corporation ") a **Bill for the following purposes** (that is to say)—

To establish a joint Board consisting of representatives of the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation ;

To transfer to the Board the Tewkesbury pumping station of the Cheltenham Corporation and the water main laid by that Corporation from that pumping station to Stonehouse Farm ;

To empower the Board to construct :—

An intake from the River Severn in the Borough of Tewkesbury.

An extension of the existing treatment and filtration plant and pumping station in the Borough of Tewkesbury (belonging to the Cheltenham Corporation and to be transferred to the Board);

A line or lines of pipes in the borough of Tewkesbury ;

A line or lines of pipes in the borough of Tewkesbury and the parishes of Elmstone Hardwicke Deerhurst Leigh Boddington and Staverton in the rural district of Cheltenham and the parish of Churchdown in the rural district of Gloucester ;

A covered service reservoir in the said parish of Churchdown ;

A line or lines of pipes in the said parish of Churchdown ;

An improvement of the public road leading from Churchdown over Churchdown Hill to Hucclecote to be situate in the said parish of Churchdown ;

A diversion of the public footpath leading from Churchdown over Churchdown Hill to Gloucester to be situate in the said parish of Churchdown ;

To empower the Cheltenham Corporation to construct a line or lines of pipes in the said parish of Churchdown, the parishes of Badgeworth Shurdington Up Hatherley and Leckhampton in the rural district of Cheltenham the borough of Cheltenham and the urban district of Charlton Kings.

To empower the Gloucester Corporation to construct a line or lines of pipes in the said parish of Churchdown, the parishes of Hucclecote and Barnwood in the rural district of Gloucester and in the city of Gloucester ;

To authorise the compulsory acquisition of land by the Board the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation for the purposes of the works above described, and to enable the Board to purchase additional lands by agreement and to retain and sell lands ;

To empower the Board to abstract water from the river Severn by means of the works transferred to and constructed by the Board or some of them, to provide for the apportionment between the

Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation of the water so obtained by the Board and to impose upon the Board an obligation at the request of the Cheltenham Corporation or the Gloucester Corporation to carry out works for the purpose of affording and to afford an increased supply of water to the Cheltenham Corporation, or the Gloucester Corporation, or both Corporations

To define the portions of the parish of Badgeworth in which the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation shall in future be authorised to supply water, and repeal the power of the Gloucester Corporation to supply water in the parish of Shurdington ;

To extend the limits for the supply of water by the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation ;

To provide for the repayment by the Gloucester Corporation to the Board of the sums expended by the Board in the purchase of land for and the construction of the works to be constructed by the Board specified in the Bill ;

To extend and apply to the Board the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933 relating to the borrowing of money by a local authority as if the Board were a local authority within the meaning of that Act ;

To enable the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation to borrow money for the purposes of the works to be constructed by them respectively under the powers of, and for other purposes of the Bill and to enable the Gloucester Corporation to borrow money for the purposes of the works to be constructed by the Board, the cost of which is to be borne by the Gloucester Corporation, and to enact other financial provisions ;

To enable the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation to lend money to the Board ;

To provide for the apportionment between the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation of the expenditure on revenue account including loan charges of the Board and the application of money received by the Board ;

To confer upon the Cheltenham Corporation all necessary and convenient powers with regard to the supply of water by them ;

To enact further provisions with reference to streets, buildings, sewers, drains and the health and good rule and government of the borough of Cheltenham ;

To repeal the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 with regard to the market tolls etc. payable under that Act and to authorise the Cheltenham Corporation to demand, receive and recover in lieu thereof such tolls, rents and charges as the Cheltenham Corporation with the approval of the Minister of Health may prescribe ;

To repeal the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 relating to the following matters :—

The establishment of the Cheltenham Corporation Consolidated Loans Fund, the payments into that fund of sums for dividends and for redemption and extinction and purchase and extinction of stock, the sources from which those sums shall be provided, the collection of money and the levying of rates for those purposes, the application and accounts of the said fund, the application of income in the separate accounts of the said fund, and the determination of the revenues on which loans are to be charged ; and to apply, in lieu of those provisions, to stock issued under the powers of the said Act the following of the Local Authorities (Stock) Regulation, 1934, namely :—

- No. 5. Stock (Interest Account) ;
- No. 6. Stock (Sinking Fund) Account ;
- No. 7. (Sums to be credited to the sinking fund account) ;
- No. 9. (Application and investment of money in sinking fund account) ;
- No. 10. (Allocation of stock purchased from sinking fund account) ;
- No. 11. (Accumulations in respect of sums applied in redemption or purchase of stock) ;
- No. 13. (Application of money in sinking fund account for borrowing) ;
- and to make other consequential amendments of the provisions of the said Act of 1889.

To confer upon the Gloucester Corporation power in certain circumstances to alter the day on which the sheep and horse fair known as Barton Fair shall be held ; and power to make Byelaws prohibiting or restricting the use by persons riding motor bicycles, bicycles, or other similar vehicles of any footways, alleys, or passages, to be defined in such Byelaws.

And for other purposes, and of defraying any costs and expenses incurred by the Council in relation to the promotion of the Bill out of the General Rate Fund and General Rate or such other funds rates and revenues of the Corporation or partly out of one or other of such funds rates and revenues and in such proportions as may be determined by the Council.

Yours truly,

Town Clerk.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th November, 1935.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Cowbell, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of December, 1935, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meetings.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY AND WATER JOINT COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To appoint a person acquainted with the needs of various kinds of Schools a member of the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. C. H. V. Hogg.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Saturday, 9th November, 1935, at 11.30 a.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, E. W. Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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

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

The Rev. de Courcy-Ireland for St. Peter's Ward. Mr. Thomas Wilfred Waite for St. Paul's Ward. Mr. John Howell for Pittville Ward. Mr. Harold Miller for All Saints' Ward. Mr. Daniel Leopold Lipson for College Ward. Mr. John Lionel Ewart Bendall for Park Ward. Mr. Edward Lawrence Ward for Lansdown Ward. Mr. Stanley Rogers for St. Mark's Ward.

And reported that they had made their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., 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.

The Out-Going Mayoress invested the new Mayoress with her Chain and Badge of Office.

3—Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P., for the able, impartial and hospitable manner in which he has carried out the duties of Mayor for the past two years, and to Mrs. Ward for the way in which she has assisted her husband in the performance of his varied duties.

4—Appointment of Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P., to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That the appointment be recorded on the Minutes of the Council.

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

Alderman Margrett ... St. Peter's Ward.

Alderman Pates St. Paul's Ward.

Alderman Pruen Pittville Ward.

Alderman Taylor ... All Saints' Ward.

Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham College Ward.

Alderman Sawyer Park Ward.

Alderman Moore Lansdown Ward.

Alderman Capt. Trye . St. Mark's Ward.

6 — Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly

Meeting of the Town Council held on the 28th October, 1935, and of the Special Meeting held on the 31st October last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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7-Town Clerk- Resolved, That on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee the services of the Town Clerk be extended for one year up to the 18th November, 1936.

8-Appointment and Duties of Committees-**Public Health Committee**-Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :-Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore, Morris, 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 :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, E. W. Moore and Morris, 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 Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Howell, and Leigh James, ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. Lewis Grist, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs. Leonard Wood.

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 and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Green, Dr. Hayward, 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 including the roads and footpaths on the Pittville Estate, 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, and to manage and control the Royal Well Omnibus Station.

Town Planning Committee— Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara Winterbotham Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore 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 of the following Acts so far as regards new streets and buildings : Public Health Acts, The Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, The Roads Improvement Act, 1925, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896, 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 ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Parks, Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Spa Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and Sandford Park Swimming Pool, 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 Montpellier Gardens, 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 :—Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Leigh James, Ben James, Morris and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890, 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1927, and the regulations of the Board of Trade and Electricity Commissioners made thereunder.

Water Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates and Sawyer ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, 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. To regulate and manage the Public Parking Places.

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, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, 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, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, F. Vizard, E. H. Carter and E. M. Yeend (representing the interests of occupiers of allotments) and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts.

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Rating Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Rating Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, E. W. Moore, 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 :—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, E. W. Moore and Rogers, 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 Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Leigh James 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 :—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Davis, Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. E. A. Deansley, H. J. Norris, W. N. Weech, C. E. Walsh, B.A., and F. Vernall, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Howell, Langley and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. J. N. Clift, C. R. Mapp and W. N. Weech as Consulting members, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum and all matters relating thereto.

Pension Committee—Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, and That their term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1936, 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 :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Davis, Howell, Smith and Waite ; Messrs. E. Baring, T. J. Craig and M. Ross Logan.

9—**Education Committee**—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett. Moore, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Addis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Compton, Grimwade, Howell, Leigh James, E. W. Moore and Morris. Resolved, also, That Mrs. E. M. Pruen be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee for a further term of 3 years expiring on the 9th November, 1938.

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 :—The Mayor ; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Bendall, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Ben James, Langley, Miller, Moore and Rogers.

11—**Delancey Hospital**—Resolved, That Councillor S. C. Morris and Dr. R. Kirkland be re-appointed Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a further term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1938.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

At a Special Meeting of the Town council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Tuesday, 19th November, 1935, at 3 p.m., pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1933. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A. in the chair). The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, 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, Miller, E. W. Moore, Morris, Smith and Waite.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. J. Bettridge.

The following resolution was passed by a majority of the whole number of the Council : (1) That the Council do promote in the ensuing Session of Parliament jointly with the Mayor Aldermen and

Citizens of the City of Gloucester in the County of the City of Gloucester (hereinafter called " the Gloucester Corporation ") a Bill for the following purposes (that is to say) :—

To establish a joint Board consisting of representatives of the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation ;

To transfer to the Board the Tewkesbury pumping station of the Cheltenham Corporation and the water main laid by that Corporation from that pumping station to Stonehouse Farm ;

To empower the Board to construct :—An intake from the River Severn in the Borough of Tewkesbury ;

An extension of the existing treatment and filtration plant and pumping station in the Borough of Tewkesbury (belonging to the Cheltenham Corporation and to be transferred to the Board) ; A line or lines of pipes in the borough of Tewkesbury ;

A line or lines of pipes in the borough of Tewkesbury and the parishes of Elmstone Hardwicke Deerhurst Leigh Boddington and Staverton in the rural district of Cheltenham and the parish of Churchdown in the rural district of Gloucester ;

A covered service reservoir in the said parish of Churchdown ;

A line or lines of pipes in the said parish of Churchdown ; An improvement of the public road leading from Churchdown over Churchdown Hill to Hucclecote to be situate in the said parish of Churchdown ;

A diversion of the public footpath leading from Churchdown over Churchdown Hill to Gloucester to be situate in the said parish of Churchdown ;

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To empower the Cheltenham Corporation to construct a line or lines of pipes in the said parish of Churchdown, the parishes of Badgeworth Shurdington Up Hatherley and Leckhampton in the rural district of Cheltenham the borough of Cheltenham and the urban district of Charlton Kings; To empower the Gloucester Corporation to construct a line or lines of pipes in the said parish of Churchdown, the parishes of Hucclecote and Barnwood in the rural district of Gloucester and in the city of Gloucester ; To authorise the compulsory acquisition of land by the Board the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation for the purposes of the works above described, and to enable the Board to purchase additional lands by agreement and to retain and sell lands ; To empower the Board to abstract water from the river Severn by means of the works transferred to and constructed by the Board or some of them, to provide for the apportionment between the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation of the water so obtained by the Board and to impose upon the Board an obligation at the request of the Cheltenham Corporation or the Gloucester Corporation to carry out works for the purpose of affording and to afford an increased supply of water to the Cheltenham Corporation, or the Gloucester Corporation, or both Corporations; To define the portions of the parish of Badgeworth in which the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation shall in future be authorised to supply water, and repeal the power of the Gloucester Corporation to supply water in the parish of Shurdington ;

To extend the limits for the supply of water by the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation ; To provide for the repayment by the Gloucester Corporation to the Board of the sums

expended by the Board in the purchase of land for and the construction of the works to be constructed by the Board specified in the Bill ;

To extend and apply to the Board the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933 relating to the borrowing of money by a local authority as if the Board were a local authority within the meaning of that Act ; To enable the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation to borrow money for the purposes of the works to be constructed by them respectively under the powers of, and for other purposes of the Bill and to enable the Gloucester Corporation to borrow money for the purposes of the works to be constructed by the Board, the cost of which is to be borne by the Gloucester Corporation, and to enact other financial provisions ;

To enable the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation to lend money to the Board ;

To provide for the apportionment between the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation of the expenditure on revenue account including loan charges of the Board and the application of money received by the Board ;

To confer upon the Cheltenham Corporation all necessary and convenient powers with regard to the supply of water by them ; To enact further provisions with reference to streets, buildings, sewers, drains and the health and good rule and government of the borough of Cheltenham ;

To repeal the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 with regard to the market tolls etc. payable under that Act and to authorise the Cheltenham Corporation to demand, receive and recover in lieu thereof such tolls, rents and charges as the Cheltenham Corporation with the approval of the Minister of Health may prescribe ;

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To repeal the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 relating to the following matters :—

The establishment of the Cheltenham Corporation Consolidated Loans Fund, the payments into that fund of sums for dividends and for redemption and extinction and purchase and extinction of stock, the sources from which those sums shall be provided, the collection of money and the levying of rates for those purposes, the application and accounts of the said fund, the application of income in the separate accounts of the said fund, and the determination of the revenues on which loans are to be charged ; and to apply, in lieu of those provisions, to stock issued under the powers of the said Act the following of the Local Authorities (Stock) Regulation, 1934, namely :—

No. 5. Stock (Interest Account) ;

No. 6. Stock (Sinking Fund) Account ;

No. 7. (Sums to be credited to the sinking fund account) ;

No. 9. (Application and investment of money in sinking fund account) ;

No. 10. (Allocation of stock purchased from sinking fund account) ;

No. 11. (Accumulations in respect of sums applied in redemption or purchase of stock) ;

No. 13. (Application of money in sinking fund account for borrowing) ; and to make other consequential amendments of the provisions of the said Act of 1889.

To confer upon the Gloucester Corporation power in certain circumstances to alter the day on which the sheep and horse fair known as Barton Fair shall be held ; To confer upon the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation power to make Byelaws prohibiting or restricting the use by persons riding motor bicycles, bicycles or other similar vehicles of any footways, alleys, or passages to be defined in such Byelaws ; And for other purposes, and that the costs and expenses in relation to the promotion of the Bill (except Parts IX and XI thereof) be charged upon the General Rate Fund and General Rate or such other funds rates and revenues of the Gloucester Corporation or partly out of one or other of such funds rates and revenues and in such proportions as may hereafter be determined by the Gloucester City Council, And that the costs and expenses in relation to the promotion of Parts IX and XI of the Bill be charged upon the General Rate Fund and General Rate or such other funds rates and revenues of the Cheltenham Corporation or partly out of one or other of such funds rates and revenues and in such proportions as may hereafter be determined by the Cheltenham Borough Council.

(2) That the Common Seal be affixed to the Petition for the Bill and to any other necessary documents.

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Avery : " That Section 105 be deleted from the Bill " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Howell : " That Section 87 be deleted from the Bill " was lost).

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd December, 1935.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th November, 1935. Present—Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite.

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

2 ---**Flooding Sub-Committee**--RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris and Waite be re-appointed the Flooding Sub-Committee.

3—**Farms Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Councillors Leigh James, Moore and Rogers be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Insanitary Property at 30 and 31 Tivoli Street ; 10 Tivoli Terrace ; 2 Brighton Cottages, Alstone Lane ; and 6 Queen's Parade—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are 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.

5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz —6 Queen's Parade ; Bath Road Corner Cafe, 20 Francis Street ; 30 and 31 Tivoli Street ; and 10 Tivoli Terrace—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 50 Naunton Crescent—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, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 Stretton Terrace, Rosehill 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.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 3 Pittville Lawn ; 6 Beaufort Buildings ; and 57 Winchcomb 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 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 the Committee on the 14th January, 1936.

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(b) 10 St. Philip's Terrace ; 23 Lansdown Place ; 29 Grosvenor Place South—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. Miss L. Cowley, owner of 29 Grosvenor Place South, attended and objected to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are 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) Claremont Cottage, rear Montpellier Terrace ; 1, 2 and 3 News Cottages, Alstone Lane ; 12 Townsend Street ; 14, 15, 54, 55 and 58 Worcester Street ; 16, 17, 18 and 19 Waterloo Street ; 1 and 2 The Retreat, Tewkesbury Road ; 1 and 2 Cakebridge Cottages ; and Cresswell Cottage, Carter's Lane—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 14th January, 1936.

(d) House rear of 82 High Street ; 2 The Waterloo ; 34 and 36 Malvern Street and 1 Crowther's Passage ; 16 and 17 St. Anne's Terrace ; 7 Waterloo Street ; 45a and 47b New Street 1 Red Lion Passage ; 4 Russell Place ; 17 and 18 King Street and 56 Swindon Road ; 11 Waterloo Street ; and 1, 2 and 3 Hatherley Cottages --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. Midwinter on behalf of Owner of 2 The Waterloo ; Mr. Loveridge, Owner of 7 Waterloo Street ; Mrs E. J. Watts, Owner of 45a and 47b New Street ; Mr. D. Howell on behalf of the Owner of 4 Russell Place ; Mr R. P. Lamb, Owner of 17 and 18 King Street and 56 Swindon Road ; attended and consented 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) House rear of St. John's Institute ; 23 Commercial Street ; 43, 45 and 45a St. James' Street ; Witney Cottage, Granley Road ; 30 and 31 Worcester Street ; 44, 45, 46, 46a, 47 and 47a New Street ; 46 Townsend Street ; 32a and 34 Victoria Place ; and 6 Russell Place—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, subject in the case of 46 Townsend Street to the washhouse being made safe in the meantime.

(f) 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for two months to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works necessary to recondition the premises.

(g) 1, 2 and 3 Glenfall Terrace; 46 Brunswick Street South ; 1 and 2 Arle Cottages ; 39 Cleaveland Street ; 16 Gloucester Place ; and Hanover Cottage, Hanover Street—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners of these houses to carry out the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation be accepted.

(h) 29 Tivoli Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the undertaking given by the Owner of this house had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the same be cancelled.

(i) Clearance Orders-2 Hartley Place ; 42, 43 and 44 Montpellier Villas ; 4, 5 and 6 Berkeley Avenue—Read, letter of 14th ult from the Ministry of Health, that these properties would be excluded from the Clearance Orders in view of the Undertakings offered by the owners. RESOLVED, That notice be given under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, of the intention to make Demolition Orders in respect of these houses with a view to formal undertakings being given by the owners under this Section

(j) House, rear of 82 High Street—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Mr S. G. Cox, stating that he proposed to convert this cottage into a store to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and undertaking that the premises should not be used for human habitation RESOLVED, That this undertaking be accepted as sufficient compliance with the Demolition Order.

(k) 2, The Waterloo—Mr. H. F. Midwinter attended on behalf of the owner, and asked that the owner should be allowed to use these premises as a store. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to this subject to an undertaking being received from the owner to carry out such alterations as will prevent the premises from being occupied again for human habitation, and that the premises will not be so used.

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(l) Caravan, Normal Terrace—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the owner of this caravan, undertaking not to occupy the same, and asking for permission for the caravan to remain in the yard. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(m) House, rear of 23 Townsend Street—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Miss E. Browning, asking for permission to use this house as a store. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

(n) Arle Farm Cottage—Read, letter from Mr. S. G. Wood asking permission to use this building as a potato store. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that Mr. Wood be asked to furnish a certificate from his architect as to whether the building is structurally safe.

(o) 1 Suffolk Parade—The Sanitary Inspector reported as to the occupation of the basement of these premises in contravention of the Closing Order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the owner for an offence under the Act.

(p) 27 Lansdown Crescent and 10 Pittville Lawn—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these houses be adjourned for two months. .

(q) 1 Pittville Lawn and 13 Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these houses be adjourned for month, and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect 13 Clarence Square again.

(r) Building, rear of 6 and 7 Bath Street—RESOLVED, That the making of a Demolition Order in respect of this building be not proceeded with as it appeared that the premises were being used as a store and there was no intention of using them again for human habitation.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. Pork ; 3 qrs. 9 lbs. Beef 1 cwt. 9 lbs. Fowls ; 17 lbs. Rabbits 5 lbs. Damson Plums.

9—Dust Nuisance —Dammann Asphalt Works—Read, memorial of 19th ult. from 11 residents in Tewkesbury Road complaining of the nuisance caused by the emission of dust from the Dammann

Asphalt Works in Tewkesbury Road. Messrs. W. G. Ratcliffe and Jones attended on behalf of the Madeley Wood Coal Blast Stagg Co. Ltd. and stated that the emission of dust was caused when the dust collection bags were being shaken ; the directors had carefully considered the matter, and now submitted plan for the installation of a large centrifugal dust collector, which they estimated would reduce the quantity of dust by about 60 to 80 per cent. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

10—Housing Act, 1935—Overcrowding Survey—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum from the Ministry of Health in regard to the Overcrowding Survey, and the Committee considered memorandum of the Medical Officer of Health thereon. He recommended that a complete survey should be made, and that a temporary staff consisting of six enumerators and one supervising enumerator-clerk be engaged for the work. He thought that the survey could be completed in about 4 to 5 months. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health be approved, and that 6 temporary enumerators be engaged at a wage of £2 10s. 0d. per week, and a supervising enumerator-clerk at a wage of £3 a week, also that a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr Hayward, Morris and Waite be appointed to engage the temporary staff, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain a list of suitable men from the Labour Exchange.

11—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 18th ult from the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangement of the annual reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1935. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

12—Offensive Trade —82 Tennyson Road—Read, application of 22nd ult. from Mr. W. T. Morris for the renewal of the consent to the carrying on of the trade of a fish frier at these premises RESOLVED, That the Council consent to the carrying on of the trade of a fish frier at 82 Tennyson Road for a further period of 12 months, expiring on the 31st October, 1936 RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Morris be informed on an application being made for a further extension that the Committee will have to consider the necessity of requiring him to alter his present fish frying apparatus or obtain new apparatus so as to provide that the fumes are passed through the furnace.

13—Carlton House, Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advised Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard, the owner of this house, that a substantially constructed retaining wall to the River Chelt should be built, but that he was merely providing temporary shuttering, which he considered would not be satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Town Clerk be instructed to interview Mr. Sheppard thereon.

14—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons asking the Committee to reconsider the terms for extending the sewer along Brooklyn Gardens, Arle Road, which the Borough Surveyor estimated would cost £400. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to make the necessary extension subject to the estimated cost of the work being deposited, to be refunded at the rate of 10/- for each (1 Rateable Value connected to the sewer, and in beneficial occupation.

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15—Public Convenience—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders received for the erection of this convenience. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons, amounting to £2,565 14s 9d. for the erection of the convenience with artificial stone elevation, be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, and to

sanction to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,565 for the cost of the building.

16—Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide a subsidiary sewer in the footpath for the development of the Hollies Estate by Mr. G. A. M. Hall, at an estimated cost of £206, subject to Mr. Hall depositing this sum, to be refunded to him at the rate of 10s for each £1 Rateable Value connected to the sewer, and in beneficial occupation.

17—Parkleigh, Tivoli Road—The Committee further considered letter from Messrs. Jessop & Son in regard to the subsidence of this house, which, they alleged, was caused by the work carried out in connection with the Park Place Resewerage Scheme. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the house, and found that the settlement had occurred at the end of the building furthest from the sewer, and there was no evidence that this was in any way caused by the sewerage work referred to. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to repudiate any liability in the matter

18-1, 2 and 3 Glenfall Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected these houses, the back wings of which Miss D. M. Wills alleged had subsided owing to the laying of the new sewer a few years ago. He could not find any indication of settlement which could be attributed to the work referred to RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to repudiate any liability in the matter.

19—Flooding—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary report as to the result of his investigations of the complaints received of flooding. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Flooding Sub-Committee.

20—Waterloo Street—With reference to the Demolition Orders made or to be made in respect of houses in this street. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Housing Committee be drawn thereto, and that they be asked to consider as to the development of these vacant sites.

21—Common Lodging Houses—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the annual inspection of the Common Lodging Houses. RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. A. A. Meulbreuck in respect of 4 Grove Street and Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, and Mrs. A. A. Evans in respect of Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, The Nelson, High Street, and The Shamrock, Grove Street for renewal of their registration as Common Lodging House Keepers be granted up to the 31st December. 1936.

(b) The Sanitary Inspector reported that the registered keeper of Rowton House, Grove Street, had died, and a new keeper had not yet applied for registration. Considerable repairs were required to be carried out. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner calling attention to this matter. and requiring the premises to be discontinued for use as a lodging house until the same have been made fit to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

22-252-254 Gloucester Road---The Sanitary Inspector submitted letter from the owners of these houses, applying for repayment of the cost incurred by them in relaying the drains which had become blocked by roots of trees in Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Moore.

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

H. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th November, 1935. Present--The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Leigh James, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

2—**Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee**—(a) RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Pates and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Compton, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore and Morris.

(b) Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 8th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Pates Avenue—That the offer of Miss Hort to present some ornamental trees for the open space in Pates Avenue be accepted with thanks.

(ii) Whaddon Farm Estate—That no objection be made to the Cheltenham Town A.F.C. using the contractor's road off Whaddon Road to afford an additional entrance to their Ground, subject to a Police Constable being kept on duty when the entrance is used to prevent the public trespassing on the building site. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Housing Repairs Sub-Committee- -(a) RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Housing Repairs Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—Councillors Addis, Moore and Morris.

(b) Read, report of the Housing Repairs Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 19th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :— That the repairs and re-decorations required to the 13 houses mentioned in their report be carried out. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Sub-Committee be asked to prepare a list of selected Contractors, by whom the work on the various Estates should in future be carried out.

4—Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Avery, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Hayward.

5—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from Mrs. Boddy to purchase a site for a Garage and submitted plan sheaving the site proposed to be offered to her. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration of the View Sub-Committee.

(b) Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an amended plan for the widening of Priors Road which would obviate the necessity of removing the line of trees along the road and provide twin

carriageways. This would involve the taking of a little more land for the scheme but he considered a building line of 25 feet instead of 30 feet would be sufficient. RESOLVED, That this amended plan be approved and that the Council be recommended to give up the land required for the road without charge.

(c) Shop Site—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr C. B. Mills to purchase a plot of land in Whaddon Road for the erection of a shop. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to sell a piece of the land reserved for shop sites in Whaddon Road at the valuation of the District Valuer.

(d) Church Site—The Town Clerk reported that it was desirable to defer proceeding with the sale of the land to All Saints' Church Council until the construction of the lay-out was more advanced, as the site proposed to be sold would be required for giving access to the allotments and for culverting in the brook. RESOLVED, That this be approved but that, in the meantime, All Saints' Church Council be allowed to remove the iron Mission Room on to the new site in a position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor

(e) Field View Cottage—RESOLVED, That the rent of this cottage be reduced to 4s per week in view of the portion of the garden taken for the construction of the road and that, when the house is demolished, the Tenant be granted the tenancy of a house on the Whaddon Estate.

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6—Whaddon Avenue-The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for provision of sheds for the 89 houses on this Estate. He estimated the cost of providing these at £1,120 RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to provide these sheds and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction, to a loan of £1,120 for the cost thereof. RESOLVED, also, That when the sheds are erected the rents of the houses be increased by 3d a week.

7—Moors Estate (a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the whole of the first 132 houses had been completed and that he anticipated the remaining 24 houses would be completed by the end of December, With regard to the road works, he proposed to surface the footpaths and form the roads but to defer the Asphalt work until the Spring of next year. RESOLVED, That this be approved, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roads and footpaths surfaced with clinker forthwith and to provide some sleeper crossings.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the planting of privet hedges along the front fences of all the houses on the Estate. He recommended that the lowest tender received, namely, that of Messrs. Fuller & Maylam, amounting to £31 10s. 7d. be accepted He also recommended that 54 trees be planted on the Estate at an estimated cost of £57 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that the Housing Manager be instructed to circularise the tenants on the Estate requesting them to remove any plants already planted by them against the front fences to enable the planting of privet to proceed.

8—Housing Manager- (a) The Monthly report of arrears was submitted.

(b) The Housing Manager reported that her Assistant, Miss Rushbrooke had now been elected a Professional Associate of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution. RESOLVED, That the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to Miss Rushbrooke.

9—St, Paul's Estate—(a) The Housing Manager reported that a number of the tenants were using brick built sheds for keeping pigeons. RESOLVED, That the Tenants be required to discontinue

keeping pigeons, and that, if they fail to do so, the Town Clerk be instructed to give them one month's notice to quit.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of providing electricity supply for the houses on this Estate, including the internal wiring,

10—Re-conditioning—(a) 104 Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Repairs Sub-Committee That this house be purchased for re-conditioning at a cost of £25 plus £3 3s. 0d. legal costs, and £1 5s. 0d. Agents' fees, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the purchase.

(b) 55 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Repairs Sub-Committee that this house be purchased for reconditioning at the sum of £40 free of legal costs to the Vendor, and that application be made to the Ministry for consent to the purchase.

(c) Witney Cottage, Granley Road—That, the offer made on behalf of the owner of this house to sell the same for £50 free of cost be not accepted.

(d) 25 Rutland Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders received for the re-conditioning of this house, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Brothers amounting to £173 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

11—Land, Alstone Croft—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the L.M.S. Railway Co., and Mr. J. K. Troughton on behalf of Mrs. Butt, stating that they were not prepared to accept the offer of the Corporation to purchase their respective lands for £1,500 and £1,800 respectively. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain on what terms the owners would be prepared to sell the back land required for the Playing Field, leaving the owners to dispose of the frontages.

12—Houses for Aged Persons—Read, circular of 1st inst from the National Council of Women, urging the Council to provide houses for aged persons. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next scheme for erection of houses is under consideration.

13—Overcrowding—The Town Clerk submitted Memoranda received from the Ministry of Health in regard to overcrowding under the Housing Act, 1935, copies of which had been circulated to the Committee.

14—Land, Pilley Lane—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Miss Norman to sell half an acre of her land adjoining the land belonging to the Delancey Hospital on the North side of Pilley Lane and reported that the Trustees of the Hospital were also willing to sell the adjoining land belonging to them. RESOLVED, That the View Stub-Committee be asked to inspect and report thereon.

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15—Land, Leckhampton Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. W. H. Horsley to purchase portion of the land fronting Leckhampton Road belonging to the Corporation for the sum of £350. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted but that Mr. Horsley be informed that the Committee are prepared to entertain the sale of the land at a price to be approved by the District Valuer.

16—Clearance Orders—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry had now confirmed 24 of the Clearance Orders. The Minister directed the Corporation to make a payment under Section 64 of the Housing Act, 1935, to the owners in respect of the following 3, 4 and 5 Providence Cottages ; 7 Montpellier Retreat ; 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Field View Cottages ; 26 Fairview Road and 1 and 2 Dovedale

Court. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the owners inviting them to make claims for such payment under the Act.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1935. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Trye ; Councillors Addis, Biggs, Davis, Green, Dr. Hayward and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman -RESOLVED, That Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—**Traffic Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Biggs, Davis, Green and Rogers be appointed the Traffic Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—**Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman Pates, Councillors Col. Biggs, Davis and Morris be appointed the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plans for the widening of this road providing for twin carriageways which would avoid felling the present line of trees. The proposal would increase the estimated cost from £4,449 to £5,550. RESOLVED, That the amended plans be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £5,550 for the cost of carrying out the work and that Minute No. 2 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

5—Five Year Programme—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 14th ultimo from the County Surveyor stating that the County Highways Committee had approved the programme submitted at a total estimated cost of £85,978. The County considered that at least 25 per cent of the balance of the cost of carrying out the Five Year Programme, after deduction of grant, should be paid by the Corporation as being the extent to which the improvement is of the nature of a town improvement. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this proposal, but recommend the Council to agree to contribute one eighth of the balance of the cost of the widening of Priors Road after deduction of grant.

6—Proposed Traffic Island, Junction of High Street and Colonnade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 31st ult, from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport stating that this scheme was approved in principle for a grant of 60 per cent. He also submitted letter of the 16th inst. from Messrs. Hillier, Parker, May and Rowden, asking whether the Council had decided to carry out the scheme as they were about to begin the demolition of the remainder of Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's premises and the re-erection of a new building in accordance with the plans approved. The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer was in communication with the owners of the properties which would be required for the scheme with a view to submitting a valuation thereof.

7—St. Paul's Street South—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with H.M. Office of Works with regard to the widening and improvement of this Street which the Corporation had undertaken to carry out. The Owners of the land had surrendered the necessary land for the widening of the street, and the Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of carrying out the improvement including the

demolition of the Britannia Inn at £900. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to proceed with the work. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £900 for the cost of carrying out the improvement.

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8—Tree, Imperial Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mrs. Davey asking that this tree should be further thinned out or felled. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request.

9—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Western Trading Co, asking for permission to withdraw their tender of 93s per gross for provision of galvanised Manhole Step-Irons, as in submitting this tender they had quoted for Cast-Iron Step-Irons. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee consider that, as a sample of the Step-Irons required was submitted to them, before tendering, they must adhere to their tender.

10—Norwood Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 24th ult. from the County Surveyor, stating that the County Highways Committee had concurred in the Corporation's application for classification of Norwood Road and the re-classification of part of Andover Road.

11—Evesham Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of Mr. C. J. Tinson's objection to the piping in of the ditch adjoining his property in connection with the widening of this road be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

12—Grafton Road and Park Place— RESOLVED, That consideration of the Ministry of Transport's suggestion that Halt" signs should be fixed at various junctions with these roads be referred to the Traffic Sub-Committee.

13—County Main Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of the estimates of expenditure on the County Main Roads in the Borough for the year ending 31st March, 1937 to be submitted to the County Council. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to settle the estimates but that these be fixed at approximately the same figure as for the current year ; regard being had to the extra lengths of road mained during the year

14—Stream at Arle—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Councillor Grimwade in regard to the cleaning out of the stream which flows from Alstone under Brooklyn Road to the River Chelt. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Flooding Sub-Committee of the Public Health Committee.

15—Trees, Gloucester Road --RESOLVED, That the View Committee be asked to inspect the trees in front of the houses in Castle Terrace, Gloucester Road.

16—Naunton Way—RESOLVED, That the remaining length of the new road at Naunton Way made up and completed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor be taken over and that the statutory notice be given accordingly

17—Telegraph Line-- --The Chairman reported that he had given consent to the placing of an underground telegraphic line along the passage leading from Whaddon Road to Pittville Circus Road subject to the usual conditions. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

18—Argyll Road—The Town Clerk submitted Award of Mr. J. H. Boulter, the Arbitrator as to the apportionment disputed by Mr. S. G. Cox. He had Awarded that Mr. Cox should pay the sum of £125 16s. 9d. together with half the cost of the submission.

19—Oxford Passage—Read, letter from Mr. A. Seaton White asking for a "No Parking" notice to be placed in Oxford Passage near the entrance to the Art School. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a " No Parking" notice erected.

20—Eldon Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Head Postmaster for permission to erect a Pillar Box in this Road be granted subject to the exact position of the box being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

21—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Messrs. Hopwood & Sons, and Cheltenham Factors Ltd for permission to erect projecting signs over their respective premises at Reading Room over Engall Cox & Co's offices, 58 High Street and St. Paul's Street be granted subject to the usual conditions, except that in the case of the last mentioned application the sign be at least 16 ft. 6 ins. clear above the highway.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Boots Ltd for permission to erect an additional flood light at the corner of their premises in High Street be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the B.T. Installations Ltd. for permission to erect a projecting electric clock outside 45b Promenade be not granted.

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22-100 High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Haines & Strange for permission to erect a sign on the roof of the new Brewery premises at 100 High Street be granted subject to this being maintained in good condition and to be removable at any time by three months notice if required.

23—Evesham Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. H. Thursfield on behalf of Mr. Baynes of Mountsorrel, Evesham Road, asking if the shrubs and plants planted by Mr. Baynes in front of his boundary in Evesham Road might be allowed to remain RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Baynes agreeing to remove the plants and shrubs at any time when required by the Corporation.

24—Gardener's Lane—RESOLVED, That the View Committee be asked to inspect the junction of this lane near the Swindon Road Schools with a view to an improvement being made.

25—Royal Well Lane Omnibus Station—Read, letter of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Transport in regard to limiting the use of this station to omnibuses belonging to the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co and the Western National Omnibus Co. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee

26—Warden Hill Road—Read, letter from Mr. A. G. Ames complaining of the state of this road. RESOLVED, That he be informed that this road has not yet been taken over by the Corporation and is, therefore, repairable by the abutting owners.

27—View Committee—Read, Report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 13th inst. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillors Addis, Green, Morris and Rogers.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows

(a) St. George's Road--That 8 selected trees be planted forthwith, and that provision be made in next year's estimates for reconstructing footpath and adding 2 ft. to the carriageway co-extensive with the Ladies' College.

- (b) 3 and 4 St. George's Road—That the decayed trees opposite Nos. 1 and 9 York Terrace and " Rivershill " be removed and young trees planted in their place.
- (c) Alstone Croft—That the liability of Mr. E. T. H. Stinchcombe, in respect of the widening of this road including making up footpath be limited to £25 (estimated cost of footpath work £42 7s. 0d.).
- (d) Tanner's Lane—That no steps be taken at present with regard to the making up of this road.
- (e) Gloucester Road—That the applications of Miss Young and four other residents and Mr. C. Daffurn for the removal of the trees outside Nos. 208 and 298 respectively be not acceded to, but that the trees be thinned out.
- (f) Gloucester Road—That pending obtaining land for improving the junction with Libertus Road the Borough Engineer be instructed to fix new radius kerb, setting back on each corner approximately 2 feet.
- (g) Leckhampton Road—That the tree by Mr. Murray Lindner's premises be left with the Borough Engineer to deal with, but not removed.
- (h) Lansdown Road—That the applications of Mrs. Mylius and Mrs. Ridsdale for the removal of trees outside " Oakleigh " and " Chelholm " respectively be not acceded to, but that the trees be thinned out
- (i). Parabola Road—With regard to Mrs. Smith-Morris' letter, that temporary footpath work be carried out
- (j) Parabola Road—That the decayed tree outside " Gransden " be removed and replaced by a young tree.
- (k) Montpellier Parade—That Miss Lines' application for tree outside No. 5 to be thinned out be acceded to.
- (l) Montpellier Drive—That Mrs. H. O'Brien's application for removal of tree outside " St. Michael's" be not acceded to, but that the tree be thinned out.
- (m) Promenade—That Mr. L. Archer's application for removal of tree opposite No. 123 be not acceded to
- (n) Marlborough House, Winchcomb Street—That the Borough Engineer be instructed to fix an additional gully forthwith and examine the connection to the existing gully,
- (o) Andover Road—That in view of the condition of the Acacia Trees in this road, the trees be felled forthwith and replaced with White Beam trees, and that Minute No. 7 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 23rd September last be varied accordingly.
- (p) Albert Road—That Mr. T. L. Thompson's application for removal of two trees outside two new houses be not acceded to, but that the Borough Engineer be instructed to deal with the trees.
- (q) Hewlett Road—That Mr. A. L. Rea's application for removal of tree outside " Avona " be not granted
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- (r) King's Road—That Miss Rowbotham's application for removal of tree outside " Halbeath " be not granted.

(s) Hewlett Street—That Mr. F. Norman's application for removal of tree outside "Rosemead " be not granted.

(t) St. Luke's Road—That Mr. A. Cythgol's application for removal of tree outside No. 5 be not granted.

(u) Orrisdale Terrace—That Mr. W. R. Chipp's application for removal of tree by side of "Vanstone" be not granted. .

(v) High Street—That Mr. F. Knight's application for removal of tree by Nos. 4 and 5 Ashling Villas be not granted. (w) Ambrose Street—That Mr. C. Norris's application for removal of tree by Ambro House be not granted.

(x) 100 Tewkesbury Road—That Mr. J. Warner be offered the sum of 44 for the site of this house, subject to the convenience being set back to line of gable end.

(y) North Place--That the wall of the Grammar School, at the corner of St. Margaret's Road, be set back at a net cost to the Corporation of £72.

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

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

JOINT MEETING OF THE WATER AND STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Monday, 18th November, 1935. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Green, Hayward and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer—The Joint Committee considered application from the Borough Engineer for his salary to be raised to the maximum. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £900 with a further increase of £100 at the end of two years.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Avery, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr Hayward and Grimwade.

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, 18th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That the Deputy 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, 21st November, 1935. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris; Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst ; Capt. Leschallas ; and Mr. Yeend (The Deputy 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.
4153	Parsloe, T.	2 semi-detached houses, Warden Hill Road.
4154	Martyn, R.	Details of shop front, Ormond Place.
4155	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	8 semi-detached and 1 detached house, Rosehill Street and Haywards Lane.
4156	Jenkins, E. W.	Extension of garden shed, Fernlea, Eldon Road
4157	Davis, A. G.	Greenhouse, Bathurst, Eldon Road
4158	Cornelius & Boulter	Garage, 79 Bath Road.
4159	Birchley, E. J.	Coal and tool shed, Tewkesbury Road
4160	Ladies' College Council	Tool shed, Ladies' College Playing Field. Christ Church Road
4161	Hall, G. A. M.	6 semi-detached and 2 detached houses, Keynsham and Keynshambury Roads.
4162	Giles, M.	Coalhouse, Beechhurst Avenue.
4163	Boulton, Mrs. T.	Additions to kitchen, Uplands, Malvern Road.
4164	Cox, S. G.	Alterations and additions, 13 Old Bath Road.
4165	Bird, E.	Garage, Jersey Avenue.
4166	Ames, A. G.	Garage, Warden Hill Road.
4167	Wheeler & Mansell	Revised plan of bungalow, Beechhurst Avenue.
4168	do.	2 semi-detached houses, Hewlett Road.
4169	Brador Estates Ltd.	Shop front and fascia, Promenade and Clarence Street.
4170	Avery, H. M.	Conversion of stables into cottage, private road, rear of Pittville Circus Road.
4171	Godwin, S. G.	Conversion of chapel into garage and living quarters, King Street.
4172	Cheshire, Miss	Reconstruction of garage, Ewlyn Road
4173	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Bathroom, Gardener's cottage, Arle Court.
4174	Copeland, R. V.	Additions, 3 Jersey Place.
4175	Harding, Lt -Col.	Garage, Courtrai, Lansdown Road.
4176	Queen's Hotel Ltd.	Additions, Queen's Hotel,
4177	Goddard & Hunt	Detached house, Jersey Avenue.
4178	Cheltenham Corporation	Sub-station, Moors Housing Estate. Electricity Department
4179	Victory Motor Co. Ltd.	Extensions, Victory Garage, Winchcomb Street.
4180	Cheltenham Shopfitting	New workshop, St. George's Mews. Co. Ltd
4181	Bendall, A. B.	Detached house, Leckhampton Road
4182	Smiths Systems Ltd.	Timber drying shed. Tennyson Road.
4183	Maryland Estates Ltd.	Revised proposal for block of flats, Evesham Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4154, 4156, 4157, 4158, 4159, 4160, 4162, 4165, 4166, 4167, 4169, 4172, 4176, 4177, 4179, 4181, 4182 and 4183 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4153, 4163, 4164, 4173 and 4174 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and subject in the case of Plan No 4153 to the Owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the improvement line when required, and in the case of Plan No. 4163 to the elevation harmonizing with existing building ; That Plan No 4155 be approved subject to the woodwork to the gables being omitted, and to the walls of the corner house being treated

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the same throughout ; That Plan No. 4161 be approved subject to the houses in Keynsham Road being set back to the line of existing buildings, and to the fences in Keynshambury Road being set back five feet to enable the carriageway to be widened to allow for a turning space ; That Plan No. 4168 be approved subject to the houses being set back 30 feet from the road ; That Plan No. 4175 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 Plan No. 4178 be approved subject to (1) the floor of the building being kept to the level of the houses on the Estate, (2) the windows and bricks being similar to those used on the Moors Estate, (3) the surface water being carried to the 36 inch sewer at the bottom of the slope, and (4) the sub-station being surrounded with unclimbable railings when required ; That Plan No. 4180 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 ; and That Plans Nos. 4170 and 4171 be not approved,

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.
872	Mylne, H. J.	Private petrol pump, Battledown Manor, Charlton Kings.
873	Paton, G. J.	Tool shed, Troon, 66 Okus Road, Charlton Kings.
874	Phipps, T.	Shed, Linden Lawn, London Road.
875	Martin, C. W.	Detached house, New Road, Charlton House Estate.
876	Drummond, Powys	Private garage, House No. 3, Brookfurlongs, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
877	Rosser, E. H.	Detached dwelling house, Cleeve Hill, near Cheltenham.
878	Pearce, Mrs. R. E.	Detached dwelling house (Private), Station Road, Woodmancote.
879	Pearce, Mrs. R. E.	Detached dwelling house (Private), Station Road, Woodmancote.
880	Wilson, R.	Garage (Private), Green Shutters, Southam Road, Prestbury.
881	Marchant, Col. R. St. J. Le	Alterations and additions, Rushbury, Cleeve Hill.
882	Jenkins, Mr.	Greenhouse, The Willows. Crickley Hill.
883	Cheltenham Rural District Council.	Three pairs semi-detached houses, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington.
884	Jenkins, C. W.	Bungalow, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
885	Towell, E. A.	Two pairs of semi-detached houses, Golden Valley, Gloucester Road.
886	Billings, A. C. & Sons	Dwellinghouse, New Road, Charlton House Estate.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 872, 873, 874, 875, 880, 881, 882, 883 and 886 be approved ; That Plan No. 876 be approved subject to satisfactory roofing materials being used ; That Plan No. 877 be approved, but that the Owner be asked to dedicate the land for the widening of the main road to the prescribed improvement line, provided the County Council agree to relieve the Owner of any liability for making up the road, and to the house being either rough cast or cement rendered to bring it more in harmony with the Cotswold colouring ; That Plan No. 884 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used ; That Plan No 885 be approved subject to (1) the drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council, (2) the rain water being conducted to the open ditch in the main road, (3) sand faced tiles being used on the roof, and (4) access to the houses being off the right of way, and not individual entrances to the road, also that the Owner be asked to dedicate the land required for the widening of Gloucester Road, provided the County Council agree to relieve him of any liability for making up the road ; and That Plans Nos. 878 and 879 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Glynn for permission to erect a bungalow on land near The Newlands, Bishops Cleeve, be not approved, as the land is temporarily restricted from building development on account of lack of public services.

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking what restrictions were likely to be imposed under the Scheme on the property known as Hayden Lodge, Hayden. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will be prepared to consider the development of this land subject to the density not exceeding 2 houses per acre, access to the houses being off Hayden Road, and to the houses being set back 100 feet from the centre of the road, when widened.

5—Contravention of Byelaws-17 Imperial Square—Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard attended to show cause why the works carried out by him at these premises in contravention of the Byelaws should not be removed or pulled down. Mr. Sheppard expressed his regret, and stated he was prepared to carry out the works necessary to comply with the Byelaws. RESOLVED, That Mr. Sheppard be required to submit plans and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply Mr Sheppard with particulars of the alterations required to be carried out to make the works already executed comply with the Building Byelaws, and that Mr. Sheppard be required to have these works carried out without delay, also that the question of taking further proceedings against Mr. Sheppard be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee or at an earlier meeting if the Chairman considers it desirable that a special meeting should be held.

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6—Appeals—(a) Cheltenham Rural District Council—Plan No. T.P. 841—Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of notice of appeal by the Cheltenham Rural District Council against the condition made with regard to the widening of Back Lane, Winchcomb and asking for the observations of the Council thereon RESOLVED, That the condition made be withdrawn and that it be left to the County Council to arrange direct with the Rural District Council as to any widening required.

(b) Mr. H. O. James—Plan No. T.P.862—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking for the Council's observations on the appeal made by Mr. A. Mitchell on behalf of Mr. James against the refusal of the Corporation to grant permission for the erection of a bungalow on wheels on land in Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of the reasons on which the plan was disapproved.

7—Swindon Village—The Town Clerk submitted memorial received from 14 residents in Swindon Village, asking that the village might be scheduled as an agricultural area, or that the number of houses to the acre should be strictly limited so as to preserve as far as possible the residential character of the village. RESOLVED, That the memorialists be informed that the Committee will have regard to their views when the zoning of the village is considered.

8—Alstone Lawn and Alstone Croft—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given of the intention of the Council to make Orders declaring the portions of Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft to be New Streets. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1925, That Orders be now made declaring the portion of Alstone Lane from Gloucester Road to the railway crossing and Alstone Croft to be New Streets for the purpose of the application thereto of the Byelaws with respect to New Streets and Buildings, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto,

9—Land, Old Bath Road—Read, application of 26th ult. from Mr G. Ayland to rent as an allotment the small piece of land purchased by the Corporation from Mr. Bendall, RESOLVED, That the land be let to Mr. Ayland at a rent of 15s per annum subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

10—Haywards Lane -Read, letter of the 21st ult. from Messrs. J. W. Robson & Son asking whether the Corporation would permit the owners of Sunninghill and Sunningdale to fence in the piece of land in front of these houses given up for the widening of the road some years ago, in order that the ground might be kept tidy. The owners were prepared to give up the land for widening of the road when required. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to payment of a nominal rent of 1s per annum by each owner, and to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into in each case,

11—Proposed Executive Committee—The Town Clerk reported that arrangements had been made with Mr. G. L. Pepler of the Ministry of Health to come down and have a conference with representatives of the Corporation, the County Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the matters in dispute in the draft agreement for the formation of an executive Committee.

12—Town Planning Scheme—Read, letter of the 28th ult. from the Ministry of Health extending the time for the preparation of the Town Planning Scheme up to 31st March 1936.

13—Plan No. 4135—Read, letters from Mr. A. J. Nunn objecting to the extensions of Messrs. Crooks' laundry in accordance with the plans approved by the Committee at their last meeting. RESOLVED, That Mr. Nunn be informed that the plans comply with the Byelaws and the Town Planning Scheme.

14—Plan No. 4122—Read, letter of the 24th ult. from Messrs. Taylor, Simpson & Mosley enquiring whether Mr. Hall would be relieved of any liability for making up the widened portion of Brooklyn Road in the event of his surrendering the small strip of land for such widening, RESOLVED, That, subject to Mr. Hall entering into an undertaking to give up the land for the widening of the road, he be relieved of any liability for making up the widened carriageway, Mr. Hall to be responsible for paving the footpath when required by the Corporation, as at present.

15—Badgeworth Lane—RESOLVED, That the attention of the County Council be called to the large amount of development which is taking place in Badgeworth Lane, in respect of which no sewer has been provided.

16—Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan for the widening of Priors Road-, providing for twin carriageways, which would avoid felling the present line of trees RESOLVED, That

the plan be approved, and that the building line be fixed at 25 feet from the boundary of the road instead of 30 feet.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Bettridge, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair),

1—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement to be entered into with Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Miss B. Kent for the letting of the north Transept of the Winter Garden for a Repertory Theatre. The Lessees asked that the Season should continue up to Whitsun 1936 and also that they should be given an option of renewing the tenancy for the season, 1936-1937. RESOLVED, That the letting for the ensuing season be extended up to the Saturday preceding Whit Sunday, 1936, and that as it will be sometime in December before the alterations will be completed, no additional rent be charged for the extended period. RESOLVED, also, That subject to the Building not being required for the Town Hall Extension Scheme the Lessees be granted an option to renew their tenancy from September 1936 to Whitsun 1937 at a rent of £5 per week, plus any increase in the rates which may be payable in the event of the assessment of the premises being increased as a result of the use of the premises as a Repertory Theatre, and subject to the Corporation being entitled to determine the tenancy at any time on two months' notice.

2—Conference—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to The Catenian Society to hold their annual Conference in Cheltenham next year.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th November, 1935. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers and Waite.

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

4—**Entertainments Sub-Committee**-- RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Pates and Sawyer, Councillors Green, Grimwade, Howell, Smith and Waite.

5—**Medical Baths Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Medical Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Pates, Councillors Avery, Grimwade, Howell, Smith and Waite.

6—**Baths Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year —The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Grimwade, Howell, Rogers, Smith and Waite, with Messrs. R. F. Fowles and J. E. Pusey as representatives of the Swimming Club.

7—**Advertising Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Advertising Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Green and Grimwade, and Mr H. W. Bennett.

8—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the inspection following the Inquiry in regard to the loan of £2,625 for the covering in of the Open Air Bath it was suggested that dual dressing accommodation should be provided so that one class of school children could be undressing while another class was in the water. He submitted plan shewing provision for this which he estimated would cost an extra £170. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £170 for the cost of carrying out this extra work.

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9—Sandford Park Swimming Pool-(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted final statement of the income and estimated expenditure for the Pool up to the 31st March, 1936.

The total expenditure including the Superintendent's salary up to the 31st March next would be £2,587, and the income from Bathing Fees, Weighing Machines and Lavatories amounted to £3,746. He also submitted statement of the expenditure and income for catering. The total expenditure was £950 5s. 6d., and the receipts £1,100 16s. 11d. The total surplus was, therefore, £1,309 11s. 5d.

(b) The Borough Treasurer and Borough Surveyor submitted statement of the capital expenditure at the Pool, as follows :—

Construction of Pool.	Loans Sanctioned.	Amount of Expenditure.
Layout, Car Park, Clerk of Works	£12,227	£13,853 8 2
Equipment	250	312 11 4
Heating Plant	941	964 18 3
Filtration Plant	1,600	1,592 18 9
Land ...	<u>740</u>	<u>740 0 0</u>
	£15,758	£17,463 16 6

Leaving an excess expenditure of £1,705 16 6

In addition the following expenditure has been incurred :—

Mr. Edward White's fee; printing; advertising ; automatic machines : electrical installation for Pool and Cafe	£460 18 2
Equipment for Cafe, including Marquee, hut, tables, chairs, catering requisites, stores etc	<u>£208 16 9</u>
Making a total excess expenditure of	£2,375 11 5

RESOLVED :—

That the sum of £208 16s 9d for cafe equipment and the excess expenditure on the loan of £250, amounting to £62 11s 4d. be paid out of the surplus, and that the Water Committee be asked to make a grant of £320, being the sum credited to the Undertaking in respect of the portion of the Waterworks land used for the Pool.

(ii) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,250 for the excess expenditure, made up as follows:—

Total excess expenditure		£2,375 11 5
Deduct :—	£. s. d.	
Cafe equipment	208 16 9	
Excess expenditure on loan	62 11 4	
Value of Waterworks land	<u>320 0 0</u>	
		<u>£591 8 1</u>
		£1,784 3 4
Deduct :—		
Balance of Surplus, as mentioned below .		<u>584 3 4</u>
		£1,200 0 0
Add :—		
Extra payment to Messrs. Bell Bros., as mentioned below.	<u>50 0 0</u>	
		£1,250 0 0

(c) New Works—In view of the over expenditure, the Committee further considered the question of the improvements authorised to be carried out by the Council. RESOLVED That the work of re-laying the concrete slabs on the Bathers' Deck, estimated at £212, and for re-paving the crazy paving with squared stone, estimated at £330, be not proceeded with at present, but that the work of altering the tray stores and extending the lawns, at a total cost of £454, be proceeded with, and paid for out of the surplus, and that the balance of the surplus, viz : £584 3s. 4d. be credited to the excess expenditure, as mentioned above.

(d) Mechanical Stokers—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Messrs. Bell Bros. as to the error made in their tender for the supply of automatic stokers, which, through a clerical error, were only charged at £150, instead of £300. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances, the Committee agree to make a payment of £50 to Messrs. Bell Bros.

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

(b) Free Treatments—The Superintendent submitted report of the free treatments given to practising medical men at the baths during the past six months. RESOLVED, That these be continued and the Superintendent be instructed to submit monthly reports as to the use made of this concession.

(c) Zotofoam Therapy Equipment—The Superintendent reported that the Foam Bath at the Medical Baths was now obsolete and lie recommended that this form of treatment should be installed at an estimated cost of about £20. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee.

(d) Staff—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Avery, Grimwade and Howell be appointed to consider as to the staffing and duties of the staff at these Baths.

11—Conference—Read, letter of the 28th ult. from the New Education Fellowship stating that the Fellowship had decided to accept the invitation to hold their Seventh World Conference in Cheltenham from July 31st to August 14th next. The acceptance of the invitation had been made possible by the kindness of the Ladies' College, and St. Mary's Training College, in providing accommodation for 212 of the delegates in their boarding houses, and the Deputy Mayor reported

that he had written to the Principals of these Colleges expressing the Council's thanks for their assistance and co-operation in this matter.

2—Swimming Baths and Pools--The Town Clerk submitted circular 1503 of the 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the necessity of Local Authorities seeing that the water in the Baths and Pools was maintained at a proper standard of cleanliness and purity.

13—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 5th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Cafeteria—That a charge of 5s be made to Caterers using the new Cafeteria Plant.

(b) Drawing Room—That in future the use of the Drawing Room as a bar be discontinued. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd November, 1935. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers, Smith and Waite; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

14—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 19th inst. Alderman Pates had been elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Advertising Envelopes—That 50,000 envelopes, with a photograph of the fountain thereon, be purchased at a cost of 7s 5d. per thousand for the writing room at the Town Hall, and for free distribution for use of the Hotels.

(b) Town Hall—That the tender of Mr Haines of £10 to supply 2 cupboards for the Kitchen at the Town Hall be accepted.

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

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15—Spa Gymnasium—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 18th inst. Councillor Waite had been elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That Lt. Edwards be authorised to purchase the equipment for the Gymnasium, approved by the Sub-Committee, at an estimated cost of £35.

(b) Opening—That the Gymnasium be opened on the 30th inst. by the Deputy Mayor, and that an invitation be extended to the members of the Council, the local doctors and representatives of local sports clubs.

(c) Hours—That the hours of opening be fixed as follows :—

Monday : 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Ladies) ; 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (Children) ; 6 p.m.-9 p.m. (Men).

Tuesday : 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Men) ; 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (Ladies) ; 6 p.m.-9 p.m. (Men).

Wednesday : 7 p.m.-10 p.m. (Ladies).

Thursday: 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Ladies); 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (Children); 6 p.m.-9 p.m. (Youths 14-18 years).

Friday : 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (Men) ; 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (Men) ; 6 p.m.-9 p.m. (Ladies)

(d) Charges—That the charge be fixed at 6d. per session, and 1s per hour for private instruction, and that a season ticket be issued at a charge of 10s for adults.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that with regard to the charges, a season ticket be issued to children and juniors up to the age of 18 years, at 5s, and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to make special terms for clubs.

16—Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That in addition to obtaining tenders for the Cafe, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the surfacing of the Car Park.

17—Pittville Gardens—Dog Show—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mrs. D. F. Gardiner, Hon. Secretary of the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society, that it had been decided to hold their 1936 Championship Show on the 21st May next, and applying for the use of the Pittville Pump Room and Gardens. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pump Room and Gardens be granted, as last year, and that a miniature of the Corporation Perpetual Challenge Cup be presented for the Show, as last year.

18—Town Hall—Stage—The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and submitted two schemes for improvement of the lighting and stage setting at the Town Hall. The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the matter, and recommended that the larger scheme for providing a curtain 20 feet by 30 feet, with a pelmet 32 feet by 9 feet, and dimmers, wing floodlights, ground row lights and other lights, at a total cost, including cost of fixing, of £177 6s. 8d. should be carried out. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be not approved, and that the scheme be postponed for the present, and reconsidered when the estimates for next year are under consideration.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1935. Present—Councillors Addis, Benda Davis and Morris.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED. That Alderman Moore 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 Monday, 25th November, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Bendall, Ben James, Morris and Waite. (Alderman Moore in the chair)

2—Extensions to Mains—(a) Rushbury Farm The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application from Mr. G. E. Arthurs for a supply to Rushbury Farm, but as the premises were situate a considerable distance from the present High Pressure cable which terminated at the Rising Sun Sub-Station, it would not be economical to make the extension Mr. Arthurs now asked whether the Committee had any objection to his applying to the Shropshire Power Company for a supply from them. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this, and that the Power Company be informed that the Committee are prepared to facilitate the granting of a Fringe Order to enable the Company to supply Mr. Arthur's premises.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension to the main at Shurdington referred to in his report at an estimated cost of £63, on the terms now approved by the Committee.

3—Public Lighting—(a) Read, report of the View Meeting held on the 18th instant. They recommended as follows

(i) Moors Estate That 2 additional lamps be erected at the entrance to the Moors Estate from Tewkesbury Road.

(ii) Carlton Place That the disused lamp in the cul-de-sac off Carlton Place be re-erected on the wall of the Public Assistance Institution, subject to consent being obtained.

(iii) Hales Road That in view of the building development in this road from Kings Road to Hewlett Road, the existing 4 small lamps be replaced with 10 lamps on higher standards.

(iv) Beechhurst Estate That 5 100 Watt lamps be provided for the lighting of the new roads on the Beechhurst Estate.

(v) Argyll Road That no action be taken in regard to the complaints received of the lighting in this road.

(vi) Montpellier Walk That in view of the provision of the traffic roundabout, the lighting in Montpellier Walk be re-arranged by increasing 2 existing lamps to 500 Watt lamps and providing 2 new 500 Watt lamps.

(vii) Montpellier Street That in connection with the traffic roundabout, 1 new 500 Watt lamp in this street and 1 300 Watt lamp in Queens Parade be provided.

(viii) Warden Hill Road That 5 new lamps be erected in this road, and the underground cable extended therefor.

(ix) Alma Road That 5 new lamp brackets be erected on the existing overhead line poles in this road.

(x) Malthouse Lane That an extra bracket lamp be erected in this lane, at an estimated cost of £18 1s. 10d.

The total estimated cost of these improvements amounted to £573 10s. 7d. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and adopted

(b) Whaddon Farm Estate The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted proposals for the lighting of the new roads on this Estate, at an estimated cost for the first section, of £223 12s. 6d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(c) Southern Road RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect lamps for the lighting of this road at an estimated cost of £34 11s. 3d.

4—Electricity Charges—The Committee considered letters from Councillor Grimwade suggesting certain amendments in the Domestic Rate Two Part Tariff. RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be informed that the Committee consider that his suggestions are impracticable.

5—Supply to Rural Areas—Read, letter of the 25th instant from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the extension of the overhead line in the parish of Great Witcombe on the usual terms.

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, reports of damage to lamp standards on 14th September at the corner of Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace; on 6th October, at the corner of Pittville Street and Albion Street; on 10th October, at the corner of College Lawn and Thirlestaine Road; and on the 16th instant, at the corner of St. Paul's Lane and Swindon Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage.

7—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 31st ult., and 6th, 13th, 21st. and 24th instant, which showed the Calorific Value on these dates to be 473.5, 468.9, 471.6, 472.2 and 472.6 B.Th.U., and the Pressure 5.8, 5.8, 5.6, 5.6 and 6.5 Inches of Water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th November, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Morris. ;

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st October, 1935.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	82,000 gallons	78,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	257,000 "	185,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	13,000	17,000
	352,000	280,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 56,813,000 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—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted analyses of water taken since the last meeting. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase a Chloroscope at a cost of about £5.

6—Rural District Council—Read, letter of 14th ult. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Committee to reconsider generally the rate of charge at present payable by his Council for the bulk supplies to the parishes formerly in the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended not to make any reduction in the present charges.

7—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Bill—(a) The Town Clerk submitted the Draft Bill which was considered and approved.

(b) The Borough Engineer submitted plans and particulars of the main to be laid from the new Churchdown Reservoir, which was included in the Bill. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th November, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Margrett, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James, Smith and Waite.

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

2—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) The Superintendent reported that with the exception of one Swine Fever infected place, the Borough was free from diseases amongst animals

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire Swine Fever Infected Order, 1935, was revoked as from the 25th ult, and that public Notice had been given as required by the Ministry.

3—Fire Brigade—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chairman, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Pates and Councillor Green be appointed Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

Date, 1935.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
1st November	The Elms, Swindon Road ...	Heating apparatus ...	Slight	£4 15s. 0d.
13th "	12 Rodney Road	Light thrown down grating	Slight	£3 5s. 0d.

(c) Dowdeswell Manor—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Messrs. Young & Gilling on behalf of Mr. Clutterbuck, enquiring whether the Corporation would provide the services of the Brigade in the event of an outbreak of fire at Dowdeswell Manor. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to provide the services of the Brigade, subject to payment of an annual retaining fee of £4 per annum, plus the cost of the attendance of the Brigade in the event of any outbreak of fire, and to the usual Agreement being entered into.

4—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Taylor and Trye, be appointed the Market Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—**Air Raid Precaution Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Aldermen Taylor and Trye, and Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland be re-appointed the Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the action to be taken for safeguarding the population against Air attack.

6—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that 20 trees had now been planted in the enclosure under the Devil's Chimney.

7—Numbering of Houses--Six Chimney Lane—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed numbering of this road which was now being developed. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary to the Post Office Advisory Committee stating that it would be of great assistance to the Post Office in the delivery of letters if all the houses in certain streets in the Borough were numbered and enclosing list of the streets which the Post Office suggested should be numbered, comprising :—Church Road, Leckhampton ; Cromwell Road ; Eldon Road; Evesham Road ; Ewlyn Road ; Fairfield Park Road ; Granley Road ; Gratton Road ; Hales Road ; Hewlett Road ; King's Road ; Langdon Road ; portion of London Road in the Borough ; Tivoli Road ; Painswick Road ; Queen's Road, St. Stephen's Road ; Prestbury Road ; Moorend Road ; St. George's Road ; Whaddon Road ; Naunton Lane ; Charlton Lane ; and Moorend Crescent. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree that it is desirable to have the houses in these roads numbered and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates for so doing.

8—Marle Hill House—The Town Clerk reported that the Sub-Committee had inspected this house, and considered that structural repairs were necessary, and had instructed the Borough Surveyor to prepare specification, and obtain tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to open the tenders, and recommend a tender for acceptance by the Council.

9—Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Lane to garage his car in this Car Park be granted subject to payment of 15s per month, the arrangement to be determinable by one month's notice.

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10—Proposed Severn Bridge—The Committee considered the decision of the County Council to promote a Bill in the ensuing session of Parliament, authorising the construction of a Bridge over the River Severn in the neighbourhood E. of English Stones. Read, also, letter from the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce, asking the Council to support their resolution objecting to the proposal. RESOLVED, That, whilst not opposing the proposal, the Count, Council be informed that the Council consider that the whole of the balance of the cost of the bridge, after deduction of Government Grants and contributions from outside Local Authorities which would benefit by the construction of the bridge, should be met by tolls, and that no part of the expenditure should be defrayed out of the County Rates.

11—Municipal Offices—(a) Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Offices be closed for the Christmas Holidays on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th December.

(b) Custodian—Read, application from the Custodian for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £200 per annum.

(c) Housing Survey—RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Pruen be authorised to allocate a room in the Offices for the use of the temporary staff to be engaged on the Housing Overcrowding Survey.

12—Daffodil Picture House—Read, letters of 24th and 31st ult. from the Manager of the Daffodil Picture House, applying for permission to let the Cinema to the Rev. L. Tucker of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evenings for religious services, which would include the exhibition of religious films. A charge for admission would be made to cover the cost, and suitable hymn music would be played and sung. The Town Clerk reported that before this could be allowed it would be necessary for the Council to obtain an Order of the Secretary of State under the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances, the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

13—Y.M.C.A.—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Y.M.C.A. asking the Corporation to make a contribution towards their Special Effort Fund. RESOLVED, That as a reduction in the charges for the hire of the Town Hall had already been made, the Committee are unable to make a further contribution.

14—Ambulance—The Committee further considered the application of the Ambulance Headquarters for an increase in the grant for the maintenance of the Ambulance, and the Town Clerk submitted further letter from the Hon. Secretary, giving particulars of the area served by the Ambulance, and stating that no contributions were received from any other local authorities. RESOLVED, That the Ambulance Headquarters be informed that the Committee are prepared to give the application favourable consideration, but consider that before doing so, the Ambulance Headquarters should take steps to obtain contributions from the other Local Authorities whose districts are served by the Ambulance, or from the County Councils in which the areas are situate.

15—Montpellier Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a name plate put up in Montpellier Avenue.

16—Market—The Town Clerk reported that the Marketing Society had now entered into the agreement for the tenancy of the old office building. The Society pointed out that the doors and window frames required external painting, the chimney bases made watertight, and the steps at the doorway repaired. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work done,

17—Armistice Day--RESOLVED, That the sum of £6 be paid to the Cheltenham Remembrance Day Committee towards the expenses of the observance of Armistice Day.

18—War Pensions Committee—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Pensions stating that an Order had been made extending the period of office of members of War Pensions Committees up to the 31st December, 1936.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Vizard and Yeend.

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

2—Visitors—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed Visitors of the allotments for the ensuing year :—Councillors Addis, Compton and Mr. Vizard for Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field, and Baglin's Piece. Councillor Green and Mr Yeend for Whaddon Road and Albert Road, Councillor Bendall and Mr Clarkson for Asquith Road and Sandford Mead. Councillors Davis, Smith and Mr. Carter for Alma Road, Hatherley Road, Tennyson Road, Brooklyn Road and Wasley's Field.

3—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state :-11, 58, 91, 104, 107, 111(b) and 118(b) Asquith Road; 53 and 150 Crabtree Piece; 21 Creamery Piece; 52 and 79 Whaddon Road (Old); 24, 27 and 53(b) Whaddon Road (New). RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments, intimating that unless their allotments are put in a satisfactory state of cultivation within three months, they will be given notice to quit.

4—Alma Road Allotments-- -No 23.- --Read application from the tenant for a rebate in the rent of this allotment, which he had recently taken, and which had previously been vacant for 12 months RESOLVED, That he be allowed twelve months' rebate in the rent.

5—Gapper's Field Allotments—The Committee considered memorial received from 7 allotment holders at Gapper's Field complaining of the damage caused to their allotments by Mr. Roberts, the tenant of Nos. 10 and 11 who frequently brought a motor lorry on to the allotments, thus damaging the paths and breaking down their produce. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Roberts requiring him to cease taking the lorry on to the allotments, and to make good the paths, and to inform him that he will be liable for any damage caused by him to the path and other allotments.

6—Wyman's Brook-- Read letter of 1st instant from The Land Drainage Officer of the County Council, stating that he had been asked by the Prestbury Parish Council to extend the clearing of Wyman's Brook up to Cemetery Road and to the Parish School at Bouncer's Lane and thence to the end of the lane at Lower Noverton, and asking the Corporation to contribute toward the cost in respect of their allotments, which adjoined the brook. He estimated that the amount payable by the Corporation would not exceed £17. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to contribute to the cost of the scheme.

7—Marle Hill House Estate—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the tenants who are being displaced from Whaddon Road, offering them allotments on the land reserved for this purpose at Marle Hill House Estate, at 17s per chain per annum, to be rent free until the 25th March next, and that an advertisement be inserted in the Echo inviting applications for these allotments. RESOLVED, also, That in the event of the land being laid out as allotments, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to strip the turf from the ground before letting.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Sawyer ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Green be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee desire to record their appreciation of the

valuable services rendered by Alderman Sawyer as Chairman of this Committee during the past 17 years and their regret that owing to ill-health he is unable to continue his Chairmanship.

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

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ...	Councillors Addis and Compton.
Naunton Park	Bendall and Davis.
Whaddon Road ..	Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Green.
Sandford Park	Alderman Sawyer and Councillor Green.
St. Mark's	Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

3—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Davis and Grimwade be appointed to deal with matters in connection with Montpellier Gardens, and that a meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Saturday, the 16th instant, at 10 a.m. to consider as to the site for the rock garden.

4—Gardens Superintendent's House—RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to a telephone being installed at the Gardens Superintendent's house, Field Lodge, College Road.

5—Pittville Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that many of the elm trees in Pittville Gardens and the surrounding area were infected with the Dutch disease, which was causing great concern to Authorities generally throughout the country. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to fell any trees which are definitely found to be infected.

6—Promenade Fountain—Willow Tree—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be now authorised to have the second willow tree removed, and a young tree planted.

7—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Hard Tennis Courts—The Committee further considered letter of the 2nd ult. from the Brooklyn Tennis Club in regard to the letting of the two hard courts at St. Mark's Recreation Ground, RESOLVED, That the Courts be let to the Club at a rent of £40, and that the Committee agree to make an allowance up to a limit of £10 if it is found that there is a deficit in their expenses at the end of the season,

8—Hatherley Court Estate--Read letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, that their clients had now agreed to accept the offer of £1,000 for the 8 ½ acres of land on the Hatherley Court Estate, and asking for a plan showing the position of the proposed entrances. The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates of the proposed layout of the land as a Recreation Ground and ornamental garden and of the approaches thereto. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land and approaches at the price of £1000 subject to sanction to loan being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £3264 made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of land (including stamp) ..	1010	0	0
Fencing	711	5	0
Children's Swings etc.	100	0	0
Levelling, flower beds and general layout ..	583	0	8

Conveniences, Shelter etc. ...	£555 0 0
Clearing lake and ditch ..	100 0 0
Contingencies ...	<u>204 14 4</u>
	£3264 0 0

9—Land Adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letters from Mr. G. Rees, stating that he was not prepared to accept the offer of £720 for the 12 acres of land adjoining the St. Mark's Recreation Ground, and offering to sell this area for £1,440, or 21 acres for £2,100. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, and that the District Valuer be asked to negotiate for the purchase of the land.

10—Sandford Park—Read, report of damage to the fence of Sandford Park in High Street on the 16th September by a car belonging to the Cheltenham Window Cleaning Company. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

11—Offer of Golden Pheasants—Read, letter of the 2nd instant from Mr. Ralph Dobell suggesting that the Corporation should provide an Aviary in one of the Parks, and offering to give a cock golden pheasant and two hen golden pheasants and about 15 canaries to start the collection of birds. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the next meeting of the Committee as to the cost of providing half a dozen pens in Pittville Gardens.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th November, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Davis, Grimwade and Howell ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; and Messrs. H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh

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

2—Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade and Mr. Norris be appointed members of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

—**School Libraries Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade and Mr. Norris be appointed representatives of this Committee on the School Libraries Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Librarian's Report for September and October—Receipts £38 6s. 4d. Number of volumes issued—Reference Department 12,981 (last year 15,569); binding Department 32,967 (last year 31,853) ; Junior Department 3,963 (last year 4,188). Total 49,911 (last year 51,610).

Binding and Replacements-650 volumes had been returned from the binder, and 190 volumes replaced.

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

28th October ... Father W. Palmer, " Ancient English Crosses." (Attendance 146).

4th November ... Rev. E. C. Hanson, "One of our oldest friends—the Parish Clerk." (Attendance 124).

11th " ... Mr. E. W. Lovegrove, "Monastic Life in the Middle Ages." (Attendance 153).

Interior Distempingering—The Library corridor had been distemppered and varnished at a cost of £2 15s. 0d.

School Libraries—The number of volumes issued from the 6 Senior School Libraries for the third quarter ending 30th September, 1935, was 3,349

Discarded Books- 497 obsolete volumes had been discarded from the reserve stock of the Lending Library.

Staff---Miss S. Graham-Smith had been absent for two weeks and two days with tonsillitis.

Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report on the 58th Annual Conference of the Library Association held in Manchester 9th-13th September, 1935, which was approved.

Annual Report—The Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1935, had been issued, without cost, as No 7 of the " Cheltenham Quarterly."

5—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 472 volumes, published at £166 18s. 0d., be purchased for the sum of £102 9s 2d (b) That the sum of £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £15 be spent on Replacements. (d) That 1 volume, published at £5 5s. 0d. be purchased from the Leslie Young Benefaction for the sum of £2 10s. 0d.

6—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following :-2 Anonymous Donors ; Apis Club ; Miss M. Ashberry ; Mr. F. Broadbent ; Messrs, Ed J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. ; Church Congress Exhibition, 1935 ; Lt.-Col. A. M. Cockshott ; Miss E. M. Conder ; Copper Development Association ; Rev. T. H. Collinson ; Mrs. Gairdner ; Miss K. D. Glyn ; Messrs. Sidney Hand, Ltd. ; Miss Holliday ; Messrs. The London Directory Co.. Ltd. ; Merchant Venturers' Technical College ; Mr. Alex. Moore ; Mr. A. J. Moxon ; Mr. W. E. Palser ; Mr. T. G. Phillips ; Mr. P. H. Rofe ; Royal Institute of British Architects ; Mr. E. Gardiner Smith ; Mr. J. Symington ; Mrs. Thorne ; Miss Muriel Trollope ; Dr. O. H. Wild ; Cheltenham Esperanto Society ; Mr. V. Holman.

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

7—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That the purchase of " Film Weekly," suggested by readers, be confirmed.

(b) That "The Near East," submitted by publisher, be not purchased.

(c) That "No More War," offered gratis, be accepted.

8—Friends of the National Libraries—RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of £1 1s. 0d. be made to this Fund.

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9—Borough Surveyor's Report—Read, report from Borough Surveyor on the wood block floors of the Newsroom and Reference Room. RESOLVED, That consideration of this matter be deferred.

10—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for lectures in the Art Gallery for the session, January-- March, 1936, be approved.

11—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on December 25th and 26th,

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

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1935. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Moore

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd November, 1935. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair),

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 19th October to 22nd November, 1935. Interments 54 ; Grave Spaces sold 18 (First Position 1, Second Position 1, Third Position 3, Fourth Position 14) ; Memorials erected 14 ; New Inscriptions 10

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9293 to 9310.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1855 to 1865, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

5—Car Park—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to resubmit the scheme for the construction of a Car Park on the orchard ground belonging to the Corporation, adjoining the Cemetery, with a view to provision being made for this in next year's estimates.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Grimwade and Dr. Hayward ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Major J. G. N. Clift.

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

2—Curator's Report for October—Visits-2,892 (last year 2,795). Included in these figures were 5 parties, numbering 56 students, from local schools and colleges.

Receipts---Sale of catalogues, postcards, etc., £7 6s. 10d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £14 4s. 7d., including £10 from an Anonymous Donor.

Exhibitions—October 9th-24th, Exhibition by Students of the Cheltenham School of Art.

Distemping—Messrs. Griffiths had completed the decoration of the Entrance Hall and Museum Staircase at a cost of £10 2s. 0d.

Staff—Mr. A. P. F. Waddington, O.C. (Lond. Matric.), had been appointed Junior Assistant, on probation,

Rochdale Date Stone—A Date Stone, 1647, from a house at Rochdale, presented to this Museum in 1920, had been passed to the Rochdale Corporation Museum.

South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Curator had attended the half-yearly meeting of this Group at Yeovil on the 18th October.

Cotswold Craftsmanship—The Curator had given a talk on " Cotswold Craftsmanship—past and present " at the Annual Meeting of the Guild of Gloucestershire Craftsmen,

Annual Report—The Report for 1934-35, had been issued as a number of " The Cheltenham Quarterly," without cost.

3—Donations—Gifts had been received from the following .—

Local Items—Mr. A. W. Bryant, Mr. T. Locke, and Mr. H. C. Poulton.

Bygones—Mr. H. Arkell, and the Beneficiaries under the will of the late Mr. Hugh Andrews of Toddington Manor, Winchcombe, Glos.

Miscellaneous—Mrs. Hiley (from the Estate of the late Mrs. A. Butterworth of Cheltenham), Mr. Boulter, Junior, Mr. T. J. Gill and Mr F. C. Morgan.

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

4—Offer of Porcelain and Pictures—Participation in a loan of pictures and Chinese porcelain had been offered through the National Art- Collections Fund, and the Curator had inspected the objects (the property of Mr. Harcourt Johnson) in London, on the 11th inst RESOLVED, That this Committee apply for a portion of this collection on loan for four years.

5—Offer of Cypriot Pottery—RESOLVED, That a Vase from Cyprus, B.C. 800-700, offered by Mrs. Cant as a gift, be accepted with thanks. RESOLVED, further, That some similar smaller specimens, offered by Mr. F. B. Welch as gifts, be accepted with thanks.

6—Fine Art Trade Guild—RESOLVED, That any publications of this Committee be made available to the members of this Guild at the usual discount of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

7—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That an Exhibition of Modern Decorative Painting by Miss Ithell Colquhoun be arranged during February, 1936. RESOLVED, further, that the Curator be authorised to organise a Memorial Exhibition of works by the late Robert Thorne-Waite, R.W.S., (1842-1935), when convenient.

8—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, that the following purchases from this Fund be approved: Fremington Puzzle Jug, 1684, (£5 5s. 0d. and Burnese Dah, finely engraved, (£1 0s. 0d.)

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

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place in January, at the usual hour of 11 a.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th November, 1935. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Rogers.

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

2—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—(a) The Committee interviewed and dealt with 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.

(b) The Rating Officer reported a case where an owner had instructed a tenant to disregard the Notice served by the Rating Authority requiring the tenant to pay his rent to the Rating Authority until the arrears of rates had been paid. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant warning him that proceedings will be taken against him if the notice of the Rating Authority is not complied with.

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

4—Valuation Advisory Committee—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Clerk of the Counts. Council that the County Valuation Committee had now considered the first recommendation made by the Advisory Committee dealing with the assessment of voluntary hospitals and enclosing basis of assessment recommended for adoption by Rating and Assessment Authorities throughout the County. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of this recommendation and that the Rating Officer be instructed to obtain the necessary information from the local hospitals with a view to proposals being submitted for the revision of the assessments as recommended by the County Valuation Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1935 Present—Aldermen Moore and Pruen and Councillor Davis.

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 Tuesday, 26th November, 1935. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Moore and Taylor : Councillors Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £20,303 ; Leaving Outstanding £90,306.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half Year ending 31st March, 1936. Amount collected £6,576 ; Leaving outstanding £14,946.

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4—Housing Bonds— (a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £50 had been received for 3 per cent Housing Bond and that a certificate had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing Bonds amounting to £3,930 be approved.

5—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1935,	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
26th October	Erection of 64 Non-Subsidy Houses, Whaddon Farm Estate,	£20,060	60 years
“	Clearing site etc.	£2,133	20 years
“	Sewers	£962	30 years
7th November	Purchase of Highbury Schools	£1,515	25 years

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor (in the Chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £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 £2,925 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for the time being, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the East Indian Railway Company for the time being, for securing repayment of the sum of £15,000 with interest at the rate agreed, the loan to be repayable on the 14th February 1953.

(d) RESOLVED, That the offer of the Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Limited to lend to the Corporation the sum of £25,000 repayable (with interest in the meantime) at the expiration of 20 years from the date of borrowing be accepted, and that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Mortgage to the said Society for securing the repayment of the said sum of £25,000 and interest.

.8—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value of £63 19s 2d. had been received from Gateshead Corporation in respect of Miss S. E. Harrison, school nurse.

(b) RESOLVED, That the question of including Miss N. Slatter, Supplementary Teacher, in the Superannuation Scheme, be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee,

9—Borough Treasurer's Department—Staff—The Borough Treasurer submitted applications from Mr. Alan Lewis (Cashier), and Mr. G. B. Pearce (Chief Assistant) for increases in their salaries. RESOLVED, That their salaries be increased to £325 per annum in each case.

10—Audit of Accounts—The Town Clerk submitted notice from the District Auditor of his intention to hold the Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March last on 16th December at 11 a.m.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd January, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meetings.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE 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 • RATING COMMITTEE • FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. DELANCEY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES-To appoint a Representative Trustee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Councillor E. L. Ward.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each. Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 2nd December, 1935, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Tree, C.B.E., R.N., and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November, 1935, and of the Special Meeting held on the 19th November, 1935, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 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.

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 November 11

Housing Meeting held November 20

Street and Highway Meeting held November 18

Except that Minute No. 4 be amended by increasing the loan for Priors Road from £5,550 to £6,199.

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(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Rogers : " That Minute No. 4, with regard to the improvement of Priors Road, be referred back " was lost).

Town Planning Meetings held November 21 and December 2

Resolved, also, That Plan No. 4184 for the erection of two conveniences at the Winter Garden Repertory Theatre as approved by a Special Meeting of the Town Planning Committee held on the 2nd December, 1935 be approved.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held November 7, 15 and 22

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 9 (d), with regard to the extra payment to be made for the mechanical stoker, be not approved " was withdrawn).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 9 (d) be referred back " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held November 25

Water Meeting held November 12

Water and Street and Highway (.Joint) Meeting held November 18

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 19

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 10 with regard to the proposed Severn Bridge be not approved but that there be substituted therefor the following Minute That this Council recognising that the Bill being promoted by the Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire County Councils to authorise the construction of a bridge over the River Severn in the neighbourhood of English Stones is dealing with a matter of national importance, does not oppose it in principle but being firmly of opinion that :—

(1) It will involve the ratepayers of Gloucestershire including those of Cheltenham in the payment of an additional rate of at least 2d. in the £1

(2) It will not be beneficial to the trade of Cheltenham.

(3) It will be an advantage to only a small proportion of the ratepayers in Gloucestershire and to none of the largest Urban communities thereof.

(4) The employment its construction will afford will very largely be out of Gloucestershire.

(5) It has been promoted in a great hurry without sufficient consideration of the County's interests under it and without sufficient time being given for an expression of the opinion of the County with regard to it.

Resolves :—(a) That the Bill be opposed by this Council with a view to ensuring that the only liability falling on ratepayers in Gloucestershire in connection with it shall be the making or improvement and maintenance of roads necessary for the service of the bridge.

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(b) That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a Petition to Parliament against the Bill.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to take such steps as he may think necessary to support the Petition and to bring the opinion of the Council before Parliament.

(d) That this Resolution be communicated to :—

(i) The County Council.

(ii) All Urban and Rural Councils in the County with a suggestion that they should take similar action.

(iii) The Members of Parliament for all Constituencies in Gloucestershire with a request to support the Council's Petition.

The following members voted for the Amendment : Alderman Pruen ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Grimwade, Miller, Rogers and Waite ; and the following members voted against the Amendment : The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Howell, Leigh James, Ben James, Moore, Morris and Smith. The Mayor thereupon declared the Amendment to be lost).

Allotments... Meeting held November 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 11

Except Minute No. 8, with regard to the proposed purchase of Hatherley Court Estate.

Public Library Meeting held November 14

Burial Board Meeting held November 22

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 15

Rating Meeting held November 13

Finance Meeting held November 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.

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. Frank Howard Edwards, a person acquainted with the needs of various kinds of Schools, be appointed a member of the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 2nd December, 1938, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. C. H. V. Hogg.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Tuesday, 17th December, 1935, at 3 p.m., pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1933. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Miller, Morris,. Rogers and Smith.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. J. Bettridge, G. B. Compton and Dr. Curling Hayward.

The following resolution was passed by a majority of the whole number of the Council :

THAT the propriety of the promotion in the ensuing Session of Parliament jointly with the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Gloucester in the County of the City of Gloucester of the Bill intituled " A Bill to establish a Joint Board consisting of representatives of the Corporations of Cheltenham and Gloucester ; to transfer to the Board certain waterworks of the Cheltenham Corporation ; to authorise the Board to construct works and supply water ;. to confer further powers upon the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation with respect to the supply of water and to extend the limits for the supply of water by the Cheltenham Corporation and the Gloucester Corporation ; to confer further powers upon the Cheltenham Corporation ; and for other purposes " which has been deposited in both Houses of Parliament and the resolution of the Council authorising such promotion which was passed at a Special Meeting of the Council held on the 19th day of November, 1935, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

D. L. LIPSON,

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th January, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th December, 1935, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Moore, Morris and Waite (Alderman Preen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 16 Naunton Park Road ; 1 and 2 Elmsdale Cottages—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are 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.

(b) 1 and 2 Brighton Cottages—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. Jessop & Son stating that to carry out the work required under Section 17 of the Act to these houses, it would be necessary to obtain vacant possession of one of the houses and asking the Council to deal with the matter under Section 19 of the Act, when the Owner would give an Undertaking to carry out the work. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

2--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 50 Naunton Crescent—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.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Broughton, College Road ; 34 Linker-jai Square ; .1 Blenheim Square ; Cranley Lodge, Wellington Square—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 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, 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 the Committee to be held on the 10th February, 1936.

(b) 74 Duke Street ; 2 Russell Street ; 16 and 22 Brunswick Street S. —The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Undertakings given by the Owners of these houses had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be now cancelled.

(c) Elkstone House, 102 Bath Road—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, letter from Mr A. J. Nunn consenting to an Order and asking if the basement could be used for domestic 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 undertaking having been given by

the Owner to carry out the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation, 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, except for storage purposes.

(d) 34 and 36 Suffolk Road ; 31a Rose and Crown Passage ; 37 and 38 Marge Hill Parade ; 30 and 31 Sun Street ; 25 Elm 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 10th February, 1936.

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(e) Witney Cottage, Granley Road ; House, rear of St. John's Institute—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) 46 Townsend Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house be adjourned for two months.

(g) House, rear of 23 Townsend Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Owner for permission to use this house as a store be not granted.

(h) 43, 45 and 45a St. James' Street ; 30 and 31 Worcester Street ; 23 Commercial Street; 44, 45, 46, 46a, 47 and 47a New Street ; 32a and 34 Victoria Place; and 6 Russell Place—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation be accepted.

(i) 27 Rutland Street—Read, application from the Owner asking for the Demolition Order in respect of this house to be rescinded and offering to give an undertaking to carry out the works required to render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(j) 8 Hewlett Place—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of the Owner of this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made, to convert the same into a lock-up shop, be referred to the Rota Sub-Committee to view the premises.

(k) 310 High Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the upper floors of these premises in respect of which a Closing Order was made on the 6th February, 1933 had now been rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930, determining the said Closing Order.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. Pork ; 6 cwt 2 qrs. 14 lbs. Beef ; 9 lbs. Poultry ; 10 lbs. Cheese ; 3 lbs. Fruit.

5—Common Lodging Houses—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. A. A: Evans for registration as a Common Lodging House Keeper in respect of Rowton House, Grove Street be granted up to the 31st December, 1936.

6—Housing Act, 1935—Overcrowding Survey—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they met on the 29th ult. and interviewed 17 applicants for the posts of enumerators

and had appointed Mr. J. F. Pearse as supervising enumerator-clerk and the following six enumerators, viz. Messrs. A. E. Hicks, F. R. Dearden, V. H. Barnett, F. H. Harding, A. H. Averiss and I. F. Pearse.

7—Hayden and Barn Farms—RESOLVED, That consideration of Mr. G. P. Rymer's application for an abatement in his rent be adjourned to the next meeting for Mr. C. C. Castle to report thereon.

8-252-254 Gloucester Road—The Committee further considered the claim made by the owners of these houses for repayment of the cost incurred by them in relaying the drains. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to repudiate liability in the matter

9—Sanitary Officers Regulations, 1935—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 21st ult, from the Minister of Health enclosing copy of these regulations which replaced the 1926 regulations.

10—Isolation Hospitals—Read, circular of 11th ult. for the Clerk to the County Council inviting the attendance of representatives at a Conference to be held at Gloucester on the 12th inst. to discuss the County Council's proposal that the County should become the hospital authority for all infectious diseases. Read, also Memorandum thereon by the Clerk. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed to attend the Conference.

11—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of applications for treatment to date was 364, of which 227 had already been treated, 742 injections having been given.

12—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 be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1936, unless previously revoked.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. for renewal of the licence granted to Davis & Co. and of the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd. to sell " Pasteurised Milk " from 3 Rotunda Terrace and premises in Swindon Street respectively be granted, the licences to expire on the 31st December, 1936, unless previously revoked.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. C. Pumfrey of Benhall Dairy, Great Norwood Street, for renewal of his licence as a Retailer of " Certified Milk" be granted, the licence to expire on the 31st December, 1936, unless previously revoked.

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13—Rat Week—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Report on the Rat Week held in Cheltenham from the 4th to the 9th ult. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the defective sewers on the south-east side of Windsor Street and rear of Christ Church Terrace, Malvern Road.

14—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Reginald Clapton to be licensed to slaughter Animals be not granted.

15—Extension of Sewage Works—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health approving the scheme for the extension of the sewage works and asking for a revised estimate based on a provisionally accepted tender. The Ministry pointed out that the expenditure proposed to be incurred on the repair of roadways and the replacement and washing of media in the existing filter beds should be regarded as a maintenance charge and not included in the loan. RESOLVED, That the

Borough Surveyor he instructed to obtain tenders for the extension. RESOLVED, also, That the Ministry be asked to approve of the roadwork being included in the loan, but that with regard to the work required to the existing filter beds, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done over a period of three years.

16—Public Convenience, Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of providing a ladies' convenience on the site of the Pound in Tewkesbury Road, at an estimated cost of £110, be adjourned until the estimates are under consideration.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th December, 1935. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Lt.-Col Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Morris and E. W. Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 3rd inst.

2-5 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the tenant of this house in regard to the condition of the kitchen boiler, together with report of the Borough Surveyor thereon. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the boiler replaced with a gas boiler.

3—Land, Leckhampton Road—The Town Clerk submitted further offer from Mr. Horsley, on behalf of a client to purchase a portion of the land fronting Leckhampton Road, at the price of £3 10s. 0d. per foot. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of the land.

4—Whaddon Avenue—The Committee further considered the provision of sheds on this Estate, as approved at the last meeting of the council. The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of the erection of the sheds with corrugated iron roofs was £1,120, and with tiled roofs £1,320. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to provide the sheds, with tiled roofs, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,320 for the cost thereof, and Minute No. 6 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That when the sheds are erected, the rents of the houses be increased by 3d. per week.

5—Clearance Orders—(a) Warwick Buildings—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister proposed to confirm this Order, but enquiring whether the Council had any objection to the shop portion of No. 2 being excluded from the Order to enable the owner's proposal for adding this to No 69 Winchcomb Street to be carried out. RESOLVED. That the Committee agree to the exclusion of the shop portion of No 2 Warwick Buildings.

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(b) Read, letter of the 31st ult. from the Ministry of Health directing the Corporation to make a payment under Section 64 of the Housing Act 1935 to the owners of Nos. 11 and 12 Warwick Buildings, and 3 Hartley Place.

(c) 26 Fairview Road—Read, letter from Mr. C. Stevens, the owner of this house in respect of which the Corporation had been directed to make a payment under Section 64 of the above Act, claiming £12 being 1 ½ times the Rateable Value of the premises, as provided under the Act. Read, also, letter

from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, the Mortgagees, asking for the payment to be made to the Society. RESOLVED, That the claim be allowed.

(d) 3, 4 and 5 Providence Cottages—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mrs. A. Matthews, the owner of these houses in respect of which the Corporation had been directed to make a payment under Section 64 of the above Act, claiming 1 ½ times the Rateable Value of each house. Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen claiming, on behalf of Mr. G. H. Millard, the sum of £28 10s. 0d. in respect of work carried out by him at No. 5 Providence Cottages in June 1934. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Matthews' claim in respect of Nos. 3 and 4 Providence Cottages be allowed, namely £15, and that with regard to No. 5, the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect the premises, and report as to the work carried out by Mr. Millard.

6—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Sites and Repairs Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the land which it was proposed should be sold to Mrs. Boddy for the erection of a garage. The land would have a frontage of 20 feet to a new road to be constructed, but would be traversed by the new trunk sewer, and they recommended that the land be sold to Mrs. Boddy at the price of £2 per foot, subject to no building other than a garage being erected thereon, and to this being kept clear of the line of the sewer, and to a close boarded or unclimbable wrought iron fence not less than 5 feet high being provided along the sides and rear of the land. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale of the land on these terms.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the layout of the remainder of the Estate it was desirable to adjust the boundaries of the back gardens of the houses on the East side of Whaddon Avenue. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the tenants of the houses affected, of the intention to take in the portion of their gardens required.

(c) Sale of Land to Mr. W. H. Cox—Read, letter from Messrs. Jessop & Son in regard to the conditions contained in the contract for the sale of the piece of land in Whaddon Road to Mr. W. H. Cox. They asked that the value of any house to be erected on the site should not be restricted to £550 inclusive of the value of the land, and that if necessary Mr. Cox should be allowed to erect a shop, and that in view of erecting a close boarded fence along the West and North West boundaries, he should be allowed to remove and re-erect his existing fence along the boundary of Whaddon Villa so as to enclose the land. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposal in regard to the fencing, and also to the value of the house being reduced to £500 inclusive of the value of the land, subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee, but that they are unable to approve of the land being used for the erection of a shop.

(d) Priors Road—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. suggesting that in view of the extra land to be taken along the frontage of Priors Road for the provision of twin carriageways, the purchasers should be allowed to use the existing iron fence, which would have to be removed, for fencing off the land at the back. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this

7—Housing Manager's Department—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss J. L. Rushbrook, assistant in the Housing Department, for an increase in salary be granted, and that her salary be increased from £190 to £200 per annum.

8—Wordsworth Avenue--The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to the flooding of the back gardens of Nos. 15 to 26 Wordsworth Avenue and 11 Shelley Road, and recommended that a 6 inch drain be laid at the back of the houses in Wordsworth Avenue, and a 4 inch intercepting drain at the

back of 11 Shelley Road at a total estimated cost of £30. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

9—Alstone Lawn Estate—RESOLVED, That the piece of vacant land at the South East corner of this estate be let to one of the tenants on the estate as an allotment at a rent of £1 per annum, the first year to be rent free.

10—Reconditioning-40 Brunswick Street South—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mrs. Elliott to purchase this house for £215 be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th December, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Green, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint from Mrs. E. Groves of the condition of the footpath in Harp Hill. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath repaired, where necessary.

2—Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new S. & D. freighter had been delivered, and he recommended that the two old freighters should now be sent in turn to the makers to be thoroughly overhauled. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3— St. Paul's Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd., agreeing to give up a small piece of land belonging to the Duke of Sussex Inn for the widening and improvement of this street, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of their estates manager. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Company for giving up the land.

4—Priors Road—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor asking whether the layout of the Whaddon Farm Estate could be amended so as to dispense with the proposed road junction at the north end of the Estate. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport in regard to the Ministry's suggestion that the junction with Harp Hill should be altered so that traffic descending Harp Hill should enter Priors Road at right angles. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not approve of this proposal and recommend that the Ministry be asked to allow the layout as already submitted to stand.

5—Montpellier Walk—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had again approached the agents for the owners of Loreburn in regard to the terms for the acquisition of the strip of garden required for the widening of the road, and now submitted letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons stating that the owners were not prepared to consider any less payment than £50 plus solicitor's and surveyor's fees. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to defer proceeding with the improvement, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the District Valuer's valuation of the land.

6—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that his pupil (Mr. N. A. Pritchard) had passed the Preliminary Examination of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. L. M. Perkis had passed Part A of the Examinations for A.M I.C.E., and that Mr. A. F. Mason (Junior Town Planning Assistant) had passed Parts 1 and 2 of the final examination of the Institute of Municipal and County Engineers. RESOLVED, That the Committee congratulate them.

(b) RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to extend the services of the following employees :--A. Large (sewer man) for one year up to 9th January, 1937 H. E. Hooper (sweeper) for one year up to 3rd February, 1937 ; and E. A. Herbert (ganger) for one year up to 28th February, 1937.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to retain P. Wiggall (temporary junior clerk in his department) for a further period of three months, at a wage of 15s per week

7-21 St. Phillip's Street—The Committee further considered the question of acquiring a small portion of this property required for the improvement of the junction of St. Phillip's Street and Norwood Road. RESOLVED, That the offer of the owner to sell the necessary land for £20 plus vendor's solicitor's costs of conveyance be accepted subject to a new convenience not having to be provided,

8—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Hopwoods to use blue illumination for the projecting sign approved at the last meeting of the Committee be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of W. Lightstone for permission to erect a projecting sign at St. George's Hotel, High Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) 45 (b) Promenade—Read, letter from B.T. Installations Ltd. asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to grant permission for the erection of a projecting electric clock outside these premises. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to any wording on the clock being limited to advertising in connection with the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board,

9—Sandford Road—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. R. H. V. Roseveare asking for warning notices to be put up on the south side of Sandford Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices erected with the words "Cheltenham College—Drive Slowly."

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10—Royal Well Omnibus Station—The Committee considered letter of the 26th October last from the Ministry of Transport in regard to the proposal to limit the use of this station to omnibuses belonging to the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. and the Western National Omnibus Co. The Committee also considered the question of using the land behind the footpath on the west side of the road as a taxi stand, as originally proposed, RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Capt. Trye, Councillors Green and Morris be appointed to deal with the matter.

11—North Place—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Governors of the Grammar School for the land given up for the improvement of the corner of North Place and St. Margaret's Road.

12—Argyll Road—RESOLVED, That Notices be given of the intention to take over this road, reserving to the Corporation the right to call on the owners to pave the footpath under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852.

13—Rosehill Street—The Town Clerk reported that the upper portion of Rosehill Street was made up by the abutting owners in 1898, but had not been formally taken over RESOLVED, That statutory notice be put up of the intention to take over the road.

14—Re-signing the Borough—The Chairman reported that he had considered the R.A.C's. application to re-sign the Borough, and inspected the positions of the proposed signs. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have such signs erected as he considers desirable.

15—Pedestrian Crossing Places—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Transport, approving the scheme submitted by the Council for the establishment of seven additional pedestrian crossing places. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the carriageways marked, and the beacons erected.

16—Suffolk Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Master for permission to alter the position of the pillar box from outside No. 46 Suffolk Road to outside No. 50 Suffolk Road be granted subject to the cost of reinstating the footpath being repaid by the Post Office.

17—Promenade Improvement Scheme -Read, letters of 26th ult., 12th and 16th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter that they had ascertained from the Saxone Shoe Co., Mr. C. C. Dodwell and the owners of Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's old premises the prices asked by them for the acquisition of the land required for the improvement Scheme which amounted to £34,000 including compensation for disturbance. The Borough Surveyor had not prepared any estimate but stated that he thought the work of demolishing the properties and carrying out the Scheme would cost about £3,000. If the Scheme was approved by the Ministry of Transport, a grant of 60 per cent. of the site value of the premises and of the cost of the work would be made. The balance of the cost of the Scheme would be paid by the County Council except that the County Council asked for a contribution by the Corporation of 25 per cent, as being the extent to which the proposed improvement was in the nature of a town improvement. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve the Scheme in principle and that the District Valuer be now instructed to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the properties.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th December, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Capt. Trye ; Councillors Grimwade and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Town Planning Assistant—RESOLVED, That the salary of the Town Planning Assistant (Mr. A. G. Streater) be increased to £450 per annum.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th December, 1935. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas; Messrs. G. E. Arthurs, IV. S. F. Harris, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (The Deputy 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.
4185	O'Connor, H. E.	Cycle and tool shed, Blarney, Tewkesbury Road.
4186	Stevens, R. J	Workshop, Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street.
4187	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	Layout and road widening, Haywards Road.
4188	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Detached house, Arle Road.
4189	Hadley, C.	Garage, 16 Wordsworth Avenue.
4190	Dance, J. H.	Cycle shed, Len Dor, Chatsworth Drive.
4191	Wickham, G. A.	Bathroom, Verdun, Monson Avenue.
4192	Hall, G. A. M.	Detached house, Leckhampton Road.
4193	Weaver, W. C.	Cycle and tool shed, Kilmington, Arle Drive,
4194	Ward, G. H.	Garage, Stadeona, Arle Road.
4195	Avery, H. M.	Conversion of stables into cottage, private road, rear of Pittville Circus Road.
4196	Ward, E. L., Ltd.	Internal alterations, and alterations to shop front, North Street.
4197	Bendall. A. B.	Detached house, Leckhampton Road. (Amended Plan).
4198	Sunshine Laundry Co.	Extension to laundry, Churchill Road.
4199	Bateson, N. V.	Garage, Ravenhurst, Pittville.
4200	Fletcher, R. F.	Garage, 9 Leamington Place,
4201	Victory Motor Co.	Extensions, Garage, Winchcomb Street (Amended Plan)
4202	Jenkins, W. E.	Bungalow, Hatherley Road.
4203	Hall, G. A. M.	16 semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
4204	Davies, D. V.	Alterations and additions, Ellenborough Hotel
4205	Jackson, H.	Garage, Old Bath Road.
4206	Godwin, S. G.	Conversion of chapel into garage, King Street.
4207	Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.	Shop front, 21 Pittville Street.
4208	Western Estates Ltd.	Combined drainage, Arle Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4188, 4189, 4192, 4193, 4194, 4196, 4197, 4199 and 4200 be approved ; That Plan No. 4185 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being provided when required, That Plan. No. 4187 be approved, as to the portion in the Borough, subject to the road and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No 4190 be approved subject to the shed being three feet away from an); building ; That Plans Nos. 4191 and 4204 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 4204 subject also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No 4202 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4203 be approved subject to the omission of the half-timber work, and to the elevations of the houses being varied ; That Plan No. 4205 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 removed at any time within three calendar months after notice requiring such removal ; That Plan No 4206 be approved subject to the building being used only as a garage, and to no dwelling accommodation being provided ; That Plan No. 4208 be approved subject to the owners entering into an Agreement that the combined drainage system in respect of soil drains shall not be deemed to be a sewer; That Plans Nos. 4201 and 4207 be approved subject to the

steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, That consideration of Plan No. 4195 be adjourned for view by a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Moore, Morris and E. L. Ward ; and That Plans Nos. 4186 and 4198 be not approved, and in the case of Plan No. 4186, That notice be given to the owner to show cause why the building should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws, and in the case of Plan No. 4198 That the above Sub-Committee be asked to view the premises.

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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.
887	Jones, H. F.	Detached dwelling house, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
888	Harris, D. O.	Garage (Private), 11 Okus Road, Charlton Kings.
889	Thornton, Commander C. J., R.N. (Ret).	Garage with store-room over, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham.
890	Taylor, F. R.	Tool shed, Capri, Crickley Hill.
891	Bevan, E. O.	Bungalow, Main Winchcomb-Broadway Road, Winchcomb.
892	Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. Ltd.	Proposed Tile Works, Shurdington-Painswick Road, Near Shurdington.
893	Minett, C.	Bay windows, Clovelly, Bishop's Cleeve.
894	Kilmister, W.	Proposed additions, Paradise Bungalow, Crickley Hill.
895	Corporation Electricity Dept.	Overhead Low Tension Line, Little Shurdington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 887, 888, 890, 893 and 895 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 892 and 894 be referred for the views of the Cheltenham Rural District Council ; and That Plans Nos. 889 and 891 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. R. Haile for permission to erect a bungalow on land near the Air Balloon, Crickley Hill be not granted.

(b) Read, letter from the Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. Ltd., enquiring what restrictions would be placed on land fronting the South side of the road from Shurdington to Little Shurdington.

RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Cheltenham Rural District Council for their views on the question of drainage and to the Water Committee for their views with regard to water supply.

(c) Read, letter from Mr. W. J. Timbrell asking what building line would be required in St. George's Place between Messrs. Locke's bakery and Messrs. Barnby Bendall's premises. RESOLVED, That the building line of these premises be adopted.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr W. H. Horsley for permission to convert a house and sheds on the main Cheltenham-Gloucester Road at Golden Valley into a motor breaking-up yard be not granted.

5—Plan No. T.P. 869—Willow Cottage, Bishop's Cleeve—Read, letter from the Diocesan Registrar with regard to the three bay windows erected at this house, projecting over the highway, the plan

for which was disapproved at the meeting of the Committee on the 17th October last. RESOLVED, That the attention of the County Council be drawn to this.

6--Automatic Machines—New Barn Lane—Read, letters from three residents complaining of the erection of automatic cigarette machines in this road. RESOLVED, That the owners be informed that these are erections within the meaning of the Town Planning Scheme, and that plans must therefore be submitted.

7—Plan No. 4104—Read, letter from Messrs. Beale & Co. in regard to the plans deposited by Miss Morrall in respect of a bungalow in Alstone Lane. RESOLVED, That if the owner will give an undertaking to set back the fences to the improvement line when required and dedicate the land for the widening of the road to 40 feet the Corporation will set back the existing to the new line and relieve the owner of any liability for making up the carriageway, and forming the footpath, reserving the right to call on the owner to pave the footpath under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852.

8—Contravention of Byelaws—(a) 17 Imperial Square—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard had given an undertaking dated the 28th ult. to carry out within 30 days the alterations etc. at these premises so that the same complied with the Building Byelaws, and also to submit plans. The Borough Surveyor reported that the work required was being proceeded with, but plans had not yet been received. RESOLVED, That if plans are not received by the 31st inst., the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr Sheppard

(b) Carlton House—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard was carrying out certain alterations at Carlton House, Bath Road in contravention of the Byelaws, and for which no plans had been submitted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings against Mr. Sheppard if he is satisfied that a breach of the Byelaws has been committed.

9—Town Planning Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. F. Mason (Junior Town Planning Assistant) had obtained another appointment under the Warwickshire County Council. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to advertise for applications for the appointment at the same salary, and that the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Capt. Trye and Councillor Morris be authorised to interview applicants and make an appointment.

10—Executive Committee—The Town Clerk reported the informal discussion which representatives of the County Council and the Corporation had had with Mr G. L. Pepler of the Ministry of Health in regard to the proposed agreement for the formation of an Executive Committee. Read, also, letter from the Clerk to the County Council, enclosing draft agreement amended to meet the objections of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee cannot recommend the Council to approve of the agreement without satisfactory provision being made as to the expenses already incurred in the preparation of the Scheme.

11—Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to the value of any house erected on the small piece of land in Whaddon Road to be sold to Mr. W. H. Cox being reduced to £500 inclusive of value of site.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th December, 1935. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone and Montpellier Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Elementary Schools Swimming Association for 32 full season tickets and 58 half-season tickets for next season for winners of medallions and intermediate certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society be granted.

(b) Grammar Schools—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Bursar of the Grammar School that the Governors had provided in their estimates for next year a small grant to cover the cost of boys and girls at the Grammar Schools attending the Baths during the summer term instead of the children having to pay their own fees He estimated the approximate number of pupils who would attend the swimming instruction once a week would be 450 boys at Alstone Baths, and 390 girls at Montpellier Baths, and the Governors asked what sum the Council would accept. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Baths Sub-Committee.

2—Medical Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. (b) Report of Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee, That a new Foam Bath be provided at the Medical Baths at a cost of £20, and that the following charges be made for the Bath :—Single Bath 4s ; Course of 4 Baths 19s ; Foam Brine Bath 6s ; Course of 4 Baths £1 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, also, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee to reduce the charge for the Studs Chair treatment to the same charge as that made for Plombiere treatment be not approved.

3—Spa Medical Advisory Committee—RESOLVED, That Drs. Robinson, Clow and Haslett be appointed members of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee.

4—Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the Committee be authorised to accept a tender or tenders for Café, surfacing of Car Park, and Tray Stores, subject to sanction to loan being obtained.

5—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 3rd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows .—

(a) Town Hall—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a radiator placed in the Ladies' Cloak Room.

(b) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a function in aid of the Cheltenham Christmas Relief Fund on a date to be arranged. (c) Dance Festival—That the best thanks of the Committee be given to Councillor Waite for the Challenge Cup presented by him for the forthcoming Dance Festival.

(d) Whitsuntide—That the offer of Hill Bros, to pay £100 for the right of providing the Fun Fair at the Whitsuntide Fete next year be accepted, on the same conditions as last year. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Conferences—(a) Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Catenian Association accepting the invitation of the Corporation to hold their annual general meeting in Cheltenham on the 5th, 6th and 7th June next year

(b) Bridge Congress—Alderman Pates reported interview with the Secretary of the National Bridge Congress in London in regard to the invitation to hold their Congress in Cheltenham next year. It was proposed that the Committee of the Congress should organise the event and the Corporation receive the entries for which a charge of 10s per entry would be made, and also the spectators' receipts. At the last Congress there were over 1,000 entries. Half the gross entry fees received, plus £100 would be payable to the Bridge Congress Committee, and out of the balance the cost of prizes (estimated at about £25), booklets, cards, posters, entry forms and advertising (estimated at £34) and organising expenses £25, plus the cost of playing cards would have to be paid RESOLVED, That if the invitation is accepted, the Committee approve of the Congress being arranged on the above conditions.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th December, 1935. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Ben James, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—District Joint Industrial Board and Council—RESOLVED, That Alderman Moore be nominated a Representative of this Undertaking on the District Joint Industrial Board, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated a Representative of the District Joint Industrial Council for the year ending 31st March, 1937.

2—Public Lighting-----(a) RESOLVED, That the lighting at the junction of Tennyson Road and Byron Road be improved by erecting an extension bracket with refractor type fitting on the present lamp standard, at an estimated cost of £4 4s. 2d.

(b) Harp Hill—RESOLVED, That the lighting in Harp Hill be improved by providing 2 additional lamps and extension fittings on 3 existing lamps at a total cost of £34 3s. 6d.

(c) Rose and Crown Passage—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to have an additional bracket lamp erected in this passage.

(d) Grafton Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have a lamp standard erected in the lane at the back of Grafton Terrace at an estimated cost of £12 12s. 3d.

(e) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report on the expenditure incurred on improvements and new lighting during the present financial year. The amount incurred up to the 21st ult. amounted to £914 11s. 11d. The further improvements and new lighting already approved by the Committee, but not yet completed, amounted to £1,037 5s. 9d., and the above 4 improvements, together with the lighting of the new roads on the second section of the Whaddon Farm Estate, and the new road called "Arle Drive" was estimated to cost £199 1s. 3d. The total amount of prospective expenditure was therefore £2,150 18s. 11d., but this included £1,200 7s. 10d. for entirely new lighting and £950 11s. 1d for improvements to existing lighting. A sum of £1,000 had been included in the Public Lighting estimate for the current year for improvements to existing lighting, but no provision was made for the lighting of new roads etc. RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be asked to allocate the sum of £2,000 in next year's estimates for improvements and new lighting.

(f) Damage to Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that recently a large number of lamps had been damaged in the Christ Church and Gloucester Road district. RESOLVED, That the Police be instructed to take proceedings against any person found damaging the public lamps.

3—Supply to Rural Areas—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport and Local Authorities concerned for consent to the erection of an overhead line to supply a new house at Shurdington.

4—Association of Public Lighting Engineers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was likely that the 1936 Convention of this Association would be held in Cheltenham next September, in which case an exhibition of public lighting would be held in the Winter Gardens and grounds during the Convention. RESOLVED, That a free supply of energy be given for the exhibition, including the provision of the necessary cables and wiring.

5—Sub-Stations—(a) The Moors—6 tenders were received for the erection of this Sub-station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd amounting to £357 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) Montpellier Retreat—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms for the acquisition of a site in Montpellier Retreat for the erection of a Sub-station.

6—Whaddon Farm Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he estimated the cost of providing new cables for the lighting of this Estate at £1,567 4s. 1d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan for this sum.

7—Aircraft Components Ltd.—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the supply of electricity to the factory at Arle Court, and for the provision of a Sub-station. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Land at St. Marks—Read, letter of 24th inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen that their client had now decided not to proceed with the proposed purchase of the portion of land at Church Road, St. Mark's. 9—Electricity Supply (Amendment) Regulations, 1934—Read, circular of 9th inst. from the Electricity Commission prescribing the 1st January, 1937, as the date of the application of these Regulations to works and supplies of energy commenced by authorised undertakers prior to the 15th January, 1934.

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10—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in Edinburgh from the 8th to 13th June next RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Bendall and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend:

11—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st inst., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 471.5 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 3rd, 11th, 18th and 27th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 471.5, 471.6, 471.8 and 471.5 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 5.8, 5.5, 5.2 and 5.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th December, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Moore; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward 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 November, 1935.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	274,000 gallons	137,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,252,000	857,000
Leckhampton Springs	42,000	26,000
	2,568,000	1,020,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 108,948,000 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.

4—Pumping—The Borough Engineer reported that pumping from Tewkesbury had now ceased.

5—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the analyses of water taken since the last meeting.

6—Extension to Main—Bamfurlong—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor that the County Council had now agreed to contribute £60 towards the new main to the County Council Depot at Bamfurlong. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the main laid, at a cost of £180 0s. 0d.

7—Sunnyfields, Up Hatherley—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Mr. E. Mumby in regard to the faulty main in Sunnyfields Lane, Up Hatherley. The Borough Surveyor recommended that a new four inch main should be laid at an estimated cost of £190. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done,

8—Supply to Small-Pox Hospital—The Borough Engineer reported that the 1 ¼ inch lead service pipe to this hospital was defective, necessitating increasingly frequent repair, and he recommended that a new 2 inch Cast Iron pipe should be substituted for the old lead pipe at an estimated cost of £265. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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9—Dowdeswell Farms.---(a) Home Farm—Read, application from Messrs. Chandler Bros. for an abatement in their rent. RESOLVED. That they be granted an abatement off the rent for the half-years ended March and Michaelmas, 1935, as now recommended by Mr. C. C. Castle.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted report in regard to the repairs required to the farmhouses at Home and Castle Barn Farms at estimated costs of £20 and £150 respectively. RESOLVED, That

Councillors Morris and Dr. Hayward be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the farm houses and that they be authorised to have the necessary work carried out,

10—Dowdeswell Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the application of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for some roach to be transferred to Pittville Lake be granted.

11—Swimming Fool—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to a transfer of the sum of £320 being made to the Sandford Park Swimming Pool account, being the amount charged to that account for the land belonging to the Sandford Pumping Station, appropriated for the scheme.

12—Water Mains in Borough—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit a list of the old water mains in the Borough, which he considers are becoming worn out, and report as to the estimated cost of replacing these.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th December, 1935. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James and Smith. (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

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

Date, 1935	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
30th November	Motor car in garage Bolton House, Christ Church Road	Fused wires	About £20 ...	£2 18s. 6d.
10th December	8 Princes Terrace	Defective fire place	Slight ..	£4 7s. 6d.

(b) Cheltenham Rural District—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking on what terms the Council would provide the services of the Brigade to certain parishes mentioned in his letter, and in the alternative to the whole of the Cheltenham Rural District. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a statement of the cost of the Brigade on the assumption that a new Bedford Cub Fire Engine is purchased at a cost of £649

(c) Uniforms—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd ult. Present—The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Green, The Deputy Mayor had been appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. They had inspected the uniforms, and recommended that 20 new uniforms should be provided and tenders obtained for the supply of these, and they now submitted two tenders received. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That the tender of The Famous to supply 20 Regulation tunics, trousers and caps at the price of £3 2s. 3d. per man be accepted.

3—Omnibus Service, Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Cheltenham District Traction Company for restoration of the omnibus service along Hatherley Road, and that if they are not prepared to do this, the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company be asked to

reduce the fares on their Cheltenham to Gloucester service so as to provide a local service for the public in this area.

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4—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. Roberts for permission to garage his taxi in this Car Park be not granted.

(b) Read, report of damage to a wall at the Car Park by a motor car belonging to Mr. Currie. RESOLVED, That Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at £20

5—Market—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Miss E. Matthews asking if a door could be provided from the new market to give access to the coffee stall, and also as to the provision of lavatory accommodation for ladies at the market. RESOLVED, That this letter be referred to the Market Sub-Committee.

6—Air Raids—Read, letter from Sir Russell Kerr suggesting that Major F. E. Gurney of 181 Old Bath Road should be co-opted on the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council to consider and report as to the measures to be taken to safeguard the population against air attack RESOLVED, That Major Gurney be co-opted a member of the Sub-Committee.

7—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Regent Motors Ltd. for a licence to store 100 gallons of cellulose at their premises in Regent Street in a fireproof building be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of The Cheltenham Motor and Cycle Co and Mrs. E. M. Archer for licences to store 500 gallons of petrol in each case at Grosvenor Place South and 22a Bennington Street be granted.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. Middleton of Fairview Road had not taken out his petrol licence, and was using his store without a licence RESOLVED, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Middleton for storing petrol without a licence if the licence is not taken up within seven days.

8—Hackney Carriage Stand—RESOLVED, That the stands for hackney carriages at the end of the Promenade Long Garden and in Crescent Terrace between Royal Well Lane and the Promenade Inner Road be discontinued, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the taxi stand plates removed.

9—Imperial Square—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a " No Parking " notice put up on the North side of Imperial Square opposite the Town Hall

10—High Street—The Strand—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name plates with the words "The Strand, High Street" fixed at the end of the part of High Street known as The Strand.

11—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that 10 additional trees had been planted on Leckhampton Hill near Daisy Bank Road. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to report as to planting rock plants and creepers on the cliff faces and old quarry workings.

CHAS. H. MARGHEIT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th December, 1935. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the illness of the Gardens Superintendent, the usual monthly inspection of the allotments had not been made.

2—Baglin's Piece—Councillor Addis called attention to the water still lying on these allotments. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see if there is any obstruction of the water course preventing the water from being carried off.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th December, 1935. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, letter from the Education Secretary asking for the removal of a tree in the Recreation Ground, the roots of which were causing damage to the Domestic Science building at Naunton Park Schools. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree removed.

2—Gardens Superintendent—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the absence of the Gardens Superintendent owing to ill-health.

(b) Field Lodge—RESOLVED, That a telephone extension bell be fixed to the kitchen of the Gardens Superintendent's house.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of 50 bush rose trees for Pittville Gardens by Mr. E. J. Gibbins. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to him.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing 6 pens, each 30 feet long by 15 feet wide by 10 feet high, constructed of timber framing and ½ inch mesh wire netting, and including fowl house and perches, at £40 per pen RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman (Councillor Green), Councillors Compton and Grimwade be appointed to consider as to a suitable site for the pens.

(c) Read, letter from Mr. J. H. Genge offering a pair of monkeys, some budgerigars and a few foreign birds. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Genge for his offer, but that he be informed that the Committee are unable to accept these, as there is no accommodation for them.

(d) Lake—Fishing—RESOLVED, That the Water Committee be asked to agree to some fish being transferred from Dowdeswell Reservoir to the Lake, and that the Chairman be asked to endeavour to obtain some fish from Witcombe. (e) RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Art Ball Committee to hang an advertisement board on the railings facing Evesham Road, advertising the Art Ball.

4—Montpellier Gardens--(a) Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 15th ult. Present—The Chairman (Councillor Green), Councillors Davis and Grimwade. RESOLVED, That consideration of the report be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain offers for the removal and disposal of the tank.

(b) Rock Garden—RESOLVED, That the rock garden be placed along the North Western boundary of the Gardens, adjoining the Putting Course.

5—Hatherley Court Estate --Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, submitting proposals for the following entrances to be provided to the Recreation Ground :—(1) From the extension of Hatherley Court Road ; (2) from proposed road on the East side of the Estate ; and (3) from proposed road extending from Hatherley Road along the South-west side of the Estate ; and stating that the portion of road from Hatherley Road to the commencement of the proposed entrance to the ground and Hatherley Court Road would be made up by the Vendors within three months of the signing of the contract. The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the layout of the land as a Recreation Ground and Ornamental Garden, With regard to the pond, he reported that if this was retained, it would require puddling, and it would also be necessary to supplement the supply of water to the pond from the town mains, and as this would involve considerable capital expenditure as well as the charges for water, he recommended that the pond be drained and later filled in RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land and approaches at the price of £1,000 subject to sanction to loan being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,080, made up as follows ;—

	£.	s.	d.
Purchase of land (including stamp)...	1,010	0	0
Fencing and Gates	777	5	0
Playground Equipment and Seats ...	150	0	0
Levelling, Walks and General Layout	822	5	0
Conveniences, Pavilion, etc.	765	0	0
Water Supply ...	100	0	0
Piping Ditch and Draining Lake ...	176	10	0
Contingencies	279	0	0
	£4,080	0	0

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th December, 1935. Present—The Deputy Mayor: Alderman Taylor: Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the Chair).

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

(b) Market—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society with regard to the assessment of the new building. RESOLVED, That the Rating and Valuation Officers be instructed to submit amended proposals to the Assessment Committee as now approved by the Committee.

2—Unpaid Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with one person who was in arrear with her rates.

3—Licensed Premises—The Rating and Valuation Officers submitted correspondence with the County Valuers with regard to the objections made on behalf of licensed premises in the Borough to the draft Valuation List.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st December, 1935. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £42,009 ; Leaving Outstanding £68,600.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1936. Amount collected £10,280 ; Leaving outstanding £11,242.

3—Housing Bonds—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing Bonds amounting to £125 be approved.

4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1935, Purpose. Amount. Period of Repayment.

19th December Public Convenience, Montpellier Gardens £2,565 30 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Waite. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £18,875 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation—The Committee further considered the application of the Education Committee for Miss N. Slatter, Supplementary Teacher, to be placed on the Superannuation Scheme. With the exception of Miss Slatter all the teachers in Cheltenham Schools were included under the Teachers' Superannuation Act, but as Miss Slatter was a Supplementary Teacher she was not entitled to Superannuation under that Act. She was the only Supplementary Teacher in Cheltenham, and no further Supplementary Teachers would be appointed, The Borough Treasurer submitted correspondence from Messrs. J. H. Robertson & Co., the Actuaries, stating that the annual charge payable by the Corporation if Miss Slatter was admitted to the Scheme as a Non-contributor would be Scheme. per annum for a period of 30 years. RESOLVED, That Miss Slatter be admitted to the

Superannuation Scheme. and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the designation of her post as Supplementary Teacher.

8—Capital Expenditure—RESOLVED, That with a view to assisting the Committee in making arrangements for loans, the various Committees be asked to submit an estimate of the amount which they consider will be required for capital works during the next financial year.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th January, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N., and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd December, 1935, and of the Special Meeting held on the 17th December, 1935, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 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.

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

Public Health Meeting held December 11

Housing. Meeting held December 12

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Street and Highway Meeting held December 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Rogers : " That Minute No. 5 be not approved, and that the offer to sell the strip of land belonging to Loreburn for the sum of £50 plus solicitors and surveyors fees be accepted.

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Leigh James : " That Minute No. 17 in reference to Promenade Improvement Scheme be not approved " was lost.)

Town Planning Meetings held December 6 & 19

Resolved, also, That Plans Nos. 4195 and 4198 be approved as recommended by the Sub-Committee, and Minute No. 2 varied accordingly.

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held December 13

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 30

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 10 be amended by limiting the attendance of representatives to the I.M.E.A. Conference to two instead of three " was lost.)

Water Meeting held December 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 17

Resolved, also, That the tender of S. C. Morris & Sons, Ltd. for the repairs and renovations required at Marle Hill House, amounting to £385 (being the lowest of five tenders received) be accepted on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee.

Allotments Meeting held December 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 9

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Smith: That Minute No. 4 (b) with reference to Rock Garden, be referred back."

Moved by Alderman Moore and Seconded by Councillor Barnett " That Minute No. 4 (a) be amended, in that the Tank be not sold."

Rating Meeting held December 5

Finance Meeting held December 31

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

3—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be re-appointed a Delancey Hospital Trustee for a term of three years expiring on the 6th January, 1939.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Friday, 24th January, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., 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., Leigh James, Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye.

1-Death of His Majesty King George V.—On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, it was unanimously Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the following address :—

TO:— THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty, We, The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham in Council assembled, desire most humbly to express to Your Majesty our heartfelt sorrow at the irreparable loss sustained by the Nation in the death of Our Late Sovereign Lord King George the Fifth, whose deep and abiding interest in the welfare of His subjects and unswerving efforts in the cause of peace will make His glorious and momentous reign to be ever remembered with deep affection by His people.

We also humbly offer to Your Majesty our respectful and loyal congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and the assurance of our devoted attachment and allegiance to Your Majesty, and we earnestly pray that by the blessing of Almighty God, Your Majesty may have health and strength to sustain the great responsibilities which have been placed upon You, and that Your Majesty may be spared for many years to reign over us GIVEN under our Common Seal this 24th day of January 1936 in the first year of Your Majesty's reign.

TO :— HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY.

May it please Your Majesty, We, The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham in Council assembled, most respectfully offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss suffered by Your Majesty by the death of His Late Majesty King George The Fifth, who by His devoted interest in the welfare of His people had established himself in the hearts of His people, and whose memory will always be cherished with love and affection by the Nation.

We also pray God to sustain and comfort Your Majesty in your great sorrow which is shared by the whole Nation.

GIVEN under our Common Seal this 24th day of January 1936.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 3rd February, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Moore ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, E. W. Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 20 Naunton Crescent—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 her 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) 13 Painswick Road—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 Mr. F. C. Clark of £5 12s. 10d. be accepted.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 3 Pittville Lawn; 57 Winchcomb Street; 27 Lansdown Crescent—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 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 thereof, 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 any purpose other than the use as a store or for a kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

{b) Claremont Cottage, rear Montpellier Terrace ; 14 and 15 Worcester Street ; 8, 9 and 10 Waterloo Street; 1 and 2 The Retreat, Tewkesbury Road ; 1 and 2 Cakebridge Cottages ; House rear of St. John's Institute; 2 Hartley 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. The Rev. Lancaster attended and submitted letter from Mr. T. Overbury stating that he had failed to find any trace of movement in the structure. 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.

(c) 6 Beaufort Buildings ; 1 and 10 Pittville Lawn ; 13 Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect No 13 Clarence Square again.

(d) 1, 2 and 3 News Cottages, Alstone Lane ; 58 Worcester Street ; Creswell Lodge, Carter's Lane—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the March meeting of the Committee to enable the various Owners to consider carrying out the works required.

(e) 54 and 55 Worcester Street ; 5 and 6 Waterloo Street ; Witney Cottage, Granley Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for one month to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required.

(f) 12 Townsend Street ; 16, 17, 18 and 19 Waterloo Street ; 42, 43 and 44 Montpellier Villas—RESOLVED That the Undertakings given by the respective Owners of these houses and dated 25th November, 1935, 13th January and 13th January, 1936 respectively, to carry out such works as will in

the opinion of the Corporation render the same fit for human habitation, and in the case of 42, 43 and 44 Montpellier Villas, to convert the same into two houses and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted. houses,

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(g) 4, 5 and 6 Berkeley Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owners of these premises not to use the same for human habitation be accepted.

(h) 7 Waterloo Street—Mr. J. C. Loveridge, the Owner of this house attended and asked that the Demolition Order made in respect thereof should be withdrawn on his Undertaking to carry out certain work, RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(i) Arle Farm Cottage—The Committee further considered Mr. S. G. Wood's application to use this house as a store. Read, letter from Messrs. Healing & Overbury stating that in their opinion the cottage might safely be used for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to an Undertaking being given by the Owner to carry out such alterations as will prevent the premises from being occupied again for human habitation, and that the premises will not be so used.

(j) 8 Hewlett Place—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of the Owner of this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made, to convert the same into a lock-up shop, be referred to the Rota Sub-Committee for inspection and report.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 qr. 21 lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. Pork 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. Mutton ; and 13 lbs, Poultry.

4—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices arising from defective drains, 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.

5—Public Convenience— Clarence Parade—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to Messrs Ivens, Thompson & Green erecting a close boarded fence against the railings dividing their premises from this convenience.

6—Hayden and Barn Farms—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that a field known as " Five Acres—small pasture "" belonging to Mr. S. G. Wood had not been irrigated, and Mr. Wood had applied for an allowance in respect thereof, RESOLVED, That his annual payment be reduced from £18 to £17 per annum.

(b) The Committee further considered application from Mr. G. P. Rymer for a rebate in his rent. RESOLVED, That he be granted the abatement recommended by Mr. Castle in respect of his rent for the year ending 31st March next, but that he be informed that the Committee will not be prepared to grant an abatement next year.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roof of the waterman's (Bendall) cottage at Barn Farm repaired at an estimated cost of £10.

7—Extension of Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted 11 tenders received for the supply of filtering media required in connection with the scheme for the extension of the Sewage Works, RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the tenders, and that they be authorised to recommend a tender or tenders for acceptance at the next meeting of the Council.

8—Housing Act, 1935—Housing Survey—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the progress made with this survey. One of the enumerators had been found to be inaccurate, and his employment had therefore been terminated RESOLVED, That Mr. W. C. Rogers be appointed Enumerator. RESOLVED, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report on the progress made with the survey next month.

9—Milk and Dairies Order—Read, application from Messrs. Marks & Spencer for their new premises in High Street to be registered as a Dairy, and also for registration as Retail Purveyors for the sale of milk and cream in sealed containers. RESOLVED, That the application for registration as a Dairy be not granted, but that the -application for renewal of their registration as retail Purveyors of milk in sealed containers be granted subject to the milk and cream being received and retailed by them in sealed containers.

10—Slaughter of Animals Act—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported on the applications received and granted for renewal of slaughtermen's licenses, and for new licences. A large number of slaughtermen had not applied for the renewal of their licences. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

11—Flooding—The Flooding Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the report dated the 24th ult. of the Borough Surveyor in regard to the flooding of premises in the Borough. Circulars had been sent to those persons who were circularised in 1932 to ascertain whether any improvement had resulted from the works recently carried out, and from replies received it appeared that with the exception of a few isolated instances, flooding was confined to portions of High Street, the St. Luke's Road area, Eldon Road, King's Road and North Place, and Promenade and Rodney Road.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) That in view of the limited number of complaints in High Street, the Sub-Committee do not consider the construction of an additional overflow is justified at the present time.

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(b) That a storm overflow be constructed in Bath Road at the junction of St. Luke's Road, at an estimated cost of £1,559, and a relief outlet constructed at a point where the Chelt main sewer passes beneath Bath Road, at an estimated cost of £250.

(c) That in view of the small amount of flooding in the Eldon Road, Kings Road and North Place areas, no action be taken with regard to reconstructing the sewer between North Place and Hewlett Road.

(d) That the sum of £350 be included in the application for a loan to the Ministry of Health for the provision of a relief outlet to the Chelt main sewer near Rodney Road, but that the construction of this be deferred until the effect of the similar relief outlet to be constructed in Bath Road is known.

(e) That in the course of next year, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to investigate and report on the Chelt main sewer, and as to the practicability of constructing a relief sewer thereto, and also as to deepening and improving the course of the Chelt to increase its discharging capacity.

(f) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,159 for the cost of carrying out the above recommendations in regard to the St. Luke's Road and Promenade and Rodney Road areas.

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

12— Offensive Trade—Read, application from Mr. G. Stroud for the renewal of consent to carry on the trade of a dealer in iron, metal and rags, and also in rabbit skins at his premises in Sun Street. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the powers contained in the Public Health Acts, the Council hereby consent to the application for a period of one year expiring on the 3rd January, 1937.

13-252-254 Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. R. James asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow the claim made for the cost incurred in relaying the drains at this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

14—Conferences—(a) Read, circular from the Royal Institute of Public Health inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Edinburgh next May. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed. (b) Read, circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Congress to be held at Southport from the 6th to 11th July next RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend. (c) Read, circular of 31st ult. from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of representatives to a Sessional Meeting to be held at Bath on the 14th February next. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Avery, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Grimwade, Moore, Dr. Hayward and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Moors Estate—The Borough Engineer reported that the whole of the 156 houses were completed and handed over on the 24th ult.

2-4 Shakespeare Road—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house had obtained a separation order against her husband and had given notice to terminate her tenancy on the 20th inst. The Town Clerk submitted a letter from her husband applying for the tenancy of the house RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take steps if necessary to obtain possession of the premises.

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3—Temporary Housing Accommodation—The Committee further considered the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee to purchase a house for conversion into flats to provide temporary accommodation for urgent cases and for persons occupying houses purchased for reconditioning. The Chairman and Councillor Morris reported that they had inspected Pomfret House, Winchcombe Street, which they considered could be converted into four or five flats at a cost of about £150, and about £200 to put it into repair. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to purchase the house at a price not exceeding that now agreed by the Committee and to have the necessary alterations carried out, and the cost charged to the reconditioning account.

4—Rent Collection -RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer and Housing Manager be instructed to submit a report on the recommendation of the Borough Treasurer that the duplicate posting rent collecting system now in operation on the St. Mark's, Pilley and Whaddon Estates should be extended to all the houses belonging to the Corporation.

5—Whaddon Farm Estate -(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the building progress at this estate and as to the delay and difficulties experienced in carrying out the road and drainage works owing to the bad weather conditions.

(b) Sale of Land to Mr. W. H. Cox—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. Jessop & Son asking that the value of any house erected on the land to be sold to him should be further reduced to £450 including the value of the land. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

(c) Shop Site—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. V. Mills had made application to purchase a shop site in Whaddon Road as shown on the plan now submitted. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to sell the land at the valuation of the District Valuer and subject to contract.

(d) Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Allotments Committee had received enquiries from allotment tenants as to when their allotments would be required for building. RESOLVED, That the Allotments Committee be informed that the Committee do not propose to proceed with the erection of any more houses on this estate until the report of the Housing Survey has been considered and that the tenants can therefore be assured that their allotments will not in any case be required before the Autumn.

6—Clearance Orders-3 Hartley Place- Read, letter of 12th inst. from Messrs. Jessop & Son on behalf of the owner of this house, in respect of which the Corporation have been directed to make a payment under Section 64 of the Housing Act 1935, claiming £7 10s 0d., namely one and a half times the rateable value of the house as provided under the Act, RESOLVED, That the claim be allowed.

7—Reconditioning---7 and 8 Russell Place—The Sanitary Inspector submitted two tenders for fencing in the site of these houses RESOLVED, That the tender of T. W. Smith & Son of £3 7s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

8-8 Kingsley Gardens—The Town Clerk submitted an offer from Mr. C. E. Tyley to rent this house for three years at PO per annum provided the bedrooms, bath room and kitchen were redecorated and a lavatory basin fitted in the bath room RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the work carried out.

9—Housing Manager's Department—RESOLVED, That the pupil trainee in the Housing Manager's Office be paid a cycle allowance at the rate of per annum.

10—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 7th inst

They recommended (inter aim) as follows :-33 Byron Road—That the tenant of this house be given one month's notice to quit in view of the further complaints received from the tenants of adjoining houses. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted

11—Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 10th inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Dr. Hayward and Morris (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair),

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works etc. proposed to be carried out during the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Snow Clearing--The Committee further considered the wages and conditions of employment of the men taken on for snow clearing. RESOLVED, That in future the conditions of employment remain the same, but that the rate of pay be increased to 1s per hour. RESOLVED, also, That Councillors Addis and Morris be asked to interview the Manager of the Labour Exchange in regard to the recruitment of labour for the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert an advertisement in the " Echo" drawing attention to the byelaw which requires occupiers to remove snow from the footways adjoining their premises.

3—Junction of Swindon Road and Gardner's Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer on behalf of the trustees of St. Paul's Training College to sell a portion of their land for the improvement of the junction of these roads for the sum of £50, the Corporation to carry out the whole of the work. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, but that the College be asked to surrender the land free of charge subject to the Corporation relieving them of their existing liability for road and paving charges in respect of the length affected by the improvement.

4--Coal Contracts--RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay an increase of 1s per ton for coal on the same terms and conditions as approved by the Water Committee.

5—Weighbridges-- The Borough Surveyor reported that the two firms who had supplied the weighbridges at the Destructor and the Central Depot had combined under the name of Ashworth, Ross Ltd., and he submitted offer from the combined firm to include the weighbridge at the Central Depot in the existing maintenance contract for the weighbridge at the Destructor for the sum of £6 per annum, instead of £6 10s. 0d. at present paid for the maintenance of the Central Depot weighbridge. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

6—Private Improvement Works—Overton Park Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate for making up and sewerage this road by the abutting owners at a cost of £2,177. 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 sewerage, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days, and that if such notices are 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.

7—Traffic Island, Montpellier --The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative schemes for the construction of this traffic island, and the removal of the excessive camber from the carriageway. RESOLVED, That the scheme submitted for the construction of the island and reducing the camber as far north as the south entrance to the Inner Walk and for removing the cattle trough from the rear of the statue and re-erecting this in Lypiatt Road at its junction with Lansdown Road and making good the base of the statue, at a total estimated cost of £1,202, be approved.

8--New Road off Hales Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted specification of section of road proposed to be constructed by Mr. C. C. Castle off Hales Road, RESOLVED, That provided the road is constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor the Committee will be prepared to favourably consider taking over the road.

9—Junction of Queens Road and Lansdown Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Ideal Flats Ltd. offering to surrender a small area of land belonging to Northwold for the improvement of this junction subject to the Corporation rebuilding the wall to the improved line. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the improvement carried out.

10—National Safety First Association—(a) RESOLVED, That the ten drivers in the Highways Department be entered for the 1936 Safe Driving Competition.

(b) Read, circular from the National Safety First Association asking the Corporation to co-operate in a National Accident Prevention Campaign, by undertaking special local safety activities during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the circular be referred for the consideration of the local branch of the Association with a view to their suggesting what action the Corporation should take

11 —Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk submitted letters received from the Secretary of the Ladies College that the College Council understood that it was the intention of the Council to divert traffic down Montpellier Street, which they considered would be detrimental to the College. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Ladies College that it was not the intention of the Council at present to divert any more traffic down Montpellier Street, but the College Council has asked the Committee to receive a deputation thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to receive a deputation at their next meeting.

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12—Wyman's Brook—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan received from Mr. L. W. Barnard of a proposed culvert to Wyman's Brook, but as this did not contain sufficient information he had asked for further details. RESOLVED, That the plan be disapproved pending the receipt of further information.

13—Royal Well Lane--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that this work had now been completed, with the exception of the construction of the entrances and exits to the proposed Taxi Stand. Certain modifications were found necessary during the progress of the work, and it had been necessary to rebuild the walls of the properties on the east side of the road with new bricks, as, when the existing walls were demolished, the bricks were found to be perished. This had resulted in an over expenditure of £257, of which £191 was chargeable to the widening of the road and would rank for grant. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant in aid of the proportion of the over expenditure incurred on the widening of the road.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the solicitors for the owners in Royal Crescent and ask them to agree to the Corporation planting some trees along the frontage of the garden to Royal Well Lane with a view to the trees in the strip of ground between the footpath and the garden being removed as and when it becomes necessary to do so.

(c) Read, memorial from 14 occupiers in Royal Crescent and Crescent Terrace suggesting that the Taxi Office should be moved further from the corner to enable traffic to obtain a clear view. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the owners of the garden if this can be placed inside the garden

(d) RESOLVED, That the Omnibus Companies using the Omnibus Station be asked to provide a shelter for passengers.

14—Borough Surveyor's Department—Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr H. Thornley, temporary Architectural Assistant, for an increase in salary. In view of the large amount of architectural work now in hand, the Borough Surveyor recommended that his appointment should be designated for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That Mr Thornley's application be granted, and his salary increased to £275 per annum. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the post of Architectural Assistant being designated for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme.

15—High Street—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the View Committee, That provision be made in next year's-estimates for widening the portion of the footpath on the south side of High Street for a length opposite Pittville Street, and also from the Plough Hotel to Regent Street so as to widen the carriageway to 30 feet.

16—Phoenix Passage—The Committee further considered the application from Mrs. Morgan to divert this passage when Nos 1 and 2 Phoenix Passage had been demolished, and the View Committee reported their inspection. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not approve of the proposal

17—Junction of Gloucester Road and Tewkesbury Road—The View Committee recommended that the lamp standard at this junction should be moved about 5 feet up Gloucester Road, and that traffic should be required to keep left round the lamp. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £40. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

18—View Committee—Read, Report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 15th inst. Present—Aldermen Capt. Trye (in the chair) ; Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Green and Rogers.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Wellington Road—That Lt.-Col. Northen's application for the removal of the tree in front of Little Evesham House be not granted

(b) Ambrose Street and High Street Junction—That a trial be made with One-Way Traffic round the convenience, and that the kerb be set back along the south side of High Street, and " Keep Left " signs erected.

(c) Swindon Road School—Flooding—That the Borough Engineer be instructed to confer with the Education Committee, and submit a scheme for preventing the flooding of the basement of the School

(d) Swindon Road—That no action be taken with regard to the removal of the omnibus stop opposite the College Playing Field.

(e) Gloucester Road—That with regard to Miss Bendy's complaint as to the obstruction by trees outside Castle Terrace, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the tree outside No. 3 Castle Terrace, and replace this with a silver birch tree, and to have the other tree pruned.

(f) Hatherley Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for making up the footpath beyond the railway bridge in front of the new houses erected by Wheeler & Mansell Ltd.

(g) Hewlett Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree outside Castlemaine pruned, if he considers this necessary.

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

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19—Traffic Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Traffic Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on 10th inst.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the Council be recommended to make application to the Ministry of Transport for a permanent One-Way Traffic Order in respect of the portion of the Promenade from Imperial Circus to Crescent Terrace Crescent Terrace from the Promenade to Royal Well Lane, and Clarence Parade, in respect of which a temporary' One-Way Traffic Order was made for the week preceding Christmas.

(b) Halt Signs—That " Halt " signs be erected at the following places :--

(i) In Hewlett Street and College Road at their junctions with High Street.

(ii) In Clarence Road at both its junctions with Evesham Road.

(iii) In Montpellier Terrace at its junction with Bath Road.

(iv) In Montpellier Street at its junction with St. George's Road.

(c) That the Ministry of Transport be informed that the Committee do not consider it necessary to erect a " Halt " sign in Grafton Road at its junction with Park Place, as requested by them. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except recommendation (a) in regard to the One-Way Traffic Order in respect of the Promenade. RESOLVED, also, That if the proposed " Halt " signs in Hewlett Street and College Road are not effective, the Committee consider the installation of automatic traffic signals.

20—Pedestrian Crossing Places—Read, letter from the Ministry of Transport making a grant of 60 per cent of the actual approved expenditure on the nine pedestrian crossing places, estimated at £117, subject to a payment not exceeding £70

21—Clarence Street—Omnibus Stop—Read, letters from Mrs. C. M. Jones and Mrs. A. M. Kesterven asking the Corporation to permit omnibuses to pick up and set down passengers outside the Bristol Tramways Office in Clarence Street. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

22—Conference—Read, circular from the Institute of Municipal and County Engineers inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of the Institute to be held at Brighton from the 17th to 20th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

23—Petrol Pumps—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Harold Averys Automobiles Ltd. for permission to erect 3 petrol pumps with swing arms over the footpath at 74 Winchcomb Street be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into as to payment of wayleave and removal of swing arms when required, and to the pumps being set back behind the building line if and when required by the Corporation, and also subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee.

24—Rowanfield Road—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had communicated with the 27 owners of properties in this road asking whether they were prepared to surrender the land required for the widening of the road, the Corporation undertaking to bear the cost of making up the widened carriageway, and the owners paying the proportion of the cost of making up the present road. 11 owners had replied to the circular, none of whom were willing to pay for the cost of making up the present road, but six owners were willing to give up the land provided they were relieved of all costs in the matter. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

25—Evesham Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 24th ult., from Mr. T. E. Baines undertaking to remove the shrubs planted by him in front of his property, Mount Sorrel, Evesham Road, when required by the Corporation.

26—Naunton Way—The Town Clerk reported that the notices to take over the remainder of the made up portion of Naunton Way had been duly given. RESOLVED, That the remainder of the made up portion of Naunton Way be taken over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

27—Street Name Plates—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from the Ministry of Transport, calling attention to their Circular No. 340 (roads) of 20th August, 1930, dealing with the display of street name plates. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

28-142 Swindon Road—The View Committee reported they had inspected this house again and considered the District Valuer's valuation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the lowest price the property can be purchased for.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Compton, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Howell and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. A. P. Grist, Gurney, W. L. Mellersh and Wood, and Miss Ratcliffe (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1935.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ..	26.4	42
At Clare Street (12 Meetings) ..	33.2	33.2
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	40	41
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	21.4	24.1

(b) The Association were very much concerned at the high price of milk which they considered was seriously affecting the average working class family whose income was not sufficiently low to come within the scale approved by the Corporation for the grant of free milk and they had accordingly

made representations to the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Milk Marketing Board

2—Health Visitors—(a) Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended December, 1935 :—

No. of Children on Register	3,128
Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	1,113
" " (b) over 1 year	2,253
Un-notified Births discovered ...	11
Un-notified Still-Births discovered	1
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (1 year and under)	4,077
" " (over 1 year) ...	4,997
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	635
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	331
Special visits to Mothers	296
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	5
Chicken-pox cases visited ...	24
Measles cases visited	19
Whooping-cough cases visited	35
" Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	3

Grants of Milk :

Average number of cases receiving assistance daily during the year	154
Cost of milk during the year ...	£638 4s. 10d.
Cost of Dried Milks during the year .	£3 1s. 6d.

Children Act .-

No. of Children on Register during year	61
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(b) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1935 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,363
" Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	685
" " " (over 1 year)	1175
" Un-notified Births discovered	1
" Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (1 year and under)	1209
" " " (over 1 year) ...	1655
" First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	159
" Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	107
" Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 50)	124
" Measles cases visited	4
" Whooping Cough cases visited	4
" Chicken Pox cases visited ...	5

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	172
New Orders ...	104
Orders discontinued during quarter	52
" continuing to coming quarter	224

Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	28	14
" visits (under Children Act) paid	51	16
" Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter.	23	13

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3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 74 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st October to 31st December, 1935, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from 1st April to 31st December, 1935 was £77 11s. 0d., of which £27 7s. 0d. was chargeable 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, 1935: Still-births 4 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted 2 accounts for treatment in the General Hospital in two cases of Puerperal Fever, RESOLVED. That these accounts be passed for payment.

5—Dentistry---The Medical Officer of Health reported that 74 mothers and 10 infants had attended the School Dentist during the quarter in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee.

6—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health reported a case in which a child had been taken for reward without notice having first been given, as required under the Act, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draw the attention of the offender to the provisions of the Act, and to warn her that the Committee will take proceedings against her if there is any further breach of the Act.

7—Nursing Homes Registration Act 1927—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss L. R. Symonds for the registration of Beech Holm, Wellington Square, as a Nursing Home, under the title " The Maitland Nursing Home " be granted.

(b) Read, report of the Medical Officer of health as to Mrs. Johnson of Wenlock House, Wellington Passage, using her premises as a Maternity Home in contravention of the Nursing Homes Registration Act 1927, RESOLVED, That Mrs Johnson be asked to make the necessary arrangements for the confinement to take place elsewhere, and, failing this being done, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mrs. Johnson.

8—Home Helps—The Medical Officer of Health reported that during the past year Victoria home had not required to make use of the special grant made by the Corporation for the purpose of providing Home Helps.

9—Estimates—RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held next month to consider the estimates for next year.

10— Maternity Cases --The Medical Officer of Health submitted report as to the institutional accommodation available for Maternity cases in the Borough. (A copy of this Report accompanies the Minutes). Miss Ratcliffe, on behalf of the District Nursing Association, stated that there was not sufficient accommodation at the Victoria Home to take cases on account of home conditions, and Councillor Dr Curling Hayward (Chairman of the Infirmary Sub-Committee) stated that two well-equipped Maternity Wards had been provided at the Cheltenham Infirmary but that the accommodation was not utilised to the full extent. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to provide further accommodation for Maternity cases on account of home conditions as they are satisfied that there is adequate accommodation provided in the Maternity Wards at the Cheltenham Infirmary but that the County Council Public Assistance Committee be asked to change the name of this latter Institution to "The County Hospital."

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd January, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris ;-Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst ; Messrs, T. J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A. 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,
4209	McKay, Mr.	Garage, Well Place
4210	Avery, H. M. Ltd	New shop front and swing arm petrol pumps, 74 Winchcomb Street
4211	Goddard & Hunt	Garage, Jersey Avenue.
4212	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd.	New W. C. Fleece Hotel.
4213	Parsloe, T.	New bathroom and coalhouse, Yew Trees, Rowanfield Road.
4214	Gloucestershire Co-operative Society	Reconstruction of shop premises, Swindon Road
4215	Acock, Miss F.	Alterations and new garage, The Cottage, Whaddon Lane.
4216	Booy, H. C.	Cycle shed, Arle Drive.
4217	Ebdon Automobiles Ltd	Alterations, Bath Road
4218	John Kay Ltd.	Alterations, 146 High Street.
4219	McDonough I. J.	Detached house, Leckhampton Road.
4220	Howitt, T. C.	Alterations, Messrs. Goodsons, High Street.
4221	Grove Garages Ltd.	Alterations, Grove Garage, High Street.
4222	Sims, F. T.	Alterations, Mostyn, Hales Road.
4223	Redsdale, Mrs.	Garage, Chelholm, Lansdown Road
4224	Sheppard, E. M.	Alterations, 17 Imperial Square.

4225	Jenkins, W. E.	2 bungalows, Hatherley Road.
4226	Horlock, F. C.	Garden shed, Six Chimney Lane
4227	Jones, A. E.	Garage, Fairfield Park Road.
4228	Beach, W. A.	Detached house, Windsor Street

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 4211, 4216, 4219, 4226, 4227 and 4228 be approved ; That Plan No. 4210 be approved subject to the gable being rendered and to the conditions laid down by the Street and Highway Committee ; That Plans Nos. 4212, 4213, 4215, 4217, 4218, 4221 and 4224 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; in the case of Plans Nos. 4217 and 4221, subject also to three-way interceptors being provided, and in the case of Plan No. 4221 subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and subject to the conditions laid down by the Committee on the 26th September, 1935; That Plan No. 4214 be referred for view by The Chairman,. Vice-Chairman and Councillor Morris and that they be authorised to make a recommendation to the Council ; That Plan No. 4220 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4223 be approved subject to the building line in Christchurch Road being observed; That Plan No. 4225 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used, and to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the improvement line on completion of buildings ; That Plans Nos. 4209 and 4222 be disapproved.

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.
892	Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd.	Tile Works, Shurdington-Painswick Road, Near Shurdington.
894	Kilminster, W.	Additions, Paradise Bungalow, Crickley Hill.
896	Marshall, A. E. & Son	Lay-out 30 houses, off Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
897	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Additions, New Inn, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
898	Thornton, Commander, R.N.	Porch, 191, Leckhampton Road.
899	Stibbs, B. J.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
900	Hanilan, T.	Private garage, "Nirvanha," Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
901	Townsend, W. C.	Porch and Shed, Broadwell Farm, Leckhampton.
902	Goulding, F. A.	Dwelling house, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
903	Goulding, F. A.	Garage, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington
904	Goulding, F. A.	Forcing House, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
905	Pearce, R. A.	Dwelling house, Station Road, Woodmancote.
906	Thornton, Commander, R.N.	Garage, Leckhampton Road.
907	Bradbury, H. L.	Bungalow, Shurdington Road, Leckhampton.
908	Henstock, Miss D. C.	Garage, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
909	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Dept.)	Underground cables, Hatherley Lane.
910	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Dept.)	Underground cables, Brooklyn Road and Arle Road.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 898, 899, 901, 902, 903, 904, 906, 908, 909, 910 and 911 be approved ; That Plan No. 89, be approved subject to the works being painted a colour to harmonise with the surroundings, and to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the buildings and clear the site when the quarry adjoining the main road has been worked out ; That Plan No 896 be approved subject to the elevations of the houses being varied so as to avoid monotony, and to satisfactory sewers being provided ; That Plan No 897 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the additions behind the building line at their own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No 900 be approved subject to the elevation being amended to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 905 be approved subject to the owner setting back the front fence to the improvement line when required by the Road Authority; That Plans Nos. 894 and 907 be not approved.

3—Application to Develop— (a) The Committee further considered application from the Gloucester Tile and Sand Co. Ltd. asking what restrictions would be placed on the land fronting the south side of the road leading from Shurdington to Little Shurdington. The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Rural District Council that they considered the site was unsuitable for development owing to lack of sewers, but that they were prepared to reconsider the matter when the Council's proposed sewerage scheme had been fully considered. The Water Committee were prepared to supply the houses with water subject to the main being to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, and to storage tanks being provided for the houses. RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that the Committee are not prepared to approve plans for the erection of houses on this land at the present time.

(b) Cleeve Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. W. H. Bond for permission to erect four bungalows fronting a private road on Cleeve Hill. The Borough Surveyor reported that the proposed bungalows would front to the private road, which had an average width of 25 feet, which was less than the standard width, and, as there were houses on both sides of the road it would be difficult to secure widening without disturbing the other owners. The development of the back land should also be considered before further building takes place in this road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted pending consideration as to the development of the back land.

(c) Junction of King Street and Swindon Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Rainger & Rogers for permission to re-develop the site at the junction of King Street and Swindon Road by erecting two cottages thereon be not granted owing to the very high density of this area, and to enable the Committee to consider the re-planning of this area.

4—Appeal by Mr. A. Mitchell—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing formal instrument dismissing the appeal made by Mr. A. Mitchell against the refusal of the Council to grant permission for the erection of a bungalow on land in Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings.

5—Brandon House, Painswick Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. W. L. Mellersh on behalf of the owners of houses opposite this house pointing out that the house and land had been offered for sale and asking the Committee to maintain as far as possible the standard of any houses which may be built on the site, RESOLVED, That the site be scheduled at a density of 4 houses to the acre.

6—Contravention of Byelaws—Plan No. 4186—Mr. R. J. Stevens attended to show cause why the workshop erected by him in contravention of the Byelaws at Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street should not be removed, altered or pulled down. RESOLVED, That Mr. Stevens be required to remove the building, and that in default of his so doing, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the same removed.

7—Land, Old Bath Road—Read, letter from Mr. C. Ayland stating that he had now decided not to rent the strip of land purchased from Mr. Bendall as an allotment. RESOLVED, That the Allotments Committee be asked to let the land as an allotment.

8—Executive Committee—Read, letter from the Clerk of the County Council inviting the attendance of representatives to meet the County Planning Committee in regard to the draft agreement for the formation of an Executive Committee. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be appointed to attend.

9—Kidnappers and Badgeworth Lanes—RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Rural District Council be informed that it is the opinion of this Committee that no further plans for erection of houses in these roads should be approved until satisfactory sewerage schemes have been provided, and that the District Council be asked for their observation on this matter.

E. L. WARD. Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 17th ult.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Entertainments Manager's Office—That the salary of Miss G. Stephens, shorthand typist, be increased to 30s per week, rising by two half-yearly increments of 2s 6d to 35s per week.

(b) That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Weech for her assistance in endeavouring to obtain the National Bridge Congress for Cheltenham.

(c) Winter Garden—That the South Transept and grounds of the Winter Garden be let to the Alsatian Dog Club for their Annual Show on the 6th June, at a rent of £5, and that in the alternative the Club be offered the use of Montpellier Pavilion on the same terms.

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

2—Town Hall—(a) Entertainments Manager's Office—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to have a screen partition provided in the Entertainments Manager's office, at a cost of not exceeding £10.

(b) Staff—Read, letter from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers in regard to the payment of overtime for the staff at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be asked to report thereon.

(c) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Western Area Traffic Commissioners for Public Inquiries to be held on the 20th and 21st inst.

(d) Heating System—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the heating system at the Town Hall and pointed out that it was installed over thirty years ago. He recommended that in order to ensure the proper heating of the parts of the building furthest from the boiler house, an electrically driven circulating pump should be installed near the boiler house at an estimated cost of £100. RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for carrying out this recommendation.

(e) Ladies' Cloakroom—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing a hot water radiator in the ladies' cloakroom at £15 12s 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this provided.

3—Gymnasium—Lt. Edwards reported that he had inspected the gymnasium equipment at Brandon House School, which had been offered for sale to the Corporation. The equipment comprised parallel, low and horizontal bars, ladder, bridge ladder, back board, 3 ropes, 3 mattresses and sparred plank. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to make an offer of for the equipment.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Tennis Courts—RESOLVED, That the free use of the tennis courts on the South side of the broad walk be granted for a Hospital Tennis Tournament to be held the 30th May, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide an enclosure, as last year.

5—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 15th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Grammar School—That the application of the Grammar School Governors for the boys and girls to be admitted to Alstone and Montpellier Baths once a week in school hours during the summer term on payment of a lump sum be acceded to, and that the Committee be recommended to accept the sum of £60, to cover not exceeding 500 boys and 400 girls per week, subject to the Superintendents of the Baths being able to arrange convenient time tables.

(b) Sandford Park Swimming Pool—That the Pool be opened on the 1st May next.

(c) Alstone Baths—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimates of the cost of carrying out the following improvements to the covered bath, namely :—

(i) Treating the bottom of the bath with Snowcrete or other suitable material ; (ii) Improving the ventilation ; (iii) Painting the interior of the building and exterior of the dressing boxes ; and (iv) Roughing the bathers' deck, slippery through wear.

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

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6—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

7—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Chairman be authorised to open the tenders received for covering in the open air bath at Alstone, and to recommend a tender for acceptance by the Council.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of treating the bottom of the indoor bath with Snowcrete at £100, including the provision of black racing lines. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the present.

8—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Water Chute—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs Spencer, Heath & George Ltd, for modifying the existing water chute, at a cost of £39. He estimated the cost of taking down and shortening the existing columns and re-erecting and making good, and providing water supply, at an additional £41. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain an assurance from the makers that when modified and re-erected with the columns on the spectators' walk, the use of the chute will be safe.

(b) Shingle Beds—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of replacing the existing shingle in the two rectangular beds on the north side of the Pool at £106 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the present.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted seven tenders received for the erection of a Cafe, surfacing of Car Park, and alteration of Tray Stores at the Swimming Pool. The lowest tender received was that of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd. amounting to £5,734 11s 10d. which included the sum of £90 for provision of Clerk of Works and office. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted, subject to Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, but that a Clerk of Works and office be not provided. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £5,375 being the amount included in the accepted tender for the erection of Cafe and surfacing and draining the Car and Cycle Parks.

(b) Chute—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Spencer Heath & George Ltd. stating that the proposed alteration of the Chute would bring it within the standard size and in line with many supplied by them to other Pools and from their experience would be perfectly safe provided it was used with reasonable care. RESOLVED. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Chute altered accordingly at a total estimated cost of £80.

10—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the complaints received from Mr. Cox of the Repertory Theatre of the noise from the Tennis Court adjoining the Theatre, The Borough Surveyor considered that the complaints could be remedied by making a break in the floor between the two sections of the building, and the Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that permission should be given for this to be done. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this work being carried out subject to this being done to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

11—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 21st inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Good Friday—That the use of the large Hall be offered for a Sacred Concert on Good Friday evening to be organised by Cheltenham United Churches or Chapels in the town at a reduced charge of £5 5s. 0d.

(b) Town Hall Staff—That consideration of the letter from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking for overtime rates for the staff at the Town Hall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee and that, meanwhile, the Entertainments Manager be instructed to obtain particulars from other towns as to wages paid to similar staffs.

(c) That, having considered the report from Messrs. Rushworth & Dreaper as to the need for cleaning the organ, provision be made in next year's estimates for having this done. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Entertainments Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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12—Town Hall—Emergency Lighting—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee that emergency lighting should be provided at the Town Hall for use in the event of a breakdown. The Committee considered estimates submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer for providing an independent automatic Battery installation for giving a supply to 10 lights at an estimated cost of £110 ; the maintenance cost of which would be about £5 per annum, and also estimate from the Gas Company for modernising and adding to the existing gas fittings so as to provide for eight lights at a cost of £35 ; the maintenance charge of which would be about £2 per annum. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for a modified scheme using the existing gas fittings and providing additional lamps where considered necessary.

Conference—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Association of Public Lighting Engineers accepting the invitation of the Council to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham this year from the 7th to the 11th September.

13—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Spa Bowling Club applying for the use of the Bowling Green for another year and asking the Committee to receive a deputation from the Club as to the terms. RESOLVED, That the deputation be interviewed at the next meeting of the Committee.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Ben James, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Sub-Station—Montpellier Retreat—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the terms arranged for the purchase of the three cottages Nos. 7, 8 and 9 Montpellier Retreat for the erection of a Sub-station. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Electricity Charges—Supply to Rural Areas—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the Maximum Demand charge of the rural area, now 8d. for the first 125 hours per quarter of the Maximum Demand and 4d. beyond that consumption, be reduced to 8d. and 2d. respectively.

3—Public Lighting—(a) St. Paul's Street South—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, owing to the widening of the street, it would be necessary to move a Lamp Standard, and in view of the large increase in traffic which would result from the erection there of the new Labour Exchange, he

recommended that the opportunity should be taken to improve the lighting in the street by replacing the existing two lamp standards with three standards with extension brackets, refractor fittings and 100 watt lamps at an estimated cost of £28 8s. 5d. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Hatherley Road—RESOLVED, That pending completion of the improved lighting scheme in Hatherley Road beyond the Railway Bridge, the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect a new lamp standard opposite Hatherley Cottage at an estimated cost of £3 14s. 0d.

4—Cleeve Hill—Transformer Kiosk—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement with the County Council for the erection of a Transformer Kiosk on the North Western side of the road on Cleeve Hill near the corner of Haymes Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

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5—Damage to Lamp Standard—Read, report of damage to Lamp Standard on the 26th ult. at the junction of St' Paul's and Wellesley Roads by a Motor Lorry belonging to the Transport Contracts Ltd. The Insurance Company concerned was the Provincial Insurance Co. Ltd. who were willing to settle this and future claims on the basis of the usual Sharing Agreement, the Company paying 75 per cent. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Town Clerk be authorised to sign Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Gas Tests—Read, reports of the Gas Tests made on the 3rd, 8th, 17th and 22nd inst., which shewed the Calorific Value on these dates to be 474.0, 469.9, 473.1, 472.3 B.Th.U. respectively, and the Pressure 5.5, 5.6, 6.6 and 6.8 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Dr Hayward 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 December, 1935.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	399,000 gallons	199,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,833,000 "	1,085,000
Leckhampton Springs	62,000	33,000
	2,294,000	1,317,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 111,799,000 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—Extensions to Mains—(a) Little Shurdington—Read, letter from the Gloucester Tile & Sand Co. Ltd., stating that if the proposed houses to be erected by them on land at Little Shurdington were approved by the Town Planning Committee they were prepared to install storage tanks of not less than 90 gallons capacity in each house. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the houses being erected connected to the water mains subject to the owners entering into an agreement to provide and maintain tanks of not less than 90 gallons capacity and a covenant to bind their successors in title, owners for the time being of the houses to be built, that no objections should be made to any deficiencies of supply due to levels.

(b) Shurdington Housing Scheme—The Borough Engineer submitted a letter from the Building Inspector of the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Committee to agree to one pipe of a large bore serving the 6 houses proposed to be erected by the Cheltenham Rural District Council at Shurdington. The Borough Engineer recommended that they be asked to lay a new pipe along the line of the proposed diversion of the road and that each house should be connected separately thereto. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

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5—Coal Supply—The Borough Engineer reported as to the stocks of coal purchased by him both under contract and otherwise in view of the prospect of a coal strike. Applications from Messrs. Sheppard & Son and J. Williams & Co., asking for an increase of 2s per ton in their contract price for the supply of coal were considered and also a circular from the Forest of Dean District (Coal Mines Scheme) Executive Board, asking the Corporation to agree to a voluntary increase of 2s per ton. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to adopt the decision of other undertakings to pay an increase of 1s per ton subject to there being no coal strike and to the whole of the increase being allocated to mine workers ; the increase not to be paid until the wages of mine workers have commenced to be increased. and to be paid in respect of all coal delivered in 1936, but not paid in respect of coal which ought to have been delivered before 1st January, 1936,

6—Tewkesbury—Waterworks—RESOLVED, That the consideration of Mr. Green's application for an allowance in respect of the rent of the land at Tewkesbury in lieu of compensation for land taken, be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

7—Water Mains of the Borough—The Borough Engineer submitted a list of the old water mains in the Borough. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Read, letter of 13th ult, from the Whithorne Quarrying Co agreeing to the angle of slope of the excavations of their quarry adjoining the reservoir being limited to 22 degrees and that the excavation at ground level should extend not nearer than 6 feet from the boundary hedge, as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

(b) Fence—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to the fence of the Dowdeswell Reservoir by motor cars on three occasions, on the 22nd and 24th ult., in one case the police had been unable to trace the driver of the car which did the damage. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage RESOLVED, also, That the attention of the County Council be called to the frequent accidents on this portion of the road

9—Rossley Fields—Read, letter of 16th ult. from Mr. C. C. Castle that he had arranged for the land formerly occupied by Mrs Burrows to be taken by Mr. C. Holder at the rent of £30 per annum as

from the 29th September last, the rent to commence and be payable as from the half quarter day following that date. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Holder entering into a tenancy agreement prepared by the Town Clerk.

10—Land Agent—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. C. C. Castle applying for an increase in his salary as agent for the Corporation He pointed out that since his appointment the Corporation had purchased the Lower Hewletts and Whaddon Farms and that he received no allowance for use of his Car. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £100 per annum.

11—Castle Barn and Home or Lower Farms—Councillors Dr. Hayward and Morris reported on their inspection of the farm houses at these farms and recommended as follows .—

(a) That the old fireplace in Home or Lower Farm house be reinstated and the necessary re-decoration be carried out.

(b) That a new farmhouse should be erected for the Castle Barn Farm, and the existing farmhouse which has been converted out of two cottages be repaired and reinstated as two cottages.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit plans and estimate for the erection of a four-bedroom farmhouse and also estimate of the cost of converting the present farmhouse into two farm labourers' cottages.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye; Councillors Leigh James, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Domestic Servants' Registry Offices—Superintendent Wayman reported that all the Domestic Servants' Registry Offices in the Borough had recently been visited, and the books inspected and found in order, with the exception of one, which had been temporarily closed on account of illness.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. E. E. Herbert for the transfer of Licence No. 43 to Taxi Cab Registered No. DF 4972 be granted

4 ---Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Trower, Still & Keeling for the transfer of the licence held by Cinema House Ltd. in respect of the Plough Hotel Yard to Regent Motors Ltd. be granted and the fee for the transfer remitted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Aircraft Components Ltd. for a Licence to store 20 gallons of cellulose in cans in a steel container at their factory at Arle Court be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Harold Avery's Automobiles Ltd. to store 1,500 gallons of petrol in underground tanks at 74 Winchcomb Street be granted.

5—Cinematograph Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications for the renewal of the Cinematograph Licences in respect of The Palace, The Gaumont Palace, The Daffodil, The Theatre &

Opera House and the Coliseum Picture House be granted for one year expiring on the 6th February next

6—Market—Read, report of the Market Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 16th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Capt. Trye and Taylor.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Coffee Stall—That Miss Matthews' application for a gate in the boundary fence of the Market in front of the entrance to the new building to give access to the Coffee Stall be not granted, but that Miss Matthews be allowed to put a notice on the railings directing to the Coffee Stall, and that she be asked to have the Stall painted, and a notice put up outside indicating that it is a Coffee Stall.

(b) Lavatory Accommodation—The Sub-Committee inspected the two existing conveniences, and consider these are adequate for the needs of the Market. They recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a notice directing to the Men's and Women's conveniences near the entrance to the new building, and to have projecting notices erected outside the conveniences ; also to have the exposed service pipes to the cisterns enclosed.

(c) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for surfacing the Market with Dammann Asphalt or Rees Mat or other suitable dressing.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the lavatories to be cleaned on market days.

7—Assistant Town Clerk—Read, application from Mr. R. Board, Assistant Town Clerk, for an increase in salary RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £450 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £25 to £500 per annum.

8—Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Licensed Victuallers' Charity—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Charity Commission enclosing for the information of the Council notice of the appointment of new trustees.

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9—Cambray House—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Ladies College asking whether the Corporation was desirous of purchasing this house, which adjoined Rodney Road Car Park. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain at what price the College would be prepared to sell the premises.

10—Cleeve Common Conservators—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates be appointed a representative of the Council on the Cleeve Common Board of Conservators to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. Waghorne for the remainder of his term of office expiring on the 31st October next.

11—Salvation Army --Read, letters from the Salvation Army asking for a grant, as last year RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to make a grant of £10 for the Soup Kitchen, and £10 for relief work in Cheltenham.

12—Rodney Road Car Park—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. D. V. Davies of the Ellenborough Hotel asking if the Corporation would sell him a small piece of land belonging to Rodney Road Car Park to enable him to straighten the line of the new building extension at the rear of the Ellenborough Hotel. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

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

Date,	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
16th December. 1935.	Collum End Dairy, Church Road	Defective fire grate	Slight ...	£4 6s. 0d.
2nd January 1936.	148 High Street ...	Defective fire grate	Slight.	£4 10s. 0d.
15th January 1936.	Shireley Stables	Not apparent	—	—

Rural District Council—The Committee further considered the letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking on what terms the Council would provide the services of the Brigade for their district. The Borough Treasurer submitted statement showing the cost of the Brigade, including the provision of a new fire engine, but excluding the retaining fee at present received from Parish Councils, and owners of properties included in the new Rural District, payment of which would cease if the new agreement was entered into with the Rural District Council. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be informed that the Council are prepared to provide the services of the Brigade on payment of an annual sum of £140, and subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) Charlton Kings—The Borough Treasurer also recommended that the terms of the existing agreement with the Charlton King's Urban District Council should be amended so as to provide for their contribution to be based on net expenditure without crediting contributions from other local authorities. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14—Factories and Workshops—The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws as to provision of means of escape from fire in factories and workshops in the Borough where not more than 40 persons are employed. RESOLVED, That these be approved, and that application be made to the Home Office for confirmation thereof. (A copy of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

15—Council Chamber—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convene an early meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the provision of a new Council Chamber.

16—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Gardens Superintendent in regard to the suggested planting of creepers and rock plants on the Hill. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed in his discretion to carry out certain planting, at a cost of not exceeding £30.

17—Re-numbering of Streets—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the re-numbering of the following streets, namely :—Cromwell Road, Ewlyn Road, Fairfield Park Road King's Road, Great Norwood Street, Langdon Road, Selkirk Street and Six Chimney Lane. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement (Clauses) Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers in these roads to re-number their premises, and that if the notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the re-numbering carried out, and that no charge be made for re-numbering any premises which already have a number legibly marked thereon.

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18—Athletic Ground—Messrs. Kidd, Baylis and Harding attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club and asked that a re-arrangement of their tenancy should be made in view of the financial circumstances of the Club. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the following arrangement :—

(1) The present tenancy to be terminated on the 1st February, 1936.

(2) The Club to have the use of the Ground each Season from the 1st September to the 30th April at an inclusive rent of £100 per Season, payable by two equal four-monthly instalments, The Club to pay the Schedule B Tax The tenancy to include the use of the caretaker's house for the whole 12 months for the occupation of the caretaker and groundsman but the Corporation to have the same use of his services for looking after the ground during the four summer months as had been hitherto rendered by him during the present tenancy, the Club, to keep the house in tenantable repair (main walls, roof and drains excepted).

(3) The tenancy to be determinable by either party on the 1st day of May in any year by three months' notice.

(4) The Corporation and the tenants to be responsible for the maintenance of the ground during their respective occupations including the making good of any damage to the ground, doors, walls or fences caused during their occupation.

(5) The Club not to permit or suffer to be done on the premises any act or thing which shall or may become a nuisance, damage or inconvenience to the Corporation or occupiers of adjoining houses or neighbourhood.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th January, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. F. H. Clarkson and E. M. 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 an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 58, 91, 104, 107 and 111 (b) Asquith Road ; 150, 151 and 118 Crabtree Piece ; 1 (b), 21 and 27 (a) Creamery Piece ; 74 Albert Road ; 24, 27 and 53 (b) Whaddon Road (New). He pointed out that the wet weather had prevented the tenants from getting on their allotments, and also stated that some of the tenants of the Whaddon Road allotments were apprehensive that their allotments would be required at an early date for housing. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be asked to consider whether an assurance can be given that the tenants will not be disturbed for the coming year

2—Crabtree Piece Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the land formerly belonging to Mr. Boulton in respect of which a wayleave was granted in 1905 now belonged to another owner. RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the wayleave is still required, and that if not, the bridge over the brook be removed.

3—Vacant Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that there were a large number of allotments now vacant, and no applications had been received in response to the advertisements. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to insert a further advertisement in the Echo at the end of February, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices put up of the plots to let on the various allotments.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th January, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 19th ult, a quantity of holly had been cut from a tree in Pittville Gardens, and that the matter had been reported to the Police.

(b) Grey Squirrels—The Borough Surveyor reported that grey squirrels had recently been seen in Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have these destroyed.

(c) Fish—The Borough Surveyor reported that approximately 7,000 roach had been transferred from Witcombe Reservoir to the lake.

Mr. Seeley of Messrs. Ogdens attended, and promised to let the Corporation know of any further netting at Witcombe Reservoir, when some more fish could be transferred to the upper lake.

(d) Aviary—The Sub-Committee reported their inspection of suggested sites for the proposed Aviary, and recommended that three pens, each 40 feet by 20 feet should be erected on a site with a South aspect adjoining Evesham Road, facing the children's swings etc., at an estimated cost of £120, plus £20 for forming a footpath along the front. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(e) Read, further letter from Mr. R. Dobell in regard to his offer of two golden pheasants, and also offering his wire pen, 30 feet by 20 feet. RESOLVED, That Mr. Dobell's offer be accepted with thanks.

.2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the instructions of the Committee in July last that flowering trees should be placed in the gaps caused by the removal of large trees in Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground had not yet been carried out, as there was a possibility that more trees would have to be removed owing to these being weakened through exposure caused by the removal of the other trees. RESOLVED, That the planting of new trees be deferred till next season.

3—Hatherley Court Estate—The Committee considered the suggestion made at the last meeting of the Council that the lake should be retained in the layout of this Recreation Ground, and also as to the inclusion of the rock garden in the layout. The Gardens Superintendent reported that the hollow immediately below the lake would be an admirable site for the rock garden, and if erected on this site, the overflow from the lake could be passed through the middle of the rock garden and made to follow an artificial course so as to form small waterfalls and pools. The revised estimate for the purchase and layout including making the lake watertight and the provision of a supply of water thereto, and the rock garden, was £5,711. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to retain the lake and also to incorporate the rock garden in the layout of the ground, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £5,711, made up as follows :—

Purchase of land (including stamp)	£1,010 0 0
Fencing and Gates	763 15 0
Playground Equipment and Seats ...	150 0 0
Levelling, Walks and Layout	1,114 15 0
Conveniences, Shelter and Pavilion	765 0 0
Water Supply ...	225 0 0

Cleaning out Lake, Clay Puddle, etc.	1,318 10 0
Layout of Rock Garden ...	<u>364 0 0</u>
	£5,711 0 0

And that Minute No. 5 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

4—Vacant Land at St. Mark's—Read, letter from Mr. J. F. Fisher complaining of the cricket pitch being too near his premises. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the pitch and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Garden Superintendent's House—RESOLVED, That in lieu of an extension bell, an extension telephone be fixed in the kitchen of Field Lodge.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th January, 1936. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, Councillors Avery, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Scott Langley ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Major, G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for November and December—Visits-5,381 (last year 5,189). Receipts—Catalogues, postcards, commission, etc., £1 14s. 7d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £9 18s. 1d. Total £11 12s. 8d.

Exhibitions-30th October to 30th November, 16th Annual Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists. 3rd December to 18th January, Exhibition and Sale of Pictures in aid of the Cheltenham General Hospital Centenary Appeal Fund. Total sum realised £103 8s. 7d.

Art Gallery Roof—A leakage in the Art Gallery roof had been repaired by the Surveyor's Department.

Carnegie United Kingdom. Trust—The volume issued to commemorate the centenary of Mr. Carnegie's birth includes reports on grants made to 34 museums, and photographs of reorganisation at Exeter and Cheltenham are reproduced therein.

Painting by Edwin Glasgow—Permission had been granted to the artist to publish a reproduction of his painting "Near the Courts of Justice, Tangier." RESOLVED, That this be approved.

Lectures—The use of the Art Gallery for Public Library Lectures had been continued. The use of the Gallery for a lecture had also been granted to the Cheltenham Branch of the League of Nations Union, as well as to other local societies.

National Art-Collections Fund—The specimens accepted by this Committee on loan for four years from Mr Harcourt Johnstone, through the National Art-Collections Fund, had been received and placed on view. They comprised 13 pieces of Chinese Pottery, Porcelain and Jade, and a Drawing by Rowlandson.

Grant-in-Aid—A Grant-in-Aid of E10 had been sanctioned by the Board of Education towards the purchase of the Model of a Cotswold Wagon This reduced the expenditure from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account on this item from £25 to £15.

Show-Case—A show-case suitable for the display of costume had been purchased at a cost (including removal, installation and repair) of £8 15s. 0d.

2—Donations—Donations had been received from the following :—

Local Archaeology—Mr. Frank Strickland, Dr. Walter Moore, Mr. R. G. Lawrence, Mr. W. Broom, Salmonsbury Excavation Committee, per Miss H. E. Donovan, Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments and Historical Buildings, and an Anonymous Donor.

Local Collection: General—Rev. E. W. M. O. de la Hey, Mr. A. E. Saunders, Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, Dr. O. H. Wild, Mrs. Park, and Mr. C. G. Dennis.

Bygones, Costume, etc.—Mr. F. C. Morgan, Mrs. H. R. Hart, Mrs. F. J. Chambers, Miss M. F. H. Ellis, Mr. D. G. S. Russell, Mrs Lafford, Mr. A. P. Dixon, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Mrs. F. B. Welch, Mr. A. C. Webb, Mr. and Miss Urling-Smith, Mr. A. W. Newport and Lt.-Col. R. W. Denne.

Miscellaneous—Mr. A. E. Saunders, Capt. Bruce George and Miss D. A. H. Mills RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Loans—The Leaf-shaped Flint Arrowhead found at West Tump in 1880 had been deposited on loan by Mr. Ellis Hicks Beach, who had also lent a polished Neolithic Axe-Head.

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

4—Proposed Federation of Museums and Art Galleries for Western Midlands—Read, letter from the Keeper of the Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery inviting representation at a preliminary meeting in Birmingham. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend.

5—New Education Fellowship—The Organising Director of the Seventh World Conference of the New Education Fellowship to be held in Cheltenham, 31st July to 14th August, had written asking for the loan of the Art Gallery' for a section of their proposed Exhibition of International Crafts. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to negotiate with the Organising Director.

6—Floral Fete, 1936—The Curator reported as to a proposed " Grandmothers' Exhibition " at next summer's Floral Fete. RESOLVED, That the request of the Floral Fete Committee that the Curator be asked to organise this Exhibition be agreed to, subject to postages and out of-pocket expenses being refunded, and subject also to the co-operation of the Gloucestershire Federation of Women's Institutes being secured.

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7—Art Gallery and Museum Attendant—An application was received from the Attendant, C. L. Jackson, for an advance in wage. RESOLVED, That the Attendant's wage be increased from 60s to 65s per week.

8—Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to this Club to hold a meeting in the Museum on Wednesday, the 11th March,

9—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That the purchase of the following objects from this Fund, at a total cost of £7 4s. 0d., be approved :—Sugar Basin and Cream Jug in Davenport Ware (£2 2s. 0d.), Salad Bowl in Cork Glass (£2 2s. 0d.), small Show-Case (£1 10s. 0d.) and Local Print (£1 10s. 0d.). RESOLVED, further, That an offer of £3 be made from this Fund for a Miniature of Mr. Watson, Manager of the Cheltenham Theatre in 1812.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd November, 1935 to 24th January, 1936 Interments 127, Grave Spaces sold 36 (First Position 2, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 30) ; Memorials erected 20 ; New Inscriptions 25.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9311 to 9346.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1866 to 1878, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved

4—Maintenance of Graves—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Executors of E. R. Hughes-Games deceased had enquired what sum the Corporation would accept for the maintenance in perpetuity of two Graves, RESOLVED, That the Committee will be prepared to accept the sum of £100.

(b) Grave Space No. 1229 Section A .1,—The Town Clerk reported that Lt -Col. E. G. S. Truell had paid the sum of £50 for the maintenance of this Grave. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Undertaking for the maintenance thereof,

5—Crematorium—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the construction of a Crematorium adjoining the Non-Conformist Chapel at the Cemetery. He also submitted letter of the 11th ult. from the Secretary to the Cremation Society stating that in their opinion the proposed scheme was a satisfactory one. The plan provided for an Ante-Chamber and a Furnace Chamber sufficiently large to accommodate two Furnaces, but only one was proposed to be provided at present.

The Chimney was incorporated within the building and only 6 ½ feet exposed above the ridge line; the building was of stone designed to harmonise with the existing chapel. The type of fuel recommended by the Cremation Society was gas. It was not proposed to provide a Columbarium at the present time, but a separate chamber incorporated in the Furnace Chamber would be provided for the deposit of ashes prior to disposal. As a temporary measure the Easterly wall of the Cloisters connecting the two Chapels could be used for fixing Plaque Memorials. The scheme included a small Garden of Remembrance, on a suitable piece of ground adjoining the Southern boundary of the Cemetery measuring 45 yds. x 24 yds. The total estimated cost of the scheme was £4,200, which included £200 for contingencies. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,200 for the cost of carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain particulars of cremation charges made in other towns.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th January, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Grimwade and Ben James; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. H. Norris, C. E. Walsh and W. N. Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November and December—Receipts £27 4s. 11d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,926 (last year 12,231); Lending Department 32,145 (last year 31,109) ; Junior Department 4,491 (last year 5,201) School Libraries, 4th quarter, 6,863 (last year nil). Total 57,425 (last year 48,541).

Binding and Replacements—299 volumes had been returned from the binder, and 130 volumes had been replaced.

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

November 18th ... Mr. W. I. Croome, " Three Cities of Italy." (Attendance 240).

" 22nd ... Miss Florence Locke, "John Brown's Body," Part II, by Stephen V. Benêt. (Attendance 110).

" 25th ... Rev. B. Victor Borroughs, " John Keats." (Attendance 222).

December 2nd ... Mr. G. G. Desmond, " A Saunter in Suomi " (Attendance 116).

" 9th ... Mr. Gui St. Bernard, " The Art Situation of To-day." (Attendance 160).

The Programme of 9 lectures for the session January to March, 1936, had been issued.

Library Doors—Urgent repairs had been carried out to doors in Entrance Hall at a cost of £2 13s. 6d.

Inter-Availability of Tickets—The list of Libraries who had agreed to co-operate with regard to inter-availability of readers' tickets now numbered twenty.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 254 volumes, published at £.98 10s. 3d., be purchased for the sum of £57 11s. 9d.

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

(c) That 10 volumes, published at £40 17s. 0d. be purchased from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund for the sum of £13 15s. 11d.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following :—Office of Census and Statistics, Pretoria, South Africa ; Mr. G. Beard ; British Optical Association, Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. ; Association of Certified Accountants ; Institute of Chartered Accountants, Lt.-Col. F. M. Close ; Lt.-Col. A. M. Cockshott ; Messrs. Constable & Co ; Mr. J. Donald ; Mr. A. C. Dunn ; Miss M. Faithfull ; Mr. A. Fieldhouse ; Capt. W. A. Fuller; Mrs. Hector ; Capt. Kennedy ; Mr. H. E. Rosslyn ; Mr. A. H. Sturges ; and Societe de Geographie d'Egypte.

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

4 —Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "Man," monthly, be added to the list of periodicals taken, at an annual subscription of £1.

(b) That the "Building Times," monthly, 6d., be taken for one year.

5—Library Association Annual Conference—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend this Conference at Margate, June 8th to 12th, as the Committee's delegate.

6—Heating System—The Borough Surveyor had been asked to report on the Boiler and Heating System, and this would be ready for the February meeting.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th January, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 29th January, 1936. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt-Col. Biggs and Davis (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £86,176 ; Leaving Outstanding £24,433.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1936. Amount collected £17,630 ; Leaving outstanding £4,612,

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £200 had been received for 3 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.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
31st December, 1935.	Purchase of land in Marsh Lane	£714	80 years.
3rd January, 1936.	Town Planning Scheme	£2,136	10 years
27th January, 1936.	Sheds, 89 houses, Whaddon Avenue	£1,320	10 years

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Lt.-Col, Biggs. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £11,200 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Housing Rents—The Borough Treasurer reported on the duplicate posting rent collection system now in operation on three of the Housing Estates, which he had recommended should be adopted for all the houses belonging to the Corporation. The District Auditor also recommended that this system should be adopted. RESOLVED, To recommend the Council that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to apply this system to all the houses belonging to the Corporation.

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8—Loans Fund—The Borough Treasurer submitted statements showing the amounts of the loans to the Corporation the dates on which these were due for repayment. The loans falling in during the next nine months, and on- and notice amounted to approximately £180,000, and the new money required during the next few months would be approximately £50,000, and he recommended the Committee to consider the advisability of issuing stock, or it the alternative, of taking up long term mortgages. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a Consent Order to the issue of stock on terms to be arranged.

9—Superannuation—Supplementary Teacher—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Ministry of Health that a supplementary teacher employed in a non-provided school could not be regarded as being in the services of the local Education Authority, and suggesting that the Managers of the school should arrange for the admission of Miss Slatter to the benefits of the Scheme by means of an agreement with the Council under Section 5 (3) of the Act. RESOLVED That this be agreed to, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with the Managers of Holy Trinity School in the form now submitted by the Town Clerk, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval thereof.

10—Land in Alstone Croft—Read, letter from the Education Secretary that the Education Committee had decided to purchase the land in Alstone Croft belonging to the L.M.S. Railway Company and the Misses Butt at the price of £2,950 for a Playing Field. The estimated cost of laying out the land was £1,060. The value of the property fronting Alstone Lane and Arle Road not required for the Playing Field was estimated at £1,793. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,122, made up as follows :—

Purchase of L.M.S. land ...	£ 350 0 0
Purchase of Misses Butt's land (including tenants' compensation)	£2,600 0 0
Stamp duty and Solicitors' and Surveyors' costs	£112 0 0
Estimated cost of laying out land ...	<u>£1,060 0 0</u>
	£4,122 0 0

11—Bank Account—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Bank had given notice that the present terms were due for revision. RESOLVED, That the revised terms now submitted be approved.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices. Cheltenham, 27th February, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the

afternoon, at which .Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm 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 Extension to Sewage Works.

HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and Stores Sub-Committee. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. DELANCEY HOSPITAL-To appoint a Representative Trustee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Councillor Dr. Curling Hayward.

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, 3rd February, 1936, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N., and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Smith.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Waite.

1—The late Mr. John Waghorne—Resolved, That the Council record their deep regret at the death of the late Mr. John Waghorne who was a member of the Council for about 24 years first as Councillor and afterwards as Alderman and as Coroner for 44 years and Clerk to the Borough Justices for the Cheltenham Division for 43 years, and desire to express their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

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Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th January, 1936, and of the Special Meeting held on the 24th January, 1936,

having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held January 13

Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to accept a tender or tenders for filtering media required for the Sewage Works extension.

Housing Meeting held January 16

Resolved, also, That the offer of the owner of Pomfret House to sell the same for £450 subject to contract, be accepted subject to consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained ; also, That application he made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the purchase.

Street and Highway Meeting held January 20

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 19 in so far as it relates to " Halt " signs, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 20

Town Planning Meeting held January 23

Resolved, also, That Plan No. 4214 for the reconstruction of shop premises in Swindon Road be approved as recommended by the Sub-Committee who inspected the site. Also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan of amended building line, conforming to the plan now approved, indicating a widening on the west side of the street.

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting's held January 17 & 24

Resolved, also, That the tender of Amos Wilson & Sons for covering in the Open Air Bath at Alstone amounting to £3,029 (being the lowest of five tenders received), be accepted subject to contract and sanction to loan being obtained ; Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £3,029 for the cost of carrying out the work.

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Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 27

Water Meeting held January 1

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland : " That Minute No. 6 (b) with regard to Conveniences at the Market, be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Miller: " That Minute No 18 with regard to Athletic Ground be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held January 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 13

Public Library Meeting held January 9

Burial Board Meeting held January 24

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 17

Rating Meeting held January 9

Finance... Meeting held January 29

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Bettridge and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 7 with regard to Collection of Housing rents, be referred back."

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

4—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss M. E. H. Knollys a representative of the Ladies College be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 3rd February, 1939.

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5-Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Etc. Bill—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Petition for a Clause to be added to the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board etc. Bill making provision that the County Standing Joint Committee shall include such number of representatives of the Council of the City of Gloucester appointed by the said Council as may from time to time be agreed between the Standing Joint Committee and the City Council or in default of agreement as may be directed by the Secretary of State ; the members so appointed to be admitted to and vote only at meetings of the Standing Joint Committee in regard to matters relating to the Consolidated Police Establishments and the provisions of the Section to remain only in force so long as the said Police Establishments are consolidated.

6—Stansby's Charity-Resolved, That Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham be appointed a representative Trustee of the Stansby's Charity for a further term of four years expiring on the 3rd February, 1940.

7-Proposed Severn Bridge-Read, letter of 22nd inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association setting out for the information of the Council the Resolution passed by the Chamber in regard to the Severn Bridge Bill.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 20th March, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on TUESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1936, at 3 p.m.,** at which Meeting the

following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To make a General Rate for the ensuing year. To each (Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th March, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Davis, Leigh James and Waite. The following Chairmen of Committees also attended :—Alderman Capt. Trye, Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Smith (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 the Council be recommended to make a General Rate of 10s 6d. in the £. for the year commencing 1st April, 1936, with an abatement of 6d. in the £ in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd March, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th February, 1936. Present—Aldermen Moore and Pruen. Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James. Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 50 Duke Street ; 33 Moorend Street ; 40 Queen Street and 19 Burton 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 ashpits or ash receptacles, viz, :-50 Duke Street ; and 6 Keynsham Parade—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 3 and 4 Hewlett Road ; 10, 12 and 12a Portland Street—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875,

stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 3 and 4 Hewlett Road ; 10, 12 and 12a Portland 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 Manchester Square ; 29, 33 and 34 Lansdown Crescent (Basements)—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 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 the Committee to be held on the 15th April next.

(b) 4 Blenheim. Parade ; 6 Beaufort Buildings—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 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 thereof, 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 any purpose except for domestic purposes or storage purposes.

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(c) Witney Cottage, Granley Road ; King's Head Gardens—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. 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) Charnwood, Priory Street ; 34 Imperial Square ; Cranley Lodge, Wellington Square ; 13 Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) 31a Rose and Crown Passage--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 the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owners that the Committee will not be prepared to accept an Undertaking to recondition the same as they consider the premises should be demolished.

(f) 37 and 38 Marle Hill Parade ; 30 and 31 Sun Street ; 54 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for two months to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required.

(g) " Broughton," College Road (Basement) ; 1 and 10 Pittville Lawn ; 25 Elm Street ; 46 Townsend Street ; - Fir Tree Cottage ; 5 and 6 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the respective Owners of these houses and dated 6th February, 6th February, 8th February, 12th February, 9th February, 10th February and 15th February, to carry out the works necessary to render the same fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(h) 34 Victoria Place; and Highbury, Highbury Lane—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Undertakings given by the Owners of these houses had been complied with. RESOLVED, That the same be now cancelled.

(i) 8 Hewlett Place—RESOLVED, That consideration of the Owner's application to convert this house into a lock-up shop be adjourned and that the Owner be asked to submit plans of his proposals.

(j) Claremont Cottage—RESOLVED, That consideration of the Owner's application to use this house as a store be adjourned and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect and report thereon

(k) 34 and 36 Suffolk Road—Mr. Taylor (the Owner) attended and stated he was prepared to carry out the works required by the Committee, except that he asked the Committee to agree to the walls being made good where defective instead of reconstructing these as specified. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and to an Undertaking being signed by the Owner.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb Pork ; 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Beef ; 2 qrs. 19 lbs. Mutton ; 11 lbs. Veal ; 1 Fowl (4 lbs.).

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of A B. Wood and A. Barnes to be registered as Retail Purveyors of Milk and also A. B. Wood as Wholesaler within the Borough in respect of Priors Farm, Priors Road and Morley, The Reddings, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

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

8—Extension to Sewage Works--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported on the tenders received for the supply of filtering media for the extension to the Sewage Works. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That the tender of the British Quarrying Co. Ltd be accepted for

approximately 7,800 cubic yards of Clee Hill Granite washed and placed in filter beds, at the following rates viz. : 3 ½ inch gauge 14s 4d per cubic yard, 1 ½ inch gauge 14s 4d per cubic yard ; ¾ inch gauge 15s 5d per cubic yard.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Lt -Col. Biggs, Moore and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the tenders received for the extension of the Sewage Works, and that they be authorised to recommend a tender for acceptance at the next meeting of the Council.

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9—Parish of Leckhampton—Extension of Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 22nd ult. from the Sanitary Inspector of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, asking on what terms the Corporation would agree to the houses in Kidnappers Lane being connected to the Corporation sewer near the railway line in Shurdington Road The Borough Surveyor reported that it was possible to drain Kidnappers Lane by constructing a sewer to junction with the existing 12 inch sewer between The Park and Moorend Park Road. This sewer is large enough at present to take the drainage from premises in Kidnappers Lane, but would probably require to be enlarged when further development took place in the Moorend Road and Hall Road areas. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be informed that the Committee are prepared to agree to take the drainage from Kidnappers Lane on the same terms as at present charged for the other houses in Leckhampton Parish, namely 1s 6d. for each £ Rateable Value connected to the sewer, subject to the District Council undertaking to pay their proportion of the cost of enlarging the existing 12 inch sewer when this becomes necessary, such payment to be on the basis of Rateable Value in the proportion which the area of the Rural District bears to the area of the Borough served by the particular sewer.

10—Housing Act, 1935—Housing Survey—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the progress made with this survey.

11—Disinfestation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that up to date 90 houses had been fumigated, 33 of which were houses to be demolished under Clearance and Demolition Orders.

1'—Clearance and Demolition Orders—RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the houses which the owners have failed to demolish under Clearance and Demolition Orders.

13—Tallow Factory—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris and Waite be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the utilisation of the site of the old Tallow Factory in Sherborne Street belonging to the Corporation.

14—Public Health Meat Regulations—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report on three provision merchants in the Borough who were not complying with these Regulations, as on inspection it was found that the slab on which bacon was exposed was covered with dust and dirt blown in from the road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the three firms asking for a definite assurance that the requirements of the Regulations will be complied with, failing which, the Committee will have to consider taking proceedings.

15-252/254 Gloucester Road—The Committee further considered the claim made by the owners of these houses for repayment of the costs incurred by them in relaying the portion of the drains which they alleged had become blocked by the roots of trees growing in the highway. RESOLVED, That an ex gratia payment of half the claim be made.

16—Dust Nuisance—Dammann Asphalt Works—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Madeley Wood Cold Blast Slag Co. Ltd., stating that the work of installing the additional dust plant at these works was now nearing completion, and was expected to be in operation within two weeks. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th February, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Moors Estate---The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the construction of roads on this estate. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the open space in front of the two blocks of flats filled in and levelled, and later sown with grass seed.

2—Whaddon Farm Estate--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the construction of roads, sewers and houses on this estate.

(b) Roads—The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that they had further considered the widths of the carriageways on this Estate and recommended that Road No. 3 (which runs from Whaddon Road to the proposed Prestbury By-pass Road) be widened from 16 to 20 feet at an estimated cost of £282. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £652 for the cost (£370) of constructing the portion of this road not included in the previous sanction, including the above extra cost of widening.

(c) Methodist Church—The Borough Surveyor submitted application received from Mr. J. W. Robson for the purchase of a site for a Methodist Church on this estate, and submitted plans of two alternative sites, which he had suggested to Mr. Robson would be suitable for the Church site. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the suggested sites, and that Mr. Robson be informed that the Committee are prepared to sell either of these at the valuation of District Valuer, subject to contract.

(d) Rents—The Borough Treasurer reported on the rents of the 126 houses to be erected on this Estate, and submitted statements prepared in accordance with the Housing Acts He suggested that the rents of the 126 houses should be pooled with the other houses erected under the Housing Act, 1930, at the Moors, Alstone Lawn and Crabtree Place, which would enable the rents on the Whaddon Farm Estate to be fixed at the same rents as the other houses. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the rents of the houses to be erected on the Whaddon Farm Estate be fixed accordingly as follows :—

	Net Rent.	Rates.	Total.
1 Bedroom house	2s 3d	1s 9d	4s
2 " "	3s 6d	2s	5s 6d
3 " "	4s 2d	2s 5d	6s 7d
4 " "	4s 7d	2s 10d	7s 5d

3—Painting—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Phillips whose tender was accepted for the exterior painting of the houses in Hudson Street and Manser Street had omitted from his tender the sum of £14, which by the terms of the specification should have been included for contingencies, and he asked that this contingency item should be paid to him. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances Mr. Phillips be paid an ex gratia payment of £7.

4—Rent Collection—The Borough Treasurer and the Housing Manager submitted reports on the recommendation of the Borough Treasurer that the duplicate posting rent collection system should be extended to all the houses belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer and Housing Manager be instructed to consult with the District Auditor thereon.

5—Clearance Order-5 Providence Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector reported on the claim made by Mr G. H. Millard for payment of the sum of £28 10s. 0d. in respect of work carried out by him at No. 5 Providence Cottages. The Sanitary Inspector was of opinion that the value of the work carried out did not exceed £10, in which case the basis of compensation would be at the rate of 1 ½ times the Rateable Value. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Haddock & Pruen be informed that the Committee are prepared to allow the sum of £7 10s. 0d., being 1 ½ times the Rateable Value of the premises, as provided under the Act.

6—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee, held on the 4th inst. be approved.

7—Repairs Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 7th inst be approved.

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8-Reconditioning-15 Brunswick Street South-RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Repairs Sub-Committee, That 15 Brunswick Street South be purchased for reconditioning at the price of £50. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that application be made the Ministry of Health for consent to the purchase.

9-104 Tewkesbury Road and 54 Worcester Street —Read, letter from the Ministry of Health consenting to the purchase of these properties. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the reconditioning thereof.

10—Land, Charlton Lane—RESOLVED, That the Parks Committee be recommended to purchase or lease from the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital the piece of land belonging to the Trustees fronting Pilley Lane, with a view to this being fenced in and used as a small recreation ground.

11—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of local authorities in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire, and Dorset to be held at Bath on the 5th June. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Chairman be appointed to attend.

12-33 Byron Road—The Housing Manager reported that the tenants of this and the adjoining houses had now settled their differences. RESOLVED, That the notice to quit given to the tenant of this house be withdrawn.

13—Temporary Housing Accommodation—Pomfret House—The Town Clerk submitted memorial received from residents in Columbia Place and neighbourhood protesting against the proposal of the

Corporation to purchase this house for temporary housing accommodation for urgent cases etc. Read, also, letter from the National Citizens' Union supporting the memorialists. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with, but that the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee be authorised to allocate three reconditioned or other houses belonging to the Corporation for the purpose.

14—Land, Leckhampton Road—The Committee considered offer made by Mr. W. H. Horsley, on behalf of a client, to purchase 135 feet of land fronting Leckhampton Road, belonging to the Pilley Housing Estate, together with the valuation of the District Valuer. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to sell the land at the price of £3 18s. 0d. per foot frontage to the Leckhampton Road, the purchaser to pay any tenants' compensation.

15—Whaddon Avenue—(a) Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanction to a loan of £1,320 for the provision of sheds for the houses on this estate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of the sheds.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer giving notice to the tenants of Nos. 46 to 86 Whaddon Avenue to take a portion of their gardens until the Autumn, but that the Housing Manager be instructed to warn the tenants that a portion of their gardens will be required for the development of the land at the back.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th February, —The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, LL-Col. Biggs, Davis, Green, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye, in the chair).

1—Road Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road work' etc. to be carried out during the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor reported that 306 tenders had been received for the supply of stores for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the stores Sub-Committee, with authority to report thereon direct to the Council.

3—Traffic Island, Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons-amounting to £172 for removing the drinking trough and making good the statue, and re-erecting trough at the junction of Lypiatt and Lansdown Roads. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with at present.

4-Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation for a new power unit for the auto truck used at the Slab Factory, and also for a new 1-ton truck. RESOLVED, That a new truck be purchased at a cost of less 15 per cent.

5—Private Improvement Works—(a) Eldon Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the Private Improvement Works carried out in this road, amounting to £2,683 4s. 1d. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and demands for payment served on the owners named therein, RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. be made off the amount apportioned against each owner provided payment is made within one month from the service of the demand.

(b) Overton Park Road—The deputation, which attended from the Ladies College in regard to the traffic in Montpellier Street also asked the Committee to agree to Overton Park Road being temporarily repaired by the owners, or in the alternative, that the specification should be modified, in view of the small traffic use of this road. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the footpaths being tar macadamised instead of paved, reserving to the Corporation the right to call upon the owners to pave the footpaths at any time under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit revised plan, specification and estimate

6—Refuse Collection—Freighters—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs. Shelvoke & Drury for overhauling the two 7 cube yard freighters. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these overhauled.

7—Kensington Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint from Mr. W. S. Palser as to the condition of the road and footpath in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

8—Priors Road—Read, letter of 29th ult, from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport that the Ministry were not prepared to waive their requirement in regard to the junction of Priors Road with Harp Hill, and also asking for a roundabout to be provided at least 100 feet in diameter at the junction of the proposed extension of Whaddon Road and Priors Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to the Ministry's requirements, and that the Council be recommended not to proceed with the proposed widening of Priors Road at the present time, but that the front fence of the land belonging to the Corporation be set back to permit of the widening being carried out at a future date to 50 feet.

9—St. Margaret's, Christ Church Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Secretary of the Ladies College complaining of the flooding at this house, which they thought was caused by a mineral spring breaking out, and asking for a land water drain to be laid. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had investigated the complaint, and was satisfied that the Corporation were not responsible for the flooding complained of. RESOLVED, That the Ladies College be informed that the Committee are unable to comply with their request.

10—Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the local Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. had drawn his attention to the condition of the Corporation horses. The horses were now very aged. RESOLVED, That the Stores Sub-Committee, with the addition of Councillor Green, be asked to consider the matter, and be authorised to dispose of the horses if found necessary, and to purchase 3 younger horses if required.

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11—Montpellier Street —Dr. G. Wayland Ancrum, Messrs. L. S. Wood and W. N. Weech and Tarrant attended as a deputation from the Ladies College Council, and stated that the noise of the heavy traffic along Montpellier Street was interfering with the work of the College, and also that the vibration was causing damage to their buildings, They asked that the Corporation should make an Order prohibiting heavy vehicles from using the portion of Montpellier Street between Fauconberg Road and St. George's Road, but that if the Committee could not see their way to do this, the road should be resurfaced with a fine asphalt carpet to reduce the noise. RESOLVED That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to agree to either of the requests of the College.

12—Royal Well Lane—(a) Parking Place—RESOLVED, That the use of this Parking Place be limited to public service vehicles including motor cars licenced as Hackney Carriages, also that the draft Byelaws submitted for the regulation of this Parking Place and also the Car Parks at Rodney Road, Promenade, Imperial Square, Cambray and Montpellier Walk be approved as now settled by the Committee. (A copy of the draft Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell that the owners were willing for the Corporation to plant poplar trees in the garden adjoining Royal Well Lane on the understanding that none of the existing trees should be removed without the owners' consent. The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of providing and planting and staking poplar trees was 13s 6d. each. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have some trees planted. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide some waste paper baskets near the omnibus station.

13-142 Swindon Road—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles offering this property at £200, plus agent's commission. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

14—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. Williams for permission to erect an illuminated electric sign outside No 8 Grosvenor Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Roys' Stores for permission to erect a projecting sign outside their premises at 146 High Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions, and to the sign being removed at any time if the Council consider it is likely to be confused with traffic lights or signals.

(c) RESOLVED, That consideration of Mr. J. S. Fruin's application for approval of the Neon sign erected by him on a cedar tree at Paragon Garage, Bath Road, be adjourned for view,

15—Promenade—Read, application of 7th inst. from Messrs. Jack & Co. for the removal of a lime tree in front of their premises. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

16—National Safety First Association—(a) Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Congress of the Association to be held in London from the 20th to 22nd May, and also to a Regional Conference to be held at Bristol on the 17th March RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend.

(b) Safety Week—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Safety First Council that his Council had agreed to co-operate in a National Accident Prevention Campaign by organising a local Safety Week, and asking for a grant of £30 to cover expenses. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to make a grant of not exceeding £30 towards expenses.

17—Argyll Road—The Town Clerk reported that the notices to take over this road had been duly given. RESOLVED, That the road be taken over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large, but without prejudice to the exercise by the Corporation of the powers conferred by Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the footpaths to be paved.

18—Rosehill Street—The Town Clerk reported that the notices to take over the portion of Rosehill Street for a length of 316 ½ feet extending from the North West end of Springfield Cottages to Brecon Terrace had been duly given. RESOLVED, That the same be taken over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

19—Promenade Improvement Scheme—The Town Clerk reported interview which the Chairman, the Deputy Mayor and he had had with the District Valuer in regard to the negotiation of terms for the acquisition of the properties required for this scheme. RESOLVED, That an order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Works Facilities Act, 1930, for the compulsory purchase of the undermentioned properties, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Health :—

(1) No. 1 Promenade having frontages to The Promenade, High Street and Clarence Street, owned and occupied by The Saxone Shoe Co. Ltd., and containing 102 square yards or thereabouts.

(2) No. 361 High Street having frontages to High Street and Clarence Street, owned and occupied by Messrs. Cuthbert Charles Dodwell and Leslie Arthur Dodwell, and containing 57 square yards or thereabouts.

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(3)

A piece of land having frontages to The Promenade and Clarence Street, being the site of part of the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Shirer & Haddon Ltd. having a frontage to The Promenade of 23 feet 6 inches and a frontage to Clarence Street of 18 feet, bounded on, the north by the said premises of The Saxone Shoe Co. Ltd. and containing 76 square yards or thereabouts.

(4) A piece of land containing 12 acres forming part of fields numbered 325 and 326 on the Map of the Ordnance Survey (1923 Edition), belonging to Mr. G. Rees, bounded on the South-West for a distance of 823 feet by the St. Mark's Recreation Ground and Messrs, Smith Systems Ltd. on the North-West for a distance of 643 feet by land belonging to the Corporation, on the North-East for a distance of 843 feet by other land belonging to Mr. G. Rees and on the South-East for a distance of 630 feet by land belonging to Mr. A. W. Smith.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices etc., and to do all things necessary for the confirmation of the Order,

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee held at the Central Depot on Monday, 24th February, 1936. Present—Aldermen Capt. Trye and Pates ; Councillors Col. Biggs, Davis, Green and Morris (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Annual Tenders-306 Annual Tenders were received for Stores (750 items), RESOLVED, That the Tenders of the following Firms be accepted at the prices contained in the schedules, subject, where necessary, to Samples proving satisfactory and to contracts being entered into where necessary :—

Castings--Messrs. Long, Humphreys & Co. Ltd., Needham & Sons Ltd.

Cement—Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Disinfectants---Messrs. Cooper, McDougall & Robertson Ltd., Dell, W. M. & Co. Ltd., Jeys, Oliver, Voxsan Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—Messrs. Andrew, L. & Co. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Siemens Electric Lamps & Supplies Ltd. Forage—Messrs. Cullimore, E., Oldacre, W. J. Ltd.

Household Goods and Sundries—Messrs. Browns, Cheltenham Workshops for the Blind, The Famous, Fisher, J. & Sons Ltd., Harrisson, J. S. & Sons Ltd., Hargreaves, J., Harvey, T. W. & Sons Ltd., Jackson & Painter, Johns & Son, Joyner, E., Middleton Bros., Premiere Polish Co. Ltd., Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd, Voxsan Ltd,, Ward, E. L. Ltd.

India Rubber etc.—Messrs Andrew, L. & Co. Ltd, Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Woodrow, A. C. & Co.

Ironmongery—Messrs. Bence, G. & Sons Ltd., Fisher, J. & Sons Ltd., Harvey, T. W. & Sons Ltd., Pike, G. Ltd., Pryke & Palmer Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Woodrow, A. C. & Co.

Lead Pipes—Messrs. Bence, G. & Sons Ltd., Fisher, J. & Sons Ltd.

Lime and Bricks—Messrs. Bence, G. & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Lubricating Oils, Grease etc.—Messrs. Sternol Ltd.

Motor Transport—Messrs. Williams, M. & Co. Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—Messrs. Burr & Hill, Dodwell, F. C. & Sons, Gillham, J. J. & Son, H. & H., Tivoli Box & Printing Co.

Road Materials—Messrs. British Quarrying Co. Ltd. (Arnold Unit), Part Supplies; British Quarrying Co. Ltd. (Clee Hill Unit), Part Supplies ; Berry, Wiggins & Co. Ltd. ; Dampney, J. & Co Ltd., Hollybush Quarries Ltd. ; Jeas Hartshill Granite & Brick Co. Ltd., Part Supplies ; Keys, W. H. Ltd. ; Packer & Jones, Part Supplies; Pyx Granite Co. Ltd. ; Roads Reconstruction Ltd. (Tytherington Unit), Part Supplies ; Rowles, V. W. & Co. ; Shell Mex & BP Ltd. ; Strickland Stone Co. ; Williams, M: & Co. Ltd.

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Stoneware Pipes and Gullies—Messrs. Smith Bros. Ltd.

Timber—Messrs. Bence, G. & Sons Ltd., Collingridge, B. F. Ltd., Smith Bros. Ltd.

Tools—Messrs. English Tools Ltd., Fisher, J. & Sons Ltd., Hardypick Ltd., Pike, G. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Uniforms—Messrs. The Famous, Huggins, Son & Co. Ltd., Watts, C.

White Lead, Oils and Colours---Messrs. Bence, G. & Sons Ltd., Fisher, J. & Sons Ltd., Dempney, J. & Co. Ltd., Mathews, H. & Co. Ltd., Middleton Bros. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Stevens & Co. Ltd., Trinidad Leaseholds' Ltd., Walpamur Co. Ltd.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—Messrs, Fisher, J. & Sons Ltd. Stringer Bros.

2—Horses--The Borough Surveyor submitted report from Mr. T. J. Brain on the condition of the Corporation horses, and the Sub-Committee examined each horse, The horse used by the Health department was in good condition, but of the other five horses employed in the Highways department, the two horses " Lion " and " Jolly " were old and unfit for further service. RESOLVED, That these two horses be sold for farm work, and that consideration of replacing them be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th February, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Howell and Leigh James; and Mrs. Booy (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Supply of Milk—In settling the estimates, the Medical Officer of Health reported that the large increase provided in the estimates for the supply of milk was on account of the increase in the price. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health, and the Milk Marketing Board expressing the Council's concern at the large increase in the cost of milk since the operation of the Milk Marketing Board, and to ask that arrangements may be made for milk purchased by the Council for free distribution to be supplied at considerably less cost, similar to the arrangements made by the Board for the supply of milk to school children.

2—Conferences—Read, circulars from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Inspectors of Midwives inviting the attendance of delegates to their respective Conferences to be held in July and May next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

3—Baby Show—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the National Baby Show asking the Committee to organise a local Baby Show in conjunction with the National Baby Show. RESOLVED, That no action be taken:

4—National Baby Week—RESOLVED, That the Committee continue their annual subscription of £1 1s. 0d. to the National Baby Week Council.

5—Birth Control—Read, circular of 18th inst. from the National Birth Control Association inviting the attendance of representatives to the Midland Conference of the Association to be held in Birmingham on the 2nd April, RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade and the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th February, 1936. Present—Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett and Grimwade ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4229	Bunbury, H. W. L.	Alterations, The Hewletts.
4230	Dansage, R. G.	Garden tool shed, 113 Gloucester Road.
4231	Parsloe, T.	Alterations, Park Lea, Tivoli Road.
4232	Kay, Ltd.	Shop front, 146 High Street,
4233	Fletcher, F. S.	Garage, Chislehurst, Sydenham Villas Road.
4234	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	New W.C., Black Horse Inn, Rosehill Street.

4235	The Ladies' Club	New cloakroom, 77 Promenade.
4236	Addis, F.	Cycle and tool shed, 30 Six Chimney Lane.
4237	Jayne, A. E.	Garage, 15 Montpellier Grove.
4238	Garland, G.	Alterations and additions, Hope Cottage, Gloucester Road.
4239	Ucal Ltd.	New packing department etc., Corpus Street.
4240	Harding, G.	New shop front, Suffolk Road,
4241	Wilkins & Arnett	5 blocks of flats, Evesham Road.
4242	McGusty, Mrs.	Extension to garage, Eildon, Lansdown Road.
4243	Miller, Miss M. R.	Garage, Hilcot, Old Bath Road.
4244	Siddall, N. L.	Workshop adjoining No. 1 Southfield Villa, Old Bath Road.
4245	Education Committee	New Junior Mixed School, Gloucester Road.
4246	Turner, J. F.	Garage, Ash Priors, Pittville Circus Road
4247	Biddle, A.	Conversion into shop, 101 Montpellier Street.
4248	Mechanization, Ltd.	Extension, rear of Windsor Street.
. 4249	Cook & Evans	Preliminary scheme for development, Painswick and Shurdington Roads
4250	Enoch, G. W.	Amended plan for garage, Greenmount, Christ Church Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4230, 4232, 4233, 4236, 4242, 4244 and 4246 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4229, 4231, 4234, 4235, 4238 and 4248 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and in the case of Plan No 4231, subject also to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the new work harmonising with the old ; and in the case of Plan No. 4248, subject also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4237 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building at his own cost and without compensation if and when required for the improvement of the Back Montpellier Terrace, and subject to the garage being constructed of incombustible material ; That Plan No. 4239 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4243 be approved subject to the garage being set back 20 feet from the front fence in back lane ; That Plan No. 4245 be approved subject to the surface water being taken separately to the surface water sewer in Gloucester Road ; That Plan No. 4247 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to give up the garden in front of the house and to set back the wall of the adjoining land ; That Plan No. 4250 be approved subject to (1) a petrol interceptor being provided : (2) the drains being connected to the existing service of Greenmount : (3) a washdown being provided at the back : and (4) the doors being made to open inwards ; That Plans Nos. 4240 and 4241 be disapproved pending further information being obtained ; and That Plan No. 4249 be disapproved.

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.
912	Mitchell, A.	New Dairy, Glenfall Farm, Ham.
913	Holborow, J.	Alterations and additions, Glenure House, Charlton Kings.
914	Haddon, Major	Dwelling house, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
915	Hicks, D. F.	Dwelling house, Crippets Road, Leckhampton.
916	Walker, J.	Garage (Private), Ullenwood.

917	Morris, H.	Bungalow, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
918	Barrow, Mrs. A.	Additions, Gotherington Garage, Gotherington Cross.
919	Harris, R. L.	Additions, " Elmfield," Finchcroft Lane, Prestbury.
920	Newey, J.	Alterations and additions, Old Barn, Southam.
921	Rimington, M.	Horse Boxes, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 912, 916, 918, 919, 920 and 921 be approved ; That Plan No. 913 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing house, and to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, being obtained; That Plan No. 914 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, and to the North East corner of the building being set back a further 10 feet ; That Plan No. 917 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road and when required, and to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 915 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop--- (a) Little Shurdington—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co, Ltd. asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to grant their application to erect houses on their land at Little Shurdington. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

(b) St. George's Mews—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd. that they proposed to acquire Laversham House, 3 St. George's Terrace and two cottages at the rear for the extension of their works, and enquiring whether the proposal would be approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That they be asked to submit preliminary plans of their proposals.

4—Plan No. T.P. 331—Priory Lane, Bishops Cleeve—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council again asking the Committee to withdraw the conditions attached to this plan, which was approved in June, 1932, subject to an undertaking being given to surrender the necessary land for the widening of Priory Lane. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the County Planning Committee.

5—Plan No. 4225—Bungalow, Hatherley Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen enclosing undertaking by Mr. W. E. Jenkins, to set back the front fence to the improvement line on the completion of the completion of the buildings, on the understanding that he would not be liable for making up the carriageway including kerbing and channelling, but would only be liable for providing a gravelled footpath and the prospective liability for paving this when required under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Town Planning Department—junior Town Planning Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee had appointed Mr. J. L. M. Metcalfe, Junior Town Planning Assistant.

7—Proposed Executive Committee—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Planning Committee were prepared to recommend the County Council to contribute £125 per annum for five years towards the expenses incurred by the Corporation, and to pay all future expenses of the Joint Committee, provided the draft agreement, as amended, was approved, and the Town Clerk reported that he had asked for the matter to be reconsidered, and the County Highways Committee had referred the matter back for further consideration.

8—Town Planning Scheme—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the period within which the draft scheme is to be approved and adopted, RESOLVED,

also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Committee the present position with regard to the scheme, and as to the steps which he considers necessary to expedite the completion of this.

(b) Swindon Road and Albion Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the proposed improvement line for parts of these roads. RESOLVED, That these be approved and incorporated in the draft scheme.

9—Mechanization Limited—RESOLVED, That Mechanization Ltd. be asked to plant a row of poplar trees at the rear of their new works in Carter's Field.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday February, 1936. Present----The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor: Alderman Pates: Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Waite ; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Messrs. Wilcox and Robinson attended on behalf of the Spa Bowling Club, and asked the Committee to grant the Club the tenancy of the green for one year at a reduced rent. RESOLVED, That the green be let to the Club for one year at a rent of £20, subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That the Club be asked to provide a more conspicuous notice board advertising the charges made to visitors,

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 4th inst. They recommended (inter alia) that the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Billy Gammon and his Band on a date to be arranged for their Annual Benefit Ball. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Town Hall—(a) Staff—The Committee further considered the letter from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase in wages for the cleaners and attendants at the Town Hall, and asking that all overtime worked on weekdays should be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for the first two hours and time and a half for the next two hours, and all overtime worked on Saturdays and Sundays to be paid for at double rate, and also for extra wages for the women cleaners. The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the application at their last two meetings, and obtained particulars of the wages paid in similar towns, which compared favourably with the wages paid to staff at the Town Flail. RESOLVED, That the Union be informed that the Committee are unable to entertain the application.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Rotary Club on the afternoons of the 22nd February and 21st March for the Rotary Club's Winter Treats for Poor Children.

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

(b) New Baths--Read, report of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 11th inst. Present—Councillors Avery, Grimwade, Howell and Smith. Councillor Howell had been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee had considered the two reports of the Medical Advisory Committee, which now comprised the following members,—Drs. Kirkland (Chairman), Collins, Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, Clow, Haslett, Alman Powell, and Mr. Robinson and Mr. Howell.

The Medical Advisory Committee were unanimously of the opinion :—

(1) That Cheltenham's Natural Waters, Climate, Environment and general layout entitle it to aspire to be the Premier Spa of the British Isles.

(2) That the ventilation and the dressing room accommodation at the Baths must be improved.

(3) That the Town Council should install its own Turkish Baths. They were also of opinion that if Cheltenham was to continue as a Spa, it was essential that a new installation of Medical Baths, including Turkish Baths, should be provided.

The Medical Baths Sub-Committee recommended that in view of the difficulties of developing the site of the present Baths, and its limited size, any installation of new Medical Baths should be provided on a new site, and that the Town Improvement Committee be recommended to ask the Council to authorise the Committee to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the installation on a new site to be approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend that the reports of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee and Medical Advisory Committee be referred to the Winter Garden Development Committee with a view to considering the inclusion of an installation of Medical and Turkish Baths in the scheme for development of the Winter Garden site.

5—Montpellier Swimming Bath—(a) RESOLVED, That this Bath be opened on 16th March, and the Gymnasium closed on 6th March.

(b) Grammar School—The Superintendent submitted report on the timetable for the attendance of the Grammar School girls at these Baths. RESOLVED, That the Baths Sub-Committee be asked to settle this

6—Conference—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. W. J. Bache asking the Committee to appoint a small Committee to make arrangements for the Conference of the Association of Public Lighting Engineers. RESOLVED, That the following Committee be appointed :—Alderman Moore, Councillor Waite, and Mr. Bache, as representatives of the Corporation, Mr. S. G. Wood and Mr. A. L. Morris, as representatives of the Gas Company, two representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Entertainments Manager, as Secretary of the Committee.

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7—Advertising—(a) Read, report of the Advertising Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 12th inst. They recommended that Councillor Avery and Mr. H. T. Bush, the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Advertising Sub-Committee should be appointed members of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee submitted report on the advertising carried out during the past year, and scheme for next year's advertising. The G.W. and L.M.S. Railway Companies had agreed to increase the joint advertising scheme to £1,000, of which £428 would be payable by the Railway Companies. RESOLVED, That the whole scheme, estimated at £1,000, as explained by Councillor Grimwade, be approved generally, and the report of the Sub-Committee, as now settled, be approved (A copy of this report accompanies the Minutes).

(b) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Simmath Press Ltd., asking for the Council's official patronage in connection with the production of " A Cheltenham Annual," to be published at the end of the year. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Advertising Sub-Committee for consideration.

8—Alstone Baths—Read, application of 4th inst. from the Central School Swimming Association for the grant of 24 whole season tickets and 31 half season tickets to scholars who had obtained the medallions and intermediate certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society respectively. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st February, 1936. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers and Waite ; (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 18th and 21st inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Organ—That the tender of Messrs. Rushworth & Dreaper Ltd. for tuning the organ six times a year, for £16 16s. 0d. be accepted for one year, and that provision be made in the estimates for the acceptance of their tender of £75 for cleaning the organ (being the lowest tender received).

(b) Good Friday—That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for a concert at the Town Hall on Good Friday evening on the lines of a Sunday concert.

(c) Dance Band—That the tender of Billy Gammon to provide his band to play on Saturdays during next Winter season at a charge of £15 15s. 0d. per Saturday for a Dance Tea and Evening Dance be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

(d) Summer Band—That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole of £10 per week for his quartet to play on weekday mornings at the Town Hall from the 13th April to the 5th September, 1936, be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and to the Corporation being entitled to cancel any performances, when the bookings at the Town Hall for Conferences, etc., render this necessary. Also, That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole of £102 10s. 0d. per week for a Municipal Military Band of 25 performers (including himself as conductor) to play every evening and Sunday afternoons from the 27th June to the 6th September be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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

10—Winter Garden—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported application from Mr. E. Cox to continue his tenancy of the theatre throughout the summer season, and recommended that he be informed that the Committee are not prepared to discontinue the use of the bandstand during the summer season, but if notwithstanding this he wishes to take the theatre the Committee will let it to him on the same terms as agreed to for next Winter season, namely £5 per week plus any increase in the rates which may be payable in the event of the assessment of the Winter Garden being increased, Mr. Cox being entitled to terminate his tenancy on one week's notice, and also to transfer

to the Montpellier Pavilion at the same rent if he finds that the band interferes with his performances. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—Swimming Pool—(a) Read, letter from the Rector enquiring if the Corporation would grant the use of the Swimming Pool for a Polo Match to be held in July on behalf of the Christ Church Schools Reorganisation Scheme Fund. Read, also, application from the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel for the free use of the Pool on the 25th June in connection with a carnival and water display to be organised in aid of local charities RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to these applications, but that the Rector be offered the use of Alstone Baths for an evening on a date to be arranged at a charge of £2.

(b) Cafe—The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders received for the electrical installation for the Cafe, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., amounting to £99 11s. 6d. (being the lowest be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

12—Gymnasium—Read, letter from Mr. H. R. Reynolds refusing the offer of £10 for the gymnasium equipment at Brandon House School.

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13—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Cheltenham Electrical Association for Women for their annual meeting to be held in the morning of the 25th March next.

14—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. K. W. Lyon of the Grammar School for the grant of 10 full season tickets and 4 half season tickets to boys of the Grammar School who had obtained the medallion and intermediate certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society be granted.

(b) Superintendent—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Pilkington and express the Committee's very deep regret at the death of Mr. Pilkington, who was for nearly thirty years Superintendent at these baths, and carried out his duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and to convey to Mrs. Pilkington the Committee's sincere sympathy with her and her son in their sad bereavement.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th February, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Leigh James, Ben James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair)

1—Electrical Research Association—Read, letter from this Association stating that the cost of their work was increasing, and that the Government had promised a grant equivalent to the total amount of subscriptions obtained from their Constituent authorities. RESOLVED, That the subscription be increased to 20 guineas.

2—Association of Public Lighting Engineers—RESOLVED, That in connection with the Conference of this Association to be held in Cheltenham in September next, the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to afford facilities for the demonstration of electrical street lighting appliances on lamp standards in the Borough.

3—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimate for the next financial year for public lighting. RESOLVED, That the charge for the next financial year be fixed at £6,465, plus the sum of £2,000, already approved by the Council for improvements and new lighting

(b) Damage to Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported further wilful damage to public lamps. Since October last 151 lamps had been damaged, the making good of which he estimated would cost about Superintendent Way man was giving the matter special attention, and submitted report of boys who had been found doing damage. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to prosecute these and in other cases which may be reported.

(c) The Moors Estate—RESOLVED, That lamp brackets be provided on the two blocks of houses on this estate, which are approached from the pathway leading to the back of the houses, at an estimated cost of £13 0s. 9d.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Box Farm, Woodmancote—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport and the local authorities concerned for consent to the erection of an overhead line for the supply of these premises, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension on the terms now approved by the Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the erection of overhead line for the supply of premises at Little Shurdington subject to the usual conditions.

5-I.M.E.A.—The Chairman reported that Mr. Bache had been nominated for election as Vice-President of this Association, and as this would involve his having to deputise for the President when necessary, he wished to have the approval of the Committee before accepting nomination. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—The Town Clerk reported that the Beacon Insurance Company and the Drapers and General Insurance Company were willing to enter into sharing agreements for the settlement of claims on the basis of the Company paying 75 per cent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign memoranda of agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 29th ult. and 2nd, 13th, 18th and 23rd inst. which showed the Calorific Value on these dates to be 471.7, 470.7, 471.4, 469.4 and 471.7 B.Th. U., and the pressure 5.6, 6.7, 7.0, 5.6 and 5.6 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th February, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Barnett and Morris.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st January, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	512,000 gallons	254,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,657,000 "	1,325,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	72,000 "	42,000 "
	3,241,000 "	1,621,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about 116,484,000 gallons.

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—Whaddon Farm Estate—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to lay the necessary mains for the supply of water to the 64 Non-Subsidy houses at Whaddon Farm Estate, at an estimated cost of £325.

5—Rain Recorder—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase a rain recorder, at an estimated cost of £90.

6—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer submitted four tenders received for the construction of the new culvert at Dowdeswell, RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. of £1,463 5s 7d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk

7—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Manager— The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. C. J. Pearce, Manager of the Tewkesbury Waterworks, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by £25 per annum.

8—Montpellier Walk--The he borough Engineer recommended that during the construction of the traffic island and the removal of the camber of the road at Montpellier, the opportunity should be taken of renewing the water main. The estimated cost of the work was £370. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

9—Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted 8 tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes and specials required during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the schedule of prices submitted by the Staveley Coal and Iron Co. Ltd, be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

10—Water Mains—The Committee further considered the list of old water mains in the Borough, which the Borough Engineer recommended should be replaced. The list included the replacement of 37 different lengths of main, including lengths at Hayden and Staverton, and two lengths at Charlton Kings, and a length of 1,300 yards of main in Ashchurch Road between the Guest House and Fiddington Lane, which, owing to the increasing demand on this main was now too small. The total estimated cost of carrying out the work was estimated at £17,525, exclusive of the charges for reinstatement of roads, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £17,525 for the cost of carrying out the work, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out over a period of four years.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th February, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James 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.

(b) Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this order, which had been published as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

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

Date, 1936.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
27th Jan.	Fleece Hotel	Not apparent ...	Slight ...	£2 15s. 6d.
29th "	Cheltenham Town A.F.C. Pavilion	Heating apparatus	About £30	£5 2s. 6d.
5th Feb.	4 Crescent Terrace	Not apparent ...	Slight	£2 10s. 0d.
11th "	Greystones, Cleeve Hill	Defective chimney	Slight	£3 11s. 6d.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham Town A.F.C., expressing the Club's thanks and appreciation for the prompt and efficient manner in which the fire at their Pavilion on the 29th ult. was dealt with

(c) RESOLVED, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be asked to consider as to the desirability of adhering to the instructions given to the Captain to ask persons summoning the Brigade by telephone to give their telephone number and name.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. William Waldron for the transfer of Licence No. 4 to Taxi Cab Registered No. DF 4983 be granted.

4--Marle Hill House—The Borough Surveyor reported that 19 elm trees in the grounds of Marle Hill House were infected with the Dutch disease. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have these removed.

5—Re-Numbering of Streets ---The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the re-numbering of the following streets, namely :—Clarence Street, Prestbury Road, Gratton Road, Eldon Road, Tivoli Road, London Road, Moorend Road, Moorend Crescent, St. Stephen's Road and Hales Road. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement (Clauses) Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers in these roads to re-number their premises, and that if the notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the re-numbering carried out, and that no charge be made for re-numbering any premises which already have a number legibly marked thereon.

6—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. T. Wall & Sons Ltd., to store 48 gallons of petrol in cans in an iron bin at their depot in the Plough Hotel yard be granted.

7—Flower Show—Read, application from the Cheltenham Floral Fete Committee for a subscription towards the Prize Fund, as in previous years. RESOLVED, That the sum of £10 10s. 0d. be granted.

8—Council Chamber—Read, the following report of the Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 6th inst Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham had been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee considered the necessity of providing a new Council Chamber and additional Committee Rooms, etc. Alderman Moore reported that the Electricity Committee was desirous of obtaining enlarged showroom accommodation and offices, and the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plans and preliminary estimates showing suggestions for provision of a Council Chamber and Committee Rooms on the first floor with Electricity Showroom, Offices and two lock-up Shops on the ground floor. RESOLVED, to recommend (a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a lay-out and sketch plans for the extension of the Offices on the land at the back of the Municipal Offices and that a further Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday, 3rd March at 3 p.m.; and (b) That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to authorise the Sub-Committee to engage a local architect to prepare plans and estimates for submission to the Council.

RESOLVED. That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange terms with Messrs. Healing & Overbury for the preparation of the necessary plans.

9—Athletic Ground—(a) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Cheltenham Motor Club offering the sum of £40 for the exclusive rental of the Athletic Ground for a period from 1st May to 31st August. RESOLVED, That the Club be informed that the Committee cannot accept this offer but will consider letting them the ground for the actual days required on the same terms as the ground was let to them by the Rugby Football Club.

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(b) The Committee considered the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee that the management of this ground should be transferred to that Committee. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the management and letting of the ground during the period of the Corporations occupation being transferred as proposed.

10—Sandford Park—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Messrs. Bertram Mill's Circus that, having inspected the Athletic Ground it was found that this was too small as they had added to their equipment a large vestibule tent to accommodate the waiting public in inclement weather, which necessitated their having a ground at least 180 yards long and asking the Committee to grant the use of Sandford Park for the Circus. The tentative dates were the 30th April to 2nd May next. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant the use of Sandford Park for the Circus, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange the letting on terms now approved by the Committee.

11—Market—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee in regard to the lavatory accommodation at the Market. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates for the provision of new lavatory accommodation.

12—Cinematograph Licence—St. Gregory's Schools—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell, on behalf of the Trustees of St. Gregory's School, applying for a full cinematograph licence for the new St. Gregory's Schools now in course of erection. The assembly hall would probably be used entirely for educational purposes, but the Trustees desired a licence which would enable them to let the hall for cinematograph performances not necessarily for the use of the staff in the work of teaching at the School. Mr. D. Howell and Mr. T. Overbury

attended the Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Cambray House—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Secretary of the Ladies' College giving the price at which the College Council would sell this property. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to make an offer as now approved by the Committee.

14—Contributions for Local Charities and Public Institutions—(a) RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, and the Cheltenham Order 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the undermentioned. Institutions in lieu of the remission of the General Rate :—

	£	s.	d.
General Hospital ..	45	0	0
Girls' Orphanage ..	5	0	0
Nazareth House ...	50	0	0
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital . . .	12	0	0
Boys' Orphanage ...	3	0	0
Children's Home, Battledown	9	0	0
Home for Aged Pensioners, 3 Monson Terrace	3	0	0
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	5	0	0
St John Ambulance Association	12	0	0
Charity Organisation Society, 4 Rodney Terrace	5	0	0
British Legion, 115 Bath Road	9	0	0
N.S.P.C.C. ...	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	£163	0	0

General Hospital—Annual Contribution in lieu of free supply of water £87 12s. 0d.

(b) Read, application of 6th inst. from the Rev. J. M. Ballard for a contribution in lieu of remission of Rates in respect of Ball's Almshouses, Shurdington Road. RESOLVED, That a contribution of 2 be made in lieu of the remission of the General Rate.

15—New Education Fellowship—Read, letter from the Organising Secretary of the New Education Fellowship that in connection with the World Conference to be held in Cheltenham in August, a party of 100 school boys would be attending, and asking whether a camping site could be provided for them. RESOLVED, That the Education Committee be asked to agree to Naunton Park School being used for the purpose.

16—Airport—The Town Clerk submitted report of the proceedings of the Joint Airport Committee held on 6th inst. Ground Works—The report of the two Engineers on the progress of the ground works was submitted Approximately 78 acres had been completed and levelled, and 56 acres seeded. A considerable area required to be mole-drained, but this could not be done until the ground had been thoroughly consolidated, and the turf well established. The Engineers pointed out that no provision had been made for the drainage of the triangular spinney as it was mainly' outside the landing area, but as it had been found boggy they recommended that this should be drained. During the recent wet weather a quantity of water had drained off the land adjoining the main road (reserved for building sites) on to the flying ground, and they recommended that this land should be drained at an estimated cost of £125. To comply with the requirements of the Air Ministry 78 trees on land adjoining the Airport would have to be, removed. The Contractor had submitted an offer to

remove the trees for £183 plus £150 Compensation to Tenants. The Joint Airport Committee recommended the respective Councils to approve of the extra works being carried out: and to apply to the Ministry of Health for sanction to borrow their respective shares of the sum of £944 made up follows :—

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Extra works already sanctioned	85
Drainage of spinney	250
Removal of trees and fencing	333
Contingencies	50
Extra cost of entrance road, gateway, concrete apron, boundary markers, circle and name ...	101
Drainage of frontage land ...	<u>125</u>
	£944

Buildings—The Joint Committee had authorised the removal of the corrugated iron bungalow subject to the consent of the future lessees, and also to the removal of their buildings on to the Aerodrome site as and when approved by the joint Engineers.

Mrs. Weston's Tenancy—The Joint Committee had authorised the erection of a fence along the outer circle of the flying ground across fields Nos. 58 and 58a to restore to Mrs. Weston the parts of such fields outside the flying ground subject to an adjustment of her rent.

Opening of Airport —The Joint Committee had decided to arrange for the opening of the Airport in July next, if possible, and authorised the Mayor of Gloucester, the Deputy Mayor of Cheltenham and the two Town Clerks to made the necessary arrangements for the ceremony.

RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the extra cost of drainage etc., and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £472 for the Council's share of the cost of the above works

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th February, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the Garden's Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 56, 58, 91, 104, 111 (b) and 118 (b) Asquith Road ; 12 Alma Road ; 150 and 151 Crabtree Piece ; 1 (b), 21 and 27 (a) Creamery Piece ; 74 Albert Road ; 53 (b) Whaddon (New). With the exception of Asquith Road, there was a slight improvement in the condition of the allotments since last month.

2—Baglin's Piece—Flooding—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now investigated the cause of the flooding of these allotments, and found the ditch outside the allotments to be very untidy and filled in places with rubbish. He recommended that the hedge should be cut and layered

and the ditch cleaned and regraded, and as much excavated material as possible deposited into the root of the hedge, at a cost of approximately £20. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out, and also to have a notice erected offering £1 reward for information leading to the identification of any person found depositing rubbish in the ditch.

3—Land in Marsh Lane—(a) The Town Clerk reported that under the terms of the purchase of this land the Corporation were to take over all standard and bush fruit trees on 3.649 acres of land at a valuation. RESOLVED, That Mr., C. C. Castle be asked to make the valuation on behalf of the Corporation.

(b) RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Addis, Compton and Grimwade be appointed to settle the layout of this land with the Borough Surveyor.

4—Allotment No. 114 Asquith Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment giving notice of his wish to terminate his tenancy on the 25th March next RESOLVED, That this notice be accepted.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th February, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that the balustrade surrounding the Promenade Fountain needed repair, and submitted two tenders for such repairs. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons amounting to £28 (being the lower) be accepted.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Infected Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that 7 trees in Pittville Gardens, infected with Dutch disease, had been removed.

(b) Rooks—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the rooks' nests removed from the tree adjoining the garden of Chaseley Lodge.

(c) Read, report of the Gardens Superintendent of two people entering Pittville Gardens after closing time. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to keep observation, and report any further case of people found in the Gardens after closing time.

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That two poplar trees on the boundary of this Recreation Ground adjoining Naunton Lane which were cankered, be removed and replaced with three young lime trees.

4—Tractor Mower—The Borough Surveyor reported that the present horse-drawn mower would be inadequate for the mowing required next Spring owing to the increase in the area of the Playing Fields, and recommended the purchase of a 4-Gang Mower Unit, with motor, tractor and tipper, which would be capable of dealing with the mowing of every ground. RESOLVED, That the sum of £50 be included in the Estimates for the provision of this mower.

5—Vacant Land at St. Mark's—The Committee further considered letter from Mr. Fisher complaining of the position of the cricket pitch in the field adjoining his house. The Chairman reported that he

had inspected the pitch and did not consider that any nuisance or damage would be caused to Mr. Fisher's premises due to the pitch in its present position. RESOLVED, That no action be taken,

6—Athletic Ground—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to place the control and management of this Ground under this Committee during the four months when it is not used by the Rugby Football Club.

7—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play cricket on the Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	St. Gregory's Athletic Club ...	Alternate Saturdays and evenings for Hospital Cup matches.
“	St. Paul's Central C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Bennington Hall C.C.	Tuesday evenings.
Whaddon Road	Wesley Sunday School	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Labour Hall C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Land in Brooklyn Road	Parish School Old Boys	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Unemployed Services Club	Alternate Saturdays and evenings for Hospital Cup matches.
“	Central School Old Boys C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Cheltenham Health & Strength Club	Wednesday evenings.
“	St. Mark's Church Men's Club	To be arranged.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th February, 1936. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, Howell and Rogers ; Major J. G. N. Clift ; and Mr. W. N. Weech (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for January—Visits-2,253 (last year 2,579).

Receipts—Catalogues, postcards, 1s 3d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £3 2s. 7d.

Exhibitions-30th December-6th February. Paintings of Wild Fowl by Peter Scott.

New Education Fellowship—RESOLVED, That the large Gallery, and so much of the small Gallery as is practicable, be made available for the Seventh World Conference of the New Education Fellowship, 31st July-14th August, for an International Exhibition of Junior Craftsmanship.

Talks by Curator—The Curator had given talks in the Museum to students from the Central School, and from the Ladies' College, on " The Stone Age " and " The Museum in general." On 11th February, he had addressed a meeting of the Guild of Gloucestershire Craftsmen at Painswick on "The Crafts of Gloucestershire, past and present."

Cheltenham Literary Society—RESOLVED, That permission be given to this Society to meet in the Art Gallery on 28th February.

Proposed Midlands Federation of Museums and Art Galleries—The Curator reported on a meeting in Birmingham on 5th February, RESOLVED, That as the representative of Cheltenham will be welcome at the meetings of this Federation without subscription, membership be retained in the South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries only,

2—Donations—Gifts had been received from the following :—Mrs. Mascie Taylor, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. S. R. Payne, and Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst, C.B.E., D.L., J.P. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Offer of Local Pictures—RESOLVED, That the offer by Dr. C. B. Dobell, of portraits of Sydney Dobell and of Mrs Craik, by Clarence Dobell, and seven water-colours by William Riviere, be accepted with thanks.

4—Offer of Plaster Cast—RESOLVED, That a plaster cast " L'inconnue de la seine" offered as a gift by Mrs. Cecil Stephens, be accepted with thanks.

5—Offer of Painting by Ithell Colquhoun—RESOLVED, That a flower painting of " Canna," by Ithell Colquhoun' offered as a gift by Mr. Flowerdew Lowson, be accepted with thanks.

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator's arrangements for the following exhibitions in the Art Gallery be approved :—

(a) Cotswold Art Club, 7th May to 6th June.

(b) Cheltenham Group of Artists, 31st October to 5th December.

(c) Exhibition of Velocipedes, when convenient.

7—Easter Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday and open on Easter Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Easter Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

8—Museums Association Annual Conference—That the Curator attend this Conference at Leeds, 6th to 10th July, as the Committee's delegate.

9—Coke—Read, letter from the Cheltenham & District Gas Co., asking for an increase of 2s per ton in the price of coke, such increase to go towards the National Fund for improving the financial position of the Miners. RESOLVED, That an extra payment of 1s per ton be agreed to, subject to the same conditions as approved by the Water Committee,

10—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund"—RESOLVED, That various Museum specimens be purchased from this Fund at a cost of £3 15s. 6d. RESOLVED, also, That a Half-Tod bronze Wool-weight, period George I, be purchased by subscription at a cost of £21, (To this latter, donations amounting to £18 5s. 0d. had already been promised).

11—Curator's Car Allowance—RESOLVED, That when using his car on the Institution's business, the Curator be given an allowance at the rate of 2d. per mile. (Estimated expenditure for next year £12).

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 17th April.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st February, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th January to 21st February, 1936, Interments 65 ; Grave Spaces sold 16 (First Position 1, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 11) ; Memorials erected 8 ; New Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9347 to 9362.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1879 to 1885, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 4 of the Cremation Act, 1902, application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the plans and site of the Crematorium proposed to be provided at the Cheltenham Cemetery.

5—Car Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the construction of a car park on the orchard land adjoining the Cemetery belonging to the Corporation, including the widening and improvement of the lane as an approach. He estimated the cost of the work at £707. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee which be held at the Cemetery, but that in the meantime the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with Mr. Cluer for the acquisition of a small piece of land required for the improvement of the lane, and for rounding off the corner at its junction with Bouncer's Lane.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th February, 1936 Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Compton, Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; and Messrs. H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Librarian's Report for January—Receipts £15 8s. 3d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 6,480 (last year 6,758); Lending Department 17,401 (last year 16,947) ; Junior Department 2,217 (last year 2,568) ; Total 26,098 (last year 26,273).

Funeral of His Late Majesty—All departments of the Library were closed on the 28th January, the occasion of the Royal Funeral. Talks to Students—The Librarian had given a talk on " The Use of the Reference Library " to a class of boys and girls from All Saints' School.

Telephone Extension—The Librarian reported on the need for an extension to the existing office telephone. RESOLVED, That in lieu of the present extension bell, an extension telephone be placed in the staff recess.

2—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the " Journal of Education," monthly, 8d., be added to the list of periodicals taken

3—Proposed South-Western Regional Library Bureau—A letter had been received from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, inviting the Committee to be represented at a Conference at Bristol, on the 27th March, with regard to the formation of a South-Western Regional Library Bureau. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Conference as this Committee's representative.

4 —" Cheltenham Quarterly "—RESOLVED, That the printing of this periodical be placed with the New Centurion Publishing and Publicity Co. Ltd., for a further period of two years, on condition that quality of paper, etc., be as before, but that quantity of interior matter allowed to the Library be increased to 20 pp., and that the number supplied per quarter be increased to 2,500.

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5—Visits of School Children to Reference Library—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. J. Norris for permission to bring a class of eight boys to the Reference Library on one morning per week, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., be granted.

6—Coke—Read, letter from the Cheltenham & District Gas Co, asking for an increase of 2s per ton in the price of coke, such increase to go towards the National Fund for improving the financial position of the Miners. RESOLVED, That an extra payment of 1s per ton be agreed to on the same conditions as approved by the Water Committee.

7—Heating System—The Borough Surveyor's report, outlining an expenditure of £410 for a new boiler, and alterations to the Heating System, was read, RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred for the present.

8—Staff—The salaries paid to the staff were reviewed and it was RESOLVED, That advances, as from the 1st April next, be granted as follows :—

Miss H. C. Wise, Deputy Librarian from £225 to £238 per annum.

Miss E. L. Mason, Senior Assistant from 55s to 60s per week.

W. M. Martin, Lending Library Assistant from 40s to 45s per week

Miss M. N. Nealon, Junior Library Assistant from 35s to 40s per week

Miss S. H. Jeffery, Secretarial Assistant from 30s to 35s per week

Miss P. M. Wilkins, Junior Assistant ... from 25s to 30s per week

Miss P. E. Morgan, Reference Library Assistant from 22s 6d to 27s 6d per week

Miss S. G. Smith, Junior Assistant from 20s to 25s per week

Miss J. Fawn, Junior Assistant from 17s 6d to 22s 6d per week

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 9th April.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th February, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Moore (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 Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with one applicant for the excusal of part of his Rates.

3—Valuation Advisory Committee—Mr. E. D. Ricketts reported the proceedings of the Valuation Advisory Committee held on the 6th inst.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th February, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the excusal of Rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th February, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen 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 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £102,016 ; Leaving Outstanding £8,593.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1936. Amount collected £20,597, Leaving outstanding £1,645.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £300 had been received for 3 per cent Housing Bonds and that certificate had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date. Purpose, Amount. Period of Repayment.

20th February Covering in of Alstone Open Air Bath £3,029 30 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor and Alderman Taylor (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £1,000 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. H. W. Pilkington, Alstone Baths Superintendent, died on the 21st inst. after 36 ½ years service, 11 of which were contributory.

RESOLVED, That his widow be refunded the amount of his contributions with interest at 3 per cent, amounting to £149 3s. 11d.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. J. Bridgman (Pittville gardener), A. G. James (labourer) and G. A. Lawrence (labourer) were due to retire on the 26th inst., 9th April and 25th May respectively. RESOLVED, That they be paid pensions of 16s 5d, 12s 1d and 18s 3d per week respectively, calculated on their wages for the last five years.

8—Budget—RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Committee be held on the 16th March at 3 p.m. to consider the Budget for next year, and that the Chairmen of the various Committees be invited to attend the meeting.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd April, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th, day of April, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meetings.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to consider report of the Committee with regard to the Promenade Improvement Scheme and to make, if so decided, an Order for compulsory purchase of the properties required for the improvement. 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. COUNCILLOR GRIMWADE TO MOVE :—" That the practice of effecting sales to the public of electrical appliances at the Showroom of the Electrical Department be discontinued."
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 March, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge. Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green. Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S. C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd February, 1938. having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council. be taken as read. and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held February 10

Resolved, also, That Notice under Section 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be given to the owner of 52 Burton Street, requiring him within six days to cleanse and disinfect the said house, and that failing compliance with such notice, the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to have the said house cleansed and disinfected.

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., of £26,720 15s. 11d. for the extensions of the Sewage Works (being the lowest of seven tenders received) be accepted subject to sanction to loan being obtained and to contract and bond, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £26,720 for the cost of carrying out the work.

Housing Meeting held February 13

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the View Sub-Committee, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of £9 15s. 0d. for removing the boundary wall on the first floor of Nos. 24 and 25 Brunswick Street South be accepted, and that the Corporation pay Mrs. Watts, the owner of No 24 Brunswick Street South, the sum of £6 5s. 0d. for the portion of the first floor of her house to be thus added to the house belonging to the Corporation, No. 25.

Street and Highway Meeting held February 17

Except the portion of Minute No. 19 relating to land adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground, and Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 11 in regard to the driving of heavy traffic along Montpellier Street be referred back for further consideration."

" That the draft Byelaws referred to in Minute No. 12 (a) be referred back for further consideration."

" That Minute No. 19, in so far as it relates to the Promenade Improvement Scheme, be not approved."

Stores Sub-Committee Meeting held February 24

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held February 24

Town Planning Meeting held February 20

Public Library Meeting held February 6

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

(The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 3 (a) in regard to the wages of the Town Hall staff be referred back " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 24

Water Meeting held February 11

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and accepted by the Chairman: " That the words should the matter proceed' be added to the end of Minute No. 8, in regard the proposed new Council Chamber." Resolved, also, That the application of Messrs. Roy's Modern Food Stores Ltd. for a licence to deal in Game at 146 High Street, be granted up to the 1st July next.

Allotments Meeting held February 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held February 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 14

Burial Board Meeting held February 21

Rating Meetings held February 6 & 17

Finance Meeting held February 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.

Resolved, also, That on the recommendation of the Education Committee, application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £13,000 for the alterations and additions to the Central School and erection of a new Junior School in Gloucester Road, including architect's fees as provisionally approved by the Board of Education.

3—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Councillor Dr. Hayward be re-appointed a Representative Trustee of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on the 3rd March, 1939.

4—General Hospital—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Howell be nominated as representatives of the Council to serve on the General Hospital Board of Management for the ensuing year.

D. L. LIPSON,

Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Conned of the Borough of Cheltenham duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough on Tuesday, 24th March, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :—

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.), in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James. Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Sawyer and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Addis, Howell and Leigh James.

1—General Rate—Resolved, That the General Rate Fund being insufficient for the purposes to which it is applicable by law, and the Town 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 1st day of April, 1936, and terminating on the 31st day of March, 1937, 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 6d. 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 1st day of April, 1936, and terminating on the 31st day of March, 1937, and that the said Rate be payable by two instalments, namely, one moiety thereof on the 1st day of April, 1936, and the other moiety thereof to be payable on the 1st day of October, 1936 ; also, That in pursuance of Article 89 of the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935, an abatement of sixpence in the £ from the aforesaid General Rate to be made in respect of every hereditament situate in the area transferred to the Borough from the Parishes of Leckhampton, Prestbury and Up Hatherley under the said Order ; also, That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a copy of this Resolution ; 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.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting- of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th April, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1936. Present—Alderman Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, LL-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 1 and 2 Harmony Cottages, and 10, 11 and 12 Burton Cottages-----The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these

houses are satisfied that the said houses are 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—Nuisances from Drains etc. at -10 Rosehill Street; 1 and 2 Finsbury Place, Prestbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc- 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) 3 Nelson Buildings, Wellington Passage ; 2 Oxford Parade, London Road ; 6 Oxford Place ; 112 Fairview Road ; 19 Sherborne Place ; Kingsmuir, Pittville Circus ; 7 Winchcomb Place—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 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 the Committee to be held on the 15th April, 1936.

(b) Cranley Lodge, Wellington Square—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement 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 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 thereof, 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 any purpose except storage purposes.

(c) 42 and 44 Brunswick Street ; 2 Warwick Buildings ; disused Tramcar, Britannia Square ; 2, 4, 7, 28, 29 and 30 Queen Street ; Greens Cottage, Tewkesbury Road ; 229 High Street ; 19 Bath Road ; 19 and 20 Francis Street ; 21 Upper Norwood Street and two cottages at rear—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 May, 1936.

(d) 58 Worcester Street ; 31a Rose and Crown Passage ; Cresswell Cottage, Carter's Lane—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. 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) 34 Imperial Square ; 13 Clarence Square—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) 1, 2 and 3 News Cottages, Alstone Lane—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) Claremont Cottage, rear Montpellier Terrace—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rota Sub-Committee, that the application of the Owner to use this house for storage purposes, be not granted.

(h) 1 Suffolk Parade---The Town Clerk reported that part of these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order had been made, were still being occupied, although the Owner had been convicted for allowing the same to be occupied. RESOLVED, That if the Owner does riot take immediate steps to obtain possession of the premises, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against him for further penalties under the Act.

(i) Arle Farm Cottage—RESOLVED, That the undertaking dated the 2nd inst. given by Mr. S. G. Wood that this house shall not be used for human habitation, but only as a store, and further undertaking to have all the fireplaces removed and the water services cut off, and to demolish the water closet building be accepted as sufficient compliance with the Demolition Order.

(j) Charnwood, Priory Street (Basement) ; 34 and 36 Suffolk Road ; 8, 9 and 10 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings dated the 17th, 19th and 19th ult. respectively, given by the Owners of these houses to carry out the works required to render the same fit for human habitation, and that the same shall not be so used until rendered so fit be accepted.

(k) 23 Commercial Street ; Sherborne Street ; 37 Russell Street ; 19 Beaufort Buildings ; Hanover Cottage, Hanover Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the undertakings given by the Owners of these houses had now been complied with to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the same be cancelled.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 3 lbs. Beef ; 2 qrs. 9 lbs. Mutton, 1 qr. 9 lbs. Pork ; 21 lbs. Poultry ; 2 qrs. 2 lbs. Fish.

5—Public Convenience, Montpellier Gardens--The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for the hot water apparatus to be installed at this convenience. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Sewers, Windsor Street and rear of Christ Church Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the sewer in Windsor Street, which was found to be very defective, and he recommended that the old sewer should be filled in and a new 9 inch stoneware pipe sewer provided, at an estimated cost of £400. He also submitted report on the sewer at the rear of Christ Church Terrace. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain further information in regard to the sewer at the rear of Christ Church Terrace,

7—Cedros Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected this house, the cracks in which were alleged to have been caused by a sewer trench near the house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Councillors Moore and Morris be asked to inspect the property and report thereon.

8—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health reported the progress made with the overcrowding survey. The number of houses surveyed up to date was 5,588, and he anticipated that the house enumeration work would be completed by about the 23rd May.

9—Disinfection—The Medical Officer of Health submitted claim for clothes alleged to be damaged by disinfection after scarlet fever. The Committee inspected the clothes, and RESOLVED, not to admit the claim.

10—Carlton Place West Clearance Order—The Sanitary Inspector submitted four tenders received for the demolition of these houses in default of the owner. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Edward Eager & Son, amounting to £26, after allowing for materials (being the most favourable tender received) be accepted subject to contract.

11—Winchcomb Street—The Committee further considered the claim of £21 8s. 9d. made by Messrs. Edwards & Marshall Ltd. for the cost of clearing the choked drain and sewer at their premises in Winchcomb Street. Mr. K. W. Marshall attended. RESOLVED, That an ex-gratia payment of £10 be made.

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12—St. Stephen's Manor—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Col. R. S. Hart that there was a leakage of sewer gas from the sewer passing through his garden, and asking the Corporation to have the defect made good. The Borough Surveyor reported that the nuisance was due to a defective manhole in a branch pipe situate in the kitchen garden, which could be remedied by renewing the defective brickwork in the manhole shaft, and providing an air-tight cover at an estimated cost of £9. From the information available it appeared, however, that the branch pipe in question was not a sewer as it only took the drainage from one house. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot admit any liability, but that if on further inspection the pipe is found to be a sewer taking the drainage from more than one house, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

13 —Sanitary Inspectors' Association—Read, circular from this Association, inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Harrogate in September next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

14—Public Health Meat Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the managers of the three firms, who were reported last month as not complying with these regulations, undertaking to comply with the requirements in future.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN. Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th March, 1936. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Reconditioning—(a) 55 Worcester Street and 104 Tewkesbury Road.—The Sanitary Inspector submitted 4 tenders received for the reconditioning of these houses. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. A. Eggleton of £150 for the reconditioning of 55 Worcester Street (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract, but that consideration of the tenders for the reconditioning of 104 Tewkesbury Road be deferred.

(b) The Sanitary Inspector submitted account for £11 19s. 2d. for repairs carried out to Nos. 2a, 3a, 19 and 44 Brunswick Street South, 5 Elm Street and 77 and 79 Duke Street, which were carried out after the completion of the conveyance of these properties to Mrs. Davis, but which the Corporation agreed to carry out before completion. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

2—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 3rd inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved

3—Rent Collection—The Housing Manager reported that having consulted the District Auditor in regard to the duplicate posting rent collection system, it had been decided to apply the system to all the houses belonging to the Corporation except the houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate.

4-70 and 73 Hope Street—RESOLVED, That the rents of these two houses be reduced as from 1st April next to 5s per week, being the same rent as charged for the other reconditioned houses in this street.

5-36 Folly Lane—The Housing Manager submitted report as to wilful damage to the windows of this house by youths throwing stones, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the offenders.

6—Clearance Orders—(a) 1 and 2 Dovedale Cottages—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. on behalf of the owner of these houses, claiming the sum of £150 2s. 2d. in respect of maintenance work to these houses during the 5 years preceding the date of the Clearance Order, in accordance with Section 64 of the Housing Act. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report thereon.

(b) 2 Hartley Place—Read, letter from Mr. W. A. Woodward, on behalf of Mrs. Stevens, the owner of this house, asking the Corporation to allow a payment of compensation in respect of this house which was excluded from the Clearance Order at the request of the owner to enable her to consider carrying out the work required, but in respect of which a Demolition Order had now been made as the owner was not prepared to carry out the work. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances, an allowance of one and a half times the rateable value of the house be made subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

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7—The Moors Housing Estate—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Moors and the land adjoining, containing seven acres had been offered for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the next meeting as to the desirability of purchasing any of this land.

(b) Read, letter from Mrs. Yarnold that residents in the former North Ward had asked whether the late Alderman Yarnold's name could not be perpetuated by naming one of the roads on the Moors Estate after him. RESOLVED That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to name the houses fronting Tewkesbury Road, at present known as Tewkesbury Road West, " Yarnold Terrace."

8—Land, Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. W. H. Horsley that Messrs. Goddard & Hunt were prepared to accept the offer of the Corporation to sell the land fronting Leckhampton Road, having a frontage of 135 feet, at £3 18s. 0d. per foot, the purchasers to pay any tenants' compensation, subject to their being allowed to build not less than 4 houses thereon. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and also to the approval of the proposed layout by the Town Planning Committee; That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale; and That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Tenant to give up the piece of land to be sold.

9—Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. for permission to place an omnibus timetable board on the railings of Kingsley Gardens be granted subject to the exact position of the board being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

10—Pilley Lane—The Town Clerk reported that the Delancey Hospital Trustees were willing to lease the piece of pasture land fronting Pilley Lane for use as a recreation ground at a rent of £5 per annum. RESOLVED, That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to accept this offer, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate to that Committee of the cost of fencing.

11—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Shop Site—The Town Clerk submitted valuation of the District Valuer of the shop site at the junction of Whaddon Road and Road No. 3, having a frontage to Whaddon Road of 19 feet, a width at the rear of 46 feet 6 inches, and a depth of 110 feet, together with offer from Mr. C. V. Mills to purchase this land for the sum of £150. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the conveyance. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide doors to the stabling adjoining Hyett's Cottage on this Estate to enable this to be used for housing the Disinfestation Vans during the disinfestation of furniture of tenants to be housed on this Estate, and also electricity heating points to enable the vans to be heated.

(c) The Committee considered the sale of the frontage to Priors Road to the Cheltenham Master Builders' Association. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to fix the improvement line, and that when this has been done, the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into the contract for the sale on the terms previously arranged.

(d) The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to provide a water supply for some of the fields on the Whaddon Farm Estate in the occupation of Mr. Holborow, when Wyman's Brook was culverted in. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a supply and the necessary tanks.

12—Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted her Quarterly Report on the arrears of rent.

13-14 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letters from the tenant of this house asking the Corporation to have the cracks in the ceilings made good, and also asking whether the Corporation would erect a garage at the premises, and substitute wooden floors for the stone floors in the hall and kitchen. RESOLVED,

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the cracks in the ceilings repaired, but that the other requests be not acceded to.

14—Borough Surveyor's Department—Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Thornley, Architectural Assistant, had resigned on obtaining another appointment, and he had with the approval of the Chairman advertised for applicants to fill the vacancy at a salary of £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £280 per annum, the post to be designated for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Morris be appointed to act with representatives of the Street and Highway Committee to consider the applications and to make an appointment.

15—Wordsworth Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay four additional stoneware cross drains in the gardens of the houses in this road affected by flooding, at an estimated cost of £10.

16—St. Mark's Estate—Street Names—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have additional name plates provided for the roads on this Estate, at an estimated cost of £10.

17—Hudson and Manser Streets—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing new unclimbable iron railings at the rear of the houses in Hudson and Manser Streets at £128. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a fence provided, but to defer doing this until the fence to be removed from the frontage to Priors Road is available for use for part of the work.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd March, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Road Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works etc. to be carried out during the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Workmen's Outing—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the workmen in the Highways Department for a Saturday holiday for an annual outing. RESOLVED, That this be granted with pay.

3—Private Improvement Works—(a) Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimates for the making up of the road and footpath in Hatherley Road beyond the railway bridge at a cost of £152 17s 6d., of which £70 18s. 0d. would be chargeable to the abutting owners in respect of the footpath work. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the part of the said street requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that if such notices are not complied with, the Borough Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

(b) Overton Park Road—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Capt. J. K. Foster on behalf of the abutting owners in this road asking the Corporation to allow the owners to repair the roadway, on the understanding that the road would not be taken over. RESOLVED, That if the owners still scarify, roll and tar spray the road and tar spray the footpaths in accordance with specification to be prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and undertake to tar spray the footpaths again in two years time, and to maintain the road in a good state of repair in future, the Council be recommended not to take steps to have the road made up so long as it is maintained in reasonable repair.

4—Montpellier Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. H. St. C. Hall stating that he could not repair the paving stones surrounding the iron grating at the rear of his premises, 16 and 17 Montpellier Walk unless the defective footpath was raised by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inform the owners of premises with cellars under the footpath in this street that if they will give up the area gratings the Committee will fill in the portions of the cellars under the footpath, and repave the same free of cost to the owners.

5—Junction of Swindon Road and Gardner's Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. that St. Paul's Training College offered to surrender the necessary land for the improvement of this junction subject to the Corporation erecting a new close boarded fence, 5 feet high, with a suitable gate, and to payment of all legal costs, including the cost of any statutory advertisements required by the Board of Education, and to the sanction of the Board of Education being obtained. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the improvement carried out,

6—Classification of Roads—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 7th inst. from the County Surveyor that the Ministry of Transport had approved the transfer of £900 from Class 1 to Class 2 Roads for the year ending 31st inst.

(b) Read, circular of 18th inst from the County Surveyor asking for details of proposed expenditure on the erection and maintenance of " Major Road Ahead" and " Halt at Major Road Ahead " signs on district roads for the protection of classified roads during the year commencing 1st April next. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

(c) Read, circular of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Transport giving particulars of the classification grants to be made from the Road Fund during the next financial year.

(d) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the County Surveyor enclosing copies of declarations of the Ministry of Transport declaring as from the 1st April last, Bath Street, Cambray Place, Imperial Circus, and part Clarence Street to be Class 1 roads, and part Andover Road, Suffolk Road, Thirlestaine Road and parts of Old Bath Road to be Class 2 roads

7—Traffic Island, Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the Ministry of Transport with regard to a grant towards the cost of this island and the reduction of the camber, and the Ministry were prepared to consider the application favourably provided the island was so constructed that it could not be traversed by pedestrians, and to the establishment of pedestrian crossing places (1) across Montpellier Walk near the Midland Bank, (2) across the junction to Montpellier Terrace, and (3) across the junction with Suffolk Square ; and to the construction of small islands in the middle of each crossing place. RESOLVED, That the suggestions of the Ministry of Transport be agreed to, and that application be made for a 60% grant, and for an extra grant of 40% from the County Council.

8—Glendale House, Montpellier—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the owner of this house with a view to setting back the fence at Glendale House in order to improve the junction of Montpellier Terrace with Suffolk Square.

9—Junction of Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the owner of Hawthornden with a view to arranging for the fence at this junction to be set back 19 feet. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Priors Road—RESOLVED, That the improvement line in this road as submitted, fixed so as to provide for a 60 feet road be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Transport, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate for the excavation and levelling to the improvement line, paving the footpath and providing crossings, and planting of new trees which would take the place of the existing line of trees when it became necessary to widen the road to 60 feet.

11—Lansdown Road Railway Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the widening of this bridge, providing for twin carriageways each 20 feet wide, and two 8 feet footpaths, and a central island 4 feet wide, making a total width of 60 feet. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that formal application be now made to the Ministry of Transport for grant and approval of the scheme.

12—Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted a similar plan for the widening of Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge, except that in view of the development in this neighbourhood he suggested that provision be made for the footpaths to be 10 feet wide, giving a total width between the parapets of the bridge of 64 feet. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that formal application be now made for a grant and approval of the Ministry of Transport.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted reports of the District Valuer of the terms negotiated by him for purchase of the properties required for the widening of the bridge and approaches as follows :--

117-120 Tewkesbury Road. Purchase price £600 and vendor's legal costs and £6 6s. 0d. for surveyor's fees.

122 and 123 Tewkesbury Road. Purchase price £250 and vendor's legal costs and £8 8s. 0d for surveyor's fees.

124 Tewkesbury Road. Purchase price £135 and vendor's legal costs.

Land in front of Arle Cottage (47 square yards). Purchase price £10, including tenant's compensation ; the Corporation to erect brick dwarf wall with iron railings, and pay vendor's legal costs.

Land in front of Police Station (70 square yards). Purchase price £54 ; the Corporation to rebuild front wall and gate piers, refix and paint gates and fencing, and provide any necessary new coping, and to make up and lay slope of driving way.

Land between Police Station and The Hollies (1190 square yards). Purchase price .40 plus for tenant's compensation ; the Corporation to erect 4 ½ feet chestnut fence with oak posts, re-erect and repair entrance gate with new oak posts if necessary, and to pay vendor's legal costs.

Nos. 121 and 125 Tewkesbury Road and Nos. 1 and 2 The Retreat required for the scheme had already been purchased by the Corporation. The District Valuer had not negotiated terms with the Railway Company for the acquisition of the land belonging to the Company required for the widening as he anticipated that the acquisition of this land would form part of the terms with the Railway Company for the widening of the bridge. RESOLVED, That the above terms negotiated by the

District Valuer be approved, and that formal application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,600 for the cost of acquiring the properties, including the sum of £471 for Nos. 1 and 2 The Retreat and 121 and 125 Tewkesbury Road already acquired by the Corporation, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to enter into provisional contracts for the respective purchases.

13—Horses—The Borough Surveyor submitted 8 offers received for the two horses, Lion and Jolly. RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. J. J. Smith of £10 for each horse be accepted subject to the Borough Surveyor receiving an assurance that the horses will be used for farm work only. RESOLVED, also, That Alderman Pates, Councillors Green and Rogers be authorised to purchase two new horses.

14—Borough Surveyors Department—(a) Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Thornley had resigned his appointment on obtaining another appointment, and with the authority of the Chairman, he had advertised for a successor at a commencing salary of £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £280 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Chairman, and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs be appointed to act with representatives of the Housing Committee in considering the applications, and with authority to make an appointment.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that Miss M. Strange, shorthand typist in his office, had completed one year's service. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased by 5s per week. RESOLVED, also, That he be authorised to retain the temporary junior clerk at a wage of 15s a week rising to £1 by two annual increments of 2s 6d.

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15—St. Paul's Street—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an instrument of dedication by H.M. Office of Works of the land in front of the Labour Exchange, given up for the widening of this street.

16—Montpellier Street—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the request of the Ladies' College Council to prohibit heavy vehicles using this road, or to resurface the road to reduce the noise. Read, letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College, inviting members of the Committee to inspect the classrooms adjoining Montpellier Street. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green and Morris be asked to inspect the classrooms and report at the next meeting of the Committee.

17—Riding on Footpaths—The Town Clerk reported that power had now been given to the Corporation under the Local Government Act to make byelaws prohibiting the riding of cycles on footpaths, other than footpaths at the side of highways. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a list of such footpaths and passages on which it is desirable to prevent cycling.

18—Royal Well Lane Parking Place—(a) Byelaws—The Committee considered the reference back of the Byelaws submitted to the last meeting of the Council for the regulation of this parking place, and the car parks at Rodney Road, Promenade, Imperial Square, Cambray and Montpellier Walk. RESOLVED, That as submitted at the last Council meeting, the draft byelaws be again submitted for approval.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted report of motor vehicles driving across this parking place. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be asked to consider what steps can be taken to prevent this, and that notice be put up.

19—Norwood Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 9th inst. from the District Valuer advising as to the purchase of the garage premises at the junction of Grafton Road, Norwood Road and Edward Street required for road improvement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit an offer of £300 for the property.

20—Pedestrian Refuges—Read, letters from Sir Herbert Cuming asking the Committee to provide pedestrian refuges in the High Street and Promenade. RESOLVED. That the Committee are unable to recommend this.

21—Telephone Kiosk—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Post Office Telephones Department to erect a telephone kiosk in front of the sub-Post Office at Up Hatherley, provided this is set back three feet behind the new improvement line.

22—Projecting Signs----(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Hovis Ltd. to erect a neon sign with the word " Hovis" outside the premises of the Bluebird Cafe, 61 High Street, be not granted as the wording of the sign relates solely to a proprietary article.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Regent Studios for permission to erect projecting signs at Ann Grey's Domestic Agency, Winchcomb Street ; Messrs. Tedy's, The Strand, High Street ; and at 24 Clarence Street, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of North Street Motors for permission to erect an illuminated electric clock outside their premises in North Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th March, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Capt. Trye ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Moore; Capt. Leschallas ; and Mr. G. E. Arthurs (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.
4240	Harding, G.	Shop front, Suffolk Road.
4251	Austin, H. J.	Cycle shed, 101 Gloucester Road.
4252	Rogers, S. J.	Garage, Tewkesbury Road.
4253	Waite, F. L.	Cycle shed, 26 Arle Drive.
4254	Tomkins, J.	Garage and dressing room, Sydenham Villas Road.
4255	Tucker, A.	Store shed, 7 Six Chimney Lane.
4256	Wilks, A. G.	Garage, 15 Six Chimney Lane.
4257	Jackson, R. W.	Builder's shed, 11 Brunswick Street.
4258	Healing & Overbury	Conversion into two shops, 43 Promenade.
4259	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Additional workshop, Arle Court.
4260	Norfolk, F.	Garage, Arle Road.
4261	Johnson, W.	Store, Fairview Road.

4262	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Detached house, Arle Road.
4263	do.	7 houses, Alstone Croft.
4264	Steel's Garages Ltd.	Alterations to garage entrance, Albion Street.
4265	Corporation Electricity Dept.	Sub-station, Back Montpellier Terrace,
4266	General and Eye Hospitals	Extension to right staff wing.
4267	Cheltenham College O.T.C.	Storeroom pavilion, Cheltenham College.
4268	Western Estates Ltd.	8 houses, Gloucester Road.
4269	Corpus Christi College	Detached house and car shelter, St. Paul's Street.
4270	Evans, Miss V.	Bungalow, Hales Road.
4271	Griffiths, F. F.	Conversion of dwellinghouse into business premises, Portland Street.
4272	Billings, A. C. & Sons	Greenhouse, Maram Atha, Moorend Park Road.
4273	Matthews, H.	Bungalow, Warden Hill Road.
4274	Reason, C. H.	Potting and tool shed, Viewlands, Brooklyn Road.
4275	Greenslade, H. H.	Garage, Elsinore, Hatherley Road,
4276	Biddle, A.	Alterations, 5 Park Villas, The Park,
4277	Sheppard, E.	Alterations, Carlton House, Bath Road.
4278	Davis, S.	Workshop, rear 22 Naunton Lane.
4279	Wheeler & Mansell	Bungalow, Beechurst Avenue.
4280	Wilkins & Arnett	Maisonette flats, Evesham Road.
4281	Hardman, G.	Detached house, Overton Park Road.
4282	Wallis, A. G.	2 houses, Brooklyn Road.
4283	Krier, M.	Alterations, rear 74 Promenade.
4284	Reid, Miss	Garage, Kilbeg, Moorend Park Road.
4285	Ray, G.	Garage, 16 Mead Road,
4286	Goddard & Hunt	4 houses, Jersey Avenue.
4287	Wheeler & Mansell	Garage, Eldon Road.
4288	Fruin, J. S.	Alteration of positions of petrol pumps, Paragon Garage, Bath Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4251, 4252, 4253, 4254, 4255, 4256, 4262, 4268, 4272, 4274, 4275, 4279, 4281, 4282, 4284, 4285, 4286 and 4287 be approved ; That Plan No. 4240 be approved subject to the shop front being set back to the improvement line as now settled by the Committee ; That Plan No. 4258 be approved subject to detail plans being submitted, and to the fronts harmonizing with the buildings on either side ; That Plans Nos. 4259, 4276, 4277 and 4283 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 4259 to a separate surface water drain being provided, and that the Owners be informed that the drainage system must be regarded as temporary, as new drainage will be required for the Works when the drainage scheme for this area, now in course of preparation, has been approved by the Council, and in the case of Plan No. 4276 subject also to the building being used only as one dwelling, and not as flats, and in the case of Plan No. 4277 to the plans of the basement complying with the regulations made under the Housing Acts ; That Plans Nos. 4261 and 4265 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpaths being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 4263 and 4268 be approved subject to the Owners entering into Undertakings to set back the front fence to the improvement line on completion of the houses, and in the case of Plan No. 4268 the Corporation to be responsible for making up the portion added to the footpath, and to an amended layout plan being submitted and approved ; That

Plan No. 4264 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4266 be approved subject to the materials harmonizing with those of the existing building That Plan No. 4267 be approved subject to rectangular tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4269 be approved subject to the corner being set back to the improvement line, and to petrol intercepting traps being provided ; That Plan No. 4270 be approved subject to the building being set back to the building line of the other houses in Hales Road ; That Plan No. 4280 be approved subject to the drains being deemed to be a combined drain and not a public sewer, and to an adequate washdown to garages and petrol traps to all washdowns being provided ; That Plans Nos. 4257, 4260, 4271, 4273, 4278 and 4288 be not approved.

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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.
922	Griffen, A. E.	Bungalow, Whitehall, Sevenhampton.
923	Higgins, H. R.	Shed, 3 Oak Terrace, London Road, Charlton Kings.
924	Marshall, A. E. & Son	Detached House, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
925	Union of the Sacred Heart	Conversion of Charlton Park into a School, Charlton Park.
926	Donne, —	Alterations to outbuildings, Beech wood, Ashley Road, Charlton Kings
927	Worsfold, Mrs.	Garden Shed, 25 Glebe Road, Prestbury.
928	Page & Smith	Alterations to " Drive in " and pumps, Shurdington,
929	Urling Smith, F. M.	Porch, Lynworth, Prestbury.
930	Wilcox, G. T. & A. J.	Greenhouse, Arlebrook Gardens, Tewkesbury Road.
931	Stacey, C. H.	Greenhouse, Fairview, Cheltenham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
932	Kilmister, W.	Extensions to Bungalow, Paradise Bungalow, Crickley Hill.
933	Freegard, H.	Garage (Private), Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
934	Bendall, M. D.	Detached House, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
935	Mason, Leon	Petrol pump, Filling Station, Broadway Road, Winchcomb.
936	Mead, Mrs.	Detached House, Cheltenham-Coombe Hill Road, West of Uckington.
937	Rosser, E. H.	Garage and shed, new house, Cleeve Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 929, 930, 931, 932 and 937 be approved ; That Plan No. 936 be approved subject to (1) the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act 1935 being obtained, (2) the owners undertaking that in the event of the land being released for building purposes under a General Development Order they will lay out and construct a service road to the requirements of the Highway Authority, (3) no part of the buildings being nearer the centre of the road than 100 feet, and (4) the whole of the field of 30 acres being registered as one building unit until the land is released under the General Development Order ; That Plans Nos. 928 and 933 be approved subject to the owners entering into undertakings to remove the petrol pumps and the garage respectively at their own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Road Authority, and in the case of Plan No. 928 subject also to no cars being allowed to stand in the highway when filling up with petrol, and to the approval of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act 1935 being obtained ; That Plans Nos. 922, 934 and 935 be not approved,

3—Applications to Develop—(a) Little Shurdington—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from the Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. Ltd., submitting preliminary plan for the development of their land between the main road and Little Shurdington, providing for the erection of bungalows fronting the main road and for the construction of a new road at the rear of the property, providing for about 30 houses. It was reported that the owners were in negotiation with the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the extension of the sewer. RESOLVED, That the proposal be disapproved, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to discuss the scheme with representatives of the Company.

(b) Read, application from Mr. J. T. Clarke for permission to erect a timber bungalow on a plot of land fronting Mill Lane, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the views of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council thereon.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of five houses being erected on the land to be sold by the Corporation at the junction of Pilley Lane and Leckhampton Road,

4—Plan No T.P. 907—Read, letters of 24th and 26th ult. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen that they had given notice of appeal to the Minister of Health against the decision of the Council disapproving this plan on account of lack of sewers. Mr. S. F. Pruen, Mr. Love and Mr. Horne (Consulting Engineer) attended and submitted amended plan of proposed drainage which would be connected to a Take and Bell purification installation, The County Planning Officer stated that the County Council had consented to the erection of the bungalow under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act 1935. RESOLVED, That the plan be now approved subject to the drain pipes and purification plant being provided in the position now settled by the Committee.

5—Town Planning Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the present position of the Town Planning Scheme. He was of opinion that the draft scheme could be ready in 12 months' time provided an additional draughtsman was engaged for the colouring of the maps. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to advertise for applicants for the appointment of temporary draughtsman at a wage of £2 10s. 0d. to £3 per week, according to experience, and that the Committee be authorised to make an appointment.

6—Contravention of Byelaws—Plan No. 4186—Read, letter from Mrs. A. Morgan asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to require Mr. R. J. Stevens to remove the workshop erected by him at Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street in contravention of the Byelaws. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the building removed,

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th March, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Alderman Pates: Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Smith and Waite; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

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

(b) Infra-Red Ray—The Superintendent recommended the purchase of a new Infra-Red Ray Generator at an estimated cost of £6 7s. 6d. as the present apparatus was inadequate for the treatments required. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, and that the Medical Advisory Committee be asked to advise as to the treatments to be given by the apparatus.

(c) The Superintendent reported that Mr. Williams was willing to give the vichy douche and colonic irrigation treatments. to male patients during his holidays on payment of half the receipts for the treatments given by him, and a retaining fee of £1 per week., RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 3rd and 17th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows (a) Good Friday—That the arrangements made by the Entertainments Manager for a Ketelbey Concert on Good Friday evening, at which Mr. A. W. Ketelbey would conduct some of his own compositions, at a fee of £8 8s. 0d. be approved.

(b) Winter Garden—That the South Transept be let to the Scottish Terriers Association for a Dog Show on the 20th May at a charge of £5.

(c) Town Hall—That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Leprosy Relief Association from the 6th to 13th May next for an exhibition—The Shadow of the Orient—at a charge of £75 for the period.

(d) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised in his discretion to waive the requirement for the usual deposit of 25 per cent on the signing of agreements for the booking of the Town Hall.

(e) Whitsuntide Programme—That the preliminary programme for Whit-Monday, providing for a Fun Fair in Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and Fireworks in Marle Hill Annexe, be approved, as last year. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3--Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 5th inst.

(a) Alstone Baths—The Sub-Committee had considered the appointment of a Superintendent for Alstone Baths, and also application from Mrs. Pilkington to be retained, and recommended that Mr. J. Cook, the attendant at Montpellier Baths, be appointed Superintendent on probation for a period of three months from the 1st April at a salary of £3 5s. 0d. per week ; Mrs. Cook to carry out the same duties as hitherto carried out by her as part time women's attendant at the same rate of wages as paid to her last season ; also that Mrs. Pilkington be allowed to remain in occupation of the house at the Baths up to the 1st July next with coal and light free at a wage of £1 per week to carry out the same duties as have hitherto been carried out by her.

(b) The Sub-Committee had considered the time tables for Montpellier Baths and fixed the times for the attendance of the Girls Grammar School as follows : Mondays-12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 4 30 p.m., and Friday afternoons up to 3.30 p.m.

(c) Swimming Pool—The Sub-Committee recommended that tenders be not invited for the catering at the new cafe, but that this be carried out by the Corporation as last year.

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

4—Borough Meteorologist's Report—RESOLVED, That the report of the Borough Meteorologist for 1935 be printed as last year.

5—International Council of Music Users—Read, letters from the Secretary of this Council asking the Corporation to become members of the Council on payment of a subscription of 10 per cent of the fees paid to the Performing Rights Society. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to join.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Cheltenham Tennis Club applying for a reduction in the charges for the three courts let to the Club, and also asking that the large lime trees between the courts and the hard courts should be lopped. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to reduce the charges, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees pruned where necessary.

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7—Winter Garden—Read, application from the Unemployed Service Club for the use of the Winter Garden on the 28th and 29th July next for an exhibition of the produce and work of the members of the Club. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant the use of the gardens on the dates applied for as these will be required for the exhibition in connection with the New Education Fellowship Conference, but that the free use of the portions of the building required be granted on other dates to be arranged.

8—Town Hall--(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room or the Supper Room be granted to the Midland Branch of the Students of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers for their annual meeting to be held in Cheltenham on the 18th April

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst. from the National Citizens' Union in regard to the emergency exits at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration and report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee,

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th March, 1936. Present--The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Howell and Waite; and Mr. T. J. Craig (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Guy Fawkes Carnival—Read, letter of 27th inst. from the President of the Rotary Club applying for the use of Pittville Gardens and Marge Hill Annexe on November 5th next for a Carnival to be organised by the Rotary Club in aid of local Charities- RESOLVED, That the Club be offered the free use of the Marle Hill Annexe and Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the Carnival, subject to the Club making good any damage done to these grounds.

10--Winter Garden—Mr. E. H. G. Cox of the Repertory Theatre attended and made application for the tenancy of the Central Transept so as to enable him to extend the stage and foyer arrangements and to use the remainder for a Dramatic School The Committee informed Mr Cox that they could not agree to the extension of the stage into this transept as this would prevent the use of the building for tennis, and also for the two exhibitions for which the building has already been granted, and Mr. Cox, therefore, withdrew his application. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee as to restricting the use of the building for tennis to not later than 8 p.m.

11—Entertainments Etc.—The Entertainments Manager submitted report on the attendances and income received from the various Municipal Entertainments and lettings of the Town Hall during the current year. RESOLVED, That the report be circulated to the Members of the Council. RESOLVED,

also, That the sum of £50 be provided for engagement of Artists at the Summer Band Concerts as recommended by the Entertainments Manager.

12—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 24th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Swimming Pool—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for applications for the appointment of a Cafe Manageress, applicants to state wages required and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to make an appointment

(b) That a combined Season ticket be issued at a charge of 25s for the Swimming Pool and either Montpelier or Alstone Baths at the selection of the purchaser when purchasing the ticket also that a Car Park Season ticket be issued at a charge of 5s. 0d.

(c) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have four of the unused dressing boxes for each sex, fitted with doors and locks etc. for use as private boxes and that a charge of 1s. 0d. per box extra be made.

(d) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the two long rectangular shingle beds covered temporarily with paving slabs for use for sun bathing.

(e) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in hand forthwith, the provision of teak steps on either side of the pool midway between the steps at the shallow end and the steps in the middle.

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

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th March, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Ben James, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Showroom—Mr. Percy Haddock and Messrs. G. Bastin, W. H. Tandy and W. P. Honeysett attended as a deputation from the electrical contractors in regard to the sale by the Corporation of electrical appliances. Mr. Haddock asked that the Corporation should abandon altogether the direct selling of electrical appliances and apparatus, which the traders considered was unfair competition, provided the traders were adequately serving the needs of the public, which they considered they were doing. The traders had no objection to the Corporation providing a showroom and arranging demonstrations, but suggested that persons desiring to purchase a particular appliance should be referred to a contractor, but that if the person particularly desired the apparatus exhibited in the showroom the sale should be effected and charged through a local contractor, the Corporation retaining 5 per cent. of the purchase-price. The Committee also considered report of the Borough Electrical Engineer on the matter. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and a Sub-Committee consisting of four of the traders, the Mayor, the Chairman, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Waite and Councillor Davis be appointed to consider the matter, and report to the Committee.

2—Annual Outing—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application from the workmen for a holiday for an annual outing. RESOLVED, That this be granted with pay.

3—Substation, Montpellier Retreat—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for the erection of this Substation, and for the transformers and switch gear.

4—Public Lighting—(a) Traffic Island, Montpellier—RESOLVED, That as an experiment, the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to control the lamps to be provided on the new bollards by an automatic radiovisor switch which would operate when daylight fades and switch off again in the morning at daybreak.

(b) Estimates—The Committee considered the expenditure on public lighting improvements in view of the decision of the Council to reduce the amount budgeted for by £1,000 The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the sum of £565 11s. 0d. had already been expended in anticipation of next year, and he submitted estimates for the lighting of new roads and other improvements which it was intended to carry out next year, amounting to £1,676 9s. 6d. which included the sum of £632 9s. 1d. for two sections of Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the expenditure already incurred, amounting to £565 11s. 10d. be charged to the Renewals Fund of the Undertaking, that the other improvements referred to in the report be confirmed with the exception of the proposed improvement of the lighting in Old Bath Road which be deferred until 1937.

(c) Church Road, St. Mark's—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimate of the cost of improving the lighting in Church Road, St. Mark's. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until 1937.

(d) Coltham Terrace—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted complaint of the lighting in this terrace. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred.

5—Damage to Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that since the last meeting, 38 lamps and 15 fittings had been wilfully damaged. The Town Clerk reported that he had prosecuted 4 boys on the 27th inst. when the boys were fined and ordered to pay the amount of the damage in each case. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute in every case where persons are found doing wilful damage to public lamps, and that warning notices be inserted in the Echo, and on posting stations in the Borough.

6—Renewal of Cables--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimates for the relaying of extra high tension and low tension cables in various parts of the Borough, which would involve the provision of additional switchgear and transformers. The total cost, he estimated at £3,471 13s. 8d. for switchgear, £1,244 3s. 8d. for transformers and £15,359 9s. 6d. for cables, making a total of £20,075 6s. 10d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £20,075 for the cost of carrying out the works.

7—District Joint Industrial Council—Read, letter from the District Joint Industrial Council that Alderman Moore had resigned his membership of the Board. Alderman Moore had been the representative of the Council on the Board since its inception, and was the West of England area representative of the Council on the National Board. RESOLVED, That the Committee record their appreciation and thanks to Alderman Moore for the services rendered by him. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor T. Wilfred Waite be nominated the representative of the Council on the District Board.

8—Accounts--RESOLVED, That the list of arrears amounting to £343 4s. 1d. which included £199 8s. 6d. in respect of bankruptcies, now submitted to the Committee and signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

9— Association of Public Lighting Engineers—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners, approving the payment out of revenue of the subscription of £1 1s. 0d. to this Association subject to resolutions being passed by the Council authorising the expenditure.

10—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 4th, 9th and 18th inst., which showed the Calorific Value on these dates to be 471.5, 471.7 and 471.55 B.Th.U. respectively, and the Pressure 6.9, 7.0 and 7.2 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th March, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett; 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 29th February, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	514,000 gallons	242,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,652,000 „	911,000
Leckhampton Springs	82,000	47,000
	2,248,000	1,200,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 117,885,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Barn Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that the lead service pipe supplying Longhill Hospital had been replaced by a 2 inch cast iron main at a cost of £156 4s. 9d., less the sum of £96 10s. 0d. received for the old lead pipe.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Tree—The Borough Engineer reported that a yew tree growing in the main entrance was causing the boundary wall to crack, and recommended that the tree should be removed, and a smaller tree planted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Copper Pipes—The Borough Engineer reported as to the capillary fitting for copper pipe work, which he had been asked to approve for jointing copper pipes, and he recommended that the Committee should allow its use in one or two instances to ascertain whether it was suitable for local conditions. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Renewal of Mains—The Borough Engineer reported that in connection with the proposed renewal of water mains at an estimated cost of £17,525, he now estimated the approximate cost of the reinstatement work and transferring the services from the old mains to the new at £3,275. RESOLVED, That this sum be included in the application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to loan, but that the Ministry be asked to issue consent to an instalment loan of £5,000, leaving the further instalments to be applied for as required when details of the expenditure incurred can be given,

8—Shooting Rights—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. Hugh Clutterbuck to take the shooting rights for a further season at a rent of £40. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

9—British Waterworks Association—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend the Annual Conference of this Association to be held at Leeds from the 23rd to 26th June next.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th March, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor:- Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Smith 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.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copies of the Diseases of Animals (Disinfestation) Order of 1936, and Sale of Diseased Plants Order, 1936, which had been published, as required by the Ministry of Agriculture. and Fisheries.

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Captain's Report—The Captain reported that no outbreaks of fire had occurred since the last meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Captain reported that Lt. F. Boite, Dvr. W. L. James and Fmn. W. J. James had been recommended by the National Fire Brigades Association for the award of the long service silver medal. RESOLVED, That these medals be awarded and that the Mayor be asked to present these to the men.

(c) The Captain reported that the new Uniforms had now been supplied.

(d) Rural District-Read, letter of 20th inst., from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking what additional contribution would be required if the parishes of Gotherington, Hawling and Sudeley were included in the area proposed to be served by the Brigade. RESOLVED, That an additional £10 be required for the inclusion of these Parishes.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of E. T. Fowles and A. J. Harvey for transfer of their licenses to motor cars Nos. DF 2197 and UD 3479 respectively, be granted.

(b) Horse Carriage—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Superintendent Wayman, That Mr C. W. Taylor be informed that his licence for Horse Carriage will not be renewed next year.

4—Rodney Road Car Park—Superintendent Wayman reported the difficulty in regard to the parking of cars belonging to members of the Rural District Council during their meetings. RESOLVED, That season tickets for this car park, available up to 6 p.m. on the days of the Rural District Council meetings, be issued to Members at a charge of 5s. 0d. each.

5—Severn Bridge—Read, letter of 23rd inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council sending copy of a resolution passed by his Council requesting the Government to make the proposed construction of the Severn Bridge a national scheme.

6—Market—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society asking for a private door to be provided in the boundary wall of the new market building and suggesting that the old Pot shed should be demolished. RESOLVED, That consideration of the letter be referred to the Market Sub-Committee,

7—Cambray House—Read, letter of 9th inst from the Secretary of the Ladies College declining the offer made by the Corporation for this property.

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8—War Memorial—RESOLVED, That the application of Major E. F. Eagar to have the spelling of the names of F. R. Eagar and D. G. Eagar corrected on the War Memorial be complied with, if lie is willing to defray the cost.

9—Cinematograph Licence—The Committee further considered the application of the Trustees of St. Gregory's School for a full Cinematograph Licence for the Assembly Hall of the new St. Gregory's School when completed. Mr. I. D. Yeaman, Mr. T. Overbury (Architect) and the Rev: Father Coughlin attended. Mr. Yeaman stated that ordinarily the hall would be used as a Gymnasium and when required for Cinema purposes fixed seats would have to be provided so that the use of the Hall as a Picture House would necessarily be limited. The Trustees were prepared to undertake that only performances under the auspices of the St. Gregory's School would be given and that the Hall should not be sublet for Cinematograph purposes. RESOLVED, That subject to the plans of the Hall and its exits being approved by the Borough Surveyor and the building completed in accordance with such plans, the Council be recommended to grant the application, subject to the usual conditions and to a condition that the Hall shall not be sublet as a Picture House.

10—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. E. Tyley, for a licence to store 800 gallons of petrol in two underground tanks at the Place Garage, Lansdown Place Lane in lieu of the licence formerly held by Major T. H. Stainton, be granted RESOLVED, also, That the application of The Helica Bar & Engineering Co. Ltd., for a licence to store 100 gallons of petrol in cans at the Ladies College in connection with the contract for the new building, be granted.

11—Air Raids Precautions Sub-Committee—Read, the following report of the first meeting of this Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 5th inst. the Mayor had been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

(a) Anti-Gas School—"The Committee considered the circular from the Home Office in regard to the attendance of members of the Public Service at the Civil Anti-Gas School at Falfield, Gloucestershire, the scheme being that the Government will undertake the training of instructors at the School, and then for local authorities etc. to arrange for local instruction to be given by these trained instructors. RESOLVED, That the following names be submitted to the County Council for attendance at the School :—

The Building Inspector, Mr. G. G. C. King. The Assistant Sanitary Inspector, Mr. C. Clifford. The Assistant Mains Superintendent, Mr. J. Lightbown, A.M.I.E.E. Capt. Such of the Fire Brigade. An Officer of the local Ambulance Headquarters. One of the Corporation nurses, to be selected by the Medical Officer of Health. Col. Haughton, who has had considerable experience in anti-gas measures. A nurse selected by the Cheltenham District Nursing Association.

(b) Anti-Gas Booklets Etc.—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain supplies of all the circulars and booklets issued by the Home Office on Air Raid Precautions, and that these be supplied to members of the Committee, and the various departments and bodies represented on the Committee.

(c) Committee—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to appoint the following additional representatives on the Committee :—

Mr. R. H. Jukes representing the Boy Scouts Association. A representative of the Cheltenham Gas Company. A representative of the Education Committee. Col. Haughton, A representative of the Girl Guides Association. A representative of the General Hospital. Dr. Lidderdale, being the Medical Officer of the Red Cross Society. Dr. Barrett Cardew, the Medical Officer of St. John Ambulance Brigade A representative of the Master Builders Association, The Captain of the Brigade. The Chief Constable, or if he is unable to serve, a representative appointed by him. A representative of the Cheltenham District Nursing Association.

And also that the Press be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee.

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

17—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) Read, letter of 21st inst., from Mr C. C. Castle, that Mr. Loughran had given notice to terminate his tenancy of the land adjoining the Reservoir at Ladyday, 1937. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to let the land from that date

(b) Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from a lady, who wished to remain anonymous, to pay for the planting of some trees on the Hill RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donor for her generous gift.

(c) Custodian—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage an additional attendant to patrol the Hill during weekends, holidays and throughout the month of August, and to provide the custodian and attendant with uniforms.

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13—Re-numbering of Streets—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the re-numbering of the following streets :—Granley Road, Whaddon Road, Church Road, Leckhampton, Painswick Road, Charlton Lane, St. George's Road, Queens Road, Hewlett Road and Evesham Road RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 65 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, requiring the occupiers 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. RESOLVED, also, That the Rural District Council be asked to number the houses on the south side of Church Road situate within their district

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Carter, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Garden Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 56, 58, 91, 104, 107, 111 (b) and 118 (b) Asquith Road ; 12 Alma Road ; 150 and 151 Crabtree Piece ; 21 and 27 (a) Creamery Piece. The untidy allotments at Albert Road and Whaddon Road had now been attended to, and there was a general improvement in the condition of the allotments since last month.

2—Land in Marsh Lane—(a) Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. C. C. Castle, stating that he had now settled the valuation of the standard and bush fruit trees on this land with the vendor's agent at E.175, and 4 for the fruit trees and bushes on the land previously occupied by Mr. Arkell. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Sub-Committee reported their inspection of this land. Mr. Castle recommended that the piece numbered 166 on the Ordnance Survey, containing 2. 289 acres might be fenced off and let to one tenant at £33 per annum, and that No. 166a containing 1.360 acres might be divided into allotments and let at rentals between 17s and 20s per chain according to the number of trees on each allotment The remainder of the property was let at rentals amounting to £3 3s. 0. per annum, and a piece of land formerly let to Mr. Arkell was at present vacant, and he recommended that this should be let at a rent of £2 10s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the recommendations as to the land No. 166 and the existing allotments be approved, and that the land No. 166a be laid out for allotments and let at a basic rent of 17s per chain plus 6d. for each fruit tree on the allotment, for the first 6 trees, and 4d. for each additional tree. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have No 166 fenced off with a 4 ft. 6 ins. cleft chestnut fence, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to insert an advertisement in the Echo inviting applications for the tenancy of this piece of land at a rent of £33 per annum, and that a notice be also put up on the land stating that it is to let.

3—Allotments for the Unemployed—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Unemployed Service Club stating that the Club could not find tenants for 8 of their allotments at Asquith Road, and asking to be released from their tenancy of these being Nos. 118 (a), 96, 104 (b), 91, 82 (b), 107, 58 and 98. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to release the Association from their tenancy of these allotments as from the 25th March next.

4—Crabtree Piece Allotments—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mrs. P. R. P. Price, stating that she wished to continue the wayleave granted to her father, the late Mr. Boulton, in 1905. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—National Allotment Amenity Competition, 1936—Read, circular from the National Allotments Society inviting the Committee to enter this Competition. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

6—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee in regard to suggestions for dealing with the vacant allotments at Hatherley Road and Asquith Road.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th March, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Davis, Green, Grin-made and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—Layout near Tank—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was now too late to raise the level of the garden at the corner near the Tank before the planting season, and that this must be deferred until the Autumn, and that meanwhile some flower beds might be formed in the existing turf. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Athletic Ground—Messrs. Bond, Locke and Pyecroft attended for the Cheltenham Motor Club, and offered a rent of for the use of this ground for the four summer months for rodeos and grass track meetings. The Entertainments Manager also attended in regard to the suggestion that open air boxing tournaments should be held at the ground. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Compton, Grimwade and Smith

3—Clarence Square—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Miss Ida Chesshyre, complaining of a large oak outside her house, No. 11 Clarence Square. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway View Committee be asked to inspect the tree.

4—Pittville Gardens—Read, letter of 28th ult from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens, asking the Committee to allow Miss Armitage of Chaseley Lodge, to construct a gate in the dividing fence between her property and Pittville Gardens to give her direct access to the Gardens, She was willing to pay for this privilege. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to

5—Brooklyn Gardens—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, offering for sale Brooklyn Gardens, Arle Road, containing about 12 acres. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

6—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, letter from Mr. A. Stevens complaining of the tree at rear of No. 9 Hill View Terrace. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Bendall be asked to inspect this.

7—Cricket Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to Trinity Old Boys Cricket Club to play cricket on one of the pitches on the land at St. Mark's on one afternoon in alternate weeks, and also one evening per week for practice, and also on the evenings required for Hospital Cup matches.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Labour Hall Sports Club asking for permission to use the pitch granted to them on Whaddon Recreation Ground on six evenings during the season for Hospital Cup matches. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for three matches only.

(c) Read, application from Messrs, E. L. Ward Ltd.'s Sports Club asking for a pitch on Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and enquiring the rental for same. RESOLVED, That the Club be informed that the Committee are unable to grant them a pitch on one of the Recreation Grounds, but that they be offered the use of a pitch on the vacant land at St. Mark's on one afternoon, and also one evening for practice, per week, at a rent of £5 5s. 0d.

(d) The Gardens Superintendent reported that time would be required after the football season to prepare the playing fields at St. Mark's for cricket. RESOLVED, That the Football Clubs be informed that their matches must finish by the 11th April, but that if they have arranged any fixtures after that

date, the Committee will endeavour to arrange for these to be played on one of the pitches which will not be required for cricket.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd March, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis; Bendall, Compton, Green, Grim wade and Smith (Councillor Gwen in time chair).

8—Athletic Ground—(a) Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 20th inst. The Sub-Committee had considered the various applications received for the Athletic Ground during the four summer mouths, and recommended that the ground be let as follows :—

(i) To the Cheltenham Motor Club for £10 on Whitmonday and £15 for August Bank Holiday, and also on any other dates applied for on terms to be arranged.

(ii) To the Education Committee every afternoon and occasional evenings during the months May to August for organised games subject to the children being under the control of teachers, for the sum of £30.

(iii) To the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for open air boxing tournaments on dates and terms to be arranged.

The Sub-Committee also recommended that the ground be opened to the public in the evenings up to 8 p.m. when not otherwise engaged, and that the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the caretaker at the ground to act as custodian on these evenings, and to pay him for this extra work.

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

(b) Read, application from the Cheltenham and County Harriers for the use of the ground on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for training, and also from the St. Gregory's Athletic Club for the use of the ground on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for training:

RESOLVED, That the ground be offered to the Clubs on the evenings asked for from 8p.m. to dusk at a rent of £4 and £5 respectively for the four months, subject to the Corporation being entitled to cancel any evening's letting on one week's notice when the ground is-required for any other purpose.

9—Cricket Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following Clubs to play cricket on the grounds named during the coming season ;—

Recreation Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	St. Philip's United C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
Land in Brooklyn Road.	St. Stephen's C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	St Peter's	Wednesday A.F.C. Alternate Wednesdays.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. N. Giddings for a cricket pitch on Naunton Park Recreation Ground be not granted.

10—Pittville Lake—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor on the pollution of Pittville Lake by oil from the premises of Mechanization Ltd. entering via Wyman's Brook, assisted by a grip which the Company had constructed for the purpose of discharging the wash-water from their parking ground into the brook. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had written to the Company requiring them to till in the grip, and to construct an adequate intercepting drain and connect to properly designed oil-intercepting chamber, followed by filtration treatment before discharging into the brook. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the next meeting whether this work has been carried out.

11—Tractor Mower—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Ransomes for the provision of a Triple Gang Mower complete with Draw Bar amounting to £87 0s. 0d. after allowing £8 for the present 20 inch mower, and for a Pattinson Super Beta Corporation Tractor fitted with track-grip pneumatic tyres, large screw tipper to carry mower and cab complete with all equipment for the sum of £255 12s. 0d. be accepted subject to a satisfactory demonstration..

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 27th March, 1936. Present— Councillors Addis, Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Green (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th February to 27th March, 1936. Interments 50 ; Grave Spaces sold 14 (First Position 1, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 9).

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9363 to 9380.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1886 to 1914, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Car Park—(a) The Committee inspected the site of the proposed Car Park on the Orchard land adjoining the Cemetery and considered the Borough Surveyor's plans for the construction of this at an estimated cost of £707, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a modified Scheme providing for making up the road leading from Bouncer's Lane to the Car Park and for an entrance 50 feet wide, and for surfacing part of the land with clinkers and providing a revolving gateway leading into the Cemetery similar to the one installed at Sandford Park Swimming Pool.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. Cluer stating that he was willing to sell 135 square yards of land at the junction of Bouncer's Lane and the lane leading to the proposed Car Park for rounding off the corner at 15s per square yard. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, and that the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the acquisition of this land.

5—Superintendent's Lodge—The Superintendent reported that he could not use the Living Room at the Lodge owing to dampness due to defective damp course and the stone floor The Committee consider the only effective way of remedying this is by having the floor excavated and a wood floor

laid with two air shafts. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done at a cost of approximately £40.

6—Maintenance of Grave Spaces—Grave Spaces Nos. 331 and 332—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Rickerby & Co had informed him that the late Mr. W. Ayris had provided in his will for the investment of a sum of £100 by the Trustees and to apply the income thereof for the maintenance in perpetuity of the above graves. RESOLVED, That the Corporation are prepared to accept the income and apply the same for the maintenance of the graves.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th March, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Moore 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 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 deferred so long as weekly payments, as now settled by the Committee are regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st March, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen 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 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £110,609 ; Leaving outstanding £6,669.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1936. Amount collected £22,270 ; Leaving outstanding £348.

3—Housing Bonds—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing Bonds amounting to £345 be approved.

4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
25th February	Excess expenditure, Swimming Pool	£1,250	20 years.
“ “	Cafe and Car Park, “ “	£5,375	20 years
27 th “	Street improvement, St. Paul's Street	£845	20 years

“	“	Sewerage, St. Paul's Street	£55 .	30 years
17th March		Machinery, Hayden Sewage Works.	£1,397	15 years
“	“	Extensions to Hayden Sewage Works.	£18,646.	30 years
“	“	Tanks and roads, “	£6,670 ...	20 years
24th	“	Widening Road No. 3 Whaddon Farm	£652 ..	20 years

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present—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.

6—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Deputy Mayor be nominated for honorary membership of this Institute, and that the Chairman and Borough Treasurer be appointed to attend the annual conference of the Institute to be held at Blackpool from the 17th to 19th June next.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. S. Morris and Mr. W. J. Morrell in his department had respectively passed Part 2 of the Final Examination and the Intermediate Examination of this Institute.

7—Audit of Accounts, 1934/35—The report of the District Auditor on the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1935 was submitted, in which he pointed out that as the receipts for supply of Electricity in the Rural areas were not kept separate in respect of each extension it was impossible to see whether the receipts had reached the amount estimated when the extension was made, although the accounts showed that the receipts as a whole had reached the estimated percentages on Capital expenditure incurred, RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to have the receipts on each extension shown respectively. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to furnish particulars as to the percentage of loss of units in distribution in other areas as compared with the Cheltenham area.

3—Town Hall—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the burglary at the Town Hall on 1st March, when a steel cabinet in the Entertainments Manager's office was broken into. The whole of the loss to the Corporation would be met by the Insurance Company. RESOLVED, That the proposals of the Borough Treasurer for the future banking of the receipts from the Town Hall be approved, as now settled by the Committee.

9—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the telephone be extended to the caretaker's apartments on the top floor of the offices so that the telephone can be connected thereto when the offices are closed.

10—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the designation of the post of Architectural Assistant in the Borough Surveyor's department.

(b) Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the agreement entered into with the managers of Holy Trinity Non-Provided School in regard to the superannuation of Miss Slatter.

(c) Read, letter of 26th inst. from Mrs. C. Pilkington in regard to her superannuation allowance. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months, when definite arrangements have been made in regard to the appointment of Superintendent of the Alstone Baths.

(d) Montpellier Baths—RESOLVED, That consideration of the designation of the posts of the two attendants at these Baths be adjourned for three months.

11—County Council—Read, circular of 23rd inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Council to support a resolution passed by his Council urging the County Council to reduce expenditure.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th April, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th day of May, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon,, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such, Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to approve terms recommended by District Valuer for acquisition of properties under High Street Compulsory Purchase Order and to authorise formal application to Ministry of Transport for grant and to Ministry of Health for Consent to Loans. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. COUNCILLOR GRIMWADE TO MOVE :-" That the practice of effecting sales to the public of electrical appliances at the Showroom of the Electrical Department be discontinued."
5. COUNCILLOR GRIMWADE TO MOVE :-" In view of the further information now available as to cost of the Severn Bridge Scheme and the heavy burden which is likely to be imposed on the ratepayers of Cheltenham this Council are of opinion that the scheme should not be proceeded with on the present financial basis. Further, that the General Purposes Committee consider what measures can now be taken to represent the views of this Council to the Parliamentary Committee and take all possible steps to oppose the Bill."
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th April, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N., and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apology—An Apology for absence was as received from Councillor Green.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd March, 1936, and the Special Meeting held on 24th March, 1936, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health... Meeting held March 9

Except that consideration of accepting undertaking in respect of Nos. 8, 9 and 10 Waterloo Street referred to in Minute No. 3 (k) be adjourned.

Housing Meeting held March 1

Street and Highway Meeting held March 23

(The following Amendments were lost :—

Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Byelaw No. 3 of the draft Byelaws re Parking Places be amended by substituting 4 hours for 2 hours therein."

Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Grimwade " That Byelaw No. 5 be not approved.") Resolved, also, That an Order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Works Facilities Act 1930, for the compulsory purchase of the undermentioned properties, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Health :—

(1) No. 1 Promenade, having frontages to the Promenade, High Street and Clarence Street, owned and occupied by the Saxone Shoe Co. Ltd., and containing 102 square yards or thereabouts.

(2) No. 361 High Street, having frontages to High Street and Clarence Street, owned and occupied by Messrs. Cuthbert Charles Dodwell and Leslie Arthur Dodwell, and containing 57 square yards or thereabouts.

(3) A piece of land having frontages to the Promenade and Clarence Street, being the site of part of the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Shirer & Haddon Ltd., owned by Messrs. Brador Estates

Ltd., having a frontage to the Promenade of 23 feet 6 inches and a frontage to Clarence Street of 18 feet, bounded on the north by the said premises of the Saxone Shoe Co. Ltd., and containing 76 square yards or thereabouts.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices and to do all things necessary for the confirmation of the Order.

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett: That the proposed compulsory purchase Order be not approved " was lost.)

Town Planning Meeting held March 26

Except that Plan No. 4240 be approved subject to the owner undertaking to set back his shop front to the improvement line when required by the Corporation.

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Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 20 & 27

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 30

Water Meeting held March 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Alderman Pruen " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the Cinematograph Licence for St. Gregory's Schools be referred back for further consideration."

Allotments Meeting held March 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held March 9 & 23

Except that Minute No. 8 (b) be amended by providing that the Cheltenham and County Harriers and St. Gregory's Athletic Club be allowed to use the Athletic Ground from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., as applied for, subject to the Corporation being entitled to allow the public to use the centre of the ground up to 8 p.m.

Burial Board Meeting held March 27

Rating Meeting held March 5

Finance Meeting held March 31

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

3-Notice of Motion—Councillor Grimwade's Notice of Motion " That the practice of effecting sales to the public of Electrical Appliances at the Showroom of the Electrical Department, be discontinued " was, with the consent of the Council, adjourned to the next meeting.

D. L. LIPSON,

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 4th May, 1936.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st April, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Barnett and Waite ; Messrs. T. J. Craig and Ross M. Logan (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Town Hall Extension Scheme—It was RESOLVED, To make the following Report and recommendations to the Council .—

Since the last Report of the Committee there have been three meetings.

With a view to reducing the cost of the proposed scheme the Committee instructed Mr. Overbury to consider whether any portion of the structure of the present building could be utilised for the scheme. He subsequently reported that he had examined the foundations, which were satisfactory, being 4 feet wide at the base. He agreed with the Borough Surveyor that the roof was unsuitable for the structure and being without any horizontal ties the thrust of the roof had caused the slight bulging of the walls. After careful examination he was satisfied that if the roof was taken off and replaced with a slated roof, and the Dome strengthened by means of steel stanchions, the structure of the present building could be made sound ; the use of the present structure for the new scheme would considerably reduce the cost.

The Committee considered the Reports of the Medical Advisory Committee recommending the provision of an installation of Medical and Turkish Baths and instructed Messrs Healing and Overbury to prepare fresh plans incorporating the present building and providing for Medical and Turkish Baths.

At to-day's meeting Mr. Overbury submitted plans and estimates for the following scheme :—

Central Spa—Conversion of centre transept and dome of present building into grand Foyer and Spa Lounge, with provision for dispensing the mineral waters, teas and refreshments, Offices, Committee Room and Inquiry Bureau, provision at the back of the building of kitchens, adequate cloakrooms and lavatory accommodation. The Foyer under the Dome would give access to all portions of the buildings. The present dome to be fitted with a gallery and an inner ceiling. Construction of new Loggia twenty feet wide along the whole front of the existing building and connecting with the Town Hall, Approximate cost £18,000.

Exhibition Hall—Adaptation of the present north transept for exhibition hall, which could be used for Badminton and other games when available. Remove existing glass roof and erect new slated roof. Communication openings with the Town Hall, Loggia and Central Spa. Approximate cost £3,500.

Assembly Hall and Theatre—Adaptation and extension of present south transept, including provision of complete stage, with flies and a suite of dressing rooms and lavatory accommodation, raked floor and seating for about 700 persons. Approximate cost £10,000.

Medical Baths—Erection of a new block (two stories) at the back of the Winter Garden with access from the Spa and Imperial Square providing for complete suite of Medical Baths and Turkish Baths (in basement) with rest lounge and lift, consultation room and Manager's Room. Approximate cost £15,000.

Art Galleries—Erection of Art Galleries over the loggias along the whole front of the building, approached by a staircase and lift from the entrance hall. Approximate cost (including furnishing) £7,000.

Heating—The Plant for heating the whole of the building would be situate in the basement between the Central Spa and Exhibition Hall and was included in the estimate.

Lighting and Furnishing—The estimate also included provision for lighting installation and furnishing.

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Estimate—The Borough Treasurer submitted the following estimate of income and expenditure which was approved by the Committee :—

ESTIMATE OF CAPITAL COST AND ANNUAL CHARGES.

		Annual Loan	Est.
		Charges	Annual
CAPITAL COST.		30 years	Expre.
	£	£	£
Exhibition Hall	3,500	185	
Spa Social Centre	18,000	950	
Assembly Hall and Theatre	10,000	530	
Medical and Turkish Baths...	15,000	790	
Art Gallery			
(including furnishing)	7,000	370	
Furnishing	3,000	160	
Contingencies : Fees,			
Clerk of Works, etc.	<u>5,500</u>	<u>290</u>	
	<u>62,000</u>		3,275
ART GALLERY.			
Attendants, Cleaning, etc.			400
CAFE.			
Provisions, etc.		800	
Staff, etc. ...		<u>400</u>	
GENERAL.			1,200
Repairs and Maintenance,			
Heating and Cleaning		2,590	
Rates (on R.V £1,200)		630	
Insurances ...		<u>30</u>	
			<u>3,250</u>
			£8,125

ESTIMATED INCOME.	
EXHIBITION HALL.	£
Rents and Sundry Receipts ...	500
ASSEMBLY HALL.	
Rent of Theatre	1,040
MEDICAL BATHS.	
Increase of Revenue ...	300
CAFE.	
Gross Sales	2000
ANNUAL CHARGE ON RATES ...	4285
(Against which should be set the present cost of maintaining the Winter Garden £1,040 - £3,245. Until the present loan expires in 1938 this reduction will be £550 only. After 1940 it will be £1,167- i.e. £127 re Bandstand Loan).	
	£8,125

RESOLVED, That the Scheme be recommended for the approval of the Council, and that Messrs. Healing & Overbury be instructed to prepare detailed plans and estimates for submission to the Ministry of Health; also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £62,000 for the cost of carrying out the scheme.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th April, 1936. Present—Alderman Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh James, B. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Leigh James in the chair),

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 1 and 2 Trye's Cottages, Brandon Place—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are 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.

(b) 12 Worcester Street -The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health of the inmates owing to defective roof. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owner thereof requiring him to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 6 Little Bayshill Terrace ; 2 and 3 Keynsham Bank 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 Finsbury Place, Prestbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 2 Manchester Square ; 29 and 23 Lansdown Crescent ; 3 Nelson Buildings, Wellington Passage ; 6 Oxford Place ; 112 Fairview Road ; 19 Sherborne Place ; Kingsmuir, Pittville Circus Road ; 13 Clarence Square ; and 7 Winchcomb Place—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. Read, letter of 5th ult. from Messrs. Young & Gilling that the Owners of 2 Manchester Square consented to an Order being made Read, letter of 26th ult. from Messrs. A. C. Billings consenting to an Order in respect of 7 Winchcomb Place. Mr. C. Wintle the Owner of 112 Fairview Road attended and objected to an Order being made. Mrs. Field the Owner of Kingsmuir attended and consented to an Order being made. Mr. Brunt attended on behalf of the Owner of 13 Clarence Square and objected to an Order 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 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 thereof, 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 any purpose except storage purposes only in respect of 2 Manchester Square, 3 Nelson Buildings, 6 Oxford Place, 112 Fairview Road, and 12 Sherborne Place ; and except for domestic or stores purposes in respect of 29 and 33 Lansdown Crescent, Kingsmuir, 13 Clarence Square and 7 Winchcomb Place.

(b) 6 and 8 Fairview Street ; and 31 Queen Street—The Committee considered official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house 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 persons 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 8th June, 1936.

(c) 2 and 4 Columbia Street ; 54 Worcester 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. Read, letter of 10th ult. from the Owner of 2 and 4 Columbia Street consenting to Orders 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

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(d) 2 Oxford Parade—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises be adjourned for two months.

(e) 1, 2 and 3 News Cottages, Alstone—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) 37 and 38 Marle Hill Parade—Mr. J. E. Green of Messrs. Ivens & Thompson attended on behalf of the owner of these houses, and stated that the owner was prepared to carry out the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to supply the owner with undertaking for signature, with a view to this being accepted at the next meeting of the Committee.

(g) 49 Sherborne Street and 31 Sun Street—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the respective owners of these houses, dated 19th ult. and 15th inst., to carry out the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation, and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(h) 31a Rose and Crown Passage—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. Willie Holt (Burnley) Ltd., asking for permission to convert this house into a washhouse or other purpose for use with the adjoining house. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that the owners be required to demolish the house in accordance with the Demolition Order.

(i) 27 Russell Street, 27 Queen Street, 1 and 2 Britannia Square, 1 and 2 Arle Cottages, Charnwood, Priory Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the undertakings given by the owners to render these premises fit for human habitation had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That these be now cancelled.

(j) 27 Brunswick Street South—Mrs. E. J. Watts attended, and asked the Committee to reconsider accepting her undertaking to carry out the necessary works to render these premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit. RESOLVED, That the undertaking be accepted, the work to be carried out within three months from obtaining vacant possession of the premises. RESOLVED, also, That the Demolition Order made on the 9th April, 1934, be rescinded.

(k) 34 Imperial Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises be not proceeded with, as the owner has now carried out the work required to render the same fit for human habitation.

(l) 8, 9 and 10 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered the acceptance of the undertaking given by the owner to carry out the work required to render these houses fit for human habitation, which was referred back for further consideration at the last meeting of the Council. The Sanitary Inspector recommended that in view of the fact that No 7 Waterloo Street had now been demolished, the undertaking should not be accepted. RESOLVED, That the owner be informed that the Committee are unable to accept his undertaking, and that the houses must be demolished in accordance with the Demolition Orders made by the Council on the 3rd February.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs. Pork ; 9 lbs Mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. Lambs livers ; 2 qrs. 17 lbs Fowls ; 1 cwt. 2 lbs. Rabbits ; 1 cwt. Fish ; and 1 cwt. 26 lbs. (in tins) Fruit.

5—Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. Jessop & Son, applying on behalf of Mr. R. Clapton for reconsideration of his application for a slaughterman's licence. RESOLVED, That the application be now granted.

6—Tallow Factory—Read, report of the Sub-Committee appointed to inspect the Tallow Factory site in Sherborne Street. They recommended that the site should be cleared, and a scheme prepared for the laying out of the site as a children's playground. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of demolishing the property and fencing this in at approximately £50. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the site cleared, but that consideration of laying out this as a children's playground be deferred for the present.

7—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health reported the progress made with the Overcrowding Survey. The number of houses surveyed up to date was 7,776. 4 districts would be completed by the 25th April, and he recommended that the services of two of the enumerators, Messrs. Averiss and Harding, should be dispensed with on that date. RESOLVED. That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

8—County of Gloucester Isolation Hospital Scheme—The Committee considered the scheme made by the County Council under Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1929, which provided for the County Council taking over the whole of the provision of Hospital accommodation for the treatment of Smallpox and Infectious Diseases in the County, and the Medical Officer of Health submitted report thereon. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Alderman Pruen) and Councillor Rogers be appointed representatives of the Council to attend the Conference convened by the County Council to consider the scheme.

9—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular of 7th inst. from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of representatives to a sessional meeting at Worcester on the 22nd May at 5.30 p.m. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

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10—Zara Cottages Clearance Order—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of the owner for consent to utilise these cottages for stores be referred to the Rota Sub-Committee for inspection and report.

11—Flooding—Read, letter of 30th ult from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was prepared to sanction a loan for the construction of a storm overflow in Bath Road and relief outlet on receipt of an amended estimate based on a provisionally accepted tender. As it was not proposed to proceed with the construction of the Rodney Road overflow at the present time the Council should make a fresh application for sanction to a loan for this in due course if found necessary. RESOLVED, That the

Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the Bath Road overflow etc., and that the Chairman (Alderman Pruen) and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the tenders, and that they be authorised to recommend a tender for acceptance at the Council meeting.

12—Dust Nuisance—Dammann Asphalt Works—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners had now installed the additional dust collecting plant, which appeared to be working satisfactorily.

13—Hayden and Barn Farms—Mr. C. C. Castle attended and submitted his half-yearly report of his inspection of these farms. The roof of the house and buildings and shed in Field No. 200 at Hayden Farm required attention, and Mason's Cottage in Hayden Lane was in a bad state of repair. The roof of Barn Farmhouse and the outside woodwork of various buildings of Barn Farm also required attention. RESOLVED, That the report be referred to the Farms Sub-Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out the works recommended by Mr. Castle, and for which the Corporation are responsible under the tenancy agreement. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Castle be asked to recommend to the Sub-Committee what allowance should be made in Mr. Rymer's rent when the portions of Fields Nos. 302 and 304 have been taken for the extension of the Sewage Works, and also as to the compensation payable for unexhausted manurial value etc.

14—July Meeting- --RESOLVED, That the July meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday, the 15th July instead of the 7th July.

15 —Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the tenant of Lower Hewletts Farm had made application for a licence to sell Grade A. Tuberculin Tested Milk, and that the tenant of Whaddon Farm was proposing to transfer his certified herd of cattle from Bafford Farm to Whaddon Farm, but before these applications could be acceded to extensive work would have to be carried out at both farms. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Water and Housing Committees respectively.

16—Food Poisoning—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of a minor outbreak of food poisoning in the-Borough, and as to the action he had taken thereon. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

17—Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for applications for the appointment of temporary resident engineer for the Sewage Works extensions. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Lt -Col. Biggs and Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications, and that they be authorised to make an appointment.

18—No. 7 Montpellier Avenue—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary to open the ground for examination and repair of the sewer running under this property. RESOLVED, That notice be given to the owners of the intention to enter the property for this purpose.

19—Fir Tree Cottage, Chapel Lane—Read, letter from Councillor Ben James in regard to the subsidence of a wall of this cottage which he alleged was caused by the sewerage work carried out in Chapel Lane, and the Borough Surveyor submitted report thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not admit any liability in the matter.

20—Public Convenience, Montpellier Gardens—The Committee further considered the installation of hot water apparatus at this convenience. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to install gas heaters.

21—Sewer, rear of Christ Church Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain further information in regard to the position of the sewer at the rear of Christ Church Terrace, and to submit estimate of the cost of reconstructing and diverting this.

22—Black and White Cottage, Hayden—The Borough Surveyor reported that the fire dogs and trivet from the old demolished Black and White Cottage, had been sent to the Museum.

23—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases treated at the clinic was 397, of which 372 had been completed.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th April, 1936. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Moore; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James, Moore, Morris and Waite (The Mayor in the chair).

24—Extension of Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had, as instructed, pointed out to Messrs, Mark Williams & Co. Ltd, an error contained in their Bills of Quantities, wherein the 80 tons of steel bars had been priced at 14s 6d. per ton instead of £14 10s. 0d. per ton, which, together with the increase on the item of 4 per cent. provided for the fees for the preparation of Bills of Quantities, Specification and Prices, amounted to £1,146 1s. 7d. He now submitted letter from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd, regretting this serious error, and asking for permission to increase their tender accordingly, or in the event of this making their tender not the lowest, for permission to withdraw. The Borough Surveyor reported that if the tender was amended it would still be the lowest. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances the Council be recommended to agree to the tender being increased from £26,712 16s. 3d. to £27,858 17s. 10d. subject to sanction to the additional loan being received from the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to an addition of £1,146 to loan already sanctioned.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th April, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Morris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Whaddon Avenue—(a) Sheds-5 tenders were received for the erection of 89 brick built sheds for the houses in Whaddon Avenue. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. R. H. Manser of Honeybourne, Worcs., amounting to £1,215 13s. 0d., be accepted subject to contract and bond.

(b) No. 32 Whaddon Avenue—The Housing Manager reported that this house was excluded from the contract when the houses in Whaddon Avenue were wired, but that the present tenant desired a supply of electricity. RESOVLED, That the Housing Manager be authorised to have the house wired.

2-The Moors, Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the purchase of the 7 acres of land at The Moors, adjoining The Moors Housing Estate, which had been offered for sale to the Corporation. The Borough Surveyor submitted report and alternative layout schemes showing how

this land could be developed. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider it desirable that the Corporation should purchase the property, and that the Council be recommended to instruct the District Valuer to negotiate terms for the acquisition thereof.

3—Reconditioning—(a) 104 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the tenders received for the reconditioning of this house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. A. Eggleton of £191 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

(b) Electricity Installation—RESOLVED, That in future, provision be made in contracts for the reconditioning of houses by the Corporation for electrical installation to be provided, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the wiring of 55 Worcester Street and 104 Tewkesbury Road.

4—Whaddon Farm Estate—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to increase by 6d. per week the rent of 12 of the houses in the course of erection, which are in superior positions or have large gardens, and to reduce the rent of 12 other houses by 6d. per week.

5—Wordsworth Avenue—The Housing Manager submitted complaints from the tenants of the nuisance caused by children congregating and playing on the open space in front of the houses in Wordsworth Avenue. RESOLVED, That consideration of the complaints be referred to the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee.

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6—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Annual Garden Prize Scheme be held for all the Housing Estates, as last year, and that the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee be authorised to award prizes not exceeding a total sum of £17.

7—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 17th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) 15 Pates Avenue—That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to erect a greenhouse be granted.

(b) St. Paul's Estate—That the tender of Mr. Arkell of £125 10s. 0d. (being the lowest of 4 tenders received) for the painting of the iron work of the windows of 68 of the houses on the St. Paul's Estate be accepted, subject to contract, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to supervise the carrying out of the work.

(c) Selection of Tenants—That in view of the large number of applicants already selected for the tenancy of houses, no more applicants for houses be interviewed by the Sub-Committee until September, except from tenants of houses included in Clearance areas or in respect of which Demolition or Closing Orders have been made, or applicants for Non-Subsidy houses.

(d) St. Mark's Estate—The Housing Manager having reported that since the re-opening of the St. Mark's list, 439 applications had been received, That no more applications be received until further notice.

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

8—Land in Milton Road—Read, letters of 15th and 26th ult. from Mr. R. O. Bolton enquiring whether the Corporation would sell a portion of Wasley's Field Allotments, adjoining No 78 Milton Road for the erection of a house. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to sell a site at the valuation of the District Valuer.

9—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. Norfolk and Prior enquiring whether the Council would sell land for the erection of artisan type dwellings, which could be let at rents from 15s to £1 per week inclusive, and as to whether the Council would be prepared to entertain a scheme under this Act by way of guarantee RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

10—Clearance Orders—(a) Dovedale Cottages --The Committee further considered the claim made on behalf of the owner of 1 and 2 Dovedale Cottages for payment of the sum of £150 2s. 2d. in respect of maintenance work during five years preceding the date of the Clearance Order in accordance with Section 64 of the Housing Act, and the Sanitary Inspector submitted report thereon. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to allow the sum of £109 9s. 0d.

(b) 2 Hartley Place—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry could not authorise the payment of compensation to the owner of this house, excluded from the Clearance Order. RESOLVED, That the owner be informed that the Committee are unable to accede to her application for payment of compensation.

11—Land, Leckhampton Road—Read, letter from Mr. C. E. Hawker, offering the sum of £500 for the cottage and land in his occupation at Hillrise, Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, but that he be informed that the Committee are prepared to sell the property at the valuation of the District Valuer.

12—Whaddon Farm---(a) Mr. C. C. Castle attended and submitted reported on Whaddon Farm. Various works of fencing were required. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs to the fences carried out at a cost of not exceeding £10.

(b) The Committee considered application from Mr Holborrow for certain works to be carried out at the farm to enable him to transfer his certified herd to the farm from Bafford. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this application.

13—Non-Subsidy Houses—(a) RESOLVED, That the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee be asked to consider transferring to Non-Subsidy houses tenants occupying Subsidy houses, who are in a position to pay an economic rent.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Chief Constable for the tenancy of a Non-Subsidy house at St. Mark's for occupation by a member of the Police Force be granted, and that he be granted the tenancy of the next house becoming vacant.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th April, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Green, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Department—Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee had appointed Mr. W. Rust to the vacant post of architectural assistant,

2—High Street Compulsory Purchase Order—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Messrs. Hillier, Parker, May & Rowden, asking the Corporation to indemnify Messrs. Brador Estates Ltd. against any loss by way of increased building costs and loss of income that might be sustained in their holding up the work on their new building, in the event of the Order not being confirmed by the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, the Chairman and the Town Clerk be asked to interview the Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Health with a view to expediting the approval of the scheme.

3—Promenade—Read, letter of 31st ult. from Regent Motors Ltd. asking for permission to erect a R.A.C. car park sign in the Promenade opposite Ormond Terrace, directing to their car park in the Plough Hotel yard. RESOLVED, That this be approved, the Corporation to have the right to require removal of the sign at any time.

4—St. Anne's Terrace—RESOLVED, That consideration of Miss Field's application for a seat to be placed in Hewlett Street near St. Anne's Terrace be adjourned for view.

5—Merestones Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Ernest How had offered to give to the Corporation the triangular piece of land at the end of this road, the Corporation to pay the conveyancing costs. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

6-100 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Warren had asked the Committee to reconsider the purchase of this property, which he had now had demolished. RESOLVED, That he be offered the sum of £44 subject to his removing the water closets now standing on part of the site.

7—Streamers Across Colonnade--- (a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for permission to erect a streamer across the Colonnade on the days prior to their galas be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Bertram Mills' Circus for permission to erect a streamer across the High Street or the Colonnade be granted for two days prior to their Circus subject to the usual conditions.

8—Gloucester Road--Hoarding—Read, letter from Messrs. Shakspeare Shenton enclosing plan of hoarding proposed to be erected by them on another site in Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the site be viewed.

9—Pedestrian Crossing Places—Read, circular letter of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Transport reminding the Council that their scheme for pedestrian crossing places was approved on the understanding that the Council would review the situation, and consider submitting a further scheme unless they were satisfied that the crossings already established were adequate for the needs of the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Council intend to provide three pedestrian crossing places at Montpellier in connection with the proposed traffic island, as suggested by the Ministry, and that the letter be referred to the Traffic Sub-Committee for consideration ; but that the Ministry be informed that from the recent returns of accidents received from the Police, it appeared that pedestrian crossing places have been the cause of accidents in several cases.

10—Land at The Drifts, Charlton Kings—Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle in regard to the condition of the fences on this land. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence

adjoining the tip repaired, and to provide the tenant with a new gate, and that the tenant be asked to have the other fences repaired, where necessary.

11—St. Paul's Street—Swindon Road—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs. Bayley & Sons offering, on behalf of Corpus Christi College, to give up the land at the junction of St. Paul's Street and Swindon Road for the improvement of the corner subject to the College being put to no expense in the matter. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks.

12--Private Improvement Works—Overton Park Road—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Capt. J. K. Foster on behalf of the abutting owners in this road giving particulars of the road works which the owners proposed to have carried out. The owners did not consider that the requirement of the Corporation that the footpaths should be tar sprayed was reasonable, and they proposed to have the alignment of the kerbs adjusted, and the footpaths made good with gravel. RESOLVED, That the proposed road works be approved, but that the owners be informed that the Committee consider it is desirable that the footpaths should be tar sprayed as proposed as this will make the work more durable.

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13—Traffic Island, St. George's Square—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to alter the position of the bollard in front of this traffic island, so as to enable traffic to enter St. George's Street from High Street without going round the island.

14—Road Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works to be carried out during the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

15—Ash Collection—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the ash collection for the year ended 31st ult. The total amount of refuse collected was 19,415 tons (last year 17,841 tons). 16,212 tons were tipped and 3,204 tons consumed in the Destructor. The following were also consumed at the Destructor :-144 tons of fish and offal, 470 cats and 461 dogs.

16— Slab Factory —The Borough Surveyor submitted annual report on the Slab Factory for the year ended 31st ult. The total number of slabs manufactured was 24,772 square yards (last year 22,699 square yards).

17—Pittville Estate—Roads—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Pittville Ward of the Ratepayers' Association complaining of the condition of some of the roads on the Pittville Estate RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

18--Crescent Terrace--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had interviewed Mr. Pfaff in regard to the improvement of this road, and that he was willing for the Corporation to wall up and fill in the two cellars under the footpath. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done, and to communicate with the other owners in the Terrace with a view to the improvement being carried right through.

19—Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now agreed with the Ministry of Transport an amended scheme for widening Priors Road to 60 feet and submitted plan of proposed improvement lines which provided for the ultimate widening to be effected on both sides of the road It was proposed to carry out the portion of the widening on the west side on land belonging to the Corporation and to defer the widening on the east side until proposals for the development of that frontage were under consideration. He estimated the cost of the work on the west side at £1,700. RESOLVED, That the scheme be submitted to the County Council under the five year

programme. RESOLVED, also, That formal application be now made to the Ministry of Transport for grant and to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,700 for the cost of the work.

20--Montpellier Walk—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 3rd inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport stating that subject to the consent of the County Council being obtained the construction of the traffic island etc could be commenced.

21—Riding on Footpaths—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of footpaths and passages in the Borough on which it was desirable to prevent cycling. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare draft byelaws for the consideration of the Committee.

22—View Committee --Read, report of the View Meeting held on the 8th inst., which was attended by Councillor Addis.

He recommended as follows:-

(a) Wellington Square—That Major A. Grant's application for the removal of tree outside "Westbury" be not granted.

(b) Paragon Garage, Bath Road--That Mr. J. S. Fruin's plan for the erection of 4 petrol pumps behind the footpath, with two entrance crossings, be approved subject to his entering into an undertaking not to sell petrol to a car standing on the highway, to remove the Neon signs which extended over the footpath front the Cedar tree, and to his giving up a small area of land to enable the back line of the footpath to be straightened, and also to remove the pumps behind the building line at his own expense, when required.

(c) Montpellier Terrace —That the diseased Sycamore tree outside No. 21 be removed.

(d) Roman Road—That the carriageway be patched and tar sprayed this season.

(e) Gloucester Road—That the diseased Elm trees opposite Nos. 177 and 228 be removed.

(f) Chapel Walk—That, provided the Borough Surveyor is able to arrange with the Unitarian Church for setting back the steps of the main entrance, he be instructed to proceed with the improvement of the footpath. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

23—Norwood Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Bendall, the owner of the land at the junction of Grafton Road, Norwood Road and Edward Street would prefer to sell the portion of the land required for the widening of the road instead of the whole of the Property. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to make a valuation of the area required for road widening.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th April, 1936. Present—Councillors Avery, Barnett Bettridge, Compton, de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. Booy E. A. P. Grist and Wood (Councillor James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ending 31st march, 1936.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	43	54.1
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	35	35
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	38	45
At St. Mark's (13 Meetings)	23	32

(b) Read, report from Mrs. Mellersh, Chairman of the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association, in regard to the congestion at the Baker Street Centre and the need for an additional centre for this area. If suitable premises could be obtained it was desired to start the additional centre on the 1st October next, and the Association asked for a grant of £50 for the half-year. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, and that it be left to the Chairman and the Medical Officer of Health to confer with the Infant Welfare Association as to suitable premises.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Committee record their regret at the death of Miss E. C. Hanson, who, for many years, had rendered faithful service to the Association as Hon. Treasurer and Dispenser, and desire to express their sympathy with her relatives.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1936 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,397
Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	699
“ (over 1 year)	1116
Un-notified Births discovered 1	
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (1 year and under)	1237
“ “ (over 1 year)	1500
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	153
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	113
Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 129)	142
Measles cases visited	4
Whooping Cough cases visited	11
Chicken Pox cases visited	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	1
Mumps cases visited	6

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	224
New Orders ...	97
Orders discontinued during quarter	58
" continuing to coming quarter	263

Children Act :

No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ..	29
visits (tinder Children Act) paid ... ●●●	48
Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	20

Health Visitors. School Nurses.

	17
	23
	16

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 61 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1936, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from 1st April, 1935 to 31st March, 1936, was £116 5s. 6d., of which £47 18s. 3d. was chargeable 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, 1936: Still-births 3 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1 ; Deaths of Infants 2 ; Laying out of dead body 1.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted 3 accounts for treatment in the General Hospital and account for a Consultant's fee in cases of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That these accounts be passed for payment.

5—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 82 mothers and 8 infants had attended the School Dentist during the quarter in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report in regard to the increase in the maternity dental work carried out by the School Dentist, He had discussed the matter with the Dentist, who was willing to put in a weekly evening session for the treatment of mothers and infants if this could be arranged subject to payment of an additional salary for this extra work. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Nursing Homes Registration Act 1927—(a) Read, report of the Medical Officer of Health as to Mrs. Farley of 25 Dunalley Parade, using her premises as a Maternity Home in contravention of the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Farley, calling attention to the provisions of the Act and to inform her that proceedings will be taken against her if there is any further breach of the Act

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Griffiths for the registration of No. 11 Lansdown Place as a Maternity Home be granted for 4 cases, subject to Mrs. Griffiths taking a Refresher Course before opening the Home.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Evans for the registration of No. 3 Sandford Street as a Nursing Home be not granted, as the Committee consider the premises are unsuitable.

7—Ante-Natal Clinic--The Medical Officer of Health submitted three accounts for Specialist opinions in ante-natal cases. RESOLVED, That these be passed for payment.

8—Maternity Cases -The Town Clerk submitted resolutions from the Women's Co-operative Guild and the Women's Section of the Cheltenham Labour Party in regard to the decision of the Committee not to provide further accommodation for maternity cases on account of the home conditions as they were satisfied that there is adequate accommodation provided in the maternity wards at the Cheltenham Infirmary, and urging the Committee to consider making other arrangements, and suggesting that the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, after its vacation, should be utilised for the purpose. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Grimwade and Dr. Hayward and Mrs. Booy be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the Cheltenham District Nursing

Association as to the possibility of providing accommodation for these cases and to report to the Committee.

9—Supply of Milk—Read, letter of 7th ult. from the Milk Marketing Board that the supply of milk to school children at cheap rates was only made possible with the assistance of a Government grant, and no such grant was available to finance a scheme of cheap milk supplies for Maternity and Child Welfare Committees. The Board had considered, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and distributors, proposals for supplying cheap milk to Welfare Centres in certain of the scheduled distressed areas, but up to the present, no agreed scheme had been evolved.

10—College of Nursing—RESOLVED, That Miss Powell, the Health Visitor, be authorised to attend a Special Course in General Nursing and Public Health to be held at the College of Nursing, London, from 15th to 20th June next.

11—Committee—Read, letter from the Hon Secretary of the St. Mark's Branch of the Women's Co-operative Guild, asking to be allowed to appoint a representative on the Committee RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to agree to this

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd April, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade Moore and Morris; Capt. Leschallas and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor Buildings, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4289	Bisley, M.	Garage, Jersey Avenue,
4290	Brown, W.	Garage, Tewkesbury Road.
4291	Wilkinson, G.	Tool shed, 105 Gloucester Road.
4292	Tilley, M.	Garage, The Close, off Mead Road.
4293	Shillwell, E. R.	Garage, Chardstock, Eldon Road.
4294	Whitcombe, M.	Garage, Eldon Road.
4295	Brasher, C.	Garage, Wylfa, Brooklyn Road.
4296	Fisher, W.	New shop front, 7 Bath Road.
4297	Western Estates Ltd.	Amended layout for 8 houses, Gloucester Road.
4298	Mahoney, R. S. J.	2 detached houses, Painswick Road.
4299	Jackson, R. W.	Store shed, 11 Brunswick Street.
4300	Cavendish House Ltd.	Alteration to shop window, Cavendish House.
4301	Kellow, M.	Garage, Oakley, The Park.
4302	Crock, T.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Whaddon Housing Estate.
4303	Bayliss, Miss F. K.	Internal alterations, Fernihurst, The Park.
4304	Bush, H. T.	Additions, Claremont Lodge, Montpellier Spa Road.
4305	Ride, W. & Co. Ltd.	Hay and straw store, Devonshire Street.
4306	Western Estates Ltd.	36 semi-detached houses, Arle Road.
4307	Finch, W. A.	Garage, rear of 12 Park Place.

4308	Bradford Estates Ltd.	Revised plan of shop premises, Promenade, Clarence Street and High Street.
4309	Griffiths, F.	Conversion of dwellinghouse into business premises, 5 Portland Street.
4310	Purton, Miss G.	New dormer at rear of Church Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4289, 4290, 4291, 4292, 4293, 4294, 4295, 4296, 4297, 4299, 4300, 4308 and 4310 be approved ; That Plan No. 4298 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fences 30 feet from the centre of the road on completion of the buildings, the owner being relieved of all road charges, and subject to no entrances being made to Shurdington Road, and to the siting of the garage on the second plot being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans No. 4301 and 4307 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 4303 be approved subject to the revision of the bathroom arrangements on the first floor, and to the sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 4304 and 4305 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 4304 subject to the elevations harmonizing with the other adjoining houses, and to the Architectural Orders being preserved ; That Plan No. 4306 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to the line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme ; That Plans Nos. 4302 and 4309 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 .
938	James, G. F.	Shed, " Newholme," Okus Road, Charlton Kings.
939	Peacock, H. S.	Summer House, Cudnall Cottage, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
940	Campbell, D. N.	Additions, Black Barn, Wistley, Charlton Kings.
941	Bolton, A.	Detached house, The Avenue, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
942	Cheltenham Estates	Six pairs semi-detached houses, Haywards Lane, Charlton Kings.
943	Hill, D.	Garage, " Roseville," Okus Road, Charlton Kings.
944	Camm, E.	Garage, "Overley," Little Witcombe.
945	Hicks, D. F.	Cottage for Farm worker, Crippetts Road, Leckhampton.
946	Drummond, Powys	Garage, House No. 5, Brookfurlongs, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
947	Stacey, C. H.	Bungalow, Fairview, Cheltenham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
948	Cheltenham Corporation	Overhead Low Tension line, Woodmancote.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 938, 939, 942, 943, 944, 946 and 948 be approved ; That Plan No. 940 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, being obtained, and to the materials harmonizing with the existing buildings ; That Plan No 941 be approved subject to the roof plan of the garage being amended to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 945 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence 21 feet from the centre of the existing road and to dedicate the land for the

widening of the road to 42 feet when required, and to setting back the building 20 feet behind the new fence line ; That Plan No. 947 be approved as a temporary building for a period of five years.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) Land, Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the value of the houses to be erected on the land fronting Leckhampton Road and Pilley Lane purchased from the Corporation by Messrs. Goddard & Hunt being £850 including site in respect of each of the three houses fronting Leckhampton Road and £550 including site in respect of each of the two houses fronting Pilley Lane.

(b) Plan No. T.P, 922—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Northleach Rural District Council that they saw no objection to the erection of the wooden bungalow proposed to be erected by Mr. A. E. Griffin at Whitehall, Sevenhampton. Mr. J. H. Clifford and Mr. Green (Building Inspector) attended on behalf of the Northleach Rural District Council and urged the Committee to approve the plan. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris and Capt. Leschallas be appointed to inspect the site.

(c) Ivanhoe, 4 St. James' Square—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell, asking for the consent of the Committee to the erection of a parish hall on the site of these premises for the Roman Catholic Church, and pending the erection of the hall, to the present buildings being used for religious, educational and parochial purposes. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to these proposals subject to detail plans of the new building being submitted for approval,

(d) Mill Lane, Charlton Kings—The Committee further considered application from Mr. J. T. Clarke for permission to erect a bungalow in this lane, The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that the proposed bungalow did not comply with their Building Byelaws. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Town Planning Scheme—Road Proposals—The Borough Surveyor reported interview which he had had with the County Surveyor in regard to the widths and building lines for roads in the Town Planning area, and submitted proposals for dealing with the roads. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to interview Mr. Pepler of the Ministry of Health in regard to the proposals, and that the County Surveyor be asked to accompany him.

5—Plan No. 4273—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. H. Matthews asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve his plan for the erection of a bungalow in Warden Hill Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

6—Imperial Rooms, Promenade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. Owen Bond, Architect, of Norwich, that he had been instructed to prepare plans for the rebuilding of the Imperial Rooms and Nos. 85 and 87 Promenade and asking for the building lines to be defined for these properties. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing building lines providing for setting back the buildings in the Promenade, St. George's Road and Royal Well Place. RESOLVED, That this plan be approved, and that the architect be informed that the Committee will not be prepared to approve of any alteration in the elevation of the two buildings which form part of the Terrace, and that as the culvert of the River Chelt passes under the property, the Corporation may desire to consider a scheme for the reconstruction and improvement of this.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th April, 1936, Present—The Deputy Mayor Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James and Waite ; and Mr. P. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 31st ult.

Town Hall—Exits—The Sub-Committee had considered the letter from the National Citizens Union in regard to the Town Hall exits. In addition to the usual exits, emergency exits were available from the end of both balconies, through the Drawing Room french windows, through the push-bar emergency exit doors at the rear of the stage, and through the Supper and Refreshment Rooms. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to have emergency exit signs erected at the various places settled by the Sub-Committee, directing to these emergency exits, and that consideration of illuminating the signs be adjourned until the emergency gas lighting has been installed. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of providing covered accommodation at the rear of the Town Hall for the storage of chairs and tables, when the hall is used for dances, so as to avoid storing these in the passageway at the rear of the stage.

2—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 17th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Cafe—That the Mayor be asked formally to open the Cafe on the 23rd May at 4 p.m. and that the Corporation be invited to attend.

(b) Having considered 4 applications received for the post of Cafe Manageress, That 3 of the applicants be interviewed at a meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held on the 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—International Council of Music Users—The Committee considered further application from the International Council of Music Users asking the Council to become members and support them in their endeavour to bring about an alteration in the terms of the existing Copyright Convention, The Departmental Committee set up by the Board of Trade recommended the Government to support the Council of Music Users in their effort, and accordingly an amendment would be tabled at the forthcoming Convention in Brussels. Many local authorities were members, and the amount of the membership subscription was 10 per cent. of the fee payable by the Corporation to the Performing Rights Society, which would be approximately £3 3s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to become members.

4—Chamber of Commerce—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that the Chamber had nominated Mr. E. Baring and Mr. R. B. Seaton as their representatives on the Committee in place of Mr. H. W. Bennett and Mr. T. J. Craig. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Alstone Baths—Read, application of 16th inst. from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath on Fridays 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 Bath be granted on the same terms as last year.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th April, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates: Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

6—Town Hall—Drawing Room—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have panic bolts fitted to the doors of the Drawing Room leading to the lawn.

7—St. Peters' Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Swimming Pools at this Ground be opened on the 30th May and that the time-table for the attendance of boys and girls be the same as last year.

8—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the installation of the filtration plant had been completed and that the Bath was opened on the 23rd inst.

9—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 20th inst. The Sub-Committee had interviewed three applicants for the appointment of Cafe Manageress and appointed Miss Betts of Bilston, Manageress as from the 27th inst at a salary of £2 15s. 0d. per week, the appointment to be terminable by either party by two weeks' notice in writing. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 21st inst.

They recommended (inter aim.) as follows :---

(a) Whitsuntide—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage the band of the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers to give two performances on each of Whit-Sunday and Whit-Monday at a charge of £65,

(b) Winter Garden—Tennis—That the covered tennis court be not let for play after 8 p.m. next winter.

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

11—Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered an offer from Mr. T. B. Phillips of Gloucester to provide military band concerts in these Gardens. RESOLVED, That he be granted free use of the Gardens and chairs on Sundays the 7th, 14th and 21st June, and also that he be let the Gardens on any weekdays at £5 including hire of chairs subject to his agreeing to allow free admission to the Gardens but charging for chairs.

12—Bridge Congress—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from Mr. W. Ansell, President of the Chamber of Commerce that owing to the large amount of work in the Bureau caused by the number of Conferences being held in the Town this Summer, the Chamber had had to employ an additional clerk, and as the negotiations for this Conference had been conducted by the Entertainments

Manager, the Chamber would be glad if the Corporation would take over the Local Organisation of this Conference. The Chamber of Commerce would undertake all arrangements with regard to the accommodation of the delegates and guarantee up to £30 any loss that might be incurred by the Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that the Chamber should adhere to the previous offer to be responsible for the local arrangements, but that Mr. Wilkinson be allowed to act as Honorary Secretary of the Local Committee and that he be authorised to attend the Spring Conference of the Bridge League to be held at Bexhill at the end of the month, to obtain information as to the organisation of the Conference.

13—Medical Baths—RESOLVED, That, if the Winter Garden Scheme to be submitted at the next meeting of the Council is approved including the provision of new Medical Baths, this Committee are of the opinion that the whole of the Montpellier Baths should be closed and the property sold or utilized for other purposes when the new Medical Baths have been provided.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th April, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Ben James, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Damage to Lamps—The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting another boy had been prosecuted for wilful damage to a street lamp, and fined and ordered to pay the amount of the damage.

2—Montpellier Terrace Sub-Station-6 tenders were received for the erection of this Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. T. C. Safe amounting to £760 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

3—Cables—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange if possible for the present cable contract to be continued for a further 12 months, and to purchase such stocks of cable as he considers desirable.

4—Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted copy of letter from the Secretary of the Conjoint Conference of Public Utility Associations to the Secretary of the Mines Department drawing attention to the necessity for an alteration in the personnel of the District Selling Organisations to be set up under the Coal Mines Act 1930, and asking for legislative action to give adequate protection to public utility undertakings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Member, and the Members of the Stroud and Cirencester and Tewkesbury Divisions be asked to support the representations made.

Lighting—(a) Prestbury Added Area—Read, letters from Mr. A. C. Venn and Mr. C. Matthews asking for the public lighting in the Prestbury Added Area to be continued throughout the summer months. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the question of street lighting in the Added Area is under consideration.

(b) Kew Place, Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to provide a lamp at the entrance to Passage off Kew Place at the rear of the King William Inn, and that the cost thereof be charged to the current lighting account.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Retort—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st ult., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 471.6 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 26th ult. and 3rd, 8th, 15th and 21st inst., which showed the Calorific Value on these dates to be 471.9, 469.3, 470.2, 470.4 and 472.8 B.Th.U. respectively, and the Pressure 6.2, 6.0, 5.9, 6.0 and 6.0 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th April, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Margrett and Councillor 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 March, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	492,000 gallons	270,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,437,000 "	907,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	82,000 "	52,000 "
	2,011,000 " 1	229,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 114,211,000 gallons

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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—Tewkesbury—Priors Park Estate—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Tewkesbury Corporation for an extension of the 4 inch water main on this estate. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the extension made, the Tewkesbury Corporation to pay 7 ½ per cent on the outlay, as in similar cases.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer submitted six tenders received for the electric light installation at the lodge. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs Stallard & Co. of £27 3s 3d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

6—Lower Hewletts Farm—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted estimate of the work required to be carried out at this farm to enable the application of the tenant for a licence to sell Grade A milk to be entertained. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to report thereon. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit estimate of the cost of surfacing the farm yard, alteration of the drainage, and provision of water supply to the dairy.

(b) Read, letter from Messrs. New & Saunders in regard to the work which the Corporation agreed to carry out at the commencement of Mr. Robinson's tenancy. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Corporation have carried out more than the work agreed upon, with the exception of the hedge laying etc. in the fields, possession of which the tenant has only recently obtained, and that Mr. Castle be instructed to have the work in these fields proceeded with.

7—Hewletts Reservoir—(a) No. 3—The Borough Engineer submitted report on the inspection of this reservoir. The condition of the brickwork was not good, and he recommended that the wall in question should be backed and puddled with clay, and the brickwork pointed and renovated at an estimated cost of £137. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(b) Fishing—RESOLVED, That no fishing tickets be issued in respect of these reservoirs this year as there are no mature fish in the reservoir.

8—Whaddon Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that in order to supply certain fields on this farm with water, which had hitherto been supplied from the stream which had now been culverted in, it had been necessary to lay a 4 inch main for approximately 430 yards at an estimated cost of £215. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Water Charges—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Cheltenham and District Hotels and Caterers Association, asking for a reduction in the water charges to hotels. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this application.

10—Chelt Springs—The Town Clerk reported that this land, vacated by Mr. Barrett, had been let to Mr. W. R. Gillett at a rent of 26s per acre as from 25th ult. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st April, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh James, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that since the last meeting of the Committee one case of Swine Fever had been confirmed at Sandy Bank Farm, Hatherley Road.

2—Domestic Servants' Agencies—Superintendent Wayman submitted report on the inspection of the Domestic Servants' Agencies in the Borough.

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

Date, 1936	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
29th March ...	18 Carlton Street .	Defective fireplace ...	Slight ...	£4 15s. 0d.
31st March	Foresters Arms, Townsend Street	Defective wireless set	Slight	£4 6s. 0d.

On the 19th inst. the Brigade also attended outbreaks of fire at 32 Clarence Square ; on the 20th inst. at 85 and 86 Tewkesbury Road and Milestones, Cirencester Road, particulars of which would be reported next month.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mrs. M. E. Villar enquiring on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the brigade in the event of an outbreak of fire at her premises at The Manor Farm, Gotherington RESOLVED, That if this parish is not included in the agreement proposed to be entered into with the Cheltenham Rural District Council, the Corporation agree to provide the services of the Brigade on payment of an annual retaining fee of £2 2s. 0d. subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

4—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Mr. A. G. Widdows (Clerk in the Electricity Department) and Mr. A. J. Pilgrim (Clerk in the Water Department) be added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts, they having completed three years service on the 6th February, 1934, and 22nd March last respectively.

5—King George V Memorial—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Ambulance Headquarters suggesting that a suitable local memorial to His Late Majesty, King George V would be the provision of a new and up-to-date ambulance station. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will consider this suggestion when the question of a local memorial is under consideration.

6—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Burial Board Committee, That the services of E. Tiesac (Grave digger) be extended for 1 year up to the 19th June, 1937, and on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the services of F. Hopkins (sewer foreman) be extended for one year up to the 26th May, 1937.

7—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter from the Salvation Army asking the Corporation to have the Soup Kitchen whitened again. During the winter 16,000 meals had been provided. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work carried out.

8—Leckhampton Hill—(a) Read, letter from Mr. L. J. E. Harrison offering on behalf of Mrs. Elwes to rent or purchase the land adjoining the reservoir RESOLVED, That the land be let to Mrs. Elwes on the same terms as at present let to Mr. Loughran, and that she be allowed to remove the fence between her adjoining land subject to reinstatement at end of tenancy.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that a lady who wished to remain anonymous had now sent a cheque for £150 for the planting of the trees on the top of the Hill. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees planted in due course, and enclosed to prevent them being damaged.

9—Easter—Read, circular from the International Fixed Calendar League asking the Council to support the League in their endeavour to impress upon the Government and the Roman Catholic Church the need to fix a date for Easter. RESOLVED, That the Council agree with the object of the League to bring about a fixed date for Easter.

10—Cinematograph Licence—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the application of the Trustees of St. Gregory's School for a full cinematograph licence for the assembly hall of the new St. Gregory's Schools. Mr. I. D. Yeaman, Mr. T. Overbury (architect) and the Rev. Father Coughlin attended on behalf of the Trustees, and Mr. Field Hunt (Barrister), Mr. R. R. Lewis (Solicitor) and the 5 managers of the local cinemas also attended in opposition on behalf of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association. RESOLVED, That subject to the plans of the assembly hall and

exits being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the building being completed in accordance with such plans, the Council be recommended to grant the application subject to the usual conditions, and to a condition that the hall shall not be sublet as a picture house, and shall not be used on more than 50 occasions in any one year when the public are admitted on payment of an admission charge, and inflammable films are used.

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11—Market--RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be asked to consider and report on the Gloucestershire Marketing Society's application for a private door to be provided in the boundary wall of the new Market building.

12—Royal Well Omnibus Station—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Company urging them to proceed with the submission of plans for the erection of a shelter for passengers.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Wednesday, 15th April, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith; and Mr. Clarkson (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos 58, 91, 104, 107, 111 (b) and 118 (b) Asquith Road ; 6 Crabtree Piece ; 11 Gapper's Field ; 14, 23, 27 (a) and 35 Creamery Piece, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Vacant Allotments—(a) Asquith Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected the vacant allotments at Asquith Road, and considered that with the exception of one plot, none of these were too bad to cultivate.

(b) Hatherley Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected this land, and suggested that the weeds should be kept mown during the growing season, the land ploughed in the Autumn and scarified during the Winter, The land would then be fit for cultivation in the early Spring. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Allotments, Marsh Lane—(a) Read, letter from Mr. A. R. Cooke that he had recently taken No. 215, but this allotment was in such a bad state that he could not work this, and he therefore asked for the rent of 18s 10d. paid by him to be refunded. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Read, letter from the tenant of No. 209 asking for a rebate in the rent in view of the bad condition of this allotment. RESOLVED, That he be granted a rebate of 12 months. (c) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let the orchard containing 2.289 acres at a rent not less than

10 an acre

4—Creamery Piece Allotments—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant to erect an additional small pigsty on No. 18 be granted subject to the pigsty being at least 60 yards from the nearest dwellinghouse, and to the sty and drainage thereof being erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and on the understanding that no claim for compensation will be made in respect of the sty on the termination of the tenancy.

5—Allotment No. 58 Asquith Road—Read, letter from the tenant asking for a rebate in the rent in view of the bad condition of this allotment. RESOLVED, That he be granted a rebate of three months.

6—Albert Road Allotments—Read, letters from Mrs. A. M. G. Selby-Lowndes complaining of the tenants of these allotments burning rubber tyres on their allotments. RESOLVED, That she be asked to furnish the names of the tenants complained of.

7—Compulsory Purchase and Compulsory Hiring Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copies of these Regulations.

8—Crabtree Piece Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. P. R. P. Price calling attention to the dangerous condition of the bridge over Wyman's Brook leading to her land, and asking her to have this put in a safe condition. RESOLVED, also, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to report as to the provision of steps leading down to the brook to enable the allotment holders to obtain water.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th April, 1936, Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—(a) Golden Pheasants—The Borough Surveyor reported that the three golden pheasants presented by Mr. R. Dobell were received at Pittville Gardens on the 19th ult.

(b) RESOLVED, That in connection with the exhibition to be held at the Pump Room during the Conference of the New Education Fellowship from 31st July to 14th August next, persons paying for admission to the exhibition be granted free admission to the Gardens,

2—Tewkesbury and Gloucester Shows—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to judge the exhibits at the Tewkesbury Show on the 18th inst., and the Gloucester Show in July.

3—Chelsea Flower Show—RESOLVED. That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend this Show in May, as in previous years.

4—Market Street School Field—Mowing—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to undertake the mowing of this field, subject to the cost being borne by the Education Committee.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Hard Tennis Courts—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have an iron gate constructed in the boundary netting of the hard courts to enable players to recover balls from the shrubbery, at a cost of approximately £3 10s. 0d.

6—Hatherley Court Estate—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health asking for further details of the drainage, and suggesting that the question of providing shower baths in the lavatories should be considered. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that the provision of shower baths is necessary, and that the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

7—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Tree—The Chairman and Councillor Bendall reported their inspection of the tree at the rear of No. 9 Hill View Terrace. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor

be instructed to have the tree pruned and roots of the tree cut to prevent damage to Naunton Park Schools.

8—Pittville Rent Charge--RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a deed with Messrs. C. H. Reason and P. J. Benwell, apportioning the Rent Charge of £4 (to be increased to £8 0s. 0d. when built on) payable on Lot 6 equally between the two portions into which the land has now been divided.

9—Land in Pilley Lane—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee That the piece of land in Pilley Lane be leased from the Delancey Hospital Trustees at a rent of £5 per annum for a Recreation Ground for the Pilley Housing Estate, as soon as the tenancy can be determined, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence adjoining Delancey Cottage made good.

10—Institute of Park Administration—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of this Institute to be held at Folkestone on 1st, 2nd and 3rd July next.

11—Circus—Read, letter from Messrs. Chapman's that they contemplated visiting Cheltenham for one day on or about 8th June next. RESOLVED, That they be offered the use of either the Athletic Ground or Sandford Park at a rent of subject to any damage being made good after the circus.

12—Cricket Pitch—RESOLVED, That permission be given to St. Phillip's United Cricket Club to play four Hospital Cup matches on Naunton Park Recreation Ground on Wednesday evenings during the coming season

13—Recreation Grounds—RESOLVED, That in future the children's swings etc. in the various Recreation Grounds be made available for use on Sundays and Good Friday after 4 p.m.

14—Promenade—The Gardens Superintendent reported theft of plants from the beds near the Post Office. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Police be called to this.

15—Playing Field, St. Mark's—Read, letter from the Clerk of the County Council asking for a payment of £2 in respect of the Grammar School site while used as a Playing Field. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

16—Theft of Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported that one of the employees had been found stealing plants and that he had been dismissed. RESOLVED, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

17—Theft of Ducks Eggs—It was reported that Leslie Scarborough of 23 Hudson Street, aged 12, had been caught robbing a Duck's nest at Pittville Gardens and had previously given trouble at the Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be requested to see the parents and see that the boy was reprimanded and informed that proceedings would be taken if any further offence was reported.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th April, 1936. Present—Councillors Avery and Bendall ; and Messrs. C. R. Mapp and W. N. Weech (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for February and March—Visits-5,934 (last year 6,961). Included in these figures were 9 parties, numbering 140 students, from local Schools and Colleges.

Annual Attendance—The total attendance for the year ending March 31st, 1936, was 34,980 (last year 34,098). A printed Report will be issued in due course.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Commission on Sale of Pictures, Refunded Lighting Expenses, etc. 15s. 8d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £26 19s. 9d Total £33 15s. 5d.

Exhibitions-8th February to 7th March : Decorations, Paintings and Drawings by Ithell Colquhoun. 11th March to 22nd April : Exhibition of Etchings and Lithographs by Frank Brangwyn, R.A.

Loans from Museums—Neolithic examples from Notgrove Long Barrow had been lent to the Exeter Museum, and "The Pool, Blockley," by James Bateman, A.R.A, had been exhibited in London by the Cheltenham Group of Artists. These loans had been safely returned.

Talks by Curator—The Curator had given 8 talks on Folk Crafts, Bygones, The Prehistoric and Roman Periods of the Cotswolds, and Social History as illustrated by objects in the Museum, between February 17th and April 13th, at Winchcomb, Bishop's Cleeve, Stanton, Highbury Church, the Labour Hall, and in the Museum.

South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Annual Meeting of this Group had been held at Bath on the 3rd April, when the Cheltenham Curator was elected President for the year.

2—Publicity--RESOLVED, That this Committee is of the opinion that a definite and systematic effort should be made to secure greater publicity for the Art Gallery and Museum among the attractions of Cheltenham.

3—Donations- - (a) A Multileaf Bronze Display Stand (cost £14) for the exhibition of prints, had been purchased and presented by an Anonymous Donor.

(b) Major J. H. Dent Brocklehurst. C.B.E., D.L. had given a quantity of disused casing and specimens from Sudeley Castle.

(c) Bygones and other specimens had been received from the following : Mrs. Bent, Alderman W. A. Cadbury, LL.D., Mr. Walter Clifford, Mr. C. I. Gardiner, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Mr. H.. J. Lewis, Mrs. Rudd, Miss Wedgwood, Mr. J. Williams, and An Anonymous Donor. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Victoria and Albert Museum Loans—RESOLVED, That a further change of exhibits be authorised.

5—Application for use of Gallery—Read, letter asking for the use of the Gallery on Wednesday evenings for a Greek Dancing Class. RESOLVED, That this Committee cannot see their way to grant this facility,

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange the following Exhibitions, as and when convenient.

(a) Photographs of Yugoslavia and Albania by Percy G. Luck.

(b) Photographs of Promenade and Montpellier Vicinity by Hugo van Wadenoyen and Maurice Turney

(c) Etchings and Aquatints by Geoffrey S. Gamier, and Paintings by Jill Gamier, of Newlyn.

7—New Education Fellowship, Seventh World Conference, Cheltenham, 31st July to 14th August, 1936—The Curator reported that he had been asked to act as Hon. Secretary of the Exhibitions Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund"—RESOLVED, That the purchase from this Fund of a Grainger Worcester Porcelain Mug, with view of Cheltenham (i:4) and of two photographs from Studio Hugo (£1 1s. 0d.) be approved.

9—York City Museum and Art Gallery—York Corporation, having acquired the Dr. Kirk Collection of Bygones, had applied to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees for a Grant towards the cost of setting up this Collection. The Carnegie Trustees had invited the Curator to visit York and report briefly to them on the matter, RESOLVED, That the Curator be granted permission to provide this Report.

10—Whitsun Holiday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be kept open on Whit-Monday, June 1st, until 6 p.m.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on May 15th.

J. L. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th April, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Cemetery Superintendent for the period from 28th March to 24th April, 1936. Interments 55 ; Grave Spaces sold 13 (First Position nil, Second Position 2, Third Position nil, Fourth Position 11).

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9381 to 9396.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1915 to 1926, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Car Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan and estimate for the construction of the Car Park on portion of the orchard land adjoining the Cemetery. He estimated the cost of the work at £650 plus the cost of acquiring the small area of land at the junction of the entrance road in Bouncer's Lane. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £650 for the cost of carrying out the work plus the cost of acquiring the piece of land referred to, as valued by the District Valuer.

5—Maintenance of Grave—No. 1165 Section A1 .---Read, letter from Mr. A. Stewart asking the Corporation to undertake the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity for the sum of £50. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the memorial and kerbing being cleaned and adjusted by Mr. Stewart before the Corporation take over the maintenance thereof.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th April, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Compton, Grimwade and Howell ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. F. Vernall and W. N. Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for February and March—Receipts £27 12s. 1d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,391 (last year 13,755); Lending Department 35,645 (last year 32,957) ; Junior Department 4,741 (last year 5,203) ; School Libraries 8,659 (last year 6,493). Total 61,436 (last year 58,408)

Annual Issue—The total issue for the year ended 31st March, 1936, was 317,978 (last year 297,696). A printed Report will be issued in due course.

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

February 10th Rev. W. E. Beck, M.A.: "Epitaphs." Attendance 72.

" 17th ... Mr. W. I. Croome, M.A., J.P. : " Round the Gulf of Genoa." Attendance 193.

" 24th Mr. C. Day Lewis : " Modern Poetry." Attendance 112.

March 3rd Commander The Hon. Sereld Hay, O.B.E., R.N. : " The Navy of To-day." Attendance 126.

" 9th Mr. William Bellows : " Austria and Yugoslavia." Attendance 176.

" 16th Miss M. Horsfall : " The Real Joan of Arc : Part I. Domremy to Rheims." Attendance 122.

" 23rd ... " " Part II Rheims to Rouen." Attendance 102.

The total attendance at 17 winter lectures had been 2,375, an average of 140 per lecture. The collections had produced the sum of £18 2s. 11d. towards the "Friends of the Museum" Fund.

Staff—Temporary Assistant—Sidney Cane had been employed in a temporary capacity from 17th March to 18th April, RESOLVED, That he be paid the sum of £3 (less insurances) for the period.

2—Proposed South-Western Regional Library Bureau—The Librarian reported on a meeting convened by the Carnegie Trustees, and held at Bristol on 27th March, when over 70 delegates attended. It had been resolved to set up a Committee of Inquiry, upon which the Cheltenham Librarian was asked to serve. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to represent this Institution on the Committee, and to attend the meeting to be held in Bristol on 21st April.

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3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 269 volumes, published at £101 11s. 3d., be purchased for the sum of £68 1s. 9d.

(b) That the sum of £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £60 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 2 volumes, published at £2 12s. 6d. be purchased out of the Leslie Young Bequest Fund for the sum of £2 7s. 3d.

4—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following : Mr. Roland Austin, Miss Baker-Penoyre, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, Mr. J. Belling, Mr. B. Bradnack, British Broadcasting Corporation, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, Carnegie Corporation of New York,

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Lt.-Col. A. M. Cockshott, Copper Development Association, Mr. R. W. Davies, Mr. A. J. Davis, Dr. C. B. Dobell, Lt.-Col. C. Donovan, Mr. A. Dunn, Mr. Edwin Glasgow, Great Western Railway, Mr. E. Hingston, Miss Dora Kennedy, Library of Congress, Lt.-Col. T. Longridge, Dr. Middleton Martin, National Council of Social Service, Mr. F. J. Nettlefold, Mrs. S. T. Pruen, Mr. P. H. Rofe, Shell-Mex and British Petroleum Co., Mr. A. Somerton, Mr. H. Beresford Stevens, Rev. T. S. Tonkinson, Mr. R. G. Vernon, and Captain R. P. Wild. A number of year-books, etc., had been presented to the Reference Library.

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

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "The Messenger of Wisdom," offered gratis, be accepted with thanks, and (b) That the " Bulletin of the Imperial Institute," submitted by the Imperial Institute, be not purchased.

6—" Cheltenham Quarterly "—Read, letter from the New Centurion Publishing and Publicity Co. Ltd., asking for a subsidy to permit of the continuation of this publication. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

7—Typewriter—RESOLVED, That an " Underwood" typewriter be taken out, and replaced by a " Royal " machine at a net cost of £19 10s. 0d.

8—Interior Decoration-3 quotations for this work were received. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs, Griffiths Bros., in the sum of £70 2s. 6d. (including £15 for contingencies) be recommended for acceptance.

9—Floodlighting of Library Building—Read, letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer, requesting permission for the Library Building to be floodlit from 7th to 10th September, 1936, on the occasion of the Conference in Cheltenham of the Association of Public Lighting Engineers. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Easter and Whitsun Closing—RESOLVED, (a) That all departments of the Library be kept open on Thursday, April 9th, until 9 p.m., 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.

(b) That all departments of the Library be closed on Whit-Monday, June 1st.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on 4th June.

D. L. LIPSON, Chiarman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th April, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; and Councillor Ben James (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—Distress for Rates—Read, letter from the Chief Constable in regard to the execution of warrants for distress for payment of rates. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that it would be more satisfactory for the Police to continue levying the distress warrants, and that the Chief Constable be asked to agree to this.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th April, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £7,443 ; Leaving outstanding £106,261.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1936. Amount collected £1,130 ; Leaving outstanding £14,944.

3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting Housing Bonds amounting to £75 at 3 per cent had been renewed 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.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
April 3rd	Gloucester Road Schools	£4,952	30 years.
" 24th	" "	£4,176	30 "
" 1st	" "	£3,500	30 "
" 16th	" (Science Room fittings)	£250	10 "
" 18th	Windsor Street Electricity Kiosk ..	£123	20 "
" 6th	••• Airport Drainage Works ...	£472	25 "
" 18th	••• Moors and Gloucester Road Sub-Stations	£750	30 "
" 23rd	.. Alstone Croft Playing Field ...	£3,062	60 "

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th 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.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debenture amounting to £200 be approved and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

7—Stock Issue—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the proposed private stock issue of £250,000. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Treasurer be authorised to interview the Ministry of Health and London Brokers and Banks to discuss the terms of the issue on the lines now approved by the Committee.

8—Electricity Undertaking—Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Borough Electrical Engineer giving particulars of the units lost in distribution in 75 towns comparable with Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Electricity Committee for consideration.

9—Unemployment Insurance (Agriculture) Act, 1936—Read, circular of 22nd inst. from the Ministry of Labour that the Ministry were now prepared to consider applications to include horticultural and

agricultural workers in Certificates of Exemption from Unemployment Insurance, RESOLVED, That such workers in the employ of the Corporation who have completed the necessary three years qualifying period of service be added to the Certificate of Exemption and application made to the Ministry for approval.

10—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, That Mr. D. J. Bastin in the Electricity Department be appointed to a vacant designated post under the Superannuation Scheme.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, May, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROJVIENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of June. 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such, Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm 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 appoint another member of the Assessment Committee in place of Alderman Pruen. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. COUNCILLOR GRIMWADE TO MOVE :—" That the practice of effecting sales to the public of electrical appliances at the Showroom of the Electrical Department be discontinued."

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To appoint a Woman having experience in Education and also a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of schools members of the Education Committee to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term of office of Miss E. Matthews and resignation of Mrs. E. M. Pruen respectively.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council

NOTE.—Please Note Date of Meeting.

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, 4th May, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N.; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Margrett and Clara F. Winterbotham.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th April, 1936, 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 :—

Winter Garden Development Meeting held April 21

Public Health Meetings held April 15 & 27

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. for the construction of storm overflow in Bath Road and relief outlet, amounting to £1540 6s. 8d. (being the only tender received) be accepted subject to contract and to sanction to loan being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1540 for the cost of work.

Housing Meeting held April 16

Street and Highway Meeting held April 20

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Morris : That Minute No. 19 in regard to the widening of Priors Road be referred back" was lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 20

Town Planning Meeting held April 23

Except that Plan No. 4309 be approved.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 17 & 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland : That Minute No. 7 be amended and that the St. Peter's Pools be opened on Sundays at 4.30 p.m.

Electricity and Lighting. Meeting held April 27

Water Meeting held April 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 21

Allotments Meeting held April 15

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 11 be amended and that Chapman's Circus be only offered the use of the Athletic Ground."

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 11 be not approved " was lost).

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 17

Burial Board... Meeting held April 24

Public Library Meeting held April 9

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Rating Meeting held April 9

Finance Meeting held April 28

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

3—Notices of Motion—(a) Councillor Grimwade's Notice of Motion That the practice of effecting sales to the public of Electrical Appliances at the Showroom of the Electrical Department. he discontinued " was. with the consent of the Council, adjourned again to the next meeting.

(b) Councillor Grimwade's Notice of Motion—" In view of the further information now available as to cost of the Severn Bridge Scheme and the heavy burden which is likely to be imposed on the ratepayers of Cheltenham this Council are of opinion that the scheme should not be proceeded with on the present financial basis. Further, that the General Purposes Committee consider what measures can now be taken to represent the views of this Council to the Parliamentary Committee and take all possible steps to oppose the Bill " was withdrawn.

4—High Street Improvement Scheme—Read, Reports of the District Valuer of his negotiations with Messrs. Brador Estates Ltd. and with Messrs. Dodwell & Son for the acquisition of their property for road widening at the junction of High Street and Promenade. The terms for the purchase from Brador Estates Ltd. of a piece of land with a frontage to Clarence Street of 18 feet and to the Promenade of 23 feet 6 inches and containing 76 square yards was £5,500, plus Surveyor's fees according to scale and proper legal costs of the Vendors.

The terms for the purchase from Messrs. Dodwell & Son of 361 High Street with frontages to High Street and Clarence Street and containing 57 square yards was £5,500 plus Surveyors' fees according to scale and proper legal costs. He had also arranged with Messrs. Brador Estates Ltd. to grant a lease for 99 years at a peppercorn rent of premises to be erected at the corner of Clarence Street and the Promenade containing basement, ground floor and first floor giving total floor space

approximately equal to that now occupied by Messrs. Dodwell & Son in consideration of a premium of £5,500. Resolved, That these terms be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into contracts with Messrs. Brador Estates Ltd. and Messrs. Dodwell & Son for the acquisition of the properties on the terms arranged.

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5-Issue of 3 per cent Stock—Resolved First :—

That with the consent of the Ministry of Health, and subject to the Local Authorities (Stock) Regulations 1934, The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham acting by their Council (hereinafter referred to as " the Council ") do hereby in exercise of their powers create stock to be called Cheltenham Corporation £3 per cent Redeemable Stock 1956 and to be issued to an amount which shall be sufficient for the following purposes, but not exceeding Two hundred and Fifty thousand pounds (£250,000)

A. For raising the following sums (amounting in the aggregate to the sum of One hundred and Fourteen thousand, One hundred and Ninety-two pounds which has not previously been raised), that is to say :—

The sum of Seventy-two thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-three pounds sanctioned by the Minister of Health under the Housing Acts and Local Government Act 1933, and the sum of Forty-one thousand Four hundred and twenty-nine pounds sanctioned by the Minister of Health for sewage works, Baths and Public Conveniences under the Public Health Acts and Local Government Act 1933.

B. For raising by way of re-borrowing the sum of One hundred and Forty-thousand and Ninety-four pounds required by the Council for the purpose of paying off sums which will fall due before the 30th November next, being a portion of their debts now subsisting on the security of outstanding securities granted by the Council for raising money for the purposes of the following Acts (that is to say) :—

Public Health Acts	117,710
Allotments Acts ...	1,245
Air Navigation Act, 1920 ...	6,766
Cheltenham Improvement Act 1852 ...	5,862
Cheltenham Water Acts 1878 and 1881	<u>8,451</u>
	£140,094

and which sums the Council are authorised to re-borrow.

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Resolved Secondly :—

(1) That the price of issue to be as follows :—The whole issue to be sold to Messrs. Cohen, Laming, Hoare at the price of Ninety-eight pounds ten shillings per cent, less a commission of One pound two shillings and sixpence per cent out of which all expenses of the issue including Stamp Duty are to be paid by them.

(2) Interest at £3 per cent per annum, payable half-yearly.

(3) Interest on the total amount of Stock (calculated from 1st September 1936), to be payable on 1st March 1937. Coupons amounting to 8s per cent less tax to be attached to Scrip Certificates representing interest at the rate of 3 per cent on instalments from their due dates.

(4) Scrip Certificates 25 per cent paid will be issued by Lloyds Bank Ltd. on 15th May 1936 in denominations of £100, £500 and £1,000. The remaining instalments are payable as follows :-

30th June	25 per cent
20th August ...	48 ½ per cent

(5) Stock to be issued in sums of not less than £100.

(6) Stock to be transferable by deed, free of Stamp Duty at the office of the Borough Treasurer and Registrar of Stock, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham.

(7) Stock Certificates to Bearer not to be issued.

Resolved Thirdly :—

That such stock shall be redeemable at par on 1st March 1956 with accrued interest, and that such stock shall be redeemed or purchased and extinguished within a period of 20 years from the creation of such stock.

Resolved Fourthly:—

That Lloyds Bank Ltd., 72 Lombard Street, London, E.C.3 be authorised to receive Subscriptions and issue Scrip Certificates on behalf of the Council.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Minister of Health for a Consent Order for the issue of 3 per cent Redeemable Stock amounting to £250,000, and that the Common Seal be affixed to these resolutions.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Mont Meeting of Mc Council to be held on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1936. Present—The Mayor : Alderman Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr Hayward, H. W. Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property—(a) 7 Grove Street —The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health of the inmates owing to leaky roof. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owner thereof requiring him to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein

(b) 13 Painswick Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the sanitary work at these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. T. C. Clark at a cost of £3 12s. 0d. RESOLVED, That an order be made under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1930, declaring the said expenses to be payable by monthly instalments of 9s 4d. per month within a period not exceeding one year, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent until the whole amount is paid.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 99 Leckhampton Road : Premises adjoining Coffee House, Rose and Crown Passage ; 19 Pitt vale Street : and 78 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.

(b) 6 Little Bayshill Terrace ; 2 and 3 Keynsham Bank—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) 11 Suffolk Square 10 Regent Street ; and 2 Bayshill Lawn—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 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 the Committee to be held on the 15th July, 1936.

(b) 10, 11 and 12a Portland Street ; 21 and 21a York Street ; 45, 56, 58 and 60 Union Street ; 4 Zara Cottages, 99 Leckhampton Road, 5 and 6 Croft Street ; 3 Corpus Street ; 44 and 60 Duke Street ; 118 Tewkesbury Road : and 22 King 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 15th July, 1936.

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(c) 42 and 44 Brunswick Street; 1 2 and 3 News Cottages, Alstone Lane—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. F. W. Hinton attended and stated he was not prepared to carry works set out in the specification prepared by the Sanitary Inspector and submitted particulars of which he considered sufficient and was prepared to carry out. 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 the works required 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) 19 and 20 Francis Street ; and 21 Upper Norwood Street and two Cottages at rear—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) 2, 4 and 7 Queen Street and 229 High Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned for two months.

(f) Disused tramcar at 4 Britannia Place—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this building. Mr. J. Webb, the owner, attended, and objected to an order being made. RESOLVED, That the making of a Demolition Order be not proceeded with at present.

(g) 19 Bath Road—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house. Mr. G. L. Boulton, the owner, attended, and asked the Committee to allow the house to remain on his undertaking that this would be occupied by only one person. RESOLVED, That the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the house again.

(h) Green's Cottages, Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses Mr. A. Cooper, the owner, attended, and consented to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and the Housing Committee be asked to consider the purchase of the houses for reconditioning.

(i) 48 Townsend Street: 5 Hewlett Cottages, 2 and 3 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road ; 52 Burton Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the undertakings given by the owners of these houses to render the houses fit for human habitation had now been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the undertakings be cancelled.

(j) 37 and 38 Mark Hill Parade ; 28, 29,30 and 31 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings dated 11th and 4th inst. respectively given by the owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation, and that the same shall not be used for habitation until rendered so fit, be accepted.

(k) The Limes, 3 Priory Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking dated the 22nd ult. given by the owner to carry out the works required to render the basement of these premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be used for habitation until rendered so fit be accepted.

(l) 6 and 8 Fairview Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the owner to convert these premises into one house and to carry out the works necessary to render the same fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be used for habitation until rendered so fit be accepted.

(m) 31a Rose and Crown Passage—RESOLVED, That the renewed application of Willie Holt (Burnley) Ltd, for permission to convert this house for another purpose be not granted and that the owners be required to demolish the house in compliance with the Order.

(n) 54 Worcester Street—With reference to the Demolition Order made in respect of this house Miss Mulhearn attended and asked the Committee to defer enforcing the Demolition Order to enable her to reconsider reconditioning the house. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the matter be further considered next month.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 7lbs. Beef ; 14 lbs. Mutton ; 4 lbs. Veal ; 2 qrs. 25 ½ lbs. Poultry 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Pork ; 20 lbs. Tinned Foods.

5—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, based on the Registrar General's estimate of population of 50,903 in 1935. The Birth Rate was 12.5 per thousand inhabitants, which was an average figure. The Death Rate was 13.38 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 9.9 per thousand inhabitants, the lowest corrected rate ever recorded, as compared with 11.7 per thousand inhabitants for the whole of England and Wales. The Death Rate of children under one year was 34.6 per thousand live births, the lowest ever recorded, as compared with 57.0 for the whole of England and Wales. RESOLVED, That the report be printed, as usual.

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6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. L. Rogers to be registered as a retailer of milk in bottles from the new shop opposite The Moors Housing Estate be granted

7—Hayden and Barn Farms—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of the work recommended by Mr. Castle. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Farms Sub-Committee, and that they be also asked to inspect the Barn Farm brook and consider and report whether this should be cleaned out this year.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase an "Autoscythe" for cutting the grass at the Sewage Works at a cost of £47 10s. 0d.

8—Zara Cottages Clearance Order—The Rota Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the owners application to retain these two cottages for use as builders stores, and recommended that lie be allowed to retain No. 2, but that No. 1 must be demolished. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted subject to consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained and to the owner entering into an Undertaking to be binding on his successors in title, not to use No. 2 for human habitation.

9—Smoke Nuisance—(a) Gasworks—The Sanitary Inspector submitted complaints received of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from the Gasworks He had ascertained that the Company were using the old retorts until the rebuilding of the vertical retorts, which emitted practically no smoke, was completed. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) Malthouse Lane—The Sanitary Inspector submitted a memorial signed by 15 residents in the vicinity of the basket factory, complaining of the emission of smoke from these works. The Sanitary Inspector reported that the nuisance was caused by the burning of surplus wood and that the Company had since agreed to cease burning at these works.

(c) Bath Road—The Sanitary Inspector submitted further complaints received of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from Messrs. Shenton's Boot and Shoe Repairing Factory and Laundry in Bath Road RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute Messrs. Shentons if the Sanitary Inspector reports any further nuisance.

10—Overcrowding Survey—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the progress made with the Overcrowding Survey, The total number of houses surveyed up to date was 9,308. He anticipated that the services of three of the enumerators could be dispensed with about the 27th June, retaining the remaining two for the work of the preparation of the report.

11—Extension of Sewage Works—The Town Clerk submitted agreement to be entered into with the Gas Company providing for a contribution by the Company of £300 per annum for the period of the loan sanction towards the cost of the Sewage Works. The Gas Company asked that a clause should be inserted in the agreement providing that the Company should be entitled to terminate the agreement if at any future time an Act was passed entitling the Company to dispose of their effluent into the sewers. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this amendment.

12—Rats and Mice Destruction Act--Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Council had decided not to adopt the recommendation of the County Agricultural Committee to appoint a Rat Officer.

13—Tallow Factory—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to defer proceeding with the demolition of the Tallow Factory to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the property again and report.

14—County of Gloucester Isolation Hospitals Scheme—The Mayor and Chairman reported their attendance at the Conference of District Councils held on the 7th inst., to consider this scheme. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make objection to the scheme when the same is submitted for the approval of the Ministry of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th May, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Avery, Compton, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair),

1—Reconditioning—(a) 104 Tewkesbury Road and 55 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Sons of £6 1.8s. 9d. for the electricity installation at these houses be accepted, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to provide the shades in addition.

(b) 15 Brunswick Street South—The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for the reconditioning of this house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. amounting to £199 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract

2—Overcrowding Survey--The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the progress made with the Overcrowding Survey. The number of families found to be overcrowded up to date was 287. In addition there were 169 border line cases which would have to be reviewed at an early date and 269 cases where there were sex segregation difficulties. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans for the erection of 150 houses, including a large proportion of 4 and 5 bedroom houses, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health informing them of the proposal to proceed at once with the erection of these houses.

3—Arrears —The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the arrears of rent, and the Town Clerk was instructed to issue summonses in certain cases.

4—St. Paul's Estate—The Housing Manager reported that Mr. E. Arkell had not included in his tender for the painting of the margins of the window panes in connection with his contract for the painting of the windows of 68 houses on the St. Paul's Estate and asked that the sum of £49 17s. 6d. be added for this. The addition of this sum would still render Mr Arkell's tender the lowest. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Repairs Sub-Committee with power to act.

5-6 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs and redecorations required to this house carried out

6—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the tree stump on the land to be sold to Mrs. Boddy.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that All Saints' Church Council had asked that the condition that the land to be purchased for a church site should be enclosed with a close boarded fence on the northern and eastern sides should be waived as they considered that the ordinary chain link fencing which would be erected by the Corporation enclosing the gardens of the adjoining houses would be sufficient, RESOLVED, That the Committee consider it is desirable that a close boarded fence should be erected, and that if the Church Council will agree to provide this they be allowed the estimated cost of providing the chain link fencing which would be unnecessary if the close boarded fence was provided.

7—Maternity Accommodation—The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that they were frequently receiving applications for houses from persons whose houses were too overcrowded or unsuitable for confinement. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Alderman Pates as the representative of this Committee to attend the meeting of the District Nursing Association with representatives of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to discuss the question of providing additional maternity accommodation.

8—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 5th inst.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th May 1936. Present—The Mayor The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Capt. Trye : Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair)

1—Tyndale, Clarence Square—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the View Committee, That the rent of this house be reduced to £40 per annum and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to have electricity power points provided.

2—Church Road, Leckhampton--Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council that they were willing to bear the cost of 19s 6d. for re-numbering the houses in the portion of Church Road in their district when they have obtained the necessary powers to incur this

expenditure from the Ministry of Health RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the re-numbering carried out.

3—Road Fund—Grants front Road Fund—Read, circular of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Transport giving particulars of the revised basis on which grants towards the cost of improvements in built-up areas would be calculated as from the 31st December last. The Minister had now decided to accept as ranking for grant the net cost of property necessarily acquired instead of only the site value as hitherto, but that the rates of grant on this more comprehensive basis would be somewhat lower than hitherto as set out in the Circular.

4—Rowanfield Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Councillor Grimwade that at a Meeting of Owners of property in this road held on the 11th inst a Committee was appointed to deal with the question of the making up the road to bye-law width, when the offer of the Corporation to make the road as proposed to be widened at an estimated cost of £4,260 if the Owners would give up the land required and pay the cost of the proportion of the cost of making up the present road estimated at £2,032 was considered The Committee were prepared to recommend the Owners to-give up the land required subject to a modification of the line of the road nearest its junction with Alstone Lane and to contribute 7s 6d per foot frontage to the cost of making up the present road, which would amount to approximately to £1,125 as against the cost of £2,032 for making up the existing road The Chairman reported that he had attended the Committee Meeting.

The Borough Surveyor reported that building had recently been commenced in the road and as development proceeded, the Council would be in a position to require the developers to widen the road to byelaw width, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit specification, plan and estimate for scarifying and repairing the surface of the present road with a view to notices being served on the Owners under Section 19 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, requiring them to carry out such repairs to obviate or remove danger to passengers or vehicles in the street, and that the question of the permanent making up and widening of the road be deferred for the present

5—Streamers across Streets--(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Floral Fete Committee to hang a streamer across the Promenade and also one across High Street on the two days of the Flower Show be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Cricket Club for permission to hang a streamer across High Street on the occasion of the their principal home matches be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Theatre and Opera House for permission to hang a streamer on a date to be arranged be not granted.

6—Halt Signs—Read, circular of 30th oh. from the Ministry of Transport stating that, where a pointsman was regularly employed at a junction, it would normally be preferable to use a " Major Road Ahead " Sign rather than a "Halt " Sign as otherwise conflicting directions might be given to drivers on the minor road by the sign and by the pointsman.

7—Junction, High Street and Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to grit the surface of the carriageway at this junction

8—Footpath, Moorend Road to Church Road—Read, resolution passed at the Leckhampton Parochial Church Council Meeting drawing attention to the state of this footpath, which, under the

Award of 1778, was repairable by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this repaired

9—Royal Well Lane Omnibus Station—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd., asking the Committee to suggest a site on the Omnibus Station for the erection of a Shelter and the View Committee recommended that this should be placed at the North Western corner of the Station. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Company informed accordingly.

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10—Royal Crescent—RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the Owners in Royal Crescent erecting a Notice Board with the words " Private Road—No Thoroughfare" thereon at the entrance to Royal Crescent near Crescent Place.

11—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of The Franco British Electrical Co. for permission to erect a large Neon Sign with the word " Ansell's" thereon in front of the " Royal Oak," High Street be not granted.

12—Pedestrian Crossing Places—(a) Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Ministry of Transport asking the Council to submit a scheme for the three additional crossings to be placed in connection with the Montpellier Traffic Island. The Minister was satisfied that the establishment of Pedestrian Crossing Places had had a beneficial effect in reducing the number of accidents in London and comparing the reduction of accidents in the City and Metropolitan Police Districts with the rest of the Country for the 48 weeks ended 15th February last, in comparison with the corresponding weeks of the previous year, the reduction in the number of persons killed in the City and Metropolitan areas was 344, or 26 per cent. as compared with 674, or 12 per cent., for the rest of the country, and in view of this, the Minister asked the Council to reconsider the matter with a view to submitting a comprehensive scheme of pedestrian crossing places for his approval. The Chairman reported that for the nine months ended 30th April last the number of persons killed in the Borough showed a reduction of 60 per cent. over the previous corresponding period and the number of persons injured a reduction of 17 per cent., and no pedestrian had been killed in the same period RESOLVED, That consideration of the letter be referred to the Traffic Sub-Committee.

(b) RESOLVED, That a scheme be submitted to the Ministry of Transport containing proposals for the establishment of three Pedestrian Crossing Places as follows :—

(1) Across Montpellier Walk near the Midland Bank.

(2) Across the junction of Montpellier Terrace with Montpellier Walk.

(3) Across the junction of Suffolk Square with Montpellier Walk.

(c) Read, letter of 2nd ult. from the National Citizens' Union asking for the removal of the Pedestrian Crossing Place in Montpellier Walk at the corner of Montpellier Spa Road to a more prominent position. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that provision for the removal of this be included in any further scheme to be submitted to the Ministry for the establishment of pedestrian crossing places.

13—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee at their Meeting held on Wednesday the 13th inst. Present—Alderman Capt. Trye (in the chair); Councillors Green and Morris They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Hoarding, Gloucester Road—That Messrs. Shakespeare Shenton's application to erect Hoarding at The Ferns be not granted as this will be detrimental to the amenities of the district and would contravene the restrictive covenants on the Libertus Estate.

(b) Lansdown Castle Island—That the sign post at the north western corner of the Island at the junction of Gloucester Road and Lansdown Road be removed.

(c) Parabola Road—That Lt.-Col. G. W. B. Swiney's application for kerbing near entrances be not granted.

(d) Montpellier Walk—That traffic be diverted down Montpellier Street while construction of the Traffic Island in Montpellier is in progress.

(e) Leckhampton Road and Pilley Lane Junction—That Mr. V. T. Nicholl's application for permission to set back his Petrol Pumps and provide an inner drive with entrance crossings in Leckhampton Road and Pilley Lane be granted subject to no petrol being delivered to cars standing on the highway.

(f) Hewlett Road—That a seat be placed on the forecourt in front of Mr. Webb's Greengrocer's shop in Hewlett Road subject to Mr. Webb's consent being obtained.

(g) Jersey Avenue—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan, Specification and estimate for making up the unmade portion of this road by the abutting owners.

(h) Pittville—That portions of the footpaths in Seagrave Place, Clarendon Villas, Pittville Lawn etc. be repaved and the carriageway of Pittville Crescent patched instead of tar sprayed and portion of the footpath repaved up to the amount provided for in the current year's estimate and that provision be made in next year's estimates for completing the work.

Pittville Terrace—That Mrs. Bird's application for removal of the tree outside No. 1 and for replacement of forest trees by small flowering trees be not granted.

(j) Clarence Square—That Miss Chesshyre's application for removal of all large trees on North side be not acceded to.

(k) Promenade—That the Memorial from Messrs. Young & Gilling, E. Scott Cooper and S. Sharpe for removal of tree outside No. 52 be not acceded to. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

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14—Traffic Island, Prestbury Road —The Committee considered the question of constructing a permanent Traffic Island at the junction of Prestbury Road and Pittville Circus, The View Committee recommended that guard rails should be provided on each of the footpaths in Pittville Circus at its junction with Prestbury Road to prevent pedestrians crossing in the line of traffic. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Post Office to ascertain on what terms the Post Office telephone chamber under the footpath adjoining Southend House can be removed to enable the footpath to be set back at this corner

15—Alstone Croft—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mr. E. T. Stinchcombe that he was prepared to give an Undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of this road to 36 feet and enquiring whether the Corporation would contribute towards the cost of widening the road, RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to contribute towards the cost.

16—Montpellier Traffic Island--(a) Glendale House—The Town Clerk submitted valuation of the District Valuer of the cost of acquiring portion of the garden of this property at the junction of Montpellier Terrace- Read, also, letter from the owner that he was willing to sell the land for the improvement of both corners for the sum of £20 subject to the consent of the tenants being obtained and to the Corporation refixing the existing fence to the new line. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from the County Surveyor stating that the County Council had approved the scheme at an estimated cost of £1,862 providing the County Council's proportion, namely 40 per cent., was charged to the Five Year Programme.

17—Advertising Vehicles—RESOLVED, That the application of the Illuminated Buy British Parade to parade an advertising vehicle in the streets on the 10th June be not granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Local National Safety First Council to parade an advertising vehicle during the Local Safety Week.

18—Roman Road—RESOLVED, That instead of patching and tar spraying the carriageway of this road as recommended at the last Meeting of the Committee the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road scarified and resurfaced.

19—Priors Road---The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now agreed with the Ministry of Transport an amended scheme for the widening of Priors Road to 60 feet and submitted plan of the proposed improvement lines, which provided for the widening to be effected on both sides of the road as far as the Cemetery Gates including the setting back of the Cemetery Gates and the erection of a fence to the new line on the East side. The total estimated cost including the purchase of the land required was £5,180, RESOLVED, That the scheme be submitted to the County Council under the Five Year Programme and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for grant and to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £5,180 for the cost of carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the land required for the widening of the road on the East side.

20—Road Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of road works proposed to be carried out in the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

21—Promenade--With reference to the decision last month to erect an R.A.C. Parking sign directing to the Garage of the Regent Motors Ltd. the Borough Surveyor reported that the R.A.C. Sign was not available for directing to Private Car Parks. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances, the Committee are unable to agree to the erection of any other sign and that Minute No. 3 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be rescinded.

22—Junction, Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst., from Mr. A. W. Martyn agreeing to surrender the land for rounding off this crossing subject to the work of re-erecting the fence etc. being carried out by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Martyn.

(b) Langton House Hotel—Read, also, letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter setting out the terms upon which the owner was prepared to surrender the land at the corner of this property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inform the Agents the terms upon which the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to carry out the improvement.

23—Private Improvement Works-Hatherley Road—The Borough reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell were prepared to pay for the cost of making up the portion of the footpath in Hatherley Road beyond the Railway Bridge at cost price per cent. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out on these terms. subject to agreement being entered into.

24—Junction, Queen's Road and Lansdown Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council were willing to agree to the rounding off at the corner of "Northwold" a minor improvement if the Council will agree to the cost of £36 being divided between the two Council's equally ESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

25—Lansdown Road Railway Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport and the County Surveyor approving of twin carriageways over the Lansdown Bridge with a total width of 64 feet between the parapets. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

26—Six Chimney Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Western Estates Ltd. had now surrendered the land for the widening of this road and had paid the sum required for making up the footpath. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be now instructed to have carriageway widened in accordance with the Undertaking given to the Western Estates Ltd.

27---Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 4th Inst, from Western Estates Ltd. asking whether the Corporation proposed to widen this road on the land given up by them. RESOLVED, That the widening be not carried out at present but that a temporary footpath be constructed along the new improvement line.

28—Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport had suggested that the road from the Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge to the Borough boundary should be widened to 80 feet when the widening of the Bridge is carried out. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that a road of 60 feet would be sufficient for the present but that provision be made in the Town Planning Scheme for the ultimate widening to 80 feet as suggested by the Ministry.

29—Hall Road—The Chairman reported that St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton, was willing to give up a strip of land opposite the School House for the widening of the footpath in Hall Road. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement.

30—Royal Well Lane—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the Taxi Office to a position on land behind the footpath on the West side about half way down the road.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st May, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade Moore and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; Major H. Dent-Brocklehurst ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (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.
4311	Anglo-American Oil Co	Office, Depot, Tewkesbury Road.
4312	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co.	Urinal and W. C., Talbot Inn, Duke Street.
4313	Eager, E. & Son	Garage, 8 Eldon Road.
4314	Longland, Mr.	Garage, Homestead, Church Road.
4315	Mitchells & Butlers Ltd.	W.C., Horse and Groom Inn, St. James' Street
4316	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	7 houses, Brooklyn Road.
4317	Broad, A. E.	Garage, Phylbrey, Jersey Avenue.
4318	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Road.
4319	Barnes, S. R.	Garage, The Ferns, Gloucester Road.
4320	New Street Shopfitting Co.	Conversion of dwellinghouse into business premises, Shurdington Road,
4321	Alcock, S.	Scaffold shed, Exmouth Street.
4322	Bestham, A. M.	Garage, Braemar, Cranham Road.
4323	Trigg, Mrs.	New bay window, Whaddon Lane,
4324	Woodbridge, W	Additional room, rear of 1 Clarence Square,
4325	Smith, T. G.	Porch, 5 Norwood Parade.
4326	Smith Bros.	Conversion of coach house into garage, rear of Albion Place.
4327	Goddard & Hunt	Detached house, Albert Road.
4328	Healing, T. E.	Bookbinding factory, Ambrose Place,
4329	Tilley, G. E.	Store shed, rear of 413 High Street.
4330	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Pavilion, Arle Court,
4331	Hollins, W. A.	New cloakroom, White Lodge, Hatherley Road
4332	Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society	Block of flats, Suffolk Square.
4333	Shill, T.	Bathroom and scullery, Firtree Cottage, Shurdington Road.
4334	Kendall, J.	Extensions, Moray House Hotel, Parabola Road.
4335	Wheeler & Mansell	2 houses, new road off Hales Road.
4336	Giles, C.	Detached house, Old Bath Road,
4337	Webb, A. G.	Cycle and tool shed, Fit Cot, Tewkesbury Road.
4338	Waite & Son	New shop front, High Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4311, 4313, 4314, 4317, 4323, 4327, 4329, 4335, 4336, 4337 and 4338 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4312, 4315, 4320, 4321, 4324, 4328, 4330, 4331, 4333 and 4334 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and in the case of Plan No. 4320, subject also to the forecourt being paved and thrown into the highway ; and in the case of Plan No. 4321, subject also to the clearance of the site in accordance with the Clearance Order and in the case of Plan No. 4330, subject also to there being no direct access to the main road, and to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the building at their own cost and without compensation if and when required; and in the case of Plan No. 4331, subject also to the owners entering into an undertaking not to make any claim for compensation in respect of the new part of the building in the event of the road being widened ;

That Plans Nos. 4316 and 4322 be approved subject to the buildings being set back to the building lines laid down in the Town Planning Scheme ; That Plan No. 4318 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the fence to the improvement line on completion of the building, and to dedicate the land for widening the road, That Plan No 4325 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at their own cost and without compensation if and when required ; That consideration of Plan No. 4326 be deferred for view ; That Plans Nos. 4319 and 4332 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.
949	Stevenson, Mrs.	Four detached houses, Cleeve Hill.
950	Pearce, Mr. R. E.	Detached bungalow, Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote.
951	Bendall, Mrs. M.D	Additions, No. 10 Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
952	Spencer, C. E	Garage (Private), Eden End, Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury.
953	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd	Proposed development of land and the erection of 81 houses, Land between Station Road and Butts Lane, Woodmancote.
954	Minett, C	Detached house, Cleeve Hill.
955	Oldacre, W. J.	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Bishop's Cleeve.
956	Bowd, W. H.	Proposed development of land at Southam, (16 houses), New Road, Southam.
957	Kendall, Mrs.	Proposed Bathroom," Hilda," Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
958	Billings, A C. & Sons, Ltd. Proposed Garage (Private), No. 6 Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
659	do.	Detached house, Plot No. 31, Charlton House Estate, Charlton Kings.
960	do.	Garage (Private), Plot No. 41, Charlton House Estate, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 951, 952, 954, 957, 958, 959 and 960 be approved ; That Plan No. 950 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme if and when required, and to dedicate the land for the widening of Bushcombe Lane ; That Plan No. 955 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the new road line on completion of the building, and to particulars of the road works being submitted to and approved by the County Council and this Committee That Plan No. 956 be approved subject to the owner entering into an under-taking (1) to set back the front fence to the line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme on completion of the buildings, and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road, (2) to delete the end house from the scheme, and (3) to reserve as a private open space the land fronting the main road ; That consideration of Plan No 953 be deferred ; and That Plan No. 949 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) Read, application from Mr. A. V. Gregory asking for permission to use land fronting the main road near East Court, Charlton Kings, for the purpose of excavating sand and gravel. The Borough Surveyor reported that the proposal would seriously injure the amenities of adjoining residential properties, and a main sewer crossed the site. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Matthews for consent to a building plot in Warden Hill Road being used as a gipsy encampment be not granted.

(c) Read, application from Mr. J. Warren for permission to use a plot of land fronting Hester's Way Road as a temporary timber yard and saw mill. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the plot being so used for a period of two years, subject to the owner undertaking to clear the land to the satisfaction of the Committee when it is vacated

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Manager of Pyatts Hotel, St. George's Road, for permission to erect a notice board near the entrance to the hotel be granted.

4—Committee—(a) Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Council had re-appointed Major J. H. Dent-Brocklehurst and Capt. H. P. Leschallas as their representatives on the Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) Read, letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had reappointed Messrs G. E. Arthurs, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A. fiend as their representatives on the Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Priors Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the District Valuer in regard to the negotiations for the acquisition of the land belonging to Priors Farm for the widening of Priors Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to give an undertaking if required under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act that the owner shall not be prevented from building along the frontage to the widened road subject to the position and number of accesses to the road being approved by the Committee.

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6—Hoarding Fern Villa, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Shentons for permission to erect an advertisement hoarding at Fern Villa, Gloucester Road be not granted.

7—Plan No. 4278—Read, letter from Mr. T. Davis asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve his plan for the erection of a workshop at the rear of 22 Naunton Lane. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred for view by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Barnett and Moore.

8—Plans--RESOLVED, That the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to require persons submitting plans for buildings in the Town Planning area to supply these in triplicate to enable a copy to be retained in the Town Planning Department.

9—Plan No. T.P. 922—Read, report of the Sub-Committee of their inspection of the site of the proposed bungalow to be built by Mr. A. G. Griffin near Whitehall, Sevenhampton. They recommended that the owner be asked to submit an amended plan for a wooden frame building, covered with expanded metal or rough cast asbestos, which would conform more to the character of the district. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Health extending the period for the preparation of the draft Scheme up to 31st December next.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported interview which he and the County Surveyor had with the Town Planning Department of the Ministry of Health on the 8th inst. with a view to ascertaining what methods could be adopted to expedite preparation of the draft Scheme having regard to the delay caused in the work through the operation of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act. The

Ministry suggested (1) That classified roads should remain as at present shown on the maps and a Clause inserted in the Scheme applying to these roads the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act . (2) That the County Council and the Committee should jointly consider to which of the unclassified roads and proposed new roads it was desirable to apply the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and for the County Council to make the necessary Orders and submit the same to the Ministry of Transport for approval ; (3) That no alteration be made at the present time in the manner of showing proposed widenings and new roads, but that these should be reviewed when the final maps are being prepared.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th May, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Green, Ben James, Howell and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 5th inst. T

hey recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Bridge Congress—That the application of the Bridge Congress to alter the date of the Cheltenham Congress be not acceded to and the date originally fixed, namely the week ending 9th October, be adhered to.

(b) Boxing—That the arrangements made for a Boxing Tournament to be held at the Athletic Ground on a date to be arranged with Mr. J. Panter of Leicester be approved, the Corporation to pay half the expenses and to receive half of the net receipts after deduction of entertainments tax and percentage of receipts to the two principal boxers. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 14th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Cafe Manageress—That Miss D. Wilks be appointed Cafe Manageress at a wage of £3 per week to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Betts, the appointment to be terminable by either party by two weeks notice in writing.

(b) General Hospital—That the matron of the Hospital be supplied with twelve season tickets for the use of nurses at the Hospital.

(c) That teachers and instructors accompanying classes of pupils from schools attending the Pool be admitted free. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Alstone Baths--(a) RESOLVED, That a charge of 2s per lesson be made for private swimming instruction at the Alstone Baths and that the Superintendent be paid half of the fees received.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the St. James' Church Lads Brigade for reduced charges for admission to these baths be granted and that, provided all the Brigade attended at one time, the charge be reduced to 2d. per head (c) Read, application from Mr. E. Ivamy asking on what terms the Committee would agree to admit the students of the Junior Day School of the Technical College to these baths. There were at present 59 students at the School RESOLVED, That the students be admitted on one occasion per week throughout the summer term on payment of a sum of £10.

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

5—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the letting of the Winter Garden Repertory Theatre to Mr. Cox after the expiration of his present agreement on 31st inst. The agreement provided for the theatre to be let to him on a monthly tenancy at a rent of £5 per week as already approved. RESOLVED, That the draft agreement be approved.

6—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Central Brotherhood for the free use of the Pavilion on Sundays in June, July and August for meetings of the Brotherhood be granted subject to the Brotherhood making good any damage which may be done to the property and to the arrangement being determinable at any time on one week's notice.

7—Pittville Gardens—Read, application from Miss L. Ratcliffe asking for the use of the Pump Room and upper portion of the Pittville Gardens for a combined inspection by the War Office of the five Red Cross detachments on either the 10th or 17th of June. RESOLVED, That the free use be granted subject to any damage being made good.

8—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed at the last Council Meeting, he had arranged for these pools to be opened on Sundays from 4.30 p.m. but as there was no dressing accommodation for mixed bathing it was necessary to confine this either to boys or girls. RESOLVED, That the use of the pools on Sundays be available for boys only.

WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd May, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—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) Boxing—That an offer of the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club to join with the Corporation in arranging the boxing tournament at the Athletic Ground be agreed to, the Club to pay 50 per cent of the Corporation's share of the expenses, and to take 50 per cent of the Corporation's share of the receipts.

(b) That season tickets for chairs at concerts and also for chairs at Pittville, Montpellier and the Promenade be issued at 5s, as last year.

(c) Drawing Room—That the free use of the Drawing Room at the Town Hall be granted to the Women's Public Health Officer's Association for their annual conference on 26th September next. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Advertising Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Advertising Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 20th inst. Present—Councillors Avery, Green and Grimwade (in the chair), and Mr. H. T. Bush. They recommended (inter alia) as follows (a) That, having regard to the large number of replies received in response to the special advertising directed to Cheltenham as a centre for the Cotswolds, the Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for the printing of a small Guide to the Cotswolds.

(b) Poster--That the offer of the G.W. and L.M.S. Railway Companies to pay half the cost of producing a new poster at an estimated cost of £100. and to have this posted at all the stations of the two companies during 1937 and 1938 be accepted, and that the companies be authorised to proceed with the production of the poster. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

11—New Guide--The Entertainments Manager reported that he estimated the stock of Guides would only be sufficient for this year, and the Advertising Sub-Committee recommended that a Joint Committee should be appointed to produce a new Guide. RESOLVED, That Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Smith be appointed representatives of the Corporation on the Joint Committee, and that the Chamber of Commerce be asked to appoint five representatives.

12—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the telephone installed at these Baths.

(b) Life Saving Classes—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Ambulance Association for the use of these Baths for Life-saving classes on Wednesdays at 8 30 p.m. be granted at a charge of 1618d per hour, including lighting, as in the case of the Spa Baths.

13—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the free use of the bandstand be granted to the Salvation Army on 6th July on the occasion of the visit of General Evangeline Booth.

14—Pittville Gardens—Read, letter from the Rotary Club thanking the Council for the free use of Marge Hill Annexe and Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the proposed Guy Fawkes Carnival on 5th November, and asking for the use of the Pump Room and Town Hall for dances on the same evening. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pump Room be granted if this is available, but that the application for the free use of the Town Hall be not granted.

15—Town Hall—Read, application from Mr. R. H. Jukes, District Commissioner for Boy Scouts, for the free use of the Town Hall for the Boy Scouts Conference on 21st and 22nd November next. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

16—Swimming Pool—(a) Read, letters from the Secretary of the General Hospital and Matron of Delancey Hospital thanking the Committee for the free season tickets given to the Hospitals for the benefit of the nursing staff.

(b) RESOLVED, That the 6d Spectators tickets issued up to 1 p.m. include a Cup of Coffee.

17—International Council of Music Users—Read, letter of 19th inst from the Ministry of Health that the Minister did not consider he could properly sanction the payment of an annual subscription to this Council.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th May, 1936. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Cables—Eight tenders were received for the supply of cables for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for report at the next meeting.

2—Public Lighting—(a) Prestbury Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in connection with the construction of the traffic island at the junction of Prestbury Road with Pittville Circus and Albert Road, it would be necessary to remove the present lamp standard and erect a new standard in the centre of the island. He recommended that the new standard should be fitted with three arms, each equipped with a 200 watt lamp. The maintenance of the new lamp standard would cost an additional f6 per annum. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the new lamp standard provided, and that the additional running cost be charged to the public lighting account,

(b) Church Road, Leckhampton—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted memorial from the Leckhampton Church Electors asking for an improvement in the lighting of Church Road. The Borough boundary was along the centre of the road and no lighting was provided by the Leckhampton Parish Council for the houses in Leckhampton Parish. RESOLVED That the Committee are unable to carry out any improvement in the lighting of this road, and that the memorialists be informed that they should approach the Leckhampton Parish Council.

(c) Whaddon Estate—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to erect two lamps at the rear of the block of flats in course of erection on this estate.

3—Showroom—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the conference held between representatives of the Committee and Electrical Contractors, and that he was having a further conference with the Contractors this week.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Swindon—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to proceed with the extension of the supply to the parish of Swindon, as previously authorised by the Council.

(b) Seven Springs House—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to extend the overhead lines from Cowley to Seven Springs House and from there to Salterley Grange to complete the ring, at an estimated cost of £2,256, and that he be authorised to afford a supply to Seven Springs House on the terms now approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £2,256 for the cost of the work, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport and local authorities concerned for approval of the overhead lines.

(c) Box Farm, Woodmancote—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the erection of the overhead lines for the supply to Box Farm, Woodmancote on the usual conditions.

5—Distribution—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report as to the percentage of loss in distribution in other areas, as compared with the Cheltenham area.

6—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, report of damage to a lamp standard in Gloucester Road near Granley Road on the 4th instant by a lorry belonging to Mr. S. T. Davis. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

7—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 1st, 9th, 12th, 20th and 24th instant, which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.1, 472.7, 468.9, 470'1 and 470 B.Th.U., and the pressure 6.5, 6.7, 5.6, 5.6 and 7.1 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th May, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates; Councillors Dr. Hayward 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, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	333,000 gallons	231,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	886,000	900,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	72,000	51,000
	1,291,000	1,182,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about .., ... 102,952,000 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—Borough Engineer's Department—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. C. E. Tippets, chief clerk in the Water Office. for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £265 per annum.

5—June Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell.

6—Farms--(a) Mr. Castle attended and submitted his half-yearly report on his inspection of the Farms, The roofs at Lower or Home Farm needed repair, and he submitted list of various other minor repairs required to be carried out at the farms, for which the Corporation were liable as Landlords. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these repairs carried out. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Castle be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of fencing required against the woodland belonging to Rossley Manor. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Castle be instructed to provide a

dividing fence between Fields No. 243 and 134 on Home or Lower Farm, at a cost of not exceeding £25.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare tenancy agreement for the The Langet at a rent of £8, and for the land purchased from Mrs. Burton at a rent of £2 per annum, let by Mr. Castle to Mr. Ball.

(c) Land, Leckhampton Hill—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the tenant (Mr. James) with three new gates and to have the corrugated iron roofs of the buildings painted, and a portion of the barn repaired.

(d) Castle Barn Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that he was not yet in a position to submit plans for the new farmhouse to be erected at Castle Barn Farm. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be instructed to prepare plans and specification for the erection of a new farmhouse.

(e) Lower Hewletts Farm—Read, letter from Messrs. New & Saunders asking the Committee to appoint representatives to meet Mr. Robinson in regard to the repairs, etc., which he asked to be carried out at this farm. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Dr. Hayward be appointed to meet Mr. Robinson,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th May, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Moore, Taylor and Capt. Trye: Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh James, Smith and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that since the last meeting there had been another outbreak of swine fever, and there were now two premises affected with swine fever in the Borough.

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

Date, 1936	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
19th April	32 Clarence Square ...	Defective fire grate	Slight	£4 19s. 6d.
20th "	85 and 86 Tewkesbury Road	Not apparent	About £1,000	£9 13s. 6d.
20th "	Milestones, Cirencester Road	Defective chimney	Slight ..	£3 9s. 6d
26th "	Alpha Garage, Queens Road	Motor car	£50-£60	£4 15s 0d.

(b) Dowdeswell—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk to the Dowdeswell Parish Council enquiring on what terms the Council would provide the services of the Brigade to this parish. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to provide the services of the Brigade subject to payment of an annual retaining fee of £25, and to the usual agreement being entered into

3—Market—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plan (and estimate for rebuilding the ladies' conveniences at the Market, and provision of 3 new water closets, and also provision of a wash basin and new screen wall He estimated the total cost at £150. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out, and that one of the ladies' conveniences be free.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of providing a door in the main wall in the Market building giving access to the road was £15. RESOLVED, That the Society be informed that the Committee raise no objection to the Market Society providing this at their own expense, subject to it being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Read, report of the Annual Licensing Meeting held at the Central Depot on the 19th inst. Present—Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Green. Having inspected all the taxi cabs and received the report of the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, they recommended that all the licences be renewed for one year from the 6th inst., with the exception of Licences Nos. 33 and 78, which be renewed for 3 months and 2 months. respectively.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Launchbury for the transfer of Licence No. 13 at present held by Mr. J. Taylor, who was giving up his licence, be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the applications of A Salter, A. T. Bishop and E. C. Martin for transfer of their licences Nos. 46, 31 and 50 respectively, to new cars DF 3988, BA 23 and YE 2212 purchased by them be granted

5—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. J. S. Fruin and Mr. G. A. Hacker for licences to store 500 gallons and 1,000 gallons of petrol respectively at their premises at Paragon Garage, Bath Road and Lansdown Place be granted.

6—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Etc. Bill—The Town Clerk reported the proceedings before the Unopposed Bills Committee of the House of Commons. RESOLVED, That the Council hereby undertake :—

(1) That if and when the Corporation promote another Bill they will include therein the local government clauses contained in the present Bill and repeal these clauses in the present Bill.

(2) That the Corporation will not put clause 119 (Prohibition of tents, vans etc.) into operation against existing occupiers for a period of six months from the passing of the Act. And that the Common Seal be affixed to copies of this resolution.

7—Ambulance Headquarters—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Ambulance Headquarters inviting the Council to appoint two representatives on their Executive Committee. RESOLVED, That Councillors Dr. Hayward and Dr. Howell re be appointed the representatives of the Council.

8—" Heart of the Empire "—RESOLVED, That a coloured copy of Mr Frank O. Salisbury's picture, " The Heart of the Empire " signed by the artist, be purchased at a cost of £5 5s. 0d. and that the same framed and hung in the Committee Room.

9—Town Clerk's Department—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. E. Nash for an increase in salary be granted, and that his salary be increased to £156 per annum.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit a report as to the staffing of his department.

10—Borough Arms—RESOLVED, That the application of Cavendish House Ltd. for permission to include reproductions of the Borough Arms on their window screens be not granted.

11—County Electoral Divisions—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council enclosing notice of proposals submitted by the County for the alteration of the Electoral Divisions in Stroud and adjoining parishes. RESOLVED, That no objection be made thereto.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th May, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Grimwade; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Grin wade in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 87, 91, 104, 107, 111 (b) and 118 (b) Asquith Road ; 12 and 13 Alma Road ; 106 Crabtree Piece; 11 Gapper's Field ; 14, 15 and 45 Creamery Piece ; 5 and 50 Albert Road ; 71 Whaddon Lane (Old) ; 21 (a) and 29 Whaddon Lane (New). RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these allotments stating that if the allotments are not put in a satisfactory condition they will be given notice to quit.

2—Orchard, Marsh Lane—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. C. C. Castle, on behalf of Mr. A. Smith, to rent the orchard containing 2 289 acres on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £90 per annum. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

3--Tennyson Road Allotments—Read, further letter from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend, on behalf of the owner of Rowanfield Gardens, in regard to the hedge between these allotments and their client's property. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gaps in the hedge filled up with stakes and barbed wire, at a cost of about £5.

4—Crabtree Piece Allotments—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that it would not now be necessary to provide steps to enable the allotment holders to obtain water from Wyman's Brook, as the steps used prior to the cleaning out of the brook had not been altered.

(b) Councillor Addis reported complaints made by the allotment holders of the children from Crabtree Place using the path across these allotments as a short cut to St. Peter's Schools, and damaging their crops. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be asked to caution the tenants in Crabtree Place that they must not allow their children to go across the allotments, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Headmaster and Headmistress of St. Peter's School asking them also to caution the children against this.

5—Soya Bean—Read, letter from Mr. J. Mason of Gidea Park, Essex, that in connection with his efforts to introduce the Soya Bean into this country on a commercial scale, he wished to make a test of the soil and climate in this district, and asking the Corporation to help in this research work and in this way assist in establishing a stock of pedigree seeds, of different types, grown in different districts, and specially adapted to different soils and climates. The cost of the acclimatised seed was 2s 3d. per lb. and 9 lb. was sufficient to grow a quarter of an acre. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to plant Soya Beans on two vacant allotments—one at Alma Road and one at Asquith Road.

6—Allotment No. 17 Alma Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment that he wished to terminate his tenancy as from 25th March last. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to prompt payment of the 6s arrears of rent

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, [..] May, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair),

1—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that keys of the gates of these Gardens were being obtained by persons who were not entitled to free admission. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to local firms informing them that they must not supply keys of the Gardens to private order, and that these keys can only properly be obtained from the Corporation,

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had difficulty with a number of visitors from Prestbury Park Hotel who were under the impression that they were entitled to free admission to the Gardens, having apparently been so informed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Manageress of the Hotel pointing out that visitors are not entitled to admission except on payment of the usual admission charge or by taking a season ticket.

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(c) RESOLVED, also, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to report as to the desirability of closing some of the gates to the Gardens.

(d) The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 3rd inst. Dorothy Emerson of 10 Hudson Street had been found taking tulips from Pittville Gardens, and that on the same date Norman Champion (aged 10) of 34 Hudson Street and Reginald Ashton of 32 Hudson Street were caught taking ducks eggs from the nests near the Lake. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the children.

(e) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Mechanization Ltd. had now commenced the necessary work to prevent oil waste from entering the stream which flowed into the Lake, and he anticipated that this would be satisfactorily completed in two or three weeks' time.

(f) RESOLVED, That the charges for fishing in the Lake be fixed as follows :—Season 5s, Day 6d., after 5 p.m. 3d. RESOLVED, also, That a notice be inserted in the " Echo " advertising the fishing, and that fishing commence on 15th June.

2—Sandford Park—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the cost of making good the damage caused by Messrs: Bertram Mills' Circus was £16 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to Messrs Bertram Mills for payment of this sum.

3—Gardens Superintendent—Read, application from the Gardens Superintendent for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £350 per annum, rising on 1st April 1937 to £375, and on 1st April 1938 to £400 per annum,

4—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Cheltenham Motor Club asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to allow them the use of the Athletic Ground on Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday at a rent of £10 and £15 respectively, and on any other dates on terms to be arranged. Read, also, letter from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club pointing out that considerable damage was caused to the ground by grass track racing. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision, and that the Motor Club be informed that the Committee cannot entertain any application for the use of the ground for grass track racing

5—Hard Tennis Courts, St. Mark's—Read, application from the Brooklyn Tennis Club for permission to erect a sheet of green canvas 6 feet high on the first tennis court at St. Mark's Recreation Ground at the end adjoining the entrance to the ground. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

6—Hatherley Court Estate—Read, letter of 6th inst from the Ministry of Health, enclosing sanction to loan of £5,711 for the purchase and layout of Hatherley Court Estate Playing Field.

7—Cricket Pitch—Read, letter from St. Paul's Central Cricket Club asking for the use of a cricket pitch on Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursday evening's in addition to Saturday afternoons. RESOLVED, That they be granted the use of a pitch on alternate Thursday evenings subject to them giving up the use of the pitch previously granted for practice on one evening per week

8—Montpellier Gardens—The Chairman reported the Sub-Committee's inspection of these Gardens on 4th inst., which was attended by the Chairman (Councillor Green), Councillors Grimwade and Davis. They recommended as follows :—

(a) Pay Box—That the pay box and railings at the entrance to the Broad Walk from Montpellier Walk be removed.

(b) Putting Course—That the low railings round the Putting Course be painted dull green.

(c) That one flower bed only be formed in the lawn adjoining the Tank.

(d) Pavilion—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the advisability and cost of removing the sides and gable front of the Pavilion so that chairs may be placed under the roof during the band concerts.

(e) Convenience—That the old underground convenience be filled in when the new convenience is completed, and the present mound lowered as far as possible. Mayor's Walk—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the planting of some young oak trees, and the removal of some of the old trees in the Broad Walk in order to form a Mayor's Walk. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th May, 1936. Present—Councillors Avery, Kendall, Grimwade and Howell ; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Councillor Grim-wade in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for April—Visits---2,562 (last year 3,213). Included in these figures was a party of 15 boys from St. Stephen's Ramblers, Gloucester,

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, 4s 7d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " 10s 3d. Total 14s 10d.

Exhibitions-8th April to 9th May : Display of Old Bicycles; 25th April to 9th May : Prints by Members of Cheltenham Amateur Photographic Society.

Offer of Coach by Mrs. Elwes---The Curator reported as to this Coach, which the Committee desired to accept as a gift, and suggested that as the only position available would appear to be at Pittville

Pump Room, the Parks Committee be asked for their consent to display the Coach at Pittville, after the conclusion of the New Education Fellowship Conference RESOLVED, That this suggestion be approved.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given talks on " Bygones of the Countryside " to Prestbury and to Dumbleton Women's Institutes

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mrs. Bryan, Mr. J. A. Cook, Mr. E. C. Gardner, Mrs. Hall, Miss Holliday, Mr. C. R. Mapp, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. W. Shakespeare, Mr. S. B. Russell and Capt. R. P. Wild.

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

3—Loans—Objects had been placed on loan from Mr. C. R. Mapp and Mrs. Prior.

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

4-----New Casing Three tenders were received for a new Double Desk Showcase, with 48 drawers under, as provided for in current Estimate. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Peter Waals (being the lowest) for a Honduras Mahogany Case, at the price of £76, be accepted.

5—Redecoration of De Ferrieres Gallery—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. Griffiths Bros. for the cleaning and repainting of the Dutch Gallery, in the sum of £12 10s. 0d., be accepted.

6—Telephone Extension—RESOLVED, That a telephone extension to the Museum workroom upstairs be installed at a cost of 4s per quarter.

7—Campden Exhibition—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to negotiate for the transfer of the Campden Exhibition of Art and Craftsmanship, to the Art Gallery. for the month of September, 1936,

8—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That the purchase from this Fund of a Suit of Livery from Toddington Manor, at a cost of £1 5s. 0d., be approved

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on 17th July.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd May 1936, Present---Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th April to 22nd May, 1936. Interments 51 ; Grave Spaces sold 18 (First Position 1, Second 1 Position 1, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 14); Memorials erected 9 ; New inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9397 to 9414.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1927 to 1940, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the chairman, be approved.

4—Cemetery Lodge—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the relaying of the floor at the Cemetery Lodge. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons of £22 (being the lowest) be accepted.

5—Maintenance of Grave 10,091—Section P.—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Farrington and Winterton, on behalf of the executors of Miss A. Miles, deceased, to pay the sum of £50 for the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity by the Corporation be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

6—Opening of Cemetery—RESOLVED, That during the summer time the Cemetery be opened on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th May, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Moore (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—A Statement of Unpaid Rates was read and signed.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th May, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate Amount collected £19,191 ; Leaving outstanding £94,513

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1936, Amount collected £5,136 ; Leaving outstanding £16,210.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions

Date.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
29th April.	Replacement of water mains	£5,000	30 years
6th May.	Purchase of Hatherley Court Estate	£1,010	20 years
“	Layout “	£4,700	60 years
11th May.	Sewage Disposal	£1,145	20 years
25th “	Relief Sewers, Bath Road	£1,540	30 years

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Waite.

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

5-3 per cent. Stock, 1956—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that £60,000 of the 3 per cent. Stock had been credited to the Corporation account on the 15th inst., representing 25 per cent. less 1 per cent brokers' agreed commission etc., and in addition £28,077 had been received on account of fully paid scrip certificates.

(b) Stock Certificates—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Sprague & Co. for the printing of 1,000 Stock Certificates for the sum of £27, including the engraving plate, to remain the property of the Corporation, be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That no charge be made for the original certificate, but that a charge of 2s 6d be made for subsequent certificates and 2s 6d registration of subsequent transfers etc.

6—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported on the present system of costing expenditure, and he recommended that a Burrough's Accounting and Adding Machine should be purchased to enable a daily analysis of cost to be made with a weekly record. He submitted letter from Messrs. Burroughs offering to sell a demonstration machine at the reduced price of £268. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the total of the Fund at the 31st March last was £58,926, and the surplus on last year was £6,101 10s: 5d. RESOLVED, That £5,140 19s. 1d. of this surplus be applied to investments with other local authorities, and that this sum be transferred from the Sinking Fund Account.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. J. Muntzer (late engineer in the Electricity Department) died on the 8th inst., and E. Hooper (sweeper) died on the 21st inst.

8—Sinking Fund Investments—RESOLVED, That the balance of Sinking Fund investments amounting to £1,562 14s. 3d. be applied to the Housing Repairs Fund.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd July, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of July, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted, at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To Report resignation of Councillor L. Scott Langley.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :--

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE and to accept offer to purchase 17, 18 and 25 Brunswick Street South and 24. and 25 Queen Street. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and Report of Airport Joint Committee. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Me Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair.

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N.; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham, and Councillor Moore.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th May, 1936, 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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9, 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 Housing Street and Highway Meeting held May 11

Housing Meeting held May 14

Street and Highway Meeting held May 18

Except Minute No. 12 (b) relating to Pedestrian Crossings, and subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Alderman Moore : " That Minute No. 30 with regard to the Taxi Office in Royal Well Lane be referred back for further consideration."

Town Planning Meeting held May 21

Resolved, also, That Plan No. 4278 be not approved but that the Owner be informed that the Committee will be prepared to approve modified plans for a temporary building 20 feet by 12 feet subject to consent of the Owners of the 26 houses in the Terrace being obtained.

That Plan No. 4326 be disapproved. And,

That Plan No. 4332 be approved subject to steel work details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; to the balcony walls being increased to a height of 3 feet 6 inches, or provided with guard rails ; to as many trees as possible being left standing and to the wall on the Suffolk Square side being set back at the Council's expense to provide for widening to 50 feet ; and to the wall at the end of Imperial Lane being also set back.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 15 & 22.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Addis " That Minute No. 9 (a) in regard to the Boxing Tournament be riot approved " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 25

Water Meeting held May 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held May 19

Allotments Meeting held May 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 11

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Bettridge "That Minute No. 1 (d) with regard to the stealing of flowers and eggs from Pittville Gardens, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

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Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 15

Burial Board Meeting held May 22

Rating Meeting held May 7

Finance Meeting held May 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.

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss E. Matthews being a woman acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of schools, and Miss E. L. Brooks, being a woman having experience in Education be appointed Members of the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 3rd June. 1939.

4—Notice of Motion—Councillor Grimwade's Notice of Motion "That the practice of effecting sales to the public of electrical appliances at the Showroom of the Electricity Department be discontinued" was, with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

D. L. LIPSON,

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th July, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Lt -Col Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh James, E. W. Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Lt.-Col. Riggs in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at Elm Cottage, Old Bath Road ; 5 Brandon Place ; 1 Hermitage Street ; 3 and 4 Grosvenor 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—Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) 22 Lansdown Crescent—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) 22 Lansdown Crescent ; 99 Leckhampton Road ; Rose and Crown Passage, premises adjoining Coffee House ; 76 Winchcomb Street ; 21 Pittville Street ; and 103 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.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 7 St. George's Terrace ; Pierville, Bayshill : 10 St. George's Place ; Halsey House, Pittville ; Deerhurst, 88 Portland 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 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, 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 the Committee to be held on the 14th September, 1936.

(b) 3 Priory Street (basement) ; 1 Pittville Lawn (basement) ; Broughton, College Road (basement)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Undertakings given by the Owners of these houses had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be now cancelled.

(c) 19 Bath Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Order in respect of this house, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the 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 the work required 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 becomes operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the house is not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which it is vacated.

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(d) 21 Hermitage Street ; 6 Brandon Terrace ; Box Cottage, Pilley Lane ; 7 Grovel Street ; 5 Burton Terrace, Lower Park Street ; 32 and 33 Worcester Street ; 46 Upper Park Street ; 11 Sherborne Street ; 18 Jersey Street ; and 4 Chester Walk—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 14th September, 1936.

(e) 2 Oxford Parade—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of this house be adjourned for one month.

(f) 19 Francis Street ; 21 Upper Norwood Street and 2 Cottages at rear—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) 20 Francis Street ; and 33 Lansdown Crescent (basement)—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(h) 26 Winchcomb Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the basement of this house had been re-let contrary to the Closing Order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the owner for the penalties under the Act.

(i) Closing Orders—RESOLVED, That in future the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to have a notice placed on the front door of parts of premises in respect of which Closing Orders have been made indicating that a Closing Order has been made.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 lbs. Pork ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. Beef ; 23 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 3 lbs. Veal.

5—Diphtheria—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on a minor outbreak of Diphtheria in Cheltenham, and as to the steps taken in the matter.

6—Abattoir—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received requests for a telephone to be installed at the Abattoir. RESOLVED, That the telephone be installed with an additional exterior bell, and that a charge of 2d. for local calls be made for the use of the telephone by persons at the Abattoir.

7—Winchcomb Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported on a disused brick sewer in Winchcomb Street, which was infested with rats RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for filling in the sewer

8—Brockworth Cottages Clearance Order—The Sanitary Inspector submitted 3 tenders received for the demolition of 1 and 2 Brockworth Cottages. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. amounting to £25 (being the lowest) be accepted.

9—Orthodichlorbenzene—Read, circular of 22nd ult. from the Ministry of Health that pending further investigations, it was undesirable that Orthodichlorbenzene should be used for the disinfection of inhabited houses.

10—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health reported the progress made with the completion of the report on the Overcrowding Survey.

11—Montpellier Convenience—Read, application from the British Automatic Co. Ltd. asking for permission to place two automatic weighing machines in the new conveniences in course of erection in Montpellier Gardens in place of the machines now in Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain quotations for the purchase of automatic weighing machines.

12—Zara Cottages Clearance Order—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister had no power to authorise either of these cottages to be used as stores. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances, Mr. Iddles' application to retain one of the cottages as a builder's store be not granted and that he be required to have the cottage demolished in compliance with the order.

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13—Health Week—Read, circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to undertake the organisation of a Health Week. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to submit proposals and estimates for the holding of a Health Week in Cheltenham.

14—Gas Works—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report from Mr. F. R. O'Shaughnessy on an analysis of the effluent discharged from a pipe into the Chelt from the Gas Works, causing an objectionable smell. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Company requiring them to remedy this nuisance.

15—Hatherley Brook—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Health asking for the Council's observations on a letter received from Mr. J. E. Caldicott complaining of the nuisance caused by the drainage of sewage into a ditch in Alma Road from cesspools of adjoining houses. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the houses are situate in the area of the Cheltenham Rural District, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the District Council asking them to take steps to remedy the nuisance complained of

16—Extension of Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. commenced their contract for the extension of the Sewage Works on the 1st inst.

17—Public Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor reported wilful damage to various public conveniences. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Wayman be asked to give special attention to this matter with a view to detecting the offenders.

18—Sewers Christ Church Terrace and Windsor Street--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had further investigated the sewer which runs at the rear of Christ Church Terrace, the lower portion of which was defective, and he recommended that the defective 12 inch sewer should be taken out and a new 9 inch sewer laid adjoining the old one, but on the far side of the house. He estimated the cost of the work at £200. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £600 for the cost of carrying out the work, including the laying of a new 9 inch pipe sewer to take the place of the defective sewer in Windsor Street, previously reported to the Committee.

C. W. BIGGS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th June, 1936. Present—Alderman .Pates ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grinmade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—The Moors Estate—RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the island at St. Peter's Square and to recommend whether this should be asphalted or turfed.

2—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Housing Manager reported that 77 houses on these estates required exterior painting. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for this work, in accordance with specification to be approved by the Repairs Sub-Committee.

3—Flats for Single Persons—The Housing Manager submitted list of 20 single persons at present occupying houses in respect of which Demolition or Clearance Orders had been made. RESOLVED, That Mr. Sansome be asked on what terms he will include three additional blocks of 8 one-bedroom flats in his present contract for the rehousing of single persons.

4—Electricity Supply---St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Housing Manager reported that the tenants on these estates had asked again for electric lighting to be provided. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of wiring the houses to the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) RESOLVED, That one of the houses on this estate be allocated for the temporary housing of families during disinfestation of their furniture.

(b) Read, letters from the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. asking the Committee to carry out certain improvements to the cow sheds and farm buildings to enable them to obtain an Accredited Milk Producer's licence. The Sanitary Inspector estimated the cost of the work at approximately £60. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider it is desirable to carry out this work in view of the future development of the farm for building, and that arrangements be made with the Dairy

Company to terminate their tenancy of the farm, and that Mr. Castle be instructed to arrange for the letting of the grazing to the Company and for the tenancy of the farmhouse if required.

(c) Shop Site—Read, application from Mr. E. P. Newbury to purchase a shop site at the junction of Thames Road with Whaddon Road RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to sell the site at the valuation of the District Valuer, namely £120 RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale

6—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 16th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

41 Malvern Street—That the tenant of this house be given one month's notice to quit, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of possession of the house, if necessary.

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

7—Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 21st and 29th ult.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

Pilley Lane Housing Estate—That the pointing of the brickwork, where defective, be repaired where necessary, and that the interior of all the iron window frames be repainted.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that tenders be invited for this work in accordance with specification to be approved by the Sub-Committee.

8—Reconditioning—(a) 13 Brunswick Street South—Read, letter from Messrs. Trigg Bros. that since submitting their tender for the reconditioning of this house on 9th April, 1935 there had been an increase in wages and in the cost of certain materials, and they asked that the sum of £13 15s. 0d. should be added to their tender. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Repairs Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected Green's Cottage, Tewkesbury Road, 4 and 7 Queen Street and 54 Worcester Street, and recommended that offers of £20 for Green's Cottage and for each of the other three houses should be made with a view to these being reconditioned by the Corporation, the Corporation to pay vendors' legal costs. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted. and that if the offers are accepted, the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health for consent to the purchase of the houses.

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9—St. Paul's Estate—The Housing Manager reported that the Repairs Sub-Committee had considered the application of Mr. Arkell for an additional £49 7s. 6d. for the painting of the 68 houses on this estate, which he had omitted from his tender, and had agreed to allow him the sum of £15.

10—Conference—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Housing Conference held at Bath on the 5th inst. It was stated at the Conference that the rate of Subsidy for the erection of houses for slum clearance would shortly be reviewed, and that the present rate would cease to apply to houses completed after 31st March, 1938. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be

recommended to proceed with the making of Clearance Orders in respect of the remainder of the houses to be dealt with in the Borough.

11—Elmfield, Swindon Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. K. Troughton enquiring whether the Corporation wished to consider the purchase of the property known as Elmfield, Swindon Road, containing 12 ½ acres. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire the price of the property.

12—Sale of House--4 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the offer of the tenant of this house to purchase the same for £365 be accepted subject to consent of the Ministry of Health to the sale being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application he 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 Monday, 22nd June, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Green, Dr. Hayward and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Road Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., proposed to be carried out during the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Priors Road—Read, letter of 26th ult, from the Ministry of Transport that a maximum grant of £2,590 had been made in respect of the widening of this road, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he was about to commence the work RESOLVED. That as the scheme for the provision of twin carriageways has been abandoned, and the work now approved is wholly the widening and improvement of a County road, and there is no portion of the work which might be regarded as a town improvement, the County Council be informed that the Council do not consider they should be called upon to contribute any part of the cost

3—Tewkesbury Road and Lansdown Road Railway Bridges—The Borough Surveyor reported that the G.W. and L.M.S. Railway Companies had now been instructed to prepare final plans and estimates for the widening of these bridges, and the Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary designs of the parapets. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

4—Six Chimney Lane—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to negotiate with the owners of land in this road to enable the widening of the road to byelaw width to be proceeded with.

5—Horses—The Horse Sub-Committee reported that they had purchased two horses at the price of £60 and £70 each, and the Committee inspected the horses. The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the old horses sold to Mr. J. Smith had died of heart failure whilst still at the Depot, and the £10 had been refunded to him. RESOLVED, That this be approved

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6—North to South Bye-Pass—The Chairman reported that, with a view to relieving the congestion of traffic at Whitsuntide, he had authorised the Borough Surveyor to put up signs directing traffic to Gloucester from Evesham Road Wellington Road, Pittville Circus, All Saints' Road, Hewlett Road, Hewlett Street and College Road. RESOLVED That this be approved, and that the signs be kept up for

the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to round off the corner at the junction of All Saints' Road and Hewlett Road at an estimated cost of £133.

7--Junction of Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace—Langton House Hotel--The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner was not willing to give up the land for the rounding off of this corner on the terms suggested by the Committee, RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with at present.

8-5 Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. James who had been allowed to occupy this house since the death of her husband, had died, and he submitted applications for the tenancy of the house, and the Town Clerk submitted letter from Miss James to be allowed to remain in the house for six months. RESOLVED, That Miss James' application be not acceded to, and that the Borough Treasurer be asked to advise at what rent the house should be let and the matter further considered at the next meeting.

9—Rowanfield Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate for scarifying and repairing the surface of this road at an estimated cost of £401 17s. 4d. RESOLVED, That notice under Section 19 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, be served on the owners of land fronting, adjoining or abutting on this road requiring them to carry out the repairs specified to obviate or remove danger to passengers or vehicles in the street.

10—Royal Well Lane—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the Committee to remove the Taxi Office to a position about half way down the road. Read, letter from Mr. A. S. Carden urging the removal of the shelter, RESOLVED, That the Taxi Office be allowed to remain in its present position,

11—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the supply of coal to the G.W.R. siding for the year ending 30th June 1937. RESOLVED :—

(a) That the tender of Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd. for 70 tons of House Coal (W. Cannock No. 1 Cobbles) at £1 9s. 9d (Summer) and £1 11s. 9d. per ton (Winter) be accepted.

(b) That the tender of Messrs J. Williams & Co. Ltd. for 170 tons Welsh Smokeless Steam Coal (Nixon's Best Lorry Large) at £1 14s 0d. per ton be accepted.

(c) That the tender of Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd. for 180 tons Large Anthracite (Glyncastle Big Vein) at £1 16s. 5d. per ton be accepted.

(d) That the tender of Messrs. E. H. Sheppard & Son for 120 tons Rough Small Steam Coal (Princess Royal Best High Delf, over 2 in.) at 19s 10d, and £1 0s. 9d. at Tewkesbury, per ton be accepted.

(e) That the following tenders be accepted for the supply of coal for Sandford Waterworks and Swimming Pool, namely: Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd. (Nixons Nuts) at £1 9s. 0d. per ton and Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. (Kingsbury Ryder Beans) at £1 1s. 7d. per ton.

(f) That the tender of the Gas Company for 250 tons of Coke at £1 10s. 4d. (at Works) be accepted.

12—Crescent Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported the terms on which four of the five owners in Crescent Terrace were willing for the Corporation to wall up and fill up their cellars under the footpath in Crescent Terrace to enable the carriageway to be widened. RESOLVED, That subject to the other owner consenting, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out,

13—Montpellier Street—The Borough Surveyor reported negotiations with the owners fronting the east side of this street with a view to the cellars being given up prior to the Corporation repaving the footpath, but in view of the large amount of work which the owners required the Corporation to

carry out, he did not recommend the Committee to carry out the improvement. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give notice to the owners requiring them to have their defective cellar roofs and arches made good.

14—Highways Superintendent— Read, application from the Highways Superintendent for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by £12 10s. 0d. per annum, with a further increment of £12 10s. 0d. in two years' time.

15—Haywards Lane—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. C. A. Hawkins offering to sell to the Corporation a piece of land at the side of The Bungalow, Battledown Approach, for the widening of Haywards Lane. RESOLVED, That if Mr. Hawkins will give up the land, the Corporation will re-erect the fence to the new line.

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16—Alstone Croft—Read, letter from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend, on behalf of Mr. E. H. T. Stinchcombe, asking on what terms the Corporation would carry out the work of widening and making up this road. RESOLVED, That if Mr. Stinchcombe will surrender the land free of charge and pay for constructing and paving the footpath, the Corporation will bear the cost of widening and making up the carriageway.

17-100 Tewkesbury Road--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Warren had now removed the water closets from the site of this property. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the site at a cost of £34, plus the cost of removing the water closet, namely £13 14s. 0d.

18—Promenade—Read, letter of 5th inst from Messrs Regent Motors Ltd. suggesting that the Corporation should erect a R.A.C. Car Park sign in the Promenade opposite Ormond Terrace directing to the Rodney Road Car Park. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

19—Arle—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Councillor Grimwade drawing attention to the condition of the footpath at Arle from Arle House to Hesters Way. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

20-1 and 2 The Retreat, Tewkesbury Road—Three tenders were received for the demolition of this property. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. amounting to £40, less £5 allowance for materials (being the most favourable tender received) be accepted

21--Automobile Association—RESOLVED, That the Council subscribe for membership of this Association in respect of the Borough Surveyor's car.

22—Pedestrian Crossing Places—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the scheme for the-establishment of three pedestrian crossing places in connection with the Montpellier Traffic Island, RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Traffic Sub-Committee.

23—Garage, rear of Acton, Suffolk Square--Read, letter of 19th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter that St. James' Church were willing to sell the building used as a garage at the rear of Acton, Suffolk Square, at the sum of £400. RESOLVED, That the owners be asked on what terms they will sell the portion of the site actually required for the improvement of the junction of Suffolk Square and Suffolk Parade

24—Petrol Pumps—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. N. Western for permission to erect an additional petrol pump at Tewkesbury Road Garage, with swing arm over the footpath, be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed petrol filling station at Pike House Garage, Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the plan be disapproved as this is on the site of the proposed northern bye-pass road.

25—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of The Recruiting Officer and Messrs. J. M. Smith & Sons, for permission to erect projecting signs at the Recruiting Office in the lane at the rear of 353 High Street and The Shakespeare Hotel, High Street be granted subject to the usual conditions

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of The Acme Showcard and Sign Co. Ltd for permission to erect a projecting sign advertising Simpson's Clothes at 350/1 High Street be not granted.

26—High Street—Unilateral Waiting—The Committee considered the making of a Unilateral Waiting Order for the portion of High Street from Clarence Street to its junction with St. George's Street RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 42 (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 in the portion of High Street from its junction with the Western side of Clarence Street to its junction with the Eastern side of St. George's Street otherwise than on the North side of the road on those days of the month which bear even numbers, and on the South side of the road on those days of the month which bear odd numbers, and that provision be made in the Order so as not to prohibit vehicles from waiting on any day on that side of the road where vehicles are prohibited from waiting on that day for so long as may be necessary to enable a person to board or alight from such vehicle, also, That provision be made in the Order prohibiting waiting for a period longer than 15 minutes at any time, or more than once in any consecutive period of one hour on any day on that side of the road where vehicles are not prohibited from waiting on that day.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th June, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Capt. Trye. Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; and Messrs. A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (The Deputy Mayor the in 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.
4339	Wheeler & Mansell	2 detached houses, new road off Hales Road.
4340	Wynn, M.	New shop front, Colonnade.
4341	Bayliss, E.	Garage, 129 Gloucester Road.
4342	Rooke-Green, Miss	Internal alterations, Douro House.
4343	Cant, E. M.	Garage, 6 Western Road.
4344	Rogers & Davies	Garage, Hatherley Road.,
4345	Reason, C. H.	Garage, St. Ninians, Eldorado Road.
4346	Trye, Capt. J. H	Garage, The Grotto, Moorend Road.
4347	Lane, Mr.	Garage, Selkirk House, Prestbury Road.
4348	Davies, S.	Workshop, rear 22 Naunton Lane.

4349 Stephenson, R.	Garage, 10 Chatsworth Drive.
4350 Jones, W. J.	Bathroom and bedroom, Mauds Elm.
4351 Boddy, G.	Garage, 1 Cleeve View Terrace, Whaddon Road.
4352 Needs, A.	Scullery, 86 Tewkesbury Road.
4353 Cheltenham College O.T.C C.	Cycle sheds, Cheltenham College.
4354 Modern Radio Co.	New shop front, 15 Clarence Street.
4355 Lyon, Mrs. M.	Kitchenette and bathroom, 17a Montpellier Villas.
4356 Hall, W.	Garage, 36 Pilley Crescent.
4357 Emmanuel Church Council	New Church, off Naunton Lane.
4358 Evans, Mrs.	Bungalow, Pilford Avenue,
4359 Mills, C. V.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Whaddon Road.
4360 Yeates, F.	New bathroom, 39 Montpellier Terrace,
4361 Castle, C.	Conservatory, Tewkesbury Road.
4362 Reason, C. H.	Garage, Brooklyn Road,
4363 Jakeway, H.	New bathroom, 10 St. Paul's Road.
4364 Munden, C.	New bathroom, 17 Milton Road.
4365 Cheltenham Education Committee	Temporary classroom, Naunton Park Schools.
4366 Evans, Miss V.	Coal store and greenhouse, new road off Hales Road.
4367 Goddard & Hunt	Detached house, Albert Road.
4368 Holder, E. T.	Temporary building, Scottburgh, Harp Hill.
4369 Rogers, B.	Bathroom, 2 Fairmead, Hall Road.
4370 Yeates, Mrs. P. D.	Detached house, Arle Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4339, 4341, 4343, 4344, 4345, 4346, 4348, 4349, 4351, 4353, 4354, 4356, 4357, 4358, 4359, 4361, 4362, 4365, 4366 and 4367 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4342, 4350, 4352, 4355, 4,360, 4363, 4364 and 4369 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4347 be approved subject to (1) the elevation harmonizing with existing building, (2) the entrance gates being set back 4 feet from the back edge of the pavement, (3) the existing fences and walls being rounded off to match, and (4) a petrol intercepting trap being provided to the drains, That Plan No 4368 be approved subject to the premises not being used for industrial purposes, and to the electric motor not being more than horse power ; That Plan No. 4370 be approved subject to the sewerage arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor That Plan No. 4340 be not approved.

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2—Town Planning Area—Plans—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New 13nildings under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933 :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
953	Hall, G. A. M.	Development and erection of 81 houses, Bishops Cleeve.
961	The Cheltenham Corporation	Farm House, Castle Barn Farm, Dowdeswell.

962	Poole, Mr. A.	Garage (Private) and Stores, " Stanboro," Piffs Elm, Boddington.
963	Jardine, Mrs.	Cottage, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
964	Green, Mr.	Proposed Garage and Petrol Filling Station, Prestbury Road, Near Seven Posts Alley.
965	Trigg, H. J.	Pair semi-detached houses, Up Hatherley.
966	Bowd, W. H..	Alterations, " Ivino" and "Dunes," New Barn Lane, Prestbury
967	Bowd, W. H.	15 Detached houses, New Road, Southam.
968	Holborow, J.	Garage (Private), "Glenure," Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
969	Peacey, Mrs. B. F.	Coal and Store shed, " The Grange," Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
970	Mitchell, A. D.	Garage (Private), Off Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.
971	Tattersall, Mrs.	Loggia, Monks Rest, Southam

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 961, 966, 967, 969 and 970 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 962 and 964 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Ribbon Development Act, 1935, being obtained ; That Plan No. 963 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of Noverton Lane to 42 feet when required by the Road Authority, and that the building shall not project over the building line to be set out by the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 965 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking (1) to set back the houses 40 feet from the centre of the existing road : (2) to set back the front fence 20 feet from the centre of the existing road and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road if and when required by the Road Authority and (3) to use sandfaced tiles on the roofs ; That Plan No. 971 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building lines at their own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Road Authority ; That Plan No. 953 be not approved,

3—Plan No. 4326—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Mr. G. A. Hawkins, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve the plan for the conversion of stables at the rear of Albion Place into a Garage. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to approve- the plan as they consider the approach to the proposed building along the passage at the side of The Coliseum Theatre is not suitable for traffic and that the Committee are not satisfied that the building will not encroach on the highway.

4—Imperial Rooms and 85/87 Promenade—The Committee considered preliminary plans submitted for the erection of a cinema seating 2,000 people on the site of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the architect be asked to submit amended plan so as to provide for the widening of St. George's Road.

5—Applications to Develop—(a) Read, application from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter for permission to erect a house on land adjoining Devonia, Shurdington Road. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are prepared favourably to consider plans for the erection of a house on this site subject to the provisions of the Scheme being complied with, and to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act being obtained

(b) Read, application from Mr. H. Buckland for permission to establish a petrol filling station at Cotswold View, Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that Mr. Buckland be informed that these premises cannot be used for business purposes without the approval of the Committee.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. O'Brien for permission to reconstruct Nos. 5 and 6 Waterloo Street be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the Public Health Committee be requested to require owners to submit plans for approval for the reconditioning of houses under the provisions of the Housing Acts.

(d) Promenade—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of Messrs. Young & Gilling, for permission to erect a screen in the recess in front of their offices in the Promenade, in order to protect their right of light. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will be prepared favourably to consider their application subject to a plan being submitted, indicating the design of the screen and materials to be used, and to their giving an undertaking to remove the screen if and when an agreement is reached with the adjoining owners, or when required by the Corporation, and not to use the screen for advertising purposes.

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(e) Thorncliffe Estate—Read, letters from Mr. F. N. Dewing of Norwich enquiring whether the Corporation would be prepared to approve the erection of flats on the Thorncliffe Estate fronting Lansdown Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared favourably to consider the application subject to the approval of the plans and elevation.

6—Plan No. T.P. 955—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. W. J. Oldacre that he did not consider it necessary to set back the front fence of the four cottages proposed to be erected by him at Bishop's Cleeve, but that he was willing to Undertake to set back the front fence to the new road line in the event of any further development taking place in the road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 1st July, 1936. Present--The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Capt. Trye : Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

7—Imperial Rooms and 85/87 Promenade—The Committee considered amended plan submitted by Mr. L. C. Norton, architect, of London, for the erection of a Cinema on the site of these premises. The amended plan provided for the surrender of land for the widening of St. George's Road to 49 feet, this being the maximum set back which would permit of the site being developed to suit his clients' requirements. Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Ladies College pointing out that the proposed Cinema would be detrimental to the interests of the Ladies College on account of the noise and danger of traffic. He pointed out that there were 19 classrooms facing Montpellier Street and others adjacent in St. George's Road, and the matter was one of great importance from the College point of view, and asked the Council to give due consideration to the interests of the College. RESOLVED, That Col. Tarrant be informed of the proposal to widen the road to 49 feet, and that the Committee do not think the traffic to and from the Cinema will interfere with the work of the College. RESOLVED, also, That the preliminary plans be approved in principle subject to (1) detail plans and elevation being submitted for approval, and (2) the River Chelt culvert being reconstructed or diverted to the satisfaction of the Corporation ; and that the architect be

informed that the Corporation intend to use part of the land given up in St. George's Road for the widening of the carriageway, and that the Corporation reserve the right to close to vehicular traffic the road behind the Fountain.

8—Plan of New Building —The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, namely :—

No. of Plan Name. Description.

4372 Stroud Brewery Co Ltd. Alterations and additions at rear of Lansdown Inn.

RESOLVED, That this Plan be approved subject to (1) the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, (2) elevation of building being submitted for approval, (3) the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the wall on completion of the work for the widening of the road to 60 feet, and (4) to a parking space being provided on the west side of the building for vehicles to draw in off main road.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th June, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Smith and Waite; and Mr R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 3rd and 8th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Conferences—That the Committee be authorised in their discretion to include a free Fieldhome Mineral Water in the facilities offered to delegates to conferences, and that these facilities be extended to the New Education Fellowship Conference delegates.

(b) Concerts—That free tickets for the band concerts be issued to blind persons and their companions as in previous years.

(c) Boxing--That the boxing tournament be held on August Bank Holiday at the Athletic Ground.

(d) Flannel Dances—That the tender of the Ambassadors Dance Band amounting to £4 4s. 0d. per dance for the provision of a Dance Band for the Flannel Dances on Wednesdays be accepted for the Summer Season, subject to the Entertainments Manager being satisfied with the band during the first two dances.

(e) New Education Fellowship Conference—That free parking accommodation at the Winter Garden be granted to the delegates, and that the General Purposes Committee be recommended to allot free parking space for about 50 cars at Rodney Road Car Park, also, That the Fellowship be granted the free use of the Winter Garden grounds for a physical development display and also the organ during the conference.

(f) Pittville Pump Room--That the free use of the Pump Room be granted on 15th July next for a tea in connection with the Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Law Society's Annual Meeting to be held in Cheltenham.

(g) Entertainments Manager's Office--That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage a girl clerk at a wage of 15s per week instead of the page boy, and that the page boy's employment be terminated.

(h) Montpellier Gardens—That the free use of these Gardens and chairs be granted to Mr T. B. Phillips on the 19th inst for a band concert by the Argyle Sutherland Highlanders.

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

2—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That consideration of this be referred to the Medical Baths Sub-Committee.

3—Town Hall—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Musical Festival Committee thanking the Council for the free use of the Town Hall for the Musical Festival, and applying for the free use of the Hall from 28th May to 6th June next for the 1937 Festival. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Annual Meeting of the Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Law Society to be held on 15th July next

4—Swimming Pool—(a) Superintendent—The Committee considered the request of Lt. Edwards that his appointment should be included in the Superannuation Scheme, and that he should be employed throughout the year The Borough Surveyor reported that he could utilise Lt. Edwards' services during the winter months in connection with the work of the annual tenders and in connection with the stores at the Central Depot. RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to make application to the Ministry of Health for approval of the designation of the post of Swimming Pool Superintendent at a salary of £260 per annum with one month's holiday during the winter season subject to Lt. Edwards passing a medical examination, and to his agreeing to remain in the service of the Corporation up to the end of the swimming season of 1937.

(b) RESOLVED, That the tent belonging to the Pool be granted for use at the Town Hall during the New Education Fellowship Conference.

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5—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the Winter Garden Repertory Theatre had decided to close the theatre till after the band concert season, and asked that the tenancy should be suspended during this period They also asked that at the termination of their tenancy they should be allowed to remove the stage, proscenium and sound-proof partition. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the draft tenancy agreement now submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

6—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letter from the Receiver and Manager of Supercraft Ltd., offering, on behalf of the company, to dispose of the 16 boats and canoes, paddles and oars belonging to the company at Pittville. RESOLVED, That the company be offered the sum of £50 for the boats, the Corporation to waive their claim for arrears of rent and for the cost of destroying the weeds in the lake RESOLVED, also, That Alderman Pates and Councillor Avery be asked to arrange for the letting of the boats during the present season.

7—Broadcasts—The Entertainments Manager reported that he had arranged with the B.B.C. for five broadcasts during July, including three by the Military Band, one by Gloucestershire artists, including Miss Marie Hall and Mr. Herbert Sumsion, and one by Mr. Reginald New.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th June, 1936. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

8—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letter from the Receiver and Manager of Supercraft Ltd., accepting the Corporation's offer of £50 for the 16 boats, canoes, etc. at Marle Hill Annexe. Read, also, offer from Mr. H. Higgins to take the boating rights and boats on the following terms, viz. : Rent £34 for the remainder of the current season, to be increased to £50 for a full season, plus 10 per cent. of the cost incurred by the Corporation in the purchase of boats, and 10 per cent. of the initial cost of the repair and painting of same ; Mr. Higgins to have the option of continuing his tenancy for a further five years. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, containing similar terms as contained in the agreement with Supercraft Ltd. RESOLVED, also, That the three boats belonging to the Humberside Propelling Co. be purchased for £15.

9—Conference—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the Association of Booksellers of Great Britain to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham.

10—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of these Gardens be granted to Mr. T. B. Phillips for a concert by the Vancouver Boys Prize Band on the 17th July, and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for the Municipal Military Band not to play on that evening, but to play on August Bank Holiday morning instead.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th June, 1936, Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Davis, Ben James, Leigh James and Morris (The Mayor in the chair),

1—Stores, St. George's Place—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Bubb & Co. to let No. 51 St. George's Place for use as a store at a rent of £45 per annum plus rates be accepted, and that the tenancy of the present accommodation in St. George's Hall be terminated.

2--Units lost in Distribution --The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had now been able to ascertain the number of units sold during the year ended 31st March last, and the number of units lost in transmission was 1595635, which was equal to a percentage of 11.8, as compared with 15.3 per cent. for the year ended 31st December last and 17.68 per cent. for the year ended 31st December, 1933. The reduction was largely due to the transferring of a large number of consumers from single phase to the 3 phase system.

3—Association of Public Lighting Engineers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted particulars of the special displays of street lighting and flood lighting, which had been arranged in connection with the Convention of this Association to be held in Cheltenham from the 7th to 10th September next. A considerable number of entries for the Exhibition in the Winter Garden had been received, which would occupy practically the whole of the centre portion and part of the south transept

4—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the attendance of the Chairman, Councillor Bendall and himself at the Convention of this Association held in Edinburgh RESOLVED, That the Committee congratulate Mr. Bache on his election as Vice-President of the Association.

5—Floral Fete—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a large number of enquiries had been received at the Corporation's Stand "Electricity in the Garden" at the Floral Fete, and great interest was shown in the electrical appliances displayed.

6—Showroom--The Sub-Committee appointed to confer with the electrical contractors in regard to the sale of electrical appliances in the Showroom reported that they had had two meetings and the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had also had four conferences with representatives of the electrical contractors, and he submitted a scheme which had been unanimously approved by the contractors for the stocking and sale of appliances from the Showroom which would come into operation on the 1st September next, both parties to be entitled to review the scheme at the expiration of two years. (A copy of the scheme accompanies the minutes). The Contractors had been informed that the Corporation proposed to enlarge and improve their present Showroom accommodation, and that the principal objects were to display, demonstrate and encourage the use of proper and reliable appliances of British make, and to educate the public in the advantages of an electric service, particularly for domestic purposes. The Corporation did not intend to press direct sales from their Showroom, and would encourage persons to deal through their regular traders, but reserved and retained their statutory powers to sell either for cash or on deferred payment, to hire, repair and maintain electrical installations, appliances and equipment ; the Corporation would also provide, maintain and staff the Showroom, and provide energy for the demonstration of fittings and appliances. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report--Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th inst., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 470.7 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 3rd, 10th, 18th and 21st inst which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 465.8, 468.1, 476.5 and 572.0 B.Th.U., and the pressure 5.9, 6.6, 5.6 and 5.7 inches of water.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th June, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Barnett and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For month ended 31st May, 1936.

Hewletts Springs	238,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	451,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>62,000</u>
	751,000

Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.

Hewletts Springs	205,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	520,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>53,000</u>
	778,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS Estimated Usable Quantity about 77,752,000 gallons.

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of May. 3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

4—Pumping—The Borough Engineer reported that pumping commenced at Sandford on the 25th ult., and at Tewkesbury on the 3rd inst.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Filter House—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the walls of the filter house treated with a waterproofing compound at an estimated cost of £20.

(b) Read, letter of 14th ult. from the County Surveyor that the County Council had authorised an improvement to be made in the road adjoining the Reservoir, and the Ministry of Transport were prepared to make a grant. It was understood that the Corporation would give up free of charge the 344 square yards required for this improvement and it was also asked that they should agree that 2'59 acres shown on the plan be sterilised from building. RESOLVED, That subject to the consent of the tenant, the 344 square yards be given up and that the Council agree that the 2.59 acres should be sterilised from building.

6—Castle Barn Farm—Mr. H. T. Rainger attended and submitted plans of proposed farmhouse to be erected at this farm. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved, and that Messrs. Rainger and Rogers be instructed to prepare bills of quantities, and to obtain tenders for the erection of the house. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a tender.

7—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had met the tenant of this farm in regard to his complaint that the Corporation had not carried out the work promised. RESOLVED, That Mr. Castle and the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work now asked for by the tenant.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 1936. Present--The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Wayman reported that with the exception of one case of swine fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

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

Date, 1936.	Place Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
24th May	Workshops, St. James' Square	Slight	£4 10s. 6d.
29th May	51 Brighton Road	Timber beam in chimney	£50—£60
			£7 2s 0d.

3—Rodney Road Car Park (a) Read, offer from Messrs Cornelius & Boulter, on behalf of a client, to lease these premises as a garage and car park. RESOLVED, That this offer be not entertained. (b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee, That free car parking space for about 50 cars be provided for the delegates attending the New Education Fellowship Conference

4—Proposed Cinema, Imperial Rooms and 85/87 Promenade-. Mr. L. C. Norton (architect) and Mr R. V. Copeland attended and submitted sketch plans of proposed cinema to be erected on the site of the Imperial Rooms and 85/87 Promenade, and asked whether the Committee would be prepared to grant a cinema licence in respect thereof. The elevation of the proposed building would harmonise with the adjoining terrace and the building would be set back to enable the footpaths adjoining the site to be widened. RESOLVED, That subject to the plans being approved by the Town Planning Committee, the Committee will be prepared to recommend the Council to grant a Cinematograph Licence.

5—Royal Well Lane—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter suggesting that this street should be renamed. RESOLVED, That the street be named Royal Well Road.

6—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr. A. Ricketts be extended for one year up to the 28th July, 1937, but that Mr. Ricketts be informed that the Committee will not be prepared to consider an application next year for a further extension RESOLVED, also, That it is the Committee's intention that Mr- F. H. Harris's services should not be extended beyond the 30th September, 1938, and Mr. E. Ricketts' services beyond the 6th October, 1939.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the services of F. Pontin (Drain Tester) be extended up to the 31st July, 1936.

7—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk submitted draft lease, as revised on behalf of the tenants. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) Read, letter from Mr. L. J. E. Harrison that Mrs. Elwes was prepared to enter into the tenancy agreement for the land adjoining the Reservoir provided the Corporation undertook the repair and -maintenance of the fence on the east side and the ownership of the fence

on the northern side was definitely defined. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the fences and report.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Borough Electrical Engineer for permission to erect a transformer kiosk on the site adjoining Tramway Cottages be granted.

9—Assessment Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Col. Biggs and Grimwade be appointed members of the Assessment Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Alderman Pates and Councillor Smith, and the death of Mr. F. E. Wood.

10—National joint Industrial Council—Read, letter of 16th inst. from National Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities' Non-Trading Services asking the Council to appoint representatives to attend a Conference of local authorities in the western district with a view to obtaining more active support of Joint Industrial Councils for Non-Trading Services in the same way as the movement is supported by the Trading Services. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed.

11—River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the construction of a fence along the bank of the River Chelt against the private footpath at the rear of houses in York Terrace. RESOLVED, That as this is a private footpath the Committee cannot recommend the Council to provide a fence, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners of the houses in York Terrace asking them to have the gate leading to the path repaired, and kept locked, and to suggest that the occupiers of the houses should be supplied with keys as was done some years ago.

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12—Town Clerk's Department—The Committee considered the staffing in this department, and the Town Clerk reported thereon. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to appoint an Assistant Solicitor at a salary of £300, per annum.

13—Royal Well Methodist Chapel—Read letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter offering this property for sale. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

14—Local Employment Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Bendall be appointed the representative of the Council on the Local Employment Committee in place of Alderman Capt. Trye, resigned.

15—Renumbering of Houses, St. Luke's Road—Read, letter from an occupier in this road asking the Council to erect a name plate to denote Otago Terrace. RESOLVED, That this be not approved, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the usual notices for the renumbering of St. Luke's Road.

16—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. W. N. J. Western and Messrs. Avery's Automobiles Ltd for licences to store 500 gallons and 250 gallons in underground storage tanks at their premises at Tewkesbury Road Garage and Winchcomb Street respectively be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Pike House Garage for a licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in an underground storage tank at their premises in Tewkesbury Road be not granted as the proposed station is on the site of the proposed northern by-pass road.

17—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. L. Handford for the transfer of Licence No. 77 to a new cab Registered No. FH 6286 be granted.

18—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Lipton Ltd., MacFisheries Ltd., H. F. Barnett, W. Dean, Olive & Olive, C. Barnett & Sons (High Street), C. Barnett & Sons (Montpellier Street), Glos. Marketing Society Ltd., Roys Modern Food Stores Ltd., Iddles & Sons and Miss M. F. Woodard for the renewal of their licences to deal in Game be granted up to the 6th July, 1937.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

REPORT OF GLOUCESTER AND CHELTENHAM JOINT AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee report that they have had two meetings on the 15th May and 15th June, 1936

(a) Bungalow—The Joint Committee had authorised the demolition and removal of the corrugated iron bungalow, and the fencing off of the land on the North West corner outside the landing ground at an estimated cost of £54.

(b) Layout—The Joint Committee had authorised the construction of the entrance road, apron and circle, with name in stone, and the lessees would be responsible for any further extension of the apron.

(c) Lease—The date of the commencement of the lease to the Westgate Motor House Co (Gloucester) Ltd had been fixed for the 29th September next, the lessees being allowed to have the growing crops in the meantime, but to be responsible for the maintenance of the landing ground as from the 15th July next.

(d) Signs—Two special sign boards indicating the Airport would be erected in conspicuous positions fronting the main road at an estimated cost of £50, the cost to be shared equally between the two Corporations and the Lessees.

(e) Civil Flying Training School—Application had been made by the Lessees to the Air Ministry for the formation of a Civil Flying Training School, and the application had been supported on behalf of the two Corporations

(f) Insurance Policies—Insurance Policies had been taken out in the names of the Owners and Lessees, indemnifying them against third party accidents to the extent of £50,000, the premium being payable by the Lessees,

(g) Opening of Airport—The opening had been fixed for the 16th July by the Air Minister Viscount Swinton,, and the Joint Committee had approved an estimate of the cost of the opening, amounting to £ 250, the two Corporations and the Lessees to pay one third of the cost each, and the two Town Clerks, were authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the opening in consultation with the Lessees. The two Mayors had also arranged to give a luncheon at the Guildhall, Gloucester, to Viscount Swinton and other guests.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1936 Present—Councillors Addis, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state,,1 cultivation .—Nos 61, 82 (b), 87, 96, 104, 107 and 111 (b) Asquith Road ; 12, 13 and 20 Alma Road ; 106 Crabtree Piece ; 15 and 51 Creamery Piece ; 7, 16, 28, 29 and 56 Whaddon Road (New). RESOLVED, That the tenant, of Nos. 15 and 51 Creamery Piece be given notice to quit, with an intimation that the notice will be withdrawn if their allotments are put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection, and that the visitors be asked to interview the tenants of the other untidy allotments and inform them that the Committee will have to consider giving titan notice to quit if their allotments are not put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection.

2—Soya Beans —The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the lateness of the season and the difficulty of breaking up allotment ground, the Soya Beans had not been sown at Alma Road and Asquith Road Allotments, but on a piece of ground at Pittville, which had just been cleared of other plants, and this would afford a better opportunity of studying the development of the plants and attending to them properly. RESOLVED, That this be approved

3—Crabtree Piece Allotments--The Borough Surveyor reported that following a complaint made by a tenant of rubbish having been dumped on his allotment during the cleaning of Wyman's Brook, he had written to the Land Drainage Officer asking him to have the rubbish removed, and he submitted letter from the Land Drainage Officer stating that it was customary for the tenants of the adjoining land to dispose of such rubbish, and he was unable to undertake this. The estimated cost of removing the rubbish was £10 RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the visitors with power to act

4—Marsh Lane Allotments—(a) Read, letters from Messrs F. Vizard & Son complaining of the seeding weeds on the orchard adjoining their land, and also of the condition of the boundary fence. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed Messrs. Vizard & Son that the orchard had recently been let, and they were communicating with the tenant. RESOLVED, That the visitors be asked to inspect the fence and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) Read, memorial signed by nine tenants of the allotments recently let in Marsh Lane, asking the Corporation to consider the provision of a water supply, for which each tenant would be prepared to pay 1s per year extra rent. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this application.

5—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the tenants of Nos. 17 Alma Road and 91 Asquith Road be granted these allotments rent free till the 25th March next in view of the bad condition of same:

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th June, 1936, Present—Councillors Addis, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Bendall be appointed a Sub-Committee to open the tenders received for the unclimbable fencing required for this Recreation Ground, and that they be authorised to recommend a tender for acceptance at the next meeting of the Council.

2—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Mayor's Walk—The Borough Surveyor reported in regard to the proposed formation of a Mayor's Walk. Fifteen oaks could be planted at a distance of 45 feet apart which would allow the maximum number of existing trees in the broad walk to be preserved, but it

would be necessary to remove five limes and six conifers. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the possibility of forming a Mayor's Walk in the new Hatherley Court Recreation Ground.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of removing the pay box at the entrance to the broad walk, filling in the old convenience and lowering mound and painting the railings round the putting course at £85 RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(c) Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of removing the sides and gable front, levelling the sunken floor, screening off stage, painting and renovating etc., at £150. In addition to this sum, the repair and renovation of the proscenium and dressing rooms would cost about £50. RESOLVED, That the question of the renovation or removal of the Pavilion be deferred.

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3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground-RESOLVED, That the application of the Education Committee for the use of this ground for Naunton Park School Sports on 8th July be granted as in previous years.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground - (a) The Town Clerk reported that the Sub-Committee had met Mr. Yeaman and Mr. Castle, on behalf of the executors of the late Mr. Rees, on the site, and now submitted offer from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell to sell the 21 acres of land adjoining the Recreation Ground at the price of £80 an acre. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Brooklyn Tennis Club for permission to erect a sheet of green canvas, 6 feet high, along the end of one of the hard tennis courts, adjoining the entrance to the Recreation Ground be granted, subject to the canvas being fixed to separate upright posts, independent of the existing wire netting, and to the Club undertaking to make good any damage which may be caused to the wire netting by the erection of the canvas.

5—Land in Pilley Lane—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Addis and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the question of fencing required at this land to enable this to be used as a recreation ground.

6—Sandford Park—Read, letter from Mr. G. Williams complaining of the nuisance caused by the manure heap at the rear of his house. The Borough Surveyor reported that there was no other available space where the manure could be stored, and he did not consider there was any cause for complaint. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to move the manure heap.

7—Athletic Ground—(a) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Motor Club declining the Corporation's offer to grant them the use of this ground on August Bank Holiday for the sum of £15.

(b) RESOLVED, That a meeting of this Committee be held on 7th July at 10 a.m. to inspect this ground.

8—Pittville Gardens—(a) Read, letters from Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. and T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd. stating that they had never supplied keys of Pittville Gardens to private order, but that applicants for such keys were always referred to the Corporation.

(b) Read, letter from the Manageress of Prestbury Park Hotel that she had never informed any of the visitors to the Hotel that they were entitled to free admission to the Gardens.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th June, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Compton, Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; Rev. B. Thomas ; and Mr. C. E. Walsh, (The Mayor in the chair),

1—Death of Mr. William Jones—The Librarian reported the death, on the 2nd May, of Mr. William Jones, first Librarian and Curator from 1884 to 1916. A letter of condolence had been sent to Mrs. Jones on behalf of the Committee, and this was approved.

2-Librarian's Report for April and May—Receipts £32 10s. 11d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 11,506 (last year 10,575); Lending Department 31,046 (last year 30,262) Junior Department 3,664 (last year 4,503) Total 46,216 (last year 45,340).

Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report on the 59th Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Margate, 8th-12th June, 1936, which was approved.

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 372 volumes, published at £144 3s. 6d., be purchased for the sum of £81 1s. 2d.

(b) That "The History of Parliament," to be published in some 40 volumes by H.M. Stationery Office, over the next 30 years, be subscribed for at a cost of about £2 2s. 0d. per volume (less 25 per cent. discount to subscribers to the set, on condition that an advance deposit of £10 be made.)

(c) That 1 volume, published at £6 6s. 0d. be purchased from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund for the sum of £2 12s. 6d.

(d) That the sum of £100 be approved for expenditure on Binding during the months of Aril, May and June

(e) That the of £50 be spent on Replacements.

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4—Donations—Gifts of books to the Library had been received from the following : Abbey Publicity Co., Arthur's Press, Mr. C. Bendall, B.B.C., British Museum Trustees, Ed. J. Burrow and Co., Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Lt.-Col. F. M. Close, Constable and Co., Mrs. Cooper, Miss Cross, Dr. E. S. Ellis, Miss V. Fairbridge, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, G.W.R., Mr. A. Green, Mr. J. Harkness, Health Department, Miss M. Holman, Councillor John Howell, Miss M. C. Marshall, Mr. L. Richardson, Capt. A. H. Robeson, Rubber Growers' Association, Mr H. Salt, Miss Sturkey, Mr. Lockett Thomson, Miss Townroe, and Capt. R. P. Wild. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "Wood," monthly 1s. and " The Territorial," monthly 1s, be added to the list of periodicals taken.

(b) That " Science Progress," quarterly 7s 6d, be purchased for six months on trial.

6—Resignation of Mr. W. M. Martin—RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mr. W. M. Martin, F.L.A., who had been appointed Sub-Librarian to the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, be accepted, and that the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Martin.

7—Staff—RESOLVED, That the following rearrangements of, and appointment to, the staff be made, to date from the 13th July :—

Miss P. Morgan, from Reference Department, to be Assistant-in charge of Lending Counter, 27s 6d-32s 6d per week.

Miss J. Fawn, from Lending Library, to be Assistant-in-charge of Reference Library, 22s 6d-27s 6d per week.

Mr. Sidney Cane, B.A., (Camb.), to be offered a position for training at 30s per week, on probation for six months.

8—Prehistoric Society—RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of 15s be made for the publications of this Society

9—Betting News—Read, letter from a reader suggesting that betting news be obliterated from the "Yorkshire Post." RESOLVED, That as the betting news is already obliterated from half the daily papers, no further change be made.

10—Proposed South-Western Regional Library Bureau—The Librarian reported as to his attendance at two meetings of the Committee of Inquiry in Bristol, and it was RESOLVED, to recommend That the Cheltenham Public Library join this scheme, and that the present subscription of £2 2s. 0d. to the National Central Library be merged in a subscription of £7 10s. 0d. per annum, based on population, to the proposed Bureau, this subscription to be regarded as a charge on the book fund.

11—National Central Library—RESOLVED, That this Library become an Outlier library of the National Central Library.

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on July 14th.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 29th May, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of Rates, and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be deferred whilst weekly payments, as now settled by the Committee are regularly paid

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th June, 1936, Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Ben James, Bettridge and Waite (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 persons who had not complied with the Orders of some of the Magistrates for payment of Rates, and gave instructions for Committal Orders

to be applied, but cases to be deferred whilst weekly payments, as now settled by the Committee are regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th June, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor Councillors Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £41,822 ; Leaving outstanding £71,882.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1936. Amount collected £10,244 ; Leaving outstanding £11,102.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1936.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment
4th June	Electric cables, Whaddon Farm Estate (Mains)	£850	25 years.
4th “	“ “ “ “ (Plant)	£190	20 “
19th “	Renewal of cables (Mains)	£15,359	25 “
19th “	“ “ (Plant)	£4,716	20 “

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th 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—St. Mary's Cemetery, Market Street—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Rector for an increased grant towards the maintenance of this Cemetery. The railings and gates required painting, and the walls pointing, and altogether it would be necessary to spend a sum of approximately £54 this year. RESOLVED, That the Corporation's contribution of £10 per annum be increased to £25 this year.

6-3 per cent. Stock, 1956—(a) The Town Clerk submitted copies of the Consent Order made by the Ministry of Health dated 6th ult.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £11,245 10s. 0d. had been received, representing the proceeds of fully paid scrip certificates.

7—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—The Borough Treasurer reported the attendance of the Chairman and himself at the Annual Conference of this Institute held at Blackpool.

8—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, That Mr. W. A. Martin, late assistant at the Public Library, be refunded his contributions amounting to £13 10s. 5d.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the designation of the post of Swimming Pool Superintendent as established for the purposes of the Act.

(c) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the designation of the post of Assistant Solicitor in the Town Clerk's Department as established for the purposes of the Act.

9—Borough Treasurer's Department—RESOLVED, That the salaries of W. O. Clee and S. Hawker (Junior Assistants be increased to 25s per week.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 23rd July, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby Summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 27th, day of July, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm 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 consider recommendation of the General Purposes Committee as to application for Cinema Licence for building on the Imperial Rooms site. • ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE • BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE • RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th July, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N.; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, 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, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd June, 1936, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Councillor L. Scott Langley—Read, letter of 15th June from Councillor L. Scott Langley resigning the office of Councillor for the Park Ward.

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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 June 8

Housing Meeting held June 18

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee, That the offer of Mrs. V. B. Walker of Finchley, London, to purchase No. 17, 18 and 25 Brunswick Street South for £660 (the Corporation to pay agents' commission of £9), and also to purchase Nos. 24. and 25 Queen Street for 1385 (the Corporation to pay agents' commission of £12) be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Street and High way Meeting held June 22

(The following Amendments were lost :—Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 6 in regard to the signing of the North to South Bye-pass be referred back."

Moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 11 (f) in regard to the acceptance of the tender of the Gas Company for 250 tons of Coke at £1 10s. 4d. per ton (at Works) be referred back."

Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs : " That Minute No. 26 in regard to the Unilateral Waiting Order be amended by omitting therefrom all the words following the words "from such vehicle" in the fourth line from the end of the Minute ").

Town Planning Meetings held June 25 & July 1

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 12 & 19

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton and considered in Committee : " That Minute No. 4 (a) in regard to the Swimming Pool Superintendent be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 29

Water Meeting held June 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by The Mayor and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No.:} in regard to the licence for the proposed new cinema at the Imperial Rooms be referred back."

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Resolved, also, That Minute No. 6 (b) be amended, and that the services of F. Pontin (Drain Tester) be extended up to the 30th September next.

Resolved, also, That Mr. E. Garland be appointed a member of the Assessment Committee instead of Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs who is already a member.

(The following Amendments were lost :—

Moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Rogers: "That the Council go into Committee for the consideration of Minute No. 12."

Moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 6 (a) in regard to the extension of the services of the Rating Officers be referred back ").

Joint Airport Committee Meetings held May 15 & June 15

Allotments Meeting held June 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 8

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That the tender of Messrs. T. Blackburn & Sons Ltd. amounting to £764 2s. 3d. (being the lowest of 11 tenders received) for the fencing at Hatherley Court Recreation Ground be accepted subject to contract.

Public Library Meeting held June 18

Rating Meetings held May 29 & June 4

Finance Meeting held June 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.

D. L. LIPSON, 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, 27th July, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th July, 1936. Present—Alderman Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh Jaynes, E. W. Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 32 Albert Street ; 3 St. George's Terrace ; 3 Brooklyn Bank, Millbrook Street ; and 13 Andover 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.

(b) 1 Hermitage Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had asked the Corporation to carry out the work at this house, and submitted tenders received for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. H. E. Bardwell of £49 18s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 6, 7 and 8 Montpellier 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.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Buckingham House, Wellington Street; 156, 292a High Street ; 7 Ormond Terrace ; and 5 Bayshill Terrace—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 these 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 these houses, Owners thereof, and mortgagees, if any, that the condition of the said parts of the said houses and any offers with respect to the carrying out of the works or future users thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 14th September, 1936.

(b) 10, 12 and 12a Portland Street ; 4 Zara Cottages ; 3 and 8 Corpus Street; and Cottage adjoining No. 21 Upper Norwood Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. Mr A. A. Williams attended and consented to orders being made in respect of 10, 12 and 12a, Portland Street. 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 the work required or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (3) of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, requiring that the houses shall be vacated within 28 days from the date on which the Orders become operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the houses are not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which they are vacated.

(c) 2 Bayshill Lawn ; 10 St. George's Place ; Pierreville, Parabola Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms of these premises. Mr. Savage on behalf of Mrs. Lamb, owner of Pierreville, attended, and consented to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, and are 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 thereof, 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 any purpose other than the use as a store or for a kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

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(d) 1, 2 and 3 Glenfall Street ; 6 Russell Place ; 46 Townsend Street ; 16 Gloucester Place ; 24 Brunswick Street South ; 37 Marle Hill Parade : 2 Burton Street ; 28 Queen Street ; and 10 Pittville Lawn (Basement)-- The Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners had now carried out the work required to render these houses fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

(e) 11 Suffolk Square (Basement)—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of this house be adjourned till the October meeting.

(f) 21 and 21a York Street ; 45 Union Street ; 56, 58 and 60 Union Street ; 99 Leckhampton Road ; 5 and 6 Croft Street ; 44 and 60 Duke Street ; 118 Tewkesbury Road ; 22 King Street ; 4 and 7 Queen Street ; 229 High Street ; and 19 Francis Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting, and that the Housing Committee be asked to consider the purchase of 60 Duke Street for reconditioning.

(g) 2 Queen Street and 21 Upper Norwood Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(h) 10 Regent Street (Basement) ; 2 Oxford Parade (Basement)—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these houses be adjourned till the next meeting.

(i) 33 Lansdown Crescent—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out the work required to render the basement of this house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made on the 10th May in respect thereof.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt, 3 qrs. 25 lbs. Beef ; 3 qrs. 14 lbs. Pork ; 27 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 14 lbs. Fish.

5—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases treated at the Clinic was 408, of which 383 had been completed.

6—Health Department—Read, letter from Mr. W. Grange, 4th District Sanitary Inspector, resigning his appointment, having secured another appointment at Dewsbury. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, applications be invited for the appointment of 4th District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £225 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £10, and one of £5 to a maximum of £250 per annum, with the usual cycle allowance, the appointment to be subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health and the provisions of the Superannuation Act.

7—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices arising from defective walls window frames, doors, sink waste and yard paving and want of proper ash receptacles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

8—Extension of Sewage Works—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the extension of these works. For the reasons reported to the Committee the Borough Surveyor had substituted glazed stoneware pipes for the new effluent carriers in place of the concrete pipes specified, which would involve an extra cost of between £200 and £300, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the Gas Company had not yet entered into the agreement for their contribution of £300 towards the cost of these works. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to give notice to the Company to terminate the agreement for the discharge of ammoniacal gas liquor into the sewers.

9—Montpellier Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotations for the purchase of weighing machines for these conveniences. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the present, and that at the closing of the Swimming Pool season the weighing machine at the Pool be placed in one of the conveniences, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report as to the receipts from this.

10—Flooding—The Town Clerk submitted a number of complaints received of flooding on the occasion of the storm on the 20th ult. The Borough Surveyor reported that during a period of 20 minutes 1.31 inches of rain was recorded, which was four times greater in intensity than was required by the Ministry of Health for the design of modern drainage schemes. RESOLVED, That the Flooding Sub-Committee be asked to consider the complaints received and to report thereon to a special meeting of the Committee to be held on 23rd September next.

11—Culvert, Ashford Road to Upper Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that when the Park Place Resewerage Scheme was carried out a length of storm water culvert from Ashford Road to Upper Bath Road was not cut off, and he recommended that this should be bricked off in sections, and all holes by which rats could get out filled up. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £100 in having this work carried out and that the cost thereof be charged to the Park Place Resewerage Scheme loan.

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12—Health Week—As instructed at the last meeting the Medical Officer of Health submitted report of his proposals for a Health Week. He recommended that the Week should be organised in conjunction with the Central Council for Health Education, but that owing to the bookings at the Town Hall it was not possible to arrange a Health Week this year, and he therefore recommended that a Health Week should be held at the end of September or beginning of October next year. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to proceed with the preliminary arrangements and report thereon in due course.

13—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health submitted summary of the complete survey of overcrowding under the Housing Act, Two of the enumerators were being retained and were engaged in indexing the 10,260 surveys made, and in supplying information to owners of the number of persons entitled to occupy the houses for insertion in the rent books, as required under the Act,

14—Added Areas—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Council to agree to pay an annual charge of 1s 6d in the on the rateable value of the properties in the Parish of Prestbury added to the Borough, and connected to the District Council's sewers.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.

15—Gas Works—Read, letter of 10th inst from the Clerk to the Gas Company that he had asked Mr. Twycross to take such action as may be necessary to prevent any nuisance from the discharge of effluent from a pipe from the Gas Works into the Chelt.

16—National Smoke Abatement Society—Read, circular from this Society asking the Council to become subscribing members. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

17--Rubbish Tip, Harp Hill—The Committee considered complaint received in regard to this tip, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs Webb Bros. asking them to arrange for their tipping to be carried out on the controlled system so as to avoid any nuisance.

18—Hayden and Barn Farms—(a) Read, report of the Farms Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 9th inst. when they inspected the work which Mr. Castle recommended should be carried out by the Corporation, The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of this work at £63 15s 0d. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Hayden Effluent Channel—The Sub-Committee also reported that they had inspected this channel and recommended that the banks should be strengthened for a length of approximately 350 yards. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of this work at £350, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this carried out.

(c) Hayden Farm Brook—The Sub-Committee also inspected this brook and recommended that the remaining length should be cleaned out at an estimated cost of £175. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(d) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Farms Sub-Committee, That Mr. Rymer be allowed a proportionate reduction in his rent in respect of the 21 acres of land taken from the farm for the extension of the Sewage Works.

19—Milk and Dairies Order--RESOLVED, That the applications of Mrs P. M. Stevens and Miss M. Dixon to be registered as retail purveyors of milk at Devonshire House, New Street, and 12 Grosvenor Street, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order. RESOLVED, also, That the application of Abbots Stores to be registered as retail purveyors of milk in bottles only, at Norwood Parade, Shurdington Road, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order. RESOLVED, also, That the application for the transfer of the registration in respect of Fiddlers Green Farm be registered, and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the farm.

20—Drain Tester—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to extend the services of F. Pontin for one year from the 30th June last.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th July, 1936. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Electricity Supply, St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimates for providing service cables and wiring 283 houses on the St. Paul's Estate and 85 houses on the St. Peter's Estate. The total cost for St. Paul's Estate was £3,086 6s. 3d of which £791 5s. 9d. would be chargeable to the Electricity Department, and the total cost for St. Peter's Estate was £1,048 2s. 3d. of which £410 17s. 1d. would be chargeable to the Electricity Department. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Treasurer be asked to report as to the effect of this expenditure on the rents of the houses.

2—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Flats for Single Persons—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from Mr. C. Sansom to erect three additional blocks of flats containing eight flats per block for the sum of ij6,276 plus the sum of 297 for the sheds. RESOLVED (1) That this offer be accepted subject to contract and to sanction to loan being obtained ; (2) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £6,573 for the cost of carrying out the work ; (3) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the flats for the purposes of Subsidy under the Housing Act, 1930 ; (4) That the Council hereby undertake that the conditions set out in Section 27 of the Housing Act, 1930 will be complied with in regard to the houses.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That application be made for a loan of £728 for roads and sewers required in connection with the flats.

(c) New Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans for the proposed 150 houses to be erected under the Housing Act, 1935. RESOLVED, That the plans now settled by the Committee be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the layout plan.

(d) Mr. C. C. Castle attended and submitted claim received from Mr. Holborrow amounting to £95 for compensation for disturbance, loss of crops etc. in respect of the land sold to the Master Builders' Association, and for disturbance etc. in respect of the land through which the sewers had been laid. RESOLVED, That Mr. Castle be instructed to negotiate the settlement of the claim.

(e) Non-Subsidy Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to take possession of a portion of allotments for the gardens of the Non-Subsidy houses. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice terminating the tenancies on the 30th September next, and that pending possession being obtained, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide temporary fencing at the back of the houses.

(f) Priors Road—Read, letter of 26th ult, from the Ministry of Health consenting to the appropriation of the two acres of land on this Estate for the widening of Priors Road subject to a condition that the Housing accounts are adjusted on the basis of the District Valuer's valuation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the valuation of the District Valuer of the land given up, and that the amount thereof be charged to the widening of the road and credited to the Housing accounts.

3—The Moors Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the roads and footpaths were now completed. He considered it was desirable that the houses should be painted with one coat of paint during September at an estimated cost of £223. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to instruct Mr. Sansom to carry out the work.

4—Wordsworth Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Chief Constable be granted the tenancy of another house in Wordsworth Avenue for the occupation of a Police Constable.

5—Housing Manager—(a) Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

(b) Annual Report—The Housing Manager submitted her Annual Report for the year ended 31st March last. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 26th ult.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Clearance Areas—That the Housing Manager be instructed to rehouse persons occupying houses included in Clearance Orders as now settled by the Committee, as soon as possible so as to permit the demolition of the houses to proceed, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to quit to those persons occupying houses in Clearance Areas, whom the Sub-Committee consider should not be rehoused.

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(b) Non-Subsidy Houses—That, having considered a list submitted by Housing Manager of 32 tenants on the St. Paul's, Pilley and Whaddon Estates, who it was thought were in a position to afford a Non-Subsidy house in course of erection on the Whaddon Farm Estate, the Housing Manager be instructed to interview 17 of the tenants now approved by the Committee with a view to transferring these to a Non-Subsidy house.

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

7—Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 3rd inst

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

Kipling Road—That the exterior of the houses in Kipling Road be repainted.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that tenders be invited for this work in accordance with specification to be approved by the Sub-Committee.

8—View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the View Sub-Committee, at their meeting held on the 3rd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Moors Estate—That the open space in the centre of this Estate be turfed.

(b) Tewkesbury Road—That the hedge adjoining Tewkesbury Road be trimmed, and a new hedge planted at the eastern end.

(c) Pates Avenue—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to scythe the grass in the open space and on the undeveloped land, and that a sand pit be provided in one corner of the open space for the use of young children.

(d) The Moors and Alstone Lawn Estate—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to keep the grass cut and the hedges trimmed on these Estates as is done on the St. Mark's Estate.

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

9—Housing Act, 1935—Read, circular of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing Order fixing the appointed dates under this Act as the 1st inst. and 1st January next, and the Town Clerk reported that public notice of the Order had been given.

10—Elmfield, Swindon Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. Troughton offering to sell Elmfield and land containing about 12 ½ acres for the sum of £3,500, RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of the land.

11-4 Shelley Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office for permission to erect a telegraph stay in the garden of this house be granted subject to payment of an annual acknowledgement of 1s per annum, the agreement to be determinable by either party on three months' notice

12—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—Land, Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. A V. Mitchell offering £650 for the purchase of the remainder of the land belonging to the house known as Hill Rise," Leckhampton Road, having a frontage to Leckhampton Road of 196 feet. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sale,

13—Sale of House—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. R. Turner to purchase No. 61 Tennyson Road at a price of £455 be accepted subject to Contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained to the sale. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1936, Present—Aldermen Pates and Capt. Trye; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., proposed to be carried out during the ensuing month. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Sandford Road and Keynsham Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the General Hospital agreeing to give up a portion of the Hospital Field for the improvement of this junction subject to the Corporation rebuilding the existing corner pier, and setting back the fence, and to the present gates being re-erected at the bottom of the field in Keynsham Road. RESOLVED, That these terms be agreed to, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the improvement carried out

3—School Signs and Pedestrian Crossings—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Education Secretary enclosing list of the Head Teachers' suggestions for the erection of School signs and the provision of Pedestrian Crossings. RESOLVED, That these be referred for the consideration of the Traffic Sub-Committee.

4—Wellesley Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Clerk to the Grammar School Governors asking for the question of widening Wellesley Road to be deferred until the new Girls' School is erected. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Capt. A H. Robeson asking for the removal of three or four trees opposite No. 95 Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

6—Jersey Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate for the making up of the remainder of Jersey Avenue by the abutting owners, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

7-5 Ambrose Street—The Borough Treasurer recommended that this house should be let at a rent of 10s 6d. per week, including rates. RESOLVED, That the house be let to Mr. W. A. Dodwell, a member of the Fire Brigade, and that Miss James be allowed to remain in the house till the end of August subject to payment of the above rent.

8—Destructor Foreman—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. Bridges, Destructor Foreman, for an increase in salary or car allowance, RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by 4s per week.

9—Suffolk Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the proposed widening of this road opposite Willoughby, which had been approved by the architects. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the improvement carried out, and to set back the wall during the present year,

10—Borough Surveyor's Department—Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. L. M. Perkis had passed the final Examination in connection with the Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Perkis and that he be granted an additional increment of £0 per annum.

11—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. A. Dancey to erect a projecting sign at the Full Moon Hotel be granted subject to the words advertising the Brewers names being omitted from the sign.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Stevens & Co. to erect a sign at Knapp Cottages, New Street be granted subject to the sign not projecting over the edge of the footpath.

(c) Read, application from the Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council to erect signs on lamp standards directing to the Holy Trinity Mission Hall at the end of Berkeley Avenue in Winchcomb Street, and in High Street pointing up Pittville Street, directing to Holy Trinity Church. RESOLVED, That the application to erect a sign at Berkeley Avenue be granted subject to consent of Electricity Committee, but that the application to erect a sign in High Street be not granted.

d) The Town Clerk reported that the Franco-British Electrical Co. Ltd. had erected a sign advertising the Brewer's name at the Royal Oak Hotel contrary to the decision of the Committee. RESOLVED, That they be required to remove this.

12—Overhead Telegraphic Lines—Shelley Road and Tennyson Road—The Chairman reported that, as authorised, he had given permission for the erection of an overhead telegraphic line across Shelley Road and Tennyson Road subject to the poles being placed in positions approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of the base of the poles being painted with light coloured paint. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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13—Streamer across Colonnade—RESOLVED, That permission be given for a streamer to be hung across the Colonnade on the 30th and 31st inst., advertising Withington Horse Show.

14—Royal Well Parking Place—RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 90 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, a regulation be made under the Common Seal declaring that Sub-section 7 of Section 68 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (which prohibits persons employed in connection with vehicles within a parking place from plying for hire or accepting passengers for hire) shall not apply to public service vehicles using the Royal Well Parking Place by the direction of the Traffic Commissioners or by agreement with the Council, nor to hackney carriages parked on the strip of land behind the eastern side of Royal Well Lane.

15---Car Park, Imperial Square (South Side)—Councillor Green reported that visiting motor coaches were making a practice of parking their coaches in this car park. RESOLVED, That notices be put up directing motor coach drivers to park their coaches at one of the local garages or at the Black and White Motor Coach Station.

16-Traffic Island, Prestbury Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been able to arrange with the Post Office for setting back the telephone chamber under the footpath adjoining Southend House, and submitted two revised alternative layouts for the Island. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to adjust the position of the temporary Island when the telephone chamber has been removed and the footpath at this junction set back.

17--Pedestrian Crossing Places—The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the scheme for the Montpellier Traffic Island was approved by the Ministry of Transport subject to three pedestrian crossing places being provided. RESOLVED, That a scheme be submitted to the Ministry of Transport containing proposals for the establishment of three pedestrian crossing places as follows :--

(1) Across Montpellier Walk near the Midland Bank. (2) Across the junction of Montpellier Terrace with Montpellier Walk. (3) Across the junction of Suffolk Square with Montpellier Walk.

18—Montpellier Walk—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Transport making a maximum grant of £941 towards the cost of the Traffic Island at Montpellier.

19—Junction of Norwood Road and Grafton Road--Read, letter from Messrs. Jessop & Sons that Mrs. J. Bendall was not willing to accept the sum of £20 for the piece of land at the junction of these roads required for the proposed improvement. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to increase their offer to £25 free of costs to the vendor subject to the concurrence of the District Valuer.

20—Promenade—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Messrs, Banks Ltd. to place two boards outside their premises, one of them against a tree, directing delegates to the Official Book Stall at their premises for the World Conference of the New Education Fellowship.

21—Montpellier Street—The Chairman and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs reported that they had inspected the Ladies College Classrooms adjoining Montpellier Street and were satisfied that it would be of assistance to the College if the traffic was reduced in this street, and they recommended that a One-Way Traffic Order should be made for the portion of this street from Fauconberg Road to St. George's Road, allowing traffic only to proceed down the street in a Northerly direction, and that South bound traffic should proceed via the Promenade or Bayshill Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to adopt this recommendation.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1936. Present —The Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Compton, de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Howell and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. A. P. Grist, E. C. Gurney, W. L. Mellersh and Wood (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1936. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	41.6	42.2
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	35	28
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	44	50.8
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	23.5	34

(b) In April the Chairman and Secretary attended a Conference on Birth Control in Birmingham.

(c) In the second week in June it was found necessary to change the date at Baker Street Centre to Tuesday, which resulted in a slight drop in the attendance.

(d) It was decided to discontinue free cod-liver oil, etc, during the Summer months, except in urgent cases at the discretion of doctors.

(e) Annual Report of Association—A copy of the 27th Annual Report of the Association was submitted.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1936

1936		2,411
No. of Children on Register		722
Children Visited (1 year and under)		1068
" "(over 1 year)		3
Un-notified Births discovered...		1127
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (1 year and under)		1443
" " (over 1 year)		167
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...		92
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres		118
Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 89)		5
Measles cases visited		28
Whooping Cough cases visited ...		7
Chicken Pox cases visited		9
Mumps cases visited		263
Grants of Milk :		63
Carried over from previous quarter		
New Orders ...		73
Orders discontinued during quarter		253
„ continuing to coming quarter		
Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	31	18
" visits (under Children Act) paid ...	39	33
" Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ..	19	17

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 79 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the quarter and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from 1st April, 1936 to 30th June, 1936, was £28 15s. 0d., of which £12 2s. 0d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter : Still-births 4.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted 2 accounts for treatment in the General Hospital in cases of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That these accounts be passed for payment.

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5—Dentistry--(a,) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 69 mothers and 12 infants had attended the School Dentist during the quarter in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee. The cost of dental work during the year ended 31st March, 1936, was £84 17s. 10d.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported a further increase in the maternity dental work during the past year. This increase was sufficient to cause arrears of work and frequently by the time the dentist was able to make an appointment the expectant mother had reached a stage when extensive extractions requiring a general anaesthetic was unadvisable. There was now a waiting list of 16 mothers and 6 infants. An additional session during ordinary school working hours was not recommended as this would disturb the school work. The dentist was willing to put in a weekly evening session from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that it be left to the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health to arrange terms for this extra session.

6—Provision of Home Helps—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a payment of £1 1s. 0d. had been made by the Victoria Home for Home Helps. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

7—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number be fixed as follows:-

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of children allowed.
Mrs. Betteridge	25 Spenser Road ...	1
Mrs. Burgess	13 Kew Place	1
Mrs. Brain	Malvern House, Malvern Road	1
Mrs. Buckingham	109 Promenade	1
Mrs. Brown	71 Byron Road	1
Mrs. Clarke	69 Leckhampton Road	1
Mrs. Crisp	80 Bath Road	1
Mrs. Carter	43 Hope Street	1
Mrs. Dodwell	6 Margrett Road	2
Mrs. Dance	93 Naunton Crescent	1
Mrs: Evans	6 Redgrove, Hatherley Lane	1
Mrs. Hayward	32 Tennyson Road,..	1
Mrs. Holman	1 Devon Villas, Millbrook Street	1
Mrs. Hall	36 Pilley Crescent ...	1
Mrs. Hawker	47 Whaddon Avenue...	2

Mrs. Jefferies	3 Redgrove, Hatherley Lane ...	2
Mrs. Lappington	11 Chapel Street ...	1
Mrs. Morgan	30 St. Philip's Street...	1
Mrs. Mustoe	17 Naunton Crescent...	1
Mrs. Newman	32 St. Philip's Street...	1
Mrs. Owen	47 Pilley Crescent ...	1
Mrs. Pearse	4 Witcombe Place ...	1
Miss Roche	Darnley House, Priory Street...	1
Mrs. Skinner	Montrose, Wellington Street ...	1
Miss Taylor	54 Keynsham Street ...	2
Mrs. Wallace	5 Belmont Place ..	1
Mrs. White	St. Leonard's, Ewlyn Road ...	2
Mrs. Webb	8 Milton Road	1
Mrs. Yeates	Merton Villas, Prestbury Road	1
Mrs. Atkinson	2 St. Paul's Terrace ...	1
Mrs. Brown	71 Byron Road	2
Mrs. Condy	3 King's Road	1
Mrs. Taylor	16 Priory Street	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) An application had been received in respect of 21 Pilley Crescent for reception of one child. The house was already overcrowded, RESOLVED, That the application be refused.

(c) Three children had been received by Mrs. Noble of 1 Christ Church Terrace. The house was unsuitable, and the Medical Officer of Health had had the children removed. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Noble be warned that proceedings will be taken if there is any further offence.

8---Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) Application was made for registration of the Imperial Nursing Home in the names of Gladys Morfydd Cook and Susan Mary Loveluck. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That Miss Rook Green be registered in respect of Douro House in place of Amurlree.

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9—Air Raid Instruction—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nurse S. E. Harrison had intimated that she did not wish to take the course of instruction. RESOLVED, That Miss C. M. Powell be appointed in place of Nurse Harrison.

10—Milk Supply (a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaints had been made of the keeping quality of milk supplied free in necessitous cases. RESOLVED, That the contractor be informed that if further complaint is made, the contract will be cancelled.

(b) RESOLVED, That tenders for a new contract be invited by advertisement for the ensuing year beginning 1st April next, and that alternative tenders be obtained for Pasteurised, Accredited, and Tuberculin Tested Milk, and that the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health be authorised to accept a tender.

(c) RESOLVED, That milk be supplied to two special cases on account of illness although the income is above the scale.

11—Cheltenham District Nursing Association—Read, letter from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association inviting the Committee to appoint a representative to serve on the Executive Committee of their Association. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Leigh James) be appointed.

12—Local Government Act, 1929—(a) Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing a copy of a scheme made by the County Council for securing annual contributions towards the expenses of Maternity and Child Welfare Associations.

(b) Read, circular letter of 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Health that under Section 93 of the Local Government Act, 1929, the Minister was required to make a scheme in respect of the Fixed Grant Period from the 1st April, 1937, to 31st March, 1942, for increasing the sum to be set aside out of the County apportionment for services in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare. He therefore desired to be furnished with estimates of the expenditure during the financial years 1935/36, 1936/37 and 1937/38 The Borough Treasurer submitted estimates. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(c) Read, circular 1538 from the Ministry of Health pointing out that it would be necessary for the Council by the 30th September next to submit a further scheme for securing the payment by the Council of annual contributions towards the expenses of voluntary associations providing maternity and child welfare services in the Borough, which scheme would come into force on the 1st April, 1937. The scheme should be prepared after consultation with the voluntary associations named in the existing scheme. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association and the Cheltenham District Nursing Association be asked to consider and submit proposals for any addition to the present grants, and that a special meeting be held as soon as this information has been obtained.

13—Orthopaedic Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an outline scheme for the treatment of defective children, RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved in principle and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to confer with the General Hospital and the County Medical Officer of Health with a view to submitting a definite scheme.

14—Children under School Age—Read, circular 1550 from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was concerned to find that in many areas insufficient attention is being given to the health of children between the age of 18 months and 5 years, and recommending that more attention should be given to these children. The Medical Officer of Health reported that this requirement had already been met by the recent appointment of a third Health Visitor, who was appointed for this particular purpose, and that arrangements have been put into operation during the past 12 months for dealing with eye and ear complaints in these children.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Crept. Trye ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend (The Deputy 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.
4373	Hutchinson, Miss	Bay window, Pilford Road.
4374	_____	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
4375	Turner, H. J.	Garage, Albert Road.
4376	Smith, P. T.	Extension of garage, 8 Hatherley Road.
4377	Rogers & Davies	4 garages, Hatherley Road.
4378	Birch, Capt. H.	Garage, Ellingham House, Pittville Lawn.
4379	_____	Additional bedroom, Clevum Lodge, Battledown Approach.
4380	Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society.	Garages and caretaker's flat, Suffolk Square Flats.
4381	Prince, R.	Shopfront, 58 Promenade.
4382	Cheltenham Bowling Club	Extensions, Suffolk Square Bowling Green.
4383	_____	New scullery and W.C., 4 Oakland Cottages.
4384	_____	Lecture Hall, Millbrook Street.
4385	Travenner, A E.	Garage, Imvani, Tewkesbury Road.
4386	Drake & Co.	Shopfront, Winchcomb Street.
4387	_____	Preliminary layout, Benhall Estate, Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 4373, 4376, 4377, 4378, 4379, 4381, 4382, 4384, 4385 and 4386 be approved ; That Plan No. 4374 be approved subject to the undertaking given by Mr. Cook ; That Plan No. 4375 be approved subject to the doors opening inwards ; That Plan No. 4380 be approved subject to there being no opening from the washdowns on to the road ; That Plan No. 4383 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4387 be not approved. (b) Plan No. 4340 —Read, letter from the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve of the Plan of new shop front at 4 Promenade. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to vary their previous decision.

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.
972	Bendall, Mrs. M. D.	Detached house, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
973	Cheltenham Steeplechase Co., Ltd,	Additions, Cheltenham Race Course, Prestbury.
974	Dawes, G.	Garage (Private), Westcliffe, Bouncers Lane Prestbury.
975	Adams, Mr.	Detached bungalow and shop, Upper Dowdeswell.
976	Wiggins, G. F.	Garden and tool shed, Golden View, Bradley Road, Charlton Kings.
977	Cauden, Mrs. M. M.	Three pairs semi-detached houses, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings.
978	Dean, W.	Detached house, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.
979	Mews, E.	Additions to Stable, Oakfield, Battledown.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 973, 976 and 979 be approved, That Plan No. 972 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the 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. 974 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council being obtained under the Ribbon Development Act ; That Plan No. 975 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking (1) to set back the front fence 20 feet from the centre of the road if and when required by the Road Authority, (2) that no part of the building shall be nearer than 40 feet to the centre of the road, and (3) to use grey sandfaced tiles on the roof ; That Plan No. 977 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking (1) to set back the front fence to the improvement line if and when required by the Road Authority, (2) to use sandfaced tiles on the roof, and (3) that all external walls shall be constructed in the same materials; That Plan No. 978 be approved subject to dark bricks and sandfaced tiles being used.

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3—Applications to Develop—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. M. Middleton for permission to use the site of Nos. 16 and 17 St. Anne's Terrace for the erection of three lock-up garages be granted, subject to submission of plans and to buildings being set back ten feet from the road.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Buckland for permission to use Cotswold View, Golden Valley as a car dump and for breaking up old cars be not granted and that Mr. Buckland be informed that he is carrying on this business contrary to the Town Planning Scheme and that when the Scheme is approved the Committee will require the business to be discontinued.

4—Town and Country Planning Summer School—RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Assistant be authorised to attend this School to be held at Salisbury from 27th August to 2nd September next.

5—Executive Committee—The Town Clerk submitted revised draft agreement submitted by the County Council for the appointment of an Executive Committee. Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the Cheltenham Rural District Council had decided not to approve of the revised draft, and inviting the attendance of representatives to an informal discussion upon the agreement to be held at the Shire Hall, Gloucester on 21st inst., when Mr. Pepler, the Chief Town Planning Inspector of the Ministry of Health, would attend. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Grimwade be asked to attend.

6—Plan No. 4372—Lansdown Inn—Read, letter from the Stroud Brewery Company Ltd. enquiring what compensation the Corporation would pay in consideration of the Company surrendering the land required for the widening of Gloucester Road to 60 feet. RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that the Committee will be prepared to relieve the Company of charges for making up the widened road and paving the footpath if the Company will undertake to surrender the land required.

7—Town Planning Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. L. M. Metcalfe, Junior Assistant, had obtained another appointment under the Warwickshire County Council RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint Mr. G. Pilkington to fill the vacancy at a commencing salary of £2 per week.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th July, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Cook's probationary period of appointment expired on the 30th ult, RESOLVED, That Mr. Cook be now appointed Superintendent at a salary of £169 per annum, together with house, coal and light, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That Mrs. Pilkington be asked to vacate the house, and that she be paid up to the 31st instant.

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 23rd and 30th ult. and 3rd inst. The Sub-Committee reported the arrangements made for the Boxing Tournament to be held at the Athletic Ground on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 7 p.m. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted for a Garden Party on the 9th September in connection with the Association of Public Lighting Engineers Conference.

(b) Read, letter of 30th ult. from the West of England Ladies' kennel Society thanking the Council for the use of the Gardens for the Dog Show, and applying for the free use of the Gardens on the 5th May next year for the Show. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Gardens be granted subject to the Society paying the cost of making good any damage as this year.

4—Deck Chairs—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to purchase 200 deck chairs from Mr. Murray Lindner at a cost of 2s 11d. each.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letters of 26th and 29th ult. from Mr. S. D. Scott complaining of the nuisance caused by the amplifying of gramophone records at the Fun Fair during the Flower Show. RESOLVED, That the Chamber of Commerce be informed that the Committee consider that the use of so many loud speakers is unnecessary, and that next year the Committee will only be prepared to recommend the Council to grant the use of the Gardens for the Flower Show provided arrangements are made to the satisfaction of the Committee in regard to the loud speakers and music.

6—Swimming Pool—(a) Wages—The Superintendent submitted report on the wages paid to the staff at the Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to increase these during the busy periods at the Pool in hot weather at the same rate as the staff were paid during the hot weather last season.

(b) Superintendent—The Superintendent reported that he considered it desirable that his house should be connected with the telephone so that he might be in communication with the Pool, when he was away at meals. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to bear the cost of the installation and rental of the telephone ; the Superintendent to pay for the cost of all outgoing calls.

(c) Catering—RESOLVED, That the Baths Sub-Committee be authorised to purchase an electric bread cutting and buttering machine if they consider this desirable.

7—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th July, 1936. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Supply to Rural Areas—Swindon Village; and Cowley through Coberley to Salterley-6 tenders were received for these overhead lines. RESOLVED, That the tenders of British Insulated Cables Ltd., amounting together to £1,342 7s. 7d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

2—Showroom—With reference to the Showroom Scheme, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was desirable to have an organised body to make arrangements for carrying out the Scheme, and that the Cheltenham Electrical Development Circle, which had been in existence for some years, was the only appropriate body for this purpose. He therefore recommended that all the arrangements with the contractors for the Showroom should be made through this body. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Direction Signs on Lamp Standards—The Committee considered application for permission to erect signs directing to Holy Trinity Mission Hall on a lamp standard at Berkeley Avenue, Winchcomb Street, and also in High Street pointing up Pittville Street to Holy Trinity Church. RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of direction signs which are becoming necessary for public safety, the application be refused.

4—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 2nd, 6th and 13th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 466.1, 472.3 and 472.0 B.Th.U., and the Pressure 6.4, 6.4 and 6.6 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,
Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th July, 1936. Present—Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, 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 30th June, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	182,000 gallons	155,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	298,000	312,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	46,000	43,000
	526,000	510,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 67,182,000 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—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of excavating farmyard and filling in with hard core, making good the blue pavement and piping in the overflow at £150, and providing water supply to dairy at £20. Mr. Castle attended and stated that he estimated the cost of the necessary hedging and cleaning out the ditches on the 34 acres of land recently in the occupation of Mr. Pleydell, and now taken over by the tenant of the farm, at £123, and the cost of cleaning out the ditches on the remainder of the farm at £55, and digging up of anthills at £30. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work in the farmyard and piping in the overflow carried out at an estimated cost of £150, and that Mr. Castle be instructed to interview the tenant and arrange for such portion of the work required to the hedges and ditches to be carried out, as he considers desirable.

5—Castle Barn Farm-11 tenders were received for the erection of the new farmhouse at this farm. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. G. Foster of Broadway, amounting to £1,060, including the sum of £50 for repairs to the approach road (being the lowest), be accepted subject to contract and bond being entered into.

6—Bungalow, Dowdeswell—(a) Read, letter of 17th ult. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. that Mr. Thomas of the Bungalow on the field adjoining Salts Farm was proposing to sell the same to Mr. J. H. Hewer, and asking the Corporation to grant a permanent right of way from the occupation road across the portion of The Langet to give access thereto instead of the temporary right of way granted to Mr. Thomas, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request, but are prepared to grant Mr. Hewer a temporary right of way subject to payment of an annual acknowledgment of 1s, and to an agreement containing similar terms to the agreement entered into with Mr. Thomas.

(b) The Borough Surveyor also submitted application from Mr. Hewer for permission to lay a water main for a short length across the triangular field adjoining the lodge to provide a supply to the bungalow. RESOLVED, That a wayleave be granted subject to payment of an annual acknowledgment of 1s and to agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

7—Meeting—RESOLVED, That the September meeting of the Committee be held at Tewkesbury Waterworks, to be followed by an inspection of the Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs.

8—Copper Pipes—The Borough Engineer reported that he had now inspected water installations fitted with Yorkshire capillary fittings, and recommended that this type of fitting should be allowed for use in the Borough. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th July, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor - Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Fire Brigade—(a) The Captain reported that the Brigade had attended an outbreak of fire on the 20th ult. at Shornhill Farm, Withington ; cause not apparent ; Damage about,£1,000 ; Expenses-£5 10s. 6d.

(b) Rural District—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council, that they had decided not to extend the existing area served by the Brigade and had informed the various Parish Councils that they must make their own arrangements.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of L. Handford for transfer of Licence No. 77 to new car No. FH 6286 be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted list of Licences not taken up. RESOLVED, That Supt. Wayman be instructed to prosecute any driver found plying for hire without a licence.

4—Cinematograph Licence—Imperial Rooms etc.—Mr. Irving Clark, Solicitor, and Mr. L. C. Norton attended in support of the application made by Mr. L. C. Norton on behalf of the British Pictures Corporation Ltd. for a Cinematograph licence in respect of a building intended to be erected on the site of Imperial Rooms and Nos. 85 and 57 Promenade. Mr. Bain, Barrister, instructed by Messrs. Veale & Co. of Bristol, attended and opposed the application on behalf of the Proprietors of all the five licensed Cinemas in the Borough, on the grounds that the proposed Cinema would be redundant and that it was not in the public interest that the licence should be granted.

Col. Tarrant attended and opposed the application on behalf of The Council of the Ladies' College ; Mr. W. A. Rixon attended and objected on behalf of the Trustees of the New Club ; Col. Horton attended on behalf of The National Citizens Union who had passed a resolution objecting to the proposal. Supt. Wayman also objected to the application on the ground that the Cinema would be redundant and if erected would create traffic difficulties.

Read, letter of 11th inst., from The Rt. Hon. Lord Askwith, Chairman of the Ladies' College Council stating that the proposed Cinema would be detrimental to the College, and asking that the interests of the College should receive first consideration, as, if erected it would seriously affect the work and welfare of the College.

Read, also, letter from the Hon. Secretary of The Cheltenham Civic Society stating that the Society regarded the proposed site as unsuitable for a Cinema having regard to the surrounding architecture, the balance and architectural unity of which would be destroyed by its erection.

Read, also, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. C. R. Cade of 83 Promenade that the proposed building would interfere with the use of his premises in connection with his profession as a Dental Surgeon.

Read, also, letter of 22nd ult., from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., urging the Council to grant the application and stating that had the Scheme not been proposed it was their intention to slightly alter the front of the Imperial Rooms and to divide the premises into new shops.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Leckhampton Hill—Read, application from the Sutton and Birmingham Auto Club, for permission to use certain of the old quarry roads on the hill as test hills on the occasion of the Colmore Trophy Trials in 1937. Proper haulage tackle would be provided to avoid the congestion which occurred in 1935. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the roads to be used being approved by the Borough Surveyor

6—Hanover Parade—Read, Memorial from all the residents in this road asking for a name plate to be erected. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

7—Game Licence—RESOLVED. That the application of J. Maxwell for renewal of his licence to deal in game be granted

8—King's National Roll—Read, letter from the Vice-Chairman of the Local Employment Committee asking the Council to renew their Undertaking to employ disabled ex-service men, which expired on 14th May last. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be renewed for a further period of two years.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd July, 1936. PRESENT :- The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates and Pruen and Capt. Trye Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James, Smith and Waite. (Alderman Margrett in the Chair).

1. CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES. (a) "Imperial Rooms, etc." RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend that the application be considered further until they receive a direct application from an approved Cinema proprietor or proprietors.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plans from Mr. J. Owen Bond, Architect, for a Cinema proposed to be erected on premises in High Street, who wished to know if a Licence would be granted. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee cannot consider the granting of a Licence until they know who the proprietor or proprietors will be.

2. MARLE HILL HOUSE. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to the lease of this house being determinable by either party on six months' notice pricy to the 29th September, provided that notice shall not be given to determine the Lease before the 29th September, 1938.

3. LECKHAMPTON QUARRY. An enquiry was received from the River Severn Development Association asking if a continuous supply of from 300 to 500 tons per day of limestone could be supplied from the Leckhampton Quarry in the event of it being required for a Factory proposed to be built in Worcestershire. RESOLVED, That application be not entertained.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

9—Town Clerk's Department—RESOLVED, That the application of E. M. Staite, Junior Clerk, for an increase in salary be granted and that his salary be increased to £52 per annum.

10—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office for permission to place one pole and bracket at this Car Park be granted subject to the pole and bracket being fixed in positions approved by the Borough Surveyor and so as not to interfere with parking; to the payment of one shilling per annum in respect of each fixture, to all damage which may be done being made good and to the consent being terminable by either party on three months' notice.

(b) Read, another application for the grant of a lease of this Car Park at a rent of £150 per annum for use as a garage and car park. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

11—Delancey Hospital—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the proposal of the Delancey Hospital Trustees to appoint the Borough Engineer as supervising engineer to the Trustees at a salary of £25 per annum, subject to this sum being paid by Mr. Marsland to the

Corporation in pursuance of the resolution of the Council of 6th June, 1932 ; also, That Mr. Marsland's salary be increased by the corresponding amount of

12—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee that the services of Mr. F. H. Harris and Mr. E. D. Ricketts be extended for one year from 30th September and 6th October next respectively.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of G. Gibbs (Labourer) be extended for one year from 3rd September next.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th July, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Grimwade; and Mr. Clarkson (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 61, 82 (b), 87, 96. 104, 107 and 111 (b) Asquith Road ; 12, 13 and 20 Alma Road ; 15 and 51 Creamery Piece ; 7, 16, 28 and 29 Whaddon Road (New). During the month several untidy allotments had been put in order, and the hedge at Brooklyn Road cut back. RESOLVED, That the tenant of No. 61 Asquith Road be given six months notice to quit, with an intimation that the notice will be withdrawn if the allotment is put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection, and that the tenants of the other untidy allotments be informed that the Committee will have to consider giving them notice to quit if their allotments are not put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection,

2—Asquith Road Allotments—Mr. Clarkson reported that he had inspected the vacant allotments at Asquith Road, and recommended that these should be offered rent free up to the 29th September, 1937: RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that notices be put up on the vacant allotments stating that these are to let.

3—Wasley's Field Allotments—(a) Read, letter from Mr. J. H. Phillips of 78 Milton Road complaining of the condition of the vacant allotments at Wasley's Field. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds on these allotments cut down.

(b) RESOLVED, That the tenant of Allotment No. 11 (a) be granted the allotment rent free up to 31st December next in view of the bad condition thereof.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th July, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play football or hockey on the various Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner .	Central School Old Boys	Alternate Saturdays.
“ “	St. Gregory's R.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's Playing Fields		
	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club	Alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays.
“ “	Cheltenham and County Harriers Hockey Club	Alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays.
“ “	Y.M.C.A. ...	Saturdays.
“ “	Plough Hotel F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
“ “	Post Office Sports Club ...	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Rangers ...	Alternate Saturdays.
“ “	Tivoli Rangers ...	Alternate Saturdays.
Whaddon Road	Whaddon United	Alternate Wednesdays.
“ “	Labour Hall Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“ “	All Saints' Old Boys ...	Alternate Saturdays.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the free use of this Recreation Ground be granted to the Knights of St. Columba for St. Gregory's School Sports on 24th July, as in previous years, subject to the ground not being closed to the public.

3—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the use of this ground be granted for All Saints' School Sports on the 23rd inst.

4—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviaries—The Sub-Committee reported that 9 tenders were received for the Aviaries at Pittville Gardens, and they recommended that the tender of Messrs. John Such & Sons of £71 2s. 6d. for two flights complete and extra wire netting, and the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £40 for a timber framed Aviary complete, and £17 10s. 0d. for two Bird Houses, one for each Flight, be accepted. They also recommended that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase an ornamental Dove-cote at a cost of not exceeding £4.

(b) Telephone—Read, letter from Col. E. H. Platt asking the Committee to have a telephone installed at the Pump Room, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this, but that the Post Office be asked to place a public call-box in the drive leading to the Pump Room.

5—War Memorial—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a complaint of the theft of flowers from the War Memorial, and he had reported the matter to the Police.

6—School Playing Fields—Read, letter from the Education Secretary that the Education Committee proposed to open the School Playgrounds and Playing Fields for the use of children during August. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay the wages of the attendants.

7—Athletic Ground—(a) Custodian—The Borough Surveyor reported that following the instructions of the Sub-Committee on the 1st inst. he engaged a Custodian from 5 p.m. to 9 30 p.m. on Saturday last, and from 2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Sunday last. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to continue this arrangement for the present, and that the Chairman be asked to interview the Secretary of the Rugby Football Club with a view to the new caretaker about to be appointed acting as custodian during the time the ground is open to the public.

(b) Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of St. Gregory's Athletic Club that they were unable to train owing to the risk of causing injury to children playing in the ground, and they therefore asked to be

released from the payment of £5 agreed to be paid for the use of the ground. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) Read, letter from Major J. A Kitching asking for the use of a portion of the Athletic Ground on Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. to 9 30 p.m. for Territorial training. RESOLVED, That they be allowed to use the centre of the ground.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Education Committee for the exclusive use of the Athletic Ground on 25th July from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for a demonstration of organised games in connection with the National Playing Fields Association be granted.

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3—Land Adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell that their clients were now prepared to accept the sum of £1,500 for the purchase of the 21 acres of land adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground, the Corporation to pay the vendors' solicitor's costs and disbursements, and valuer's scale fees, and the vendors to be entitled to remove the dutch barn and all other buildings on the land and to be allowed to remove all crops up to the end of the present year. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land on these terms for the purpose of a playing field subject to sanction to loan being obtained, and that application be made for sanction to a loan.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th July, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

9—Athletic Ground—The Chairman reported the Sub-Committee's inspection of this ground, and the Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the repairs etc. required to be carried out,, and of the provision of children's swings etc. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the new agreement with the Rugby Football Club is entered into, except that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the grass on the outer portion of the ground cut, and also to have back of the small grandstand and the loose pales in the railings repaired.

10—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to St. Peter's Wednesday A.F.C. to play football on the St. Mark's Playing Fields on alternate Wednesdays during the coming season.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th July, 1936. Present—Councillors .Bendall and Grimwade; Dr. Richard Davies; Major J. G. N. Cliff ; and Mr. W. N. Weech (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for May and June—Visas-5,397 (last year 5,159). Included in these figures were two parties, numbering 27 students, from local schools and colleges.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Commission, £2 7s. 0d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," 14s 8d Total £3 1s. 8d.

Exhibitions-14th May to 6th June, 5th Annual Exhibition by Cotswold Art Club ; 9th to 30th June, Photographs of Yugoslavia and Albania by Percy G. Luck.

Floral Fete-3,825 persons visited the special marquee containing " More Cotswold Bygones " at the Floral Fete on June 24th and 25th.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his Report on the Conference, which had been held at Leeds, 6th to 10th July. He had been re-elected to the position of Hon. Secretary for the Association for the ensuing year.

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2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mr. C. Bendall, Major Dent Brocklehurst, Cheltenham Motor and Cycle Co. Ltd., Miss Donovan, Mr. C. I. Gardiner, Mrs D. W. Herdman, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Tom Keyte, Mrs. Letbe, Mrs. Major, Miss Molly Phillips, Mr. W. H. Ralph, Mr. E. B. Smith, Dr. O. H. Wild, Mr. L. A. Baggott, Mr. C. R. Mapp and Glos. Standing Joint Committee.

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

3—Offer of Pictures—RESOLVED, (a) That a water-colour drawing of " Clifford's Inn " by Ada M. Williams, offered as a gift by Mr. W. A. Rixon, be accepted with thanks.

(b) That an oil-painting by a local artist, submitted at £10, be not purchased, the artist in question already being represented by three works in the Permanent Collection.

4—Exhibitions—The Curator reported the following arrangements for

Exhibitions :-3rd to 25th July ... Paintings by A. S. Hartrick and Letitia Hicks-Beach.

Autumn-Winter Session ... Paintings, etc., by Lily Allsop and Etchings by Greta Delleany.

RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved.

5—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—Articles of bygone local interest had been purchased from this Fund at a cost of £4 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Bequest of the late Mr. Charles Brown-5 articles bequeathed to the Art Gallery under this Will had been inspected by the Curator and Major Clift, and it was decided to accept 2 articles, a Welsh Pipe and a Crown Derby Plate. RESOLVED, That this be confirmed.

7—Fremington Puzzle Jug—The Curator read letter from a private collector, offering an exchange plus 130 for the 17th century Fremington Puzzle Jug purchased from the " Friends Fund " in 1935 for £5 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the sale of this piece be not entertained.

8—Leeds Cream Ware—An opportunity had occurred to secure, at a nominal price, a collection of Leeds Pottery. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to conclude this purchase at an approximate sum of £12, cost to be charged to the " Friends Fund " or to the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

9—The late Mr. F. D. How—The last letter written by this gentleman was an offer to bequeath a water-colour drawing by Robert Allen. The Curator had communicated the contents of the letter to the solicitors for the Estate, and the matter was still under consideration by the executors.

10—Offer of Local Material—A collection of illustrated material relative to Cheltenham had been submitted by Mr. F. F. Curtis, at £5 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That as most of the material was already in the Museum the offer be not entertained.

11—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be kept open until 8 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on 17th July, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd May to 17th July, 1936. Interments 102 ; Grave Space, to (First Position 3, Second Position 6, Fourth Position 21) ; Memorials erected 32 ; New Inscriptions 17.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9415 to 9444.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Design Nos. 1941 to 1963, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the widening of Priors Road, which necessitated the setting back of the Cemetery gates to the new line. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of this work being carried out.

5—Cemetery—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. J. R. Birt to pay £2 for the grass and fruit on the vacant land at the Cemetery be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Cemetery Superintendent be instructed to obtain offers for the fruit in the orchard, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept an offer.

6—Car Park—Read, letter of 30th May last from Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne that Mr. Cluer was now prepared to accept the sum of for the piece of land at the junction of Bouncer's Lane and the road leading to the proposed Car Park, the Corporation to erect a suitable fence along the altered boundary including the replacement of the existing double gates, to pay the sum of £2 for the six fruit trees on the land, and to pay vendor's legal costs of the conveyance. Read, also, letter of 3rd ult. from Messrs. Griffiths & Waghorne in regard to the user of the road leading to the proposed Car Park. RESOLVED, That the proposal to provide a Car Park be not proceeded with at present, and that the matter be considered again when the widening of Priors Road is nearing completion. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices erected, prohibiting the parking of cars in the bay in front of the entrance gates.

7—Maintenance of Grave Space Q 3036—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mrs. B. Rorie to pay £50 for the maintenance of Grave Space Q 3036 be accepted, and the Common Seal affixed to the undertaking.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th July, 1936. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Compton and Grimwade: and Messrs. Norris, Vernal and Walsh (Councillor Bettridge in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for June—Receipts £12 its. 2d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 4,672 (last year 5,252); Lending Department 14,749 (last year 15,102) ; Junior Department 1,772 (last year 1,910) ; School Libraries April to June 7,435 (last year 5,606). Total 28,628 (last year 27,870).

Owing to cleaning and redecoration from 18th May-20th June, restricted facilities were available to the public in various departments.

Electrical Installation—Minor repairs and adjustments to the Electrical Installation had been effected at a cost of £2 2s. 6d.

Statistics—Statistics of 23 towns of similar population and status were submitted, showing that the issues from the Cheltenham Public Library per 1,000 inhabitants stood 10th, while the annual cost per thousand of population was 20th.

Read, letter front Blaina Reading institute and Library expressing gratitude for 2 boxes of duplicate volumes sent for use in this distressed area.

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2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 301 volumes, published at £93 9s. 0d., be purchased for the sum of £59 2s. 3d.

(b) That the sum of £80 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations—Gifts of books to the Library had been received from the following : Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Ed. J. . Burrow and Co., Eastbourne' Medical Officer of Health, Health Education and Research Council, Joint Council of Qualified Opticians, Mr. S. Lloyd Kay. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "Canada's Weekly," offered gratis, be accepted, with thanks.

5—South-Western Regional Library Bureau—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend a Conference at Bristol on Friday, 25th September, 1936.

6—Inter-Availability of Readers' Tickets—RESOLVED, That Leicester be added to the list of Libraries offering inter-change of library facilities. 21 towns now co-operate in this way.

7—Staff—RESOLVED, That Miss N. B. Stevens be appointed Junior Assistant at 17s 6d per week, instead of Mr. S. Cane, who had made other arrangements and now declined an appointment.

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 the 10th September.

A. J. BETTRIDGE, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th July, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors. Barnett, Bettridge and Moore (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—Uniformity in Valuation—Read, circular of 8th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council asking the Committee to join in a scheme for using a standard form of survey sheet for the purpose of recording data relating to ordinary house property and for obtaining surveys of all the houses in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to join in the scheme, except that the Committee are prepared to obtain a survey of the farm houses in the Borough on the lines recommended by the County Valuation Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st July, 1936. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Lt-Col, Biggs (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of the Second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £68,199 ; Leaving outstanding £45,505.

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, 1936. Amount collected £14,301 ; Leaving outstanding £7,045.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanction :—

Date, 1936. Purpose, Amount. Period of Repayment.

9th July Layout and Fencing Alstone Croft Playing Field £1,065 20 years.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 21st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs.

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

5—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer submitted applications from four members of his staff for increases in salary. RESOLVED, That their salaries be increased as follows:-

	Present Salary,	New Salary.
S. A. Harris	£117 per annum	£130 per annum.
A. M. Smith	£78 "	£91 "
E. Jones ...	£78 "	£91 "
T. F. H. Walker	£65 "	£78 "

6—Superannuation—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Ministry of Health, approving of the designation of the posts of Swimming Pool Superintendent and Assistant Solicitor for the purposes of the Superannuation Act,

7-3 per cent. Stock----The Borough Treasurer reported that the first instalment was received on the 1st inst., amounting to £62,500. Fully paid Scrip in excess of instalments had been received amounting to £40,546, on which interest at the Bank amounting to over £100 would be gained prior to the due date.

8—Electricity Accounts—RESOLVED, That in future the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a monthly report on the collection of the Electricity Charges.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd September, 1936.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th, day of September, 1936, 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 a Meeting.

1. Town Clerk to Report Election of Councillor for the Park Ward.
2. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Communications by the Mayor.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of
THE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE ,, TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE RATING
COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
5. To pass Resolution applying for consent to loan of £380 balance of cost of Montpellier Retreat Sub-Station and for purchase of site.
6. To accept tender for external painting of 95 houses on St. Paul's and St. Mark's Estates.
7. To authorise Entertainments Sub-Committee to accept an offer for right to provide Fun Fairs on Coronation Day and Whit-Monday next year.
8. To appoint six members of the Council members of The Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board.
9. To consider application for use of South Transept of Winter Garden and/or Alstone Baths for Badminton.
10. To fill vacancy on Art Gallery and Museum Committee. 11. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town. Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 27th July, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, R.N. and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th July, 1936, 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 July 15

Housing Meeting held July 9

Except that Minute No. 2 (b) be amended by altering the cost of the roads and sewers in connection with the fiats to £748.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Waite " That Minute No. 1 be amended and that the electricity supply to St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates be provided without an increase in the rents " was lost).

Street and Highway Meeting held July 13

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 21 with regard to the traffic in Montpellier Street be referred back."

Maternity and Child Welfare .. Meeting held July 13

Town Planning Meetings held July 16 & 27

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held July 10

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 20

Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with Mrs. Wills for a supply of electricity to Seven Springs House.

Water Meetings held July 13 &

Except that Minute No. 5 be amended by increasing the amount of Mr. Foster's tender for the new farmhouse to £1,120 15s. 2d.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Smith : " That Mr. Foster's tender be not accepted " was lost).

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held July 14

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Smith : " That the application of the Associated British Cinemas Ltd. for a licence for a new cinema on the Imperial Rooms etc. site in accordance with the sketch plan and ground plan submitted be granted subject to the detailed plans being approved by the Council, and the building carried out in accordance therewith and to conditions imposed by the Council being agreed to and carried out."

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Allotments Meeting held July 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 10 & 17

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 17

Burial Board Meeting held July 17

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Alderman Winterbotham and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That the second resolution to Minute No. 6 in regard to the parking of cars in front of the entrance gates to the Cemetery be referred back."

Moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Green : " That Minute No. 6 be not approved, and that the land be purchased now, but that the layout of the Car Park be not proceeded with at present."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Mr. Cluer's offer be accepted and the provision of the Car Park proceeded with " was lost).

Public Library Meeting held July 14

Rating Meeting held July 8

Finance Meeting held July 21

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

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th September, 1936.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 31st July, 1936, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bettridge, Grimwade and Leigh James ; Mesdames Booy, Gurney, Grist, Mellersh and Wood (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Milk—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted five tenders received for the supply of Milk for the period from 1st October, 1936 to 30th September, 1937. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. for Tuberculin Tested Milk at the rate of 6d. per gallon above the prescribed wholesale price of the Milk Marketing Board be accepted, subject to revision in the event of special terms being authorised by the Milk Marketing Board or the Ministry of Health for the supply of milk to Local Authorities.

(b) RESOLVED, That milk be supplied in two special cases above scale owing to financial circumstances.

2—Local Government Act, 1929—The Committee considered circular from the Ministry of Health asking for a Scheme to be submitted under Section 101 of the Local Government Act, 1929, for securing payments by the Council of contributions towards the expenses of Voluntary Associations providing Maternity and Child Welfare services in and for the Borough. After consultation with the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association and the Cheltenham District Nursing Association, the Committee recommend that a Scheme be made for the payment of the following grants :—(a) To the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association :

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	£.	s.	d.
Existing Grant under present Scheme	350	0	0
Grant for free Cod Liver Oil...	5	0	0
Extra Doctor at Grosvenor Street Centre	50	0	0
New Centre at Bennington Hall ...	100	0	0
Birth Control Clinic ..	60	0	0
Extra Clerical Assistance	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	£600	0	0

(b) To the Cheltenham District Nursing Association :

	£	s.	d.
Grant for Midwives	160	0	0
Ante-Natal Clinic ...	15	12	0
and in addition, a fee of 10s 6d per case for private cases sent for opinion.			
Home Helps. Maximum of ...	25	0	0
Nursing of Children suffering from Infectious Disease	19	8	0
Provision of Beds for Maternity Cases	110	0	0
and in addition £6 0s. 0d. per case to cover 14 days with an extra payment of 6s a day for extra days beyond 14.			

(Note : In 1935, 19 cases were treated. In 7 of these the treatment was continued for a total period of 68 days beyond the 14 days. On the basis of 19 cases, the £6 6s. 0d per case for 14 days

would be £119 14s. Od, and 68 days at 64- would be
 £20 8s. Od., which makes a total of ... £140 0 0

1s per visit for Puerperal Pyrexia Cases visited by special nurses.

(Note : The number of visits paid last year was 43 making a total
 payment of ... £ 2 3 0

(c) To the General Hospital and Delancey Hospital: 4s per day for cases of Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia treated.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th July, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Taylor, Capt. Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (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.
4388	Bliss, G.	Sandfield Villa, Arle Road, alterations and additions.
4389	Rogers & Davies	4 Detached houses, Hatherley Road.
4390	Hall, G. A. M.	3 Detached houses, Leckhampton Road.
4391	Cheltenham Shop-Fitting Co.	Amended drawing of shop front, Colonnade.
4392	Gloucestershire Constabulary	Garage, Holland House, Lansdown Road.
4393	E. L. Ward, Ltd.	Alterations and additions, High Street.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 4389 be approved subject to surface water being carried to surface water drains and to the Owners entering into an Undertaking to set back the front fence for the widening of Hatherley Road on completion of building ; That Plan No. 4390 be approved subject to the House No. 3 on the plan being set back in line with the front wall of Roselands and to surface water being carried to surface water sewers ; That Plan No. 4391 be approved subject to green or dark tiles being used ; That Plan No. 4392 be approved subject to the building being set back a similar distance as the houses on the opposite side of the road, to surface water being taken to surface water drains and a petrol gulley trap being provided in the washdown ; That Plan No. 4393 be approved subject to satisfactory foundation plans being submitted and approved by the Committee and to the drainage being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4388 be not approved.

2—Plan No. 4372—Lansdown Inn—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to negotiate with the Stroud Brewery Co. for the widening of Gloucester Road to sixty feet,

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 27TH JULY, 1936.]

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 27th August, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4394	Field, A. E.	Garage, Spring Grove, High Street.
4395	St. John's Ambulance Brigade	Garage at new Headquarters, Millbrook Street.
4396	Ingles, A. J.	Garage, 21 Shelley Road.
4397	Burne, W. A.	New Bathroom, 14 St. Paul's Road.
4398	Gloucester Co-operative Society	Alterations and additions, 80, 90 and 91 High Street.
4399	Messrs. Boots Ltd.	Alterations, Boots Corner, High Street.
4400	Morris, L.	New Cinema, 83 High Street and Oddfellows Hall etc.
4401	Reason, C. H.	Detached house and pair semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4402	Canon P. M. C. Johnstone	Temporary Mission Church, Whaddon Road.
4403	Excell, E.	Alterations and lock-up Garage, New Street.
4404	Bizsley, Mrs.	Kitchen and bathroom, 1 Lypiatt Street.
4405	Anlaby Court Ltd.	Revised planning of Flats, Anlaby Court, Evesham Road.
4406	Revd. Father Coughlin	Alterations, 10 St. James Square.
4407	Wheeler & Mansell	Pair semi-detached houses, New Road, off Hales Road.
4408	Rudder, J. W.	New Shopfront, 10 Hewlett Street.
4409	Stallard, E. R.	Garage, Eldon Avenue.
4410	Eaketts, W. H.	Garage, 76 Tennyson Road.
4411	Mark Williams Ltd.	Scullery and W.C., 73 and 75 Duke Street.
4412	Strickland Stone Co.	Garage, (steel framed), Coltham Fields,
4413	Cheltenham & District Traction Co.	Paint Shop, Cheltenham Traction Co.'s Depot.
4414	Fredk. Wright Ltd.	Rebuilding of premises, 111 and 112 High Street.
4415	C H. Rainger Ltd.	New shopfront, Gainsborough House, Bath Road
4416	Crock, T.	New shop and dwelling house, Hewlett Road.
4417	Brunner, J.	New Flour Store, Hewlett Road.
4418	Brunner, J.	Rebuilding of premises, Brunner's Cafe, Clarence Street.
4419	Ward, G. W.	Revised planning of houses, Arle Drive.
4420	Goddard & Hunt	Detached house, Leckhampton Road.
4421	Hawkins, G. A.	Two detached houses, Pittville Circus Road
4422	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, Keynsham Road.
4423	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, Keynsham Road.
4424	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, Brooklyn Road.

4425	_____	W C., 80 Tennyson Road,
4426	Corpus Christi	Additions, 185/6 High Street.
4427	_____	Garage, Gloucester Road.
4428	_____	Layout, Benhall, Estate.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4394, 4396, 4401, 4409, 4410, 4422 and 4423 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being provided where required ; That Plans Nos. 4408, 4413, 4415, 4420 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4397, 4399, 4404, 4406, 4411, 4425 and 4426 be approved subject to the sanitary and drainage work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and also in the case of 4399 to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4395 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be removed at any time on three months notice, to the building being set back in line with the Lecture Hall, to surface water being carried to surface water drains and to a three-way petrol interceptor trap being provided ; That Plan No. 4400 be approved subject to (1) The building being set back to improvement line in High Street and necessary amended plans being submitted for approval : (2) An amended plan of elevation being submitted for approval : (3) Particulars being submitted as to what provision, if any, will be made for parking of cars : (4) A Cinematograph Licence being granted by the Council : (5) The approval of the Street and Highway Committee to erection of Canopy : and (6) Compliance with Cinematograph Regulations of Secretary of State ; That Plan No 4402 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be removed at any time on six months notice, and to rectangular tiles and separate surface water drains connecting to surface water sewer being provided ; That Plans 4403 and 4414 be approved subject to the buildings being set back to improvement lines in New Street and High Street respectively ; That Plan No. 4405 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking that the drains shall be deemed to be combined drains and to provide an adequate wash down to garages with petrol traps to all washdowns ; That Plan No. 4407 be approved subject to separate surface water drains being provided ; That Plan No 4412 be approved subject to steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, the surface water drains being connected to surface water sewer and to a three-way petrol interceptor trap being provided; That Plan No. 4416 be approved subject to multi-coloured bricks and sandfaced tiles being used; That Plan No. 4417 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be removed at any time on three months notice, and subject to rustic asbestos tiles being used, That Plan No. 4418 be approved subject to elevation being amended so as to harmonize with the adjoining buildings and to steelwork details and sanitary and drainage work being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and the Sanitary Inspector respectively; That Plan No. 4419 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking to (1) set back front fence in Alstone Lane 18 feet from the centre of the road : (2) set back houses fronting Alstone Lane 35 feet from the centre of the road : and (3) set back detached house at junction of Alstone Lane and private road 35 feet from centre of private road ; That Plan No 4428 be approved subject to the details as to improvement lines, construction of roads, sewers, levels etc. as now reported to the Committee being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor; That Plans Nos. 4398, 4421, 4424 and 4427 be disapproved.

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4—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.
977	Smith, Mrs. E. M.	Proposed alterations and additions, Gretton Road, Winchcomb.
978	Strawford, E.	Proposed garages (Private), Russells Piece. Boddington.
979	Prettejohn, R. B.	Reconditioning of cottage, Staverton Court Farm, Staverton.
980	Fletcher, R. F.	Hut for Mineral Water Business, Sandhurst, London Road, Charlton Kings.
981	Collett, Miss D.	Ransford Gardeners cottage, Charlton Court, Charlton Kings.
982	Theyer, C. M.	Greenhouse, Allen House, Hambrook Street, Charlton Kings
983	Blacklock, Mr.	Garage (Private), Bouncers Lane, Prestbury.
984	Huntriss, G.	Alterations, St. Elmo, Cleeve Hill.
985	Cheltenham Corporation	Overhead Low Tension Line, Marle Hill to Swindon Village
986	" "	Overhead High Tension Line, from Cowley to Coberley; Seven Springs and Salterley Grange.
987	Norman, C. H.	Garden tool shed, 2 Ledmore Villas, Ryeworth Road.
988	Lawrence, R. W.	Tool shed, Little Herberts Road, Charlton Rings.
989	Dighton, Mrs. Adair	Shed, Nappings Cottage, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
990	Wadcoat, Capt. W. H.	Alterations and additions, Balcarras Lawn, Charlton Kings.
991	Cheltenham R.D.C.	Public convenience, Abbey Terrace, Winchcomb.
992	Tomkins, J.	Two detached houses with garage to each house, Cheltenham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
993	Cambell, D. N.	Additions, Black Barn, Charlton Hill, Charlton Kings.
994	Skipwith, Mrs.	Garage (Private), Newlands, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
995	Griffiths, G. W.	Proposed House, Ullenwood, Cheltenham-Birdlip Road.
996	Hunt, Mrs. J.	Proposed additions, No. 4 Court Cottages, Little Witcombe

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 981, 982, 984, 985, 986, 988, 991 and 994 be approved ; That Plan No. 977 be approved subject to materials harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No 978 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, being obtained, and to roofing materials being same as those used on roofs of the houses ; That Plan No. 979 be approved subject to sewage installation being placed behind building line ; That Plans Nos. 983 and 993 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council being obtained under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 That Plan No 987 be approved subject to tool shed being erected behind the new building line ; That Plan No. 992 be approved subject to not more than 3 houses being erected, to the drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council and to the consent of the County Council being obtained under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and to the Owner entering into an Undertaking to dedicate land for widening of Road to 60 feet if required by the County Council ; That Plan No. 996 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council being obtained under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and to all external materials being similar to and harmonising with existing building ; That Plans Nos. 980, 989, 990 and 995 be disapproved

5—Applications to Develop—(a) Read, application from Mr. W. Wolstenholme for permission to convert " Elton," Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings, into business premises and to erect a sign and outside show case. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the type and position of the showcase being approved by the Committee and to the owner entering into an Undertaking to remove this at any time when required.

(b) Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. J. K. Troughton that Mr Warren had now decided not to let the land fronting Hester's Way Road as a timber yard and saw mills.

6—Plan No. 4372—Lansdown Inn—Read, letter from the Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd. that they were not prepared to surrender the land for the widening of Gloucester Road unless the Corporation were prepared to pay the cost of rebuilding the wall and paving the footpath. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to these terms and that the condition requiring the setting back of the wall for the widening of the road be withdrawn.

7—Ullenwood Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. L. E. Bendall had erected a wooden building on the Ullenwood Estate fronting the Gloucester-Oxford Road without submitting plans for approval and without obtaining the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting to ascertain what action the Rural District Council propose to take in regard thereto.

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8—Town Planning Scheme—Read, letter of 14th ult., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Council to include in the Town Planning area the small area transferred the Parish of Churchdown to the Parish of Staverton under the County of Gloucester Review Order. RESOLVED That the District Council be informed that the Committee are not empowered to include this in their area, and as this is included in the Gloucester Town Planning Scheme, it does not appear necessary to make any alteration.

9—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act—Read, circular of 19th inst. from Ministry of Transport giving particulars of the grants available towards expenditure incurred by highway authority under this Act.

10—Town Planning Executive Committee—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Council asking for the Committee's observations on a letter received by them from the Rural District Council asking for further modifications in the proposed Agreement including increased representation on the proposed Executive Committee. RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that the Committee cannot agree to any further modification of the draft Agreement.

11—Conference—Read circular from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England inviting the Corporation to appoint delegates to attend the 9th National Conference for the Preservation of the Countryside to be held at Torquay from the 8th to the 11th October next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be appointed to attend.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd July, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Cinematograph Licences—(a) Imperial Rooms, etc.—RESOLVED. That the Committee do not recommend that the application be considered further until they receive a direct application from an approved Cinema proprietor or proprietors.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plans from Mr. J. Owen Bond, Architect, for a Cinema proposed to be erected on premises in High Street, who wished to know if a Licence would be granted. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee cannot consider the granting of a Licence until they know who the proprietor or proprietors will be

2—Marle Hill House—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to the lease of this house being determinable by either party on six months' notice prior to 29th September, provided that notice shall not be given to determine the Lease before 29th September, 1938.

3—Leckhampton Quarry—An enquiry was received from the River Severn Development Association asking if a continuous supply of from 300 to 500 tons per day of limestone could be supplied from the Leckhampton Quarry in the event of it being required for a Factory proposed to be built in Worcestershire. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

[CONFIRMED By TOWN COUNCIL 27TH JULY, 1936, SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT TO MINUTE No. 1 (a).]

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th August, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett and Ben James (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal from payment of Rates.

2—Rates Department—Read, application from Mr. H. V. Webb for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £150 per annum.

3—Uniformity in Valuation—Read, letter of 9th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to join in the Scheme for using a standard form of survey sheet for the purpose of recording data relating to ordinary house property and for obtaining surveys of all the houses in the Borough. The Chairman reported that he had informed the County Valuation Committee that the Committee were not in favour of the Scheme and that the large expense in obtaining a survey of all the houses in the Borough would not be justified. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to join in the Scheme.

4—Tithe Act, 1936—Read, circular letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health, that as from 1st October, 1936, tithe rent charge would no longer be rateable and that grants would be paid to the Rating Authorities in respect of the loss of rate income.

5—Assessment of Railways—"Let Out" Properties—Read, circular of 14th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council in regard to the assessment of railway properties not regarded as forming part of the Railway which would now have to be separately assessed by local Authorities and stating that the County Valuation Committee had referred the whole of these properties in the County to one valuer for valuation at the County's expense and that the valuations so far as they related to the Borough would be supplied at an early date to enable the Corporation to lodge proposals before the end of the current rate period. RESOLVED, That, when the valuations are received, the Rating Officers be instructed to submit proposals based thereon.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st September, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis and Leigh James (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £100,433 ; Leaving outstanding £9,456.

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, 1936 Amount collected £19,462 ; Leaving outstanding £1,758.

3—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting

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4—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1936.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
27th August	Whaddon Farm Estate Overhead Mains	£527	25 years.
28th “	Electricity Mains, Seven Springs and Coberley	£1,958	25 years.
“ “ “	Plant, “ “ “	£298	25 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Davis.

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

6—Mrs. Pilkington—Read, application from Mrs. Pilkington for a pension as her husband's death had left her in comparatively straightened circumstances and in view of her age she would find it difficult to obtain any other employment. She had served exactly 30 years with the Corporation. The Town Clerk reported that Section 23 (2) of the Superannuation Act authorised the payment of a gratuity not exceeding two years salary and emoluments, which would amount to £208. RESOLVED, That the sum of 1208 be invested and paid to Mrs. Pilkington by instalments of 120 per annum until the fund is exhausted or until her death, whichever should first happen.

7—Housing Accounts --The Borough Treasurer submitted Report on the consolidation of the Housing Accounts under the Housing Act, 1935.

Under Section 46 of this Act, a Housing Equalisation Account was required to be kept to equalise the income from Exchequer contributions and contributions from local authorities against the loan charges. Provision was made for dispensing with this contribution if the local authority arranged its loan sanctions so as to extinguish the loans at the same time as the subsidy ceases. He therefore recommended that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval to the periods of sanctions originally given for 20 and 30 years for roads and sewers being extended for 40 years in consideration of the balance of debt on loans for 60 years being repaid within 40 years. RESOLVED, That application accordingly be made for such approval.

The Borough Treasurer further reported that the result of the merger of the Housing Accounts for the year ended 31st March last showed a surplus of approximately £570 after charging £505 for disinfection.

With reference to the proposed installation of electricity in 368 houses on the St. Paul's and St. Peter's Estates at an estimated cost to the Housing Committee of £2,932 he reported that the annual loan charges for 15 years would be £249, and for ten years £346, being an average cost per house of 3d. and 4d per week respectively. In view, however, of the surplus on Revenue it would be unnecessary to increase the rents of these houses and the cost of the installation could be debited to Revenue. In the alternative, the Ministry might be asked to approve of the cost of installation being charged against the Reserve Account accumulated under the 1924 and 1930 Acts Schemes, namely, 1924 Act £3,549, 1930 Act £444. If this was agreed to it would leave a balance in the Reserve Account of £1,061 which he suggested might be utilised towards the cost of providing the sheds on the Whaddon Avenue Estate for which a loan of £1,320 was sanctioned for only ten years. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval to the cost of electricity installation and cost of the sheds being charged to the Housing Reserve Account,

8-3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting the balance of the 3 per cent. Stock had been paid to the Bank. The total amount received was £246,250 representing 25 per cent on application, 25 per cent. on 30th June and 48 ½ per cent. on 20th August. Commission and expenses of 1 per cent. had been paid, leaving a net yield to the Corporation of 97 ½ per cent.

9—Land Alstone Croft—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. C. C. Castle had settled the compensation payable to Messrs. Stubbs Bros, at £600 the Corporation foregoing the debt of £107 due from them, and had arranged for them to give possession on the 29th inst. This was £200 in excess of the estimated compensation included in the loan obtained. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to an additional loan of £200.

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. fin Monday, 7th September, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R. S. Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis. Avery. Barnett Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, G. Garland, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell. F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Leigh James. Miller, Moore, Morris. Rogers and Waite

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Pruen and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs.

1—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported the Election of Mr. Edgar William Garland on the 28th August, 1936, as Councillor for the Park Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor L. Scott Langley. and laid before the Council his declaration of acceptance of office.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 27th July, 1936, 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 :----

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 31

Town Planning Meeting held August 27

Rating Meeting held August 18

Finance Meeting held August 21

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

4—Fun Fairs and Winter Garden—It was moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Ben James, and Resolved, That the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their meeting held on the 7th inst., that the Chairman and the Entertainments Manager be authorised to obtain and accept an offer for the right to provide Fun Fairs on Coronation Day and Whit Saturday and Whit Monday, the Fair on Coronation Day to be held either at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Sandford Park or the Athletic Ground, and the Whitsuntide Fair at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ; and also, That the application of the Cheltenham Badminton Club for the use of the South Transept of the Winter Garden for Badminton for the Winter Season be granted on the same terms last year ; the tenancy to be determinable at any time on four weeks notice, and if determined before the end of the season, the Club to be entitled to transfer to Alstone Baths, be approved and adopted.

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee be amended and that the Fun Fair on Coronation Day be held in Montpellier Gardens " was lost).

5—Montpellier Retreat Sub-station—It was moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Taylor and Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan of 2350 for the extra cost of the erection of the Montpellier Retreat Sub-station, and also for the consent of the Commissioners to the payment of £30 for the purchase of the sites of Nos. 7 and 8 Montpellier Retreat for the Sub-station being defrayed out of surplus revenue ; also, That the Electricity Committee be authorised to spend not exceeding £500 in purchasing such special lighting fittings erected in connection with the Conference of the Association of Public Lighting Engineers as they think desirable.

6—Exterior Painting—It was moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Councillor Dr. Hay ward and Resolved, That the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee that the tender

of Mr. Marchant amounting to £237 10s. 0d. for the exterior painting of 77 houses at St. Paul's, 2 houses in Malvern Street and 16 houses at St. Mark's (being the lower of 2 tenders received) be accepted subject to contract, be approved and adopted.

7—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Resolved, That the following be appointed members of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Taylor.

8-Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Garland be appointed a member of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee and the Guardians Committee in place of Councillor Scott Langley, resigned.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 5th October, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1936. Present—Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Curling Hayward, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Leigh James and E. W. Moore (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property-1 and 2 Elmdale Cottages—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had obtained tenders for carrying out the necessary sanitary work at these houses which he submitted. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. F. Booy amounting to £7 (being the lowest) be accepted.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 23 and 25 Windsor 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.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements 5 Burton Terrace; 11 Suffolk Square; and Buckingham House, Wellington Street—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 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 thereof, 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 any purpose except for use as a stores.

(b) 7 Grove Street ; 99 Leckhampton Road ; 118 Tewkesbury 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. 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 the work required or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (3) of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930, requiring that the houses shall be vacated within 28 days from the date on which the Orders become operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the houses are not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which they are vacated.

(c) Basements Halsey House, Pittville ; Deerhurst, 88 Portland Street ; 7 Ormond Terrace ; 5 Bayshill. Terrace ; 10 Regent Street ; 2 Oxford Parade ; and karts of 156 and 292 High Street. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to supply the Owners with specifications of the work required.

(d) 11 Sherborne Street ; Box Cottage, Pilley Lane ; 6 Brandon Place ; 44 Duke Street ; 60 Duke Street ; 22 King 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 to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the work required.

(e) 5 and 6 Croft Street ; 21 and 21a York Street ; 19 Francis Street ; 45 Union Street ; 56, 58 and 60 Union Street ; 21 Hermitage Street ; 46 Upper Park Street ; 229 High 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 and that the houses shall not be used for human habitation until rendered fit, be accepted.

(f) 32 and 33 Worcester Street ; 18 Jersey Street ; 4 Chester Walk—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned to the November meeting of the Committee to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the work required and in the case of 18 Jersey Street for the question of purchase for reconditioning being considered by the Housing Committee.

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(g) 7 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house be not proceeded with, the house having been purchased by the Corporation.

(h) 38 Brunswick Street S. ; 38 Marle Hill Parade ; 18 and 19 Townsend Street; 4 Weston Cottages ; 23 Elm Street ; 34 Suffolk Road ; and 31 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners of these houses be cancelled, the works specified having been carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

(i) 4 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order to be adjourned for one month and that the Owner's offer to sell the house be referred to the Housing Committee,

(j) 19 Sherborne Place—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Messrs. Haddock and Pruen the Council to modify the Closing Order made in respect of the basement of these premises so as to permit the same being used for a store or workroom, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the basement being occupied with the remainder of the house and not sublet.

(k) 4 Blenheim Parade, Evesham Road ; 33 Lansdown Crescent—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had now carried out the work required to render the basements of these houses fit for human habitation, RESOLVED, That Orders be made determining

the Closing Order made on the 2nd March, 1936, and 4th May, 1936, respectively, in respect thereof.

(l) 13 Imperial Square, Basement—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. 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 mortgagees, 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 the Committee to be held on the 16th November, 1936.

(m) 5 Brandon Place—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Ivens Thompson & Green, stating that the Owners of the house had obtained estimates for carrying out the work specified in the Notice served on them under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, and that the tender accepted amounted to £61 5s. 0d. and that in view of the substantial nature of the work the builder required possession to enable him to carry this out. They therefore asked that the house should be dealt with under Section 19 of the Act, in which case the Owners would give an undertaking to carry out the work required. 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 Mortgagees, 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 6th October, 1936.

(n) Claremont Cottage—rear Montpellier Terrace—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow these premises to be used as a workshop or store. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision that the house must be demolished in compliance with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc. The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. Beef 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. Pork ; 16 lbs Veal ; 3 qrs. 27 lbs. Mutton : 3 qrs. 22 lbs. Poultry 2 cwt, 12 lbs. Fish ; 6 cwt. Vegetables : 20 lbs. Tinned Foods.

5—Barn Farm—With reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Committee instructing the Borough Surveyor to have the brook from this Farm to Coombe Hill cleaned out at an estimated cost of £175, the Borough Surveyor now submitted letter from the County Land Drainage Officer offering to clear the same for the sum of £145 to be repaid to the County over a period of three years. RESOLVED. That this offer be accepted

6—Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of filling in the disused brick sewer, including the reinstatement of the footpath, at £20. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out

7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. A. R. F. Bendall of Hayden Hill, near Cheltenham and Annie Horwood of 255 High Street, to be registered as Retail purveyors of milk in the Borough, be granted, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order, and in the case of 255 High Street, subject to the alterations required by the Medical Officer of Health being carried out.

8---Notices not complied with—The Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective roofs, walls yard paving, floors, gutters and want of ash receptacles, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

9—Hide and Skin Factory, Gloucester Place—Read, memorial from occupiers in Gloucester Place and Albion Street and Wellington Passage, complaining of the nuisance and smell from these premises. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary inspector be asked to keep the premises under observation

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10—Slum Clearance—The Medical Officer of Health submitted representation for 62 Clearance Areas, comprising altogether 266 houses. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that Rotas of the Committee be asked to inspect all the houses. RESOLVED, also, That the report be referred to the Housing Committee for consideration of the necessary rehousing proposals.

11—District Sanitary Inspector Rea letter of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health approving the terms of appointment for filling the vacancy of District Sanitary Inspector. The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted four applications received for the appointment. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Pruen, Councillors Leigh James and Moore be appointed to consider the applications, and to report to a special meeting of the Committee to be held at the end of the month.

12—Smoke Nuisance, Bath Road—Read, memorial from occupiers in Bath Road complaining of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from the chimney of Messrs. Shenton's factory. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under observation.

13—Conference—Read, circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to a Conference to be held in London on the 22nd October to consider the new Midwives Act. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to attend.

14—Pound, Tewkesbury Road-- -Read, letter of 15th July from Mr. L. Say offering to rent this site for the erection of a snack bar. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

15—Sewer, Prestbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted complaints received of the surcharging of a sewer in Finsbury Place, Prestbury Road, situate in the area transferred to the Borough from the Parish of Prestbury. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Cheltenham Rural District Council be called to this.

16—Health Department—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received an application from Mr. E. L. Clapp for his son to be trained in the Health Department. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) District Sanitary Inspector—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted application from Mr. J. Ursell, District Sanitary Inspector for permission to join the Territorial Air Force, which would necessitate his attending a training camp for a fortnight each year. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that he be granted an additional week's holiday each year.

(c) Read applications from Mr. C. J. Clifford and Mr. F. Keene, District Sanitary Inspectors, and Miss B. A. Richards, Clerk, for increases in their salaries. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

17—Rat Week—Read, circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the National Rat Week had been fixed for the week commencing 2nd November next. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to carry out his usual campaign.

18—District Nursing Association—Read, application from the District Nursing Association applying for a grant in respect of cases of notifiable diseases visited by their nurses. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration and report of the Medical Officer of Health.

19—Shops Act, 1934—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that Certificates of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act which required the provision of suitable and sanitary conveniences, namely :—

Shop.	Occupier.
62 High Street	Mrs. Wade.
64a “	C. Ellis.
82 “	Cheltenham Cycle Co.
84 “	MacFisheries Ltd.
84b “	A. Mann & Son.
116(a) “	F H. Edwards.
116a “	Modern Radio Co.

RESOLVED, That, the Council being satisfied that by reason of the restricted accommodation or the special circumstances affecting the shops it is reasonable that Certificates of Exemption should be granted and that suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences are otherwise conveniently available, Certificates of Exemption be accordingly granted in respect of the said shops.

(b) 92a High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that suitable and sufficient facilities for the taking of meals by persons employed were not provided and maintained at this shop in compliance with Sub-section 5 of Section 10 of this Act. RESOLVED, That it appearing to the Council that there has been a contravention of the said Sub-section, notice under Section 10 (7) of the Act be served upon the owner requiring him within 28 days to take such action as may be necessary for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Sub-section 5 aforesaid.

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20—Housing Act, 1935-3, 4, 5 and 6 Victoria Street—Read letter of 14th inst. from Mr. R. V. Copeland submitting a list of works proposed to be carried out by him to these houses, and requesting the Council to inform him whether in their opinion the houses would, after execution of the works, be in all respects fit for human habitation, and would with reasonable care and maintenance, remain so fit for a period not exceeding 10 years. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in addition to the works proposed, he considered that separate sculleries should be provided, and that the area of all windows should be equal to the Byelaw standard of one tenth of the floor area RESOLVED, That Mr. Copeland be informed that the Council will be prepared to issue a certificate when the works specified in his letter together with the additional works recommended by the Sanitary Inspector have been carried out to their satisfaction.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th September, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, LL-Col.

Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

21—Flooding—Read, Report of the Flooding Sub-Committee of their meeting held on 29th inst. The Sub-Committee had considered the report of the Borough Engineer (copy of which accompanies the Minutes) and RESOLVED to make the following recommendations to the Committee (a) Chelt Main Sewer—That the Borough Engineer be instructed to confer with the Ministry of Health as to his recommendation to construct a new intercepting sewer designed to relieve the surcharge on the existing Chelt main sewer.

(b) Moorend Park Road District—That a new sewer be constructed from Painswick Road to Leckhampton Road via Moorend Street a distance of approximately 1066 yards at an estimated cost of (5,500, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health to a loan being obtained.

(c) High Street Sewer—That consideration of the recommendation to provide a relief sewer at Barrett's Mill be adjourned for further enquiry as to the flooding of basements in High Street since the relief sewer along Clarence Street was constructed.

(d) Eldon Road District—That consideration of an additional sewer in Hewlett Street be also adjourned pending the result of the further investigation to be made by the Borough Engineer.

(e) Arle Road District—That consideration be adjourned pending decision as to the proposed Scheme in connection with the Chelt Main Sewer but that the sewer be rodded at regular intervals.

(f) That Clause 77 of the Report be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration, RESOLVED, That the recommendations (b), (c), (d) and (f) of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also : (1) Chelt Main Sewer—That, in the first place, the opinion of a Consulting Engineer be obtained as to the desirability of replacing the existing Chelt main sewer by a new sewer between Old Bath Road and Arle Tank, as an alternative to the provision of an intercepting sewer, and that it be left to the Chairman and Borough Surveyor to select the consultant, and

(2) Arle Road District—That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider the possibility of providing some temporary relief to this sewer and if found possible he be authorised to carry this out.

22—Health Department--Six applications were received for the appointment of District Sanitary Inspector, advertised at £225 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £10 and one of £5 to a maximum of £250 per annum. One application had been withdrawn, and the remaining five did not hold the necessary qualifications. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, the appointment be again advertised at a salary of £230 per annum rising by annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. and one of £7 10s. 0d. to a maximum of £300 per annum with the usual cycle allowance, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act. RESOLVED, also, That the salaries of the two District Sanitary Inspectors (Mr. C. Clifford and Mr. F. Keene) now receiving £250 per annum, be increased on 1st April next to £262 10s. 0d. rising by annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to a maximum of £300 per annum, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, also, That the salary of the 3rd District Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Ursell) now receiving £200 be increased as from 1st April next to £230 per annum, rising by annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. and one of £7 10s. 0d. to a maximum of £300 per annum, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th September, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bettridge Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Leigh James (Councillor Grimwade in the chair):

1—Housing Manager—(a) Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

(b) Annual Re Port—The Committee considered the Annual Report of the Housing Manager for the year ended 31st March last. RESOLVED, That copies of the report be sent to the members of the Council, that consideration of providing a Community Centre for the Whaddon Farm Estate and the appointment of a Caretaker for the-Moors Estate referred to in the Report be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Tenants' Handbook—Several members of the Committee took exception to page 41 of this book dealing with household budgets and suggested menus. RESOLVED, That this page be removed from the books not yet issued.

3—Electricity Supply, St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Committee further considered the estimates of the Borough Electrical Engineer for providing electricity installations on this estate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the installation.

4-41 Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of lowering the height of the boundary hedge of this house adjoining the entrance to Messrs. Smith's Systems Ltd. be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

5—Whaddon Avenue—The Town Clerk submitted application to purchase one of the houses in Whaddon Avenue, when vacant RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to sell any of the houses.

6—The Moors, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 7th ult. from the District Valuer, giving his opinion of the market value of this property, and also the price asked by the owner, which was much below the price asked by the vendors, and he could not advise a purchase at the price asked. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

7—Reconditioning—(a) 58 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That the offer of the owner to sell this house for free of costs be accepted 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 purchase. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the reconstruction of the house and erection of a wing to provide a 5 bedroom house.

(b) 54 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That the offer of the owner to sell this house for £25 be accepted, the owner to be relieved of the outstanding charge of £7 10s. 4d. plus interest in respect of Private Improvement expenses, 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 purchase.

(c) 18 Jersey Street—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that the Housing Committee should consider the purchase of this house for reconditioning. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) 7 Queen Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders received for the reconditioning of this house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of £155 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

(e) 34 Tewkesbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders received for the reconstruction of this house. subject to contract. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of £173 (being £2 in excess of the lowest tender) be accepted

8—Priors Road—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the District Valuer that he valued the portion of the Whaddon Farm Estate given up for the widening of Priors Road, as follows :—

Portion fronting Hewlett Road,	0.045 acre	£6
“ Priors Road,	<u>0.675</u> "	<u>£94</u>
	0.720	£100

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10—Elmfield. Swindon Road--The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer of the terms negotiated by him for the acquisition of this land. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that it be ascertained what portion the Education Committee desire to purchase for the extension of Swindon Road Schools ; also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the Guardians Committee whether they would be prepared to exchange the garden land at the junction of Marsh Lane and Swindon Road for a portion of the land at Elmfield.

10—Conference Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of the Council to be held at Harrogate from 27th to 30th November next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 11th August and 11th September. RESOLVED, That the reports be approved and adopted.

12—Exterior Painting The Housing Manager reported that Mr. S. J. Marchant had withdrawn his tender for the exterior painting of 77 houses at St. Paul's, 2 houses in Malvern Street and 16 houses at St. Mark's. The Borough Surveyor also submitted price from Mr. C. Sansom for painting with one coat the exterior of the 156 houses on the Moors Estate. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited from a list of builders to be selected by the Repairs Sub-Committee for exterior painting of all these houses.

13—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Site for School—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Education Committee had asked for a site to be reserved on this Estate for a Junior School, and he submitted layout plan showing the site of approximately 2 acres, proposed to be reserved. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) 24 Flats—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had issued sanction to a loan for the 24 additional flats, and the Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the site on which it was proposed to erect the flats. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

14—The Moors Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he was having the open space in St. Peter's Square turfed. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to remove the galvanised iron fencing in front of Yarnold Terrace, and to replace this with a chain link fence.

15-5 Kingsley Gardens—Read, application from the tenant of this house for a wash basin to be provided in the bathroom, and for the installation of 2 power plugs. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the wash basin, and that the Committee agree to pay for one power plug provided the tenant agrees to pay for the other

16—Arrears--RESOLVED, That the list of Arrears amounting to 4s. 10d. now signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

17—Overcrowding and Slum Clearance Re-Housing Proposals—The Committee considered the rehousing proposals under the Overcrowding Survey. The 313 cases of families shown by the Survey to be overcrowded had been carefully investigated. By the time rehousing could be rendered available it was estimated that for various reasons a number of families would automatically be decrowded, and in other cases subsequent rehousing since the Survey was made had relieved the overcrowding. This reduced the number of overcrowded families to 269. In the case of 77 families in overcrowded Council houses, the rehousing of the families would render the like number of houses available for a similar number of overcrowded families. This reduced the number of overcrowded families to 192, of which 3 required one bedroom flats and one a seven bedroom house, and it was proposed to deal with these four cases by using existing Council houses, leaving 188 families to be rehoused in new houses.

The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates and layout for the erection of 188 houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate, comprising 24 three bedroom houses, 100 four bedroom houses, 54 five bedroom houses and 10 six bedroom houses. He had had consultations with the Medical Officer of Health with a view to the planning of the houses being so drawn as to secure accommodation for the maximum permitted number of persons under the Act, and at the same time so as to comply with the standard approved by the Minister of Health in Circular 1539 of 7th May last.

The Committee also considered Representation of the Medical Officer of Health for the making of Clearance Orders in respect of 266 houses. Some of the houses would probably be excluded from the Clearance Orders owing to the acceptance of Undertakings by owners to carry out reconstruction or improvement schemes, and the Medical Officer of Health reported that about 24 of the houses were occupied by families already included in the Overcrowding Survey. The Borough Surveyor reported that there was sufficient room for about 100 houses additional to those mentioned above without taking any more of the land let as allotments.

RESOLVED (a) That the Borough Surveyor's layout for the 188 houses be approved, except that the 7 pairs of five bedroom houses be replaced with 7 pairs of three bedroom houses.

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(b) That the following particulars of preliminary rehousing proposals for overcrowding under the 1935 Act be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval, and in forwarding the proposals, the Minister be informed that the Council intend to carry out the necessary rehousing required under the Overcrowding Survey, but that as some of the houses the ultimate included in the Survey are included in the houses to be dealt with under Clearance Orders, allocation of the houses to be built under the Housing Act 1930 and the Housing Act 1935 will be dealt with as the erection of the houses proceeds :—

HOUSING ACT 1935. PRELIMINARY REHOUSING PROPOSALS.

Site and Area.	Type .	Proposed Houses.		No. of persons for whom houses would provide Accommodation on basis of Circular 1539.	£	s.	d	Estimated all-in cost per house.									Total.	
		No. of each type .	Super area of each type.					Roads and Sewers.	Building.	Clearing site, fencing, etc. and other costs (if any).	£	s	d	£	s	d		£
Whaddon	3 Bed.	14	761	70	10	7	2	65	7	4	380	10	0	2	13	3	458	17 9
Farm	"	24	775	120	10	7	2	65	7	4	387	10	0	2	13	3	465	17 9
Estate.	4 Bed.	40	1122	320	10	7	2	65	7	4	561	0	0	2	13	3	639	7 9
15 acres.	"	60	1045	480	10	7	2	65	7	4	522	10	0	2	13	3	600	17 9
	5 Bed.	40	1258	360	10	7	2	65	7	4	629	0	0	2	13	3	707	7 9
	6 Bed.	10	1322	<u>110</u>	10	7	2	65	7	4	661	0	0	2	13	3	739	7 9
				1460							Shed for each of the 188 houses						13	0

Probable Date of Completion, 31st March, 1938.

(c) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the plans and completion of the layout of the Whaddon Farm Estate to provide for 100 houses additional to the above for rehousing of persons displaced from Clearance Areas, such houses to comprise 76 three bedroom houses and 24 one bedroom flats and to be planned in accordance with Circular 1539.

(d) That the Committee be authorised to negotiate terms for the acquisition of a suitable site or sites for the erection of 62 additional houses under the 1930 Act, making a total of 188 houses for the Overcrowding Survey, and 162 houses for rehousing persons displaced from Clearance Areas.

(e) That the Committee be authorised to obtain tenders for the erection of the 288 houses proposed to be erected on the Whaddon Farm Estate.

(f) That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage a temporary architectural assistant to assist with the preparation of the large number of plans required at a salary at the rate of not exceeding £300 per annum.

(g) That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a report containing the relevant factors required by the Ministry with a view to application being made for grant in aid of the houses to be erected to provide for the overcrowding.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st September, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs and Green (Alderman Capt., Trye in the chair).

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., proposed to be carried out during the ensuing month, RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Coal Contracts—The Borough Surveyor submitted circular letter of 29th July last from the Princess Royal Colliery Co. Ltd., stating that all contracts had been assigned to and would be fulfilled by the Selling Committee appointed under the Forest of Dean District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930.

3—Stop Bars outside Schools—The Borough Surveyor submitted a design by Messrs. Hancock & Son, for the erection of barriers outside five schools at a total cost of £22 2s. 6d., which the Education Committee required and were willing to pay for. RESOLVED, That one barrier be erected to the design submitted for the Committee to view.

4—Refuse Vehicles—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of the 29th July last from Messrs. Shelvoke & Drewry Ltd. suggesting that a strong protest be made to the Minister of Transport against the proposed Traffic Regulations with regard to the overhang of road motor vehicles being applied to vehicles exclusively employed on the collection of refuse. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

5—Priors Road—The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer of the terms arranged with the Trustees of the De-la-Bere Estates for purchase of the land required for widening Priors Road having an area of 0.420 of an acre Purchase price £50. Corporation to provide and erect a fence and hedge along the entire length of the frontage and make good ditches and drains ; pay any compensation to the tenant for giving up the land ; pay the proper legal costs of Vendor's Solicitors and Surveyor's fee including costs of obtaining sanction of High Court. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and a Contract entered into

6—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act—Read, Circular 459 of the 19th August, 1936 from the Ministry of Transport offering a grant of 50 per cent. to Highway Authorities in respect of additional staff for work arising out of Section 1 of this Act (including surveys, the preparation of plans and

collection of other data necessary for and preliminary to the adoption of standard widths) and for the provision of instruments and maps required by such staff

7—Finance Act, 1936—Estimates of Expenditure—A circular letter (473) was submitted from the Ministry of Transport asking for estimates of Highway Authorities for the next financial year to be furnished by the 31st October next RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish the estimates required.

8—Private Improvement Works—(a) Trinity Church Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that this work had been carried out at a cost of only £54 13s. 10d. to which the Corporation had previously agreed to contribute £45 so that only £9 13s. 10d. remained to be borne by the owners. RESOLVED, That this be borne by the Corporation and that Notices be given of intention to take over the Lane.

(b) Jersey Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate (revised) for making up the remainder of this road 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 on the portion of the road required to be levelled, repaired, sewered, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good and of any premises benefitting by the works though not fronting, adjoining or abutting thereon requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days and that in default of the notices being complied with the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

9—Junction of St. Stephen's and Andover Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 28th ult. from Dr O. E. J. McOustra offering to give up portion of his land for rounding off the corner at this junction, the Corporation to bear all expenses and carry the existing wall round the corner in its present style. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

10—County Roads--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from the County Surveyor requesting the submission of draft estimates for the year 1937/38. RESOLVED, That a draft Estimate of approximately £11,000 be submitted.

11—No. 4 Promenade—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Messrs. Rickerby & Co enquiring if the Corporation would make good the footpath which was about to be opened up if the Owners gave up the pavement lights in the footpath. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

12—Hewlett Road and Priors Road—The Town Clerk submitted the District Valuer's report of the value of the land forming part of the Whaddon Road Estate given up for widening the road which amounted to £6 for the land fronting Hewlett Road and £94 for the land fronting Priors Road.

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13—Wages—Read, letter of 17th August last from the Federation of Civil Engineers Contractors that the Engineering Construction Conciliation Board had fixed the rate of wages for navvies and labourers ; the rate for Cheltenham (Class 2) being 1s 1d. per hour. This rate would come into force on the first full pay week following 1st September, 1936.

14—Cycle Stands—Application was received from Mrs. J. G. N. Clift for some place to be appointed for leaving cycles while shopping RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

15—Mechanical Road Sweeper and Mechanical Gulley Emptier—The Borough Surveyor suggested the advisability of purchasing a mechanical Road Sweeper and mechanical Gulley Emptier. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a report and estimate.

16—Six Chimney Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 24th July last from the Cheltenham and District Gas Company offering to sell for £50 a strip of land for road widening subject to the Corporation setting back the fence and making good the footpath. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

17—Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor had suggested that the question whether there was any local improvement value which should be borne by the Corporation should be referred to the Minister of Transport to decide. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

18—Deputy Borough Surveyor—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. C. Roberts had recently passed the final examination in connection with the Town Planning Institute. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Roberts.

19—Borough Surveyor's Department—Chief Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Bird would be entitled to his second increment of £20 next month. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. Bird's salary be increased by £40 to its maximum.

20—Leading Ashman—The Borough Surveyor reported that E. Willmore the leading Ashman, was due for retirement on 19th proximo. on which date he will attain the age of 65 years. RESOLVED, That his appointment be extended for 12 months.

21—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 16th inst. Present—Alderman Capt. Trye (in the chair) ; and Councillor Green.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the diseased Sycamore tree opposite the Winter Garden be replaced by a White Beam, and that the dying Ash tree opposite the New Club and the small Lime tree at the junction with Oriel Road be removed and replaced by a single White Beam placed further back from the corner.

(b) Imperial Square—That the footpath on the East side be re-slabbed as far as the provision in the current estimates might allow and that provision for the remainder of the work be made in the estimates for next year.

(c) Montpellier Spa Road—That the entrance crossing into Montpellier Gardens be reconstructed forthwith and provision made in the estimates for next year for reconstructing the footpath on the Northerly side and reducing the camber on the carriageway, and that the dead branches be removed from Elm tree and the tree trimmed.

(d) Andover Road—That a barrier be fixed on kerb line opposite exit from passage from Lypiatt Road.

(e) Malvern Place—That one side be repaved this year and provision made in next year's estimates for repaving the other.

(f) Arle Road—That old slabbing be removed from footpath between Arle House and News Cottages ; kerbing and channelling be provided and footpath filled up, levelled and tar-sprayed, provision being made in next year's estimates if current allowance is insufficient.

(g) Gloucester Road—That Mr. H. Clifford's application for removal of tree outside No 60 be not granted.

(h) Gloucester Road—That Councillor Grimwade's request for a seat to be placed on each side of the road be acceded to.

(i) Gloucester Road—That Mr. M. E. Winlett's application for removal of tree opposite No. 250 be acceded to and a White Beam planted.

(j) Moorend Park Road—That the diseased Maple tree opposite " Eastcombe" be removed and a White Beam planted.

(k) Leckhampton Road—That the four trees outside No. 76 be trimmed.

(l) Leckhampton Road—That Captain Robeson's application for removal of three or four trees opposite No. 95 be refused.

(m) Keynsham Road—That two large trees opposite new houses be well thinned out, similar to trees on the opposite side.

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(n) All Saints' Road—That Mr. C. W. Jones' application for removal of tree outside "Corris" be refused, and that the tree next but one to the junction with Selkirk Street be removed.

(o) Prestbury Road—That one seat be removed to a point in Albert Road opposite Southend House and placed on the verge facing Prestbury Road.

(p) Albert Road—That two Elm trees be topped and certain branches removed.

(q) Chalet Road—That a Telephone Kiosk be allowed to be placed on the verge mid-way between the second and third trees, numbering from Evesham Road.

(r) Northfield Terrace—That the footpath on the South side be patched and generally made good.

(s) North Place—That defective portions of footpath near St. Margaret's Terrace be patched
RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Committee be approved and adopted.

22—Traffic Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Traffic Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th inst Present—Alderman Capt. Trye (in the chair) and Councillor Green.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Junction of High Street, Hewlett Street and College Road—That the Committee be recommended to install Traffic Actuated Control Signals at this junction,

(2) School Signs—Having considered letter from the Education Secretary in regard to the erection of signs near the various Schools, That School signs of a type to be approved by the Committee be erected at the following places, and that the Education Committee be asked to bear the expense of such erection :—

(a) All Saints' Senior School—In Fairview Road to the West of the School opposite No. 80 Fairview Road.

(b) Central Schools—On the West side of Gloucester Road opposite the New Inn and opposite No 33 Gloucester Road, and that the present sign be removed.

(c) Christ Church Junior Mixed Schools—In Rowanfield Road near the Roman Road end of the Playground. and in Alstone Lane on the Gloucester Road side of the Railway Crossing, and that the present sign in Gloucester Road be removed.

(d) Christ Church Schools, Malvern Road—In Malvern Road opposite the entrance to Malvern Road Station, and on the School side of the road opposite Christ Church Terrace

(e) Dunalley Street Schools—In place of the present signs.

(f) Naunton Park Schools—In Naunton Lane opposite No. 56 and at the commencement of the Recreation Ground railings, and in place of the present sign in Naunton Lane.

(g) Parish Church School and New Catholic School, Knapp Road—In Knapp Road opposite Grove Street Mission Hall and opposite the entrance to the G.W.R. stables ; in Devonshire Street near Messrs Rides ; and in place of the present sign in New Street.

(h) St. James' Junior Mixed School—In Great Norwood Street each side of the School.

(i) St. Paul's Junior Girls' and Infants' School—In St. Paul's Road near the gate into the Churchyard.

(j) St. Mark's School, Hatherley Lane—At the South side of Southerly Bridge approach.

(k) Swindon Road Schools—On the North side of Swindon Road slightly to the East of Waterloo Street, and on the South side to the East of Hope Street near Ribstone Cottage.

(3) Airport—Having considered letter from the R.A.C. in regard to signs directing to the Joint Airport, that signs be erected in the following positions :—

(a) At the junction of London Road and Sandford Mill Road.

(b) In Old Bath Road on the railings opposite Sandford Mill Road.

(c) At the junction of Old Bath Road and Sandford Road.

(d) At the junction of Sandford Road and Bath Road.

(e) At the junction of Bath Road and Montpellier Terrace on the wall of Langton House Hotel.

(f) On Mr. Belcher's premises at Montpellier, subject to consent being obtained.

(g) At the junction of Lansdown Road and Queens Road.

(h) At the junction of Gloucester Road and Tewkesbury Road.

(i) Directing traffic from Prestbury Road via Pittville Circus, Pittville Circus Road, All Saints' Road, Hewlett Road, Hewlett Street, College Road and Sandford Road.

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(4) Pedestrian Crossing Places—

(a) Having considered letter from the Ministry of Transport urging the Council to submit a Scheme for additional Pedestrian Crossing Places, That no additional Crossing Places be established at present.

(b) That the Committee be recommended to submit a Scheme to the Ministry of Transport for the removal of the Pedestrian Crossing Place in Montpellier Walk. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

23—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. F. H. Bastin Sons for permission to erect an illuminated electric sign outside the new premises of Messrs. Kreye, on the corner of Royal Well Lane, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

24—Land in Sandy Lane—RESOLVED, That this land be viewed by the Committee.

25—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 20th July last from the Rev. S. J. Richards to Alderman Taylor requesting permission for residents in Arle Drive to use the road to the destructor and across the Recreation Ground for the purposes of reaching Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

26—Albert Road—Read, letter of 18th July last from Mr. T. L. Thompson asking the Corporation to bear the cost of repairing the railings damaged by a falling branch. RESOLVED, That the sum of £1 10s. 0d. be allowed.

27—One-Way Traffic Signs—Read, letter of 31st July last from the President of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce to the Mayor suggesting that warning notices should be placed in advance of a one-way street. RESOLVED, That a warning sign be placed in the London Road.

28—Damage to Sign in Suffolk Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. J. Stephens that the damage to the "Keep Left" sign was quite accidental and he had no money to pay for the same. RESOLVED, That the claim for the damage be waived.

29—Collection of Refuse—Read, letter of 13th ult. from Miss Baker of 20 Park Place asking for ash collection twice a week. RESOLVED, That she be informed that the Corporation cannot undertake this.

30—Park Place—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. E. Trotman for seat in Park Place on the Sandy Lane bus route be not acceded to owing to lack of space on the pavement.

31—Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Mrs. A. Stone complaining of state of repair of the pavement on Ware's Hotel side. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

32—Pittville Gates—Read, letter of 18th August last from Mr. E. Constable Curtis and letter of 5th inst. from Dr. J. Curtis Webb requesting the provision of " IN " and " OUT " signs at Pittville Gates. RESOLVED, That the application be complied with. Read, also, letter from Dr. Curtis Webb calling attention to the grass verge of the road on which after rain a large pool of water remained for hours. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

33—Post Office Kiosk—Read, letter from the Postmaster that certain of the oldest types of Kiosks in Cheltenham had reached an age when replacement was desirable (though not essential) and as pressure of work in some districts had caused a temporary lull on the demand for Kiosks of the new Jubilee design—produced by Sir Gilbert Scott and approved by the Fine Arts Commission—the Corporation might like to take the opportunity of replacing as many as possible of the oldest Kiosks. For the present it was proposed to change the Kiosks near the Omnibus terminus at Leckhampton Road, one near Moorend Road in Leckhampton Road, one near the L.M. & S. Station and one near Holy Apostles Church. RESOLVED, That a protest be made against the new Kiosks being painted Post Office red.

34--Proposed Cinema, High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 27th ult. from Messrs. J. Owen Bond & Son enclosing sketch of proposed temporary Canopy, The Borough Surveyor had modified this sketch and submitted an amended sketch for approval. The Canopy would extend partly over the present footpath. RESOLVED, That the sketch be approved subject to detailed plans being submitted and to an Undertaking being given to remove the Canopy when the adjoining buildings are set back.

35—Promenade—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Douro Wine Shops Ltd. applying for permission to erect a " Sandeman " Day and Night projecting sign over 12 Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

36—Royal Well Lane—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimates of the cost of providing four crossing places to give access for taxis to reach the intended taxi line and also of the cost of lowering the kerb so as to enable taxis to cross at any point.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th September., 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor,; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Moore ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (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.
4429	Eager, M. M.	Shed, 236 Gloucester Road.
4430	“ “	Shed, 294 “
4431	Midwinter, F. S.	Garage, 7 Wordsworth Avenue.
4432	Noble, T.	Garage, Wincanton, Mead Road.
4433	Lewis, H.	Garage, Comberton, Brooklyn Road.
4434	Davis, A. E.	Garage, Eastholme, Wellington Square.
4435	Millar, A. A.	Garage, 21 Wordsworth Avenue.
4436	Brookes, Frederick S.	Garage, Verona, Brooklyn Road.
4437	Porter, J.	Garage, 11 Six Chimney Lane.
4438	Hodgkins, T. H.	Cycle and Tool Shed, Sunnyside, Brooklyn Road.
4439	Rutland, G. A.	Garage, 36 Brookland Road.
4440	Rogers & Davies	Five houses, Hatherley Road.
4441	Price's Tailors Ltd.	New shop front and minor alterations, 125 High Street.
4442	J. D. Bendall & Sons	Two houses, Mead Road.
4443	F. Rouse	Additional Floor to Furniture Store, Gloucester Road.
4444	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Extension to Fitting Shop and Car Shelter, Arle Court.
4445	Wheeler & Mansell	Three houses, new Road off Hales Road.
4446	Saxone Shoe Co. Ltd,	New shopfront and minor internal alterations, 110 High Street and 95 Winchcomb Street.
4447	Evans, Mrs.	Porch to Bungalow, Pilford Avenue.
4448	White, Mrs. H. L.	Bungalow, Arle Road.
4449	Western Estates Ltd.	Two Bungalows, Arle Road.
4450	Bowd, A.	Conversion of two houses into one, 6 and 8 Fairview Street.
4451	Edwards, A.	Extension to Dining Room, "Dunbar," Old Bath Road.
4452	Webb, Dr. Eric	Re-instatement of business premises, 238-240 Bath Road
4453	Cheltenham Corporation	Alterations and additions, 58 Worcester Street.
4454	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Nine houses, Alstone Croft.
4455	Regent Motors	Motor Generating house, Ormond Place.
4456	Giles, Chas.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
4457	Snowden, Miss	Garage, Cranford, Christchurch Road.
4458	Haines & Strange	Alterations to business premises, Albion Street
4459	Governors, St. Mary's College	New Hostel, Fulwood Park, The Park.
4460	Cook, E. W.	Eight houses, Brooklyn Road and Arle Road.
4461	Wilson, G.	New shopfront, Colonnade and Clarence Street.
4462	Stannard, G.	Alterations and additions, London Road.
4463	Lloyd, E. C.	Garage, "Canobie," Montpellier Parade.
4464	Walters, A	Cinema, 212, 213 and 214 High Street.
4465	Pates, J. P.	Garage, 9 Old Bath Road.
4466	Brunner, J.	Flour Store, Hewlett Road.
4467	Gloucestershire Constabulary	Additions, Holland House.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4429, 4430, 4438, 4442, 4445, 4447, 4451 and 4461 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4431, 4432, 4433, 4434, 4435, 4436, 4437 and 4439 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpaths being provided and in the case of Plan No. 4434 to the building being set back 4 ft. ; That Plan No. 4440 be approved subject to the Owners entering into an Undertaking to set back the front fence on completion of the Buildings and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to a width of 40 ft., that the fences at the junction of the proposed new road shall be splayed 25 ft. back on both angles of roadways, to provide separate surface water drains and that the drains shall be deemed to be combined drains and not a sewer ; That Plan No. 4441 be approved subject to the size of the fascia and lettering being reduced, to there being no encroachment on to the footway, to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to the sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4444 be approved subject to separate surface water drainage discharging into Hatherley Brook being provided and to the existing surface water drain being re-laid to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and that the Owners be informed that the drainage must be regarded as temporary, as new drainage works will be required when a drainage scheme for this area has been provided ; That Plan No. 4446 be approved subject to the sanitary conveniences being rearranged to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to the sanitary and drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and to the width of the fascia being reduced ; That Plans Nos. 4450, 4452 and 4453 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4454 be approved subject to the Undertaking already given by the Owner to set back the front fences and to also separate surface water drains being provided ; That Plan No. 4455 be approved subject to building being set back 22 ft. 6 ins. from centre of Ormond Place ; That Plan No. 4456 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an Agreement that the drains shall be deemed to be combined drains ; That Plan No. 4458 be approved subject to the steelwork being approved by the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4459 be approved subject to sanitary arrangement being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4460 be approved subject to house No. 8 being erected 20 ft. from corner of proposed road and to the Owner entering into an Undertaking to surrender the land in Arle Road near the corner of Brooklyn Road forthwith for improvement of Arle Road ; That Plan No. 4462 be approved subject to elevation harmonising with adjoining property ; That Plan No. 4463 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an Undertaking to set back the building if and when required by the Corporation without compensation, also to the doors opening inwards ; That Plan No. 4464 be approved subject to (1) the building being set back to improvement line in High Street and necessary amended plans, including plan of elevation etc, being submitted for approval, (2) a Cinematograph Licence being granted by the Council, (3) the approval of the Street and Highway Committee being obtained to the erection of any Canopy, and (4) compliance with the Cinematograph Regulations of the Secretary of State ; That Plan No. 4466 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907 to be removed at any time on three months' notice and to rectangular rustic asbestos tiles being used ; That Plan No. 4467 be approved subject to the elevation harmonising with the existing elevation ; That Plans Nos. 4443, 4448, 4449, 4457 and 4465 be disapproved.

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.
997	Richens, J.	Tool Shed, 9, The Grange, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
998	Turner, F. D.	Tool shed, The Haven, Bafford Lane, Charlton Kings.

999	Dighton, Miss	Storage Shed, The Nappings, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1000	Cratchley, G.	Tool Shed, Craner, Okus Road, Charlton Kings.
1001	Lewis, R. R.	Garage (Private), Redland House, Leckhampton Road.
1002	Mills	Garage, (Private), Bouncers Lane, Prestbury.
1003	Prettejohn, R. B.	Pair semi-detached cottages, Staverton.
1004	Bendall, A. C.	Detached house, Cold Slad, Crickley Hill.
1005	Bowen, Mrs.	Garage, (Private), St. Michael's Villa, Stoke Road, Cleeve.
1006	Baylis, E. C.	Additions to shop, Greet, Winchcomb.
1007	Drummond, P.	Four detached houses, off Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
1008	Bowd, A.	Pair semi-detached houses, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1009	Kearsey, A. H.	Garage, (For business purposes), Gloucester Road, near Staverton.
1010	Tomkins, J.	Detached house, Cheltenham Road, Bishops Cleeve,
1011	Powers, B. W.	Detached house, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1012	District Manager, P.O. Telephones	Telephone Kiosk, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1013	Young & Gilling	Screen, 50, Promenade, Cheltenham.
1014	Hall, G. A. M.	Lay-out of land, Prestbury Park Estate.
1015	Hall, G. A. M.	Preliminary plan for development of Cakebridge Farm, Prestbury Road.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1005, 1010 and 1012 be approved ; That Plans Nos 1001, 1002 and 1006 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act being obtained ; That Plan No. 1003 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence for the widening of the road to 42 feet on completion of the building ; That Plan No 1008 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of Noverton Lane to the line laid down in the Scheme when required by the Highway Authority, and also that the building shall not project over the building line to be set out by the Borough Surveyor, and to sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1009 be approved subject to Rustic Trafford Asbestos sheets being substituted for the corrugated asbestos sheeting, and to a plan showing the area of land to be attached to the building being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 1011 be approved subject to the building being used only as a dwellinghouse ; That Plan No. 1013 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the screen at their own cost and without compensation if and when required, and to the screen not being used for advertising purposes ; That Plan No. 1014 be approved subject to the line of the road being amended to the satisfaction of the Committee, and to the approval of the County Council being obtained ; That consideration of Plan No. 1015 be deferred; That Plans Nos. 1004 and 1007 be not approved.

3—Application to Develop—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. H. Pudell for permission to erect a bakehouse and garage in Langley Road, Winchcomb be not granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. W. Nash for permission to erect a house on land fronting the Cheltenham—Birdlip Road be not granted.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. F. S. Phelps for permission to erect a house on land fronting Marle Hill Court Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to only one house being erected in the field, to the consent of the Cheltenham Rural District Council being obtained, and to detail plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. M. Thomas for permission to erect a portable bungalow at Colgate Farm be not granted.

(e) Priors Road--Read, application from the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. asking for a modification of the building line along the side road connecting Priors Road in respect of the site reserved for shops so as to permit of these being set back 8 feet 6 inches instead of 20 feet, as provided by the covenant in the conveyance to Priors Estate Ltd., and also for increasing the number of shops to seven instead of six. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to agree to a modification of the covenant to permit of a building line of 18 feet instead of 20 feet, but that the number of shops be not increased.

4--Pittville Street--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed improvement line in this street, which provided for the widening of the road to 60 feet, the widening to be carried out wholly on the west side. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved.

5--Town Planning Institute--Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Institute to be held at Norwich in October. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

6--Regent Street-- Read, letter of 15th inst. from Messrs. Hicks, Arnold & Bender enquiring, in the event of No 4 Regent Street being rebuilt, what building line would be prescribed. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the present building line would be adhered to, but that the Corporation would require the Area in front of the building to be given up for the widening of the street

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th September, 1936. Present--The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1--Spa Baths--(a) Medical Baths--The Monthly Reports of the Superintendent for July and August were submitted

(b) The Superintendent reported that Miss A. Smith, Swimming Bath Attendant, had made application for some winter employment. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Baths Sub-Committee.

(c) Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 17th inst. They recommended that the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider if at a small cost any improvement could be made in the present Hot Water System but failing this, the matter be left to internal organisation; preference being given to a supply for the Vichy Douche. The Borough Surveyor now reported that the present system could not be modified without considerable expense.

(d) Gymnasium--Read, letter from Miss Jewell of Oriel School, asking whether the Corporation intended to provide a Gymnasium at Montpellier Baths as last year. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Baths Sub-Committee.

(e) Swimming Bath—The Committee considered the date of closing this Bath. RESOLVED, That it be left to the Chairman to fix the date for the closing of this Bath.

2—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, application from the Business House League Section of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for free use of the Alstone Baths on Friday, October 2nd from 7 p.m. to 10 30 p.m. on the occasion of their Annual Gala. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Baths be granted.

(b) With reference to Minute No. 1 passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on the 10th July last appointing Mr. Cook Superintendent of the Baths, the Borough Surveyor reported that no mention had been made of Mrs. Cook's appointment. RESOLVED, That Mr. and Mrs. Cook be appointed Superintendents of the Baths at a joint salary of £180 per annum together with house, coal and light, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act and to be terminated by either party on one month's notice in writing.

3—British Spas Federation—Read, letter from the Chairman of the Federation reporting the death of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. J. C. Broome. The Town Clerk reported that he had conveyed the sympathy of the Committee to Mrs. Broome and family.

4—Street Lighting—Read, Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting the continuance of street lighting after 2 a.m. on the occasion of late functions in the town. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Electricity Committee.

5—Conferences—(a) Read, letter from the Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland accepting the invitation of the Corporation to hold their 1937 Conference in Cheltenham.

(b) RESOLVED, That invitations be extended to the Urban District Councils Association and the British Ring of Magicians to hold their Annual Conferences in Cheltenham.

6—Alstone Mill—The Town Clerk reported that the rent reserved by the lease of these premises was £100 per annum with a rebate of 25 per cent on any quarterly instalment of the rent which should be paid within one month of the date on which the same becomes due and since the rent was always paid promptly the Corporation receive only £75 per annum, whereas the Schedule A Property Tax on the premises was assessed on the maximum rent of £100. RESOLVED, That the rent be reduced to £75 per annum without any reduction for prompt payment.

7—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted on the occasion of the Rector's Presentation on the 28th inst.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reminded the Committee that the sum of £100 included in the estimates for installation of an accelerator to the heating plant at the Town Hall had been deleted at the Budget Meeting. RESOLVED, That the provision of this accelerator be not proceeded with this year

8—Advertising—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Health Resorts and Watering Places Act, 1936 now authorised the expenditure of an annual sum not exceeding the amount which would be produced by 1d. and one-third of a penny in the £ on the rateable value of the Borough.

(b) Town Plan Indicator—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of the Simmath Press Ltd. for permission to erect a Town Plan Indicator Cabinet be referred to the Advertising Sub-Committee.

9—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total attendances for 13 ½ weeks up to the 2nd September, 1936, were Boys-4398 ; Girls— 4149. RESOLVED, That the Pools be closed on the 26th inst.

10—Swimming Pool— (a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Superintendent. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration of the Baths Sub-Committee.,

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the General Hospital in regard to nuisance arising from the smell from the Hospital Piggeries

(c) RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what steps should be taken to eradicate the growth of Algae at the Pool which had appeared season, and that he be authorised to obtain an opinion from a Consulting Chemist

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Alstone Baths on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1936

Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Howell and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

11—Alstone Baths—The Committee inspected the covered Children's Swimming Bath, filtration plant and laundry.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th September, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bettridge, Rev.. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Rogers ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

12—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 28th and 30th July, 11th August and 1st September.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Winter Dances—That the issue of free passes to the local dancing teachers be discontinued next season.

(b) Saturday Night Dances—That the charge for admission to these dances be increased from 2s 6d to 3s 6d.

(c) Military Band—That Mr. Arthur Cole's contract for the Military Band be extended for another week up to the 13th September in view of the of Public Lighting Engineers Conference. RESOLVED, That the recommendation, of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that consideration of increasing the charge for the Saturday Night Dances be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Sub-Committee be asked to consider the matter further.

13—Morning Orchestra—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to obtain a quotation from Mr. Arthur Cole for the provision of the morning quintet during the winter season, and that meanwhile this be continued on the same terms as last year.

14—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the application of the Borough Electrical Engineer for the use of the Drawing Room on the 8th October for a lecture and demonstration on the use of electricity for local horticulture be granted.

15—Flood Lighting—Sandford Park—Read, letter of 24th inst. from the Borough Electrical Engineer asking whether the Committee desired to purchase the fittings, lamps, etc. used for the flood lighting of the College Road entrance to Sandford Park. He anticipated that the Electricity Committee would be willing to hand over the posts free of charge, and that the fittings and lamps could be acquired at a reduced charge of £50. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the purchase of the equipment.

16—Berkeley Place—Councillor Howell suggested that the Council should take over the Garden in front of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Berkeley Place, to be maintained as an ornamental garden, but not to be used for tennis or other games. The owners had been approached, and appeared to be willing to entertain the proposal. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to negotiate with the owners for taking over the Garden, as suggested.

17—Alstone Baths—The Committee considered the date of closing these Baths. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the new children's bath filled and brought into use and that this be kept open until the 31st December next if required by the Education Committee and that the Chairman be authorised to fix the date of closing the large bath when he considers this advisable.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th September, 1936. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Bendall, Ben James, Leigh James, Morris and Taylor (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Accounts 1935-36—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March last showing a net surplus of £5,728 16s. 8d. RESOLVED, That £2,500 be transferred to the Renewals Fund and that after charging amount required to purchase the public lighting demonstration fittings to the revenue surplus, the balance be carried forward. (b) Read, a Special Report from the Borough Electrical Engineer on the year's trading. RESOLVED, That a copy be furnished to each member of the Council.

2—Electricity Charges—As a result of the year's trading the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the following reductions in charges should be made :—

(a) Rural Area under 1927 Order :

FIXED CHARGE (based on floor area) :

For the first 600 square feet of house—£2 10s. 0d. per annum.

For the next 400 square feet—8s per 100 square feet per annum

For all beyond 1000 square feet—5s per 100 square feet per annum.

RUNNING CHARGE $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per unit.

(b) Late Shop Window Lighting :

2d. per unit after 6.30 p.m., subject to payment for hire of special meters and time switches at 10s per quarter up to 20 amps and £1 per quarter over 20 amps.

The above charges to come into operation after the reading of the meters for the September quarter.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

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3—Complaint by Mr. Fear—Read, letter of 21st July last from the Electricity Commission forwarding letter from Mr. Fear for observations of the Council thereon. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Damage to Lamp Standards--(a) Read, reports of damage to lamp standards :—

(i) On 17th July last to a lamp-post in Charlton Lane,

(ii) On 14th August last to a lamp-post in Oriel Road on corner of Wellington Street.

(iii) On 27th August last to a lamp standard outside Anlaby Court, Evesham Road.

(iv) On 13th September last to a large lamp standard outside Midland Bank in Colonnade. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage.

(b) Sharing Agreements—The Town Clerk reported that he had arranged agreements with the Legal and General Insurance Company Ltd., The Leadenhall Motor Policies Ltd., and the National Farmers Union Insurance Co, for sharing the cost of damage on a 75 per cent, basis irrespective of liability. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to sign the Agreements on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Post Office Telephones -The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that Post Office telephones be installed in the Mains Department on the second floor and in the Chief Clerk's Room on the ground floor of the Municipal Offices, the quarterly rental being 19s each. RESOLVED, That these be installed.

6--Coronation— RESOLVED, That no charge be made for energy consumed for approved illumination schemes during the week of the Coronation festivities.

7—Superannuation—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that T. H. Stevens, Paviour, attained the age of 65 on the 13th August, 1935. RESOLVED, That his services be extended for another 12 months.

8—Motor Car—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the secondhand Morris Motor Car purchased four years ago required extensive overhaul and he recommended the purchase from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Car Mart Ltd. of a new 10 h.p. Austin. RESOLVED, That the purchase be approved

9—Gas Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Gas Company had been instructed by the Prestbury Parish Council to extend the lighting period in their area from 11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., and had asked whether the Corporation desired the gas lamps in the added area to be continued to the same time. The additional cost for the 25 lamps for the season would be £2 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Public Lighting Demonstrations—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of the special fittings recently installed for demonstration purposes which he recommended should be purchased.

These included fittings in the following roads : Lansdown Road and Lansdown Place (subject to the makers being able to modify the existing fittings to reduce the glare and to improve the lighting at the kerb), Queen's Road, Montpellier Walk, Promenade, Imperial Lane, Bath Road, London Road, Oriel Road (to be transferred to London Road) ; he also recommended that five steel columns be retained for stock and that an Edgcumbe—Holophane photometer and a Slingsby lowering arm be purchased, the total outlay being £489 18s. 8d. He pointed out that the running cost would be increased by £119 4s. 1d. which would cover 2.9 miles of road. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved.

11—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present fittings and colour-changing gear, which were 10 years old, were nearly worn out. RESOLVED, That new fittings etc. be purchased for £46

12—Gas prescriptions—Read, letter from the Gas Referees enclosing a new prescription which would come into force on the 1st proximo increasing the number of tests from 13 to 17 days per quarter for the Borough of Cheltenham, Charlton Kings and the Rural Districts of Gloucestershire. Read, letter from Mr. Saxby asking for an additional fee of £2 2s. 0d. for the four additional tests per quarter. Two of the additional tests were for the Borough and one each for Charlton Kings and the Rural District. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that application be made to the Gloucester County Council and Charlton Kings Urban District Council for contribution of their proportion.

13—Public Lighting—(1) Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce asking that Street Lighting should be continued until 3 a.m. on the occasion of special functions at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the public lighting be extended, when required, on payment of 33s for one hour.

(2) (a) Parabola Road—A complaint was received as to lighting of this road. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the difficulty arose mainly from the trees. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee and this Committee should have a joint meeting to consider this if necessary, but that the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to attend the next View Meeting of the Street and Highway Committee to discuss the matter.

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(b) Passage to Malvern Road—A complaint was received from Mr. J. A. Roper as to lighting of this passage. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(c) Sydenham Villas Road—In response to a complaint against the street lighting at the junction of Sydenham Villas Road with London Road, RESOLVED, That a new lamp be placed on die West side of the road near the junction with London Road at a cost of £ 21 13s. 3d. and that the next lamp be moved to equalise the intervals between the lamps in the road.

(d) Priory Street—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Ex-Alderman J. Stewart complaining of the street lighting in Priory Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(e) Harp Hill—RESOLVED, That the complaint of Mr. Wilson against the lighting in this Road be not entertained as the house is outside the Borough.

(f) Queen's Road—RESOLVED, That the complaint of Mrs. Mackenzie against the new sodium lighting in Queen's Road be not entertained.

14—Overhead Line—Seven Springs and Salterley Grange—(a) The Town Clerk reported receipt of consent of Electricity Commissioners to loan of £2,256 for the extension to Seven Springs and consent of Ministry of Transport to the overhead line.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in one case he had difficulty in obtaining the required wayleave for poles and overhead lines, which was causing delay in completing this extension. RESOLVED, That Notice 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 poles and lines in question.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Tewkesbury on Tuesday, 17th September, 1936. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Margrett, Moore and Pates; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Miller (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer for the months of July and August were read :—

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st July, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	162,000 gallons	136,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	547,000	304,000
Leckhampton Springs	32,000	34,000
	741,000	474,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 73,894,000 gallons.

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DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st August, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	143,000 gallons	117,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	306,000	193,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	29,000	24,000
	478,000	334,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 67,153,000 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--Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Committee inspected these works.

(b) Manager—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of the 31st July last from Mr. C. J. Pearce, resigning his appointment as Works Manager, together with certificate from Dr. T. Olroyd that Mr. Pearce was unfit to continue work owing to ill-health, The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. Pearce's superannuation allowance would amount to £83 12s. 3d. in respect of 11 years' contributory service and 13 years' non-contributory service, and Mr. Pearce asked that his pension should be increased. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 23 (2) of the Superannuation Act, That Mr. Pearce be paid a gratuity of £150.

(c) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, That Mr. D. Maycock (Under-foreman) be appointed Manager as from the 1st inst. at a salary of £185 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £215 per annum, together with house, coal and light, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act, and to be terminable by either party on one month's notice in writing.

5—Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs—The Committee inspected these Reservoirs.

6—California and Redwood Springs—The Committee considered the reports of the analyses of the water from these springs submitted by the Medical Officer of health. RESOLVED, That the supply from California Springs be discontinued.

7—Salts Farm—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to provide a new fireplace at Salts Farm in lieu of payment of compensation to the tenant for surface damage to the field adjoining the overflow culvert now in course of construction at Dowdeswell,

8—Damage to Valve Cover at Tewkesbury and Water Meter at Sunshine Laundry—Read, reports of damage to a valve cover at Tewkesbury by a lorry belonging to Hollybush Quarries Ltd., and to a water meter at the Sunshine Laundry by a lorry belonging to the Cheltenham Gas Company. The Town Clerk reported that both these claims had been settled under sharing agreements.

9—Castle Barn Farm—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. G. Foster had withdrawn his tender for the new farmhouse, and as authorised the Chairman had accepted the next lowest tender, namely that of Mr. M. Partridge amounting to £1,382 7s Od., and the work was now in hand. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Margrett, Moore, Pates, Green 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) Regulation of Movement of Swine (Amendment) Order of 1936 (Nos. 2 and 3)—The Town Clerk submitted copies of this Order which had been published as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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

Date, 1936.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
25th July	20 Lansdown Terrace	Drying mattress in front of fire	£50—£60	£3 14. 0d.
2nd August	Ashworths, Staverton	Children playing with matches	About £50	£9 0s. 0d.
3rd "	" "	Hayricks _____	_____	£9 2s. 0d.
1st September	Pheasant Inn, Staverton	Not apparent ...	About £150	£7 7s. 0d.
7th ,,	Tuskar House, Bishop's Cleeve	Not apparent	About £100	£5 12s. 0d.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he was obtaining tenders for installation of new heating apparatus at the Fire Station for which provision had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

(c) Gotherington—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Gotherington Parish Council enquiring on what terms the Council would provide the services of the Brigade to the Parish of Gotherington. RESOLVED, That Capt. Such be instructed to inspect and report on the water supply available in the village.

(d) Safety Glass—Read, letter of 30th July from Messrs. Haines & Strange pointing out that the Fire Tender and Engine must be equipped with Safety Glass Windscreens by 1st January next. RESOLVED, That the Captain be instructed to have these provided

(e) Firemen's Bells—Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mr. W. J. Bache that he had examined the present system of firemen's bells and found that this was defective. He submitted three alternative quotations from the Post Office for provision and maintenance of a new system. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the quotation of the Post Office to provide and maintain new equipment on the magneto system at a charge of £17 15s. 0d. per annum be accepted, subject to a formal Agreement being entered into RESOLVED, also, That the telephone be installed at Capt. Such's house.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence—Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of S. Alsbury to transfer his licence to a new cab purchased by him, No. KL 6171, be granted.

4 —Petrol Licences (a) RESOLVED, That the applications for the renewal of licences to store petroleum and carbide, as set out in the Petroleum Inspector's Report Book, be granted for one year from the 5th proximo.

(b) Petroleum (Transfer of Licences) Act 1936—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 19th ult. from the Home Office drawing attention to the provisions of this Act which authorised the Council to transfer licences on payment of a fee of 2s 6d in respect of each transfer.

5—Re-Numbering of Houses—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Head Postmaster in regard to the numbering of Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road numbered.

6—Traffic Commissioners—RESOLVED, That Alderman Capt. Trye be nominated for appointment to the Panel of persons nominated by Local Authorities from whom a Traffic Commissioner is appointed for the Western Traffic Area

7—Leckhampton Hill—The Town Clerk reported that on 23rd July last the Borough Surveyor had reported the damage being done by rabbits to the newly planted creepers and also that complaints had been received from residents. The Chairman had therefore authorised the re-letting of the right to catch rabbits to Mr. G. A. Price for the sum of £2. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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8—Unemployment in Jarrow—Read, letters from the Mayor of Jarrow asking the Council to support the efforts being made by the Jarrow Town Council to urge the Government to resuscitate industry in Jarrow and for a donation towards the cost of organising a protest march from Jarrow to the House of Commons, RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Game Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. W. A. Soper and L. A. Soper for renewal of their Licence to deal in game at la Winchcombe Street and 411a High Street be granted.

10—Coal Export Trade—Read, Circular from the Barry Urban District Council asking the Council to support a resolution urging the Government to assist exportation of coal by the granting of subsidies. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

11—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Miss M. Nealon, Public Library Assistant, be added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts, as she will complete three years' service in a designated post on 2nd October.

12—Athletic Ground—Read, letter from the Rugby Football Club asking if the Council had any objection to a fun fair being held in the Car Park between 14th October and 3rd November. RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to a fun fair being held for two or three days subject to no steam organ being used and to the music from loudspeakers being subdued and the fair closed at 10.30 p.m. each evening.

13—Cinematograph Licences—(a) 81a, 81, 82 High Street and Oddfellows Hall—Mr. S. H. Lamb, Barrister, instructed by Messrs, Bellinghouse & Co. attended on behalf of Mr. Louis Morris in support of his application for a provisional Cinematograph licence in respect of a new Cinema intended to be erected on this site.

Mr. Watson, Barrister, instructed by Messrs. A. Fletcher & Co., attended and opposed the application on behalf of Associated British Cinemas Ltd on the grounds (1) That the application was speculative : (2) That it was not made on behalf of a recognised exhibitor and (3) That it was not in the public interest to grant the application.

Mr. R. R. Lewis attended and opposed the application on behalf of the proprietors of the five licenced Cinemas in the Town. Superintendent Wayman also objected to the application on the ground that the Cinema would add to the traffic congestion already existing in The Strand, RESOLVED, That consideration of the Committee's decision be adjourned to the December meeting of the Committee.

(b) 212-214 High Street—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. A. S. Waters for the grant of a provisional licence in respect of a new Cinema intended to be erected by him on this site. RESOLVED, That the application be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

14—Rodney Road Car Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the Convenience at this Car Park and in respect of which complaints had been received. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to provide two new Conveniences (one for each sex) at an approximate cost of £30.

15—Coronation—RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to organise the local celebrations of the King's Coronation on the 12th May next year, consisting of ten members of the Council and three representatives of each of the Education Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club the Committee to have power to add to their number. RESOLVED, That the following be appointed representatives of the Council, viz.--The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore, Pates and Capt. Trye, Councillors Davis, Smith and Waite.

16—Air Raid Precautions—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Alderman Capt. Trye be appointed the representatives of the Council to attend the Conference of County Authorities convened by the County Council to discuss the organisation of the Air Raid Precaution Scheme for the County to be held at Gloucester on the 2nd proximo.

17—Leckhampton Hill Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the fences of the land adjoining the Reservoir to be let to Mrs. Elwes. He estimated the cost of making good the fence on the East side, adjoining the old tramway at £30. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to have the fence made good subject to Mrs. Elwes contributing half the cost.

18—Severn Bridge—Read, letter from the County Council for Monmouthshire asking the views of the Council as to the construction of a bridge over the River Severn. RESOLVED, That they be informed that this Council is opposed to any further expenditure by the Gloucestershire County Council in promoting a Bill for the erection of a Severn Bridge as they consider that if a bridge is to be provided, it is a matter for the Government. RESOLVED, also, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Gloucestershire County Council and the local representatives on the County Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Mr. F. Vizard, deceased—RESOLVED, That the Committee record their deep regret at the death of Mr. F. Vizard, who for many years rendered valuable service as a co-opted member of the Committee, and desire to express their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their sad bereavement. RESOLVED, also, That the question of filling the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. Vizard be adjourned till next year's Committees are appointed.

2—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 104, 107, 111 (b) Asquith Road 12, 13, 20, 38 and 39 Alma Road 15 Creamery Piece ; 31 (a), 49 and 60 Albert Road ; 7, 16, 27, 29, 31 and 56 Whaddon Road (New). RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenants of these allotments that unless their allotments are put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection, they will be given notice to quit.

3—Allotment No. 61 Asquith Road—Read, letter from Miss E. J. Joyner asking to be released from payment of arrears of rent amounting to 9s due from her late father. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Allotment No. 40 Whaddon Road (New)—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment which would be required for housing, claiming compensation for the fruit trees on the allotment. RESOLVED, That the claim be referred to Mr. C. C. Castle.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th September, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Land Adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk submitted draft contract for the purchase of this land. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled.

2—Football Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play football on the various Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club.	Date of Play.
Naunton Park	Naunton Park Old Boys R.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's Playing Fields ..	.Mechanisation Sports Club	" "
"	Parish Church School Old Boys Union ...	" "
"	Y.M.C.A. Juniors ...	" "
"	Masons United A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays

And that Mechanization Sports Club be charged £4 4s. 0d. for the use of a pitch.

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3—St. Mark's Playing Fields—Read, letter from Mr. J. F. Fisher complaining of the danger to his house from cricket balls. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

4—Sandford Park —Read, letter from Miss E. G. Williams suggesting that more seats should be placed in the Recreation Ground at Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for 24 additional heavy type seats.

5—Pittville Gardens-(a) Telephone—Read, letter from the Post Office Telephones that a kiosk could only be provided in the roadway leading to the Pump Room on the understanding that it would be recovered from the Corporation within a period of three years if the Annual loss was such as to warrant that course. The Post Office would, however, be prepared to provide At the junction of Evesham Road and Central Cross Drive in a position shown on the plan enclosed with their letter. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to approve of the erection of A in this position.

(b) Greenhouses, New Boiler—The, Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman and Councillor Bendall had considered the tender for a new boiler for the greenhouses, and had accepted the tender of Messrs. Stephens & Finch amounting to £71 1s. 0d.. and the boiler had now been fixed. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Giant Stride—The Borough Surveyor reported that the pole of the Giant Stride in Pittville Gardens had been removed owing to its dangerous condition. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate for the provision of A new Giant Stride.

(d) Foreman—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the foreman at Pittville Gardens for an allowance for his cycle, used daily for travelling to and from the Town Hall and other Gardens. RESOLVED, That he be granted an allowance of £2 per annum.

(e) Marle Hill Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last meeting the Chairman had authorised him to carry out certain work (not included in the annual estimates) at Marle Hill Annexe, including the treating of the water to prevent weed growths, certain cleaning, minor repairs and fixing of bunting. The total cost of this work amounted to approximately £15. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Horticultural Class—The Borough Surveyor reported that some of the gardeners desired to attend a Class of Horticulture at the Technical College, one session of which was held in the afternoon. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to the gardeners attending the afternoon class.

7—Athletic Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. W. Worgan, the late Caretaker at the Athletic Ground, for remuneration in connection with the extra duties performed from the 24th June to 24th August when the ground was open to the public. RESOLVED, That he be paid the sum of £3 3s. 0d.

8—Shelters—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up notices prohibiting spitting in the shelters in the various Recreation Grounds and Parks.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th September, 1936. Present—Alderman Winterbotham - Councillors Bendall, Garland and Grimwade; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August—Visitors-8,535 (last year 5,322). Included in these figures were three parties, numbering 77 students, from local schools and colleges.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Commission, £2 8s. 3d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £4 19s. 10d. Total £7 8s. 1d

Exhibitions-3rd-25th July, Paintings by Delia Hicks Beach and A. S. Hartrick, R.W.S. 31st July-28th August, Exhibition by English Association of New Schools in connection with New Education Fellowship Conference.

Northleach Prison—RESOLVED, That examples of interior fittings from this Prison be purchased from the demolition contractor at half-price, viz 30s, plus carriage.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—

Bygones, etc.—Anonymous, Mr. C. Bendall, Mrs. Monro Briggs, Major J. G. N. Clift, Mr. S. E. Foss, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Miss Holliday, Mr. Edward Marsden, Mr. A. E. Powell, Mrs. G. P. Watkins, and Mrs. C. M. Young.

Miscellaneous—Mrs. Clarke, Mr. T. Hannam-Clark, Mrs. Edgell, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. L. P. Mills, and Mrs. Tregaskis.

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

3—Loans—Loans to the Museum had been received from Miss Osman (Quilted Cap), and Rev T. M. Layng (Examples of Chinese blackwood). RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

4—Offer of Picture—RESOLVED, That a water-colour by Mrs. Jennings Campbell, entitled " Flying Low," offered as a gift by Mr. R. Hayworth, be accepted with thanks.

5—Exhibitions—That the following arrangements for Exhibitions be approved :—

St. Ives Society of Artists .. November—December, 1936.

Cotswold Art ClubMay, 1937.

6—Museum Specimens—RESOLVED, That the purchase of examples of Wedgwood, Fulham, Liverpool and Newhall pottery for the sum of £4 18s. 6d., be approved.

7—Leslie Young Bequest Fund—RESOLVED, That a Study of " Commotion in the Cattle Ring," by James Bateman, A R.A., be purchased for the sum of £15.

8—The late Mr. F. D. How—Correspondence with the executor of the deceased showed that a small water-colour by H. S. Hopwood had been bequeathed to the Art Gallery, but the example by Robert Allen had been left to another party under the terms of the will.

9—Staff—(a) Museum Attendant—The Curator reported the resignation of Miss Sarah E. Gear, after 10 years service. RESOLVED, That this be accepted, and that an expression of the Committee's appreciation of her past services be conveyed to Miss Gear. RESOLVED, Further, That the Chairman and Curator be authorised to fill the vacancy temporarily by the appointment of Miss Florence Pearce, at a wage of 27s 6d per week, and that a charwoman be engaged from time to time for special cleaning as necessary.

(b) Museum Assistant—The Curator reported that A. Peter Waddington had resigned to study for a degree. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to fill the vacancy by the appointment of a candidate of Matriculation standard at wages not exceeding 20s per week.

(c) Secretarial Assistant—RESOLVED, That the wages of the Librarian and Curator's Secretarial Assistant, Miss S. H. Jeffery, be advanced by 5s, to £2 per week, such advance to be borne by this Committee out of current estimates.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on 20th November.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th September, 1936. Present—Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Moore (Councillor Rev. de19 Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 18th July to 25th September, 1936. Interments 85 ; Grave Spaces sold 29 (First Position 2, Second Position 3, Fourth Position 24), Memorials erected 17 ; New Inscriptions 22.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9445 to 9473. 3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1964 to 1982, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Maintenance of Grave Spaces—(a) Mrs. M. E. Blackwell, deceased—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green, stating that Mrs. Blackwell, deceased, had bequeathed to Trustees the sum of £30 for the maintenance and upkeep of her grave at the Cemetery, and asking whether the Corporation would be prepared to accept this sum for the maintenance of the grave until expended. RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to accept the bequest.

(b) Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend giving particulars of legacies proposed to be inserted in the wills of two sisters for the maintenance of Grave Spaces Nos. 10549 and 10550 Section Q and 5156 Section X, RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to accept the legacies on the terms set out in the letter.

5—Crematorium—Read, letter of 23rd July last from the Ministry of Health that the Minister approved generally the proposal for the provision of a Crematorium, and asking the Committee to submit revised estimate based on a provisionally accepted tender, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work.

6—Car Park—(a) The Town Clerk submitted draft contract for the sale by Mr. Cluer of the piece of land at the junction of Bouncer's Lane and the road leading to the proposed car park. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation to erect notices prohibiting the parking of cars in the bay in front of the entrance gates. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the widening of Priors Road has been completed.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th September, 1936. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Compton and Grimwade; and Messrs. H. J. Norris and W. N. Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August—Receipts £25 6s. 6d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,288 (last year 11,625); Lending Department 30,910 (last year 31,331) ; Junior Department 3,207 (last year 3,476). Total 46,405 (last year 46,482). Number of days open 52 (last year 53).

Library Association Survey—Financed by the Rockefeller Trust, a Survey of Library facilities is being made. Cheltenham Public Library was visited by Mr. F. E. Sandry, F. L. A., on the 25th July

Staff—The thanks of the Committee was accorded to the Library staff for the way in which they had worked for the success of the exhibitions held in connection with the New Education Fellowship Conference.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 176 volumes, published at £76 1s. 3d., be purchased for the sum of £45 5s. 7d

(b) That the sum of £20 be spent on Binding.

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on Replacements,

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3—Donations—Gifts of books to the Library had been received from the following : Anglo-Continental Publishing Co., Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., Trade Commissioner, Ceylon House, City and Guilds of London Institute, Mr. H. S. Clark, College of Preceptors, Rev. J. W. Greaves, Mr. S. Greenwood, Miss F. Lindsay, Rev. W. T. Long, Dr. R. B. McVittie. National Economic Bank Warsaw, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, J. & J. Paton, Ltd., Mrs. Puckle, Southern Railway, Dr. L. J. Spencer, Rev. Prebendary H. T. Williamson.

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

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That the " Monmouthshire Beacon," suggested for purchase by a reader, be not taken.

(b) That the " Catholic Herald " be accepted as a gift.

5—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's arrangements, as amended, for a number of lectures in the Art Gallery, October—December, 1936, be approved.

6—Anthracite Supply—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. John Williams & Co. to supply big vein large anthracite, delivered to cellars, at 41s per ton, be accepted.

7—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 12th November.

D. L. LIPSON.

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th September, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Moore (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—Arrears—The Committee considered list of arrears of Rates. RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held on the 16th inst. to interview defaulters.

3—Assessment of Railways—Read, circular of 7th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council asking the Committee to agree to proposals for the assessment of the let-out properties being made by the County Valuation Committee on behalf of the Council. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4-Elementary Schools—Read, circular from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing revised basis approved by the County Valuation Committee for the assessment of the Schools. RESOLVED, That the Rating Officers be asked to report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee with a view to proposals being made for the amendment of the assessments, as recommended by the County Valuation Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th September, 1936. Present—Alderman Taylor Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

5—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for the payment of Rates, and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be deferred as long as weekly payments, as now settled by the Committee are regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th September, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Moore, Pruen and Taylor. : Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis and Leigh James (Aldermen 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 £106,956, Leaving outstanding £6,748.

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, 1936. Amount collected £21,852 ; Leaving outstanding £394.

3—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting.

4 —Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1936..	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment
12th September	Whaddon Farm Estate-24 Flats	£6,573	60 years.
24th September	Alstone Croft Playing Field	£200	60 years
28th September	Electricity Overhead Line etc., Swindon Village	£875	25 years
28th September	Electricity Overhead Line etc., Swindon Village	£107	20 years

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair); Deputy Mayor and Alderman Moore. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6-3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Treasurer reported that certificates had now been issued to registered holders amounting to £209,000, and that bearer scrip certificates to the amount of £41,000 still remained to be allotted. Formal application had been made to the Stock Exchange for a quotation of the Stock, and all the necessary information supplied.

7— Stock Redemption Funds—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the investment of £56,702 6s. 11d. of these funds. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to give notice of intention to repay the Reading and Nottingham Corporations reciprocal loans.

8—Housing Accounts—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had now received a letter from the Ministry of Health relieving the Council of the necessity of keeping a Housing Equalisation Account in respect of the houses provided under the 1924 and 1930 Acts, and also that it would no longer be necessary for the Council to contribute to the Housing Revenue Account in respect of the houses provided under the 1923 Act.

9—Salaries Grading Scheme—The Committee further considered the desirability of making a Salaries Grading Scheme for the administrative staff. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Taylor and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs be appointed to consider and report as to a Grading Scheme for the administrative staff.

10—Superannuation—(a) Mrs. Pilkington—RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 23 (2) of the Superannuation Act, the Council confirm their decision to authorise payment of a gratuity to Mrs. Pilkington, amounting to £208 on the terms set out in Minute No. 1 at the last meeting of the Committee.

(b) Tewkesbury Waterworks Manager—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. J. Pearce had resigned his appointment, and that his pension amounted to £83 12s. 3d. per annum calculated on his wages for the last five years on a basis of 13 years' non-contributory service and 11 years contributory service.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that M. Betteridge (Ashman) died on the 24th inst., in receipt of a pension of 12s 8 per week.

11—Borough Treasurer—Read, application from the Borough Treasurer for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £900 per annum as from the 1st day of October, 1936.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 26th October, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE'S, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 30th, day of October, 1936, at THREE O'CLOCK**

in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted, at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm 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 declare Clearance Areas and make Clearance Orders in respect of 59 Areas. 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To appoint three Cleeve Common Conservators to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates.
5. To appoint members of the Education Committee to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. R. R. Dobson, A. G. Dye and A. C. White, and Mrs. E. Marshall.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th October, 1936, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Ben James, Garland, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers. Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., and Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th September, 1936, 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-Rector of Cheltenham-Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, That this Council desires to record their appreciation of the work of the Rev. L. Gordon M. Sheldon as Rector of Cheltenham and Mayor's Chaplain for the past 74 years, and to express to him and Mrs. Sheldon their good wishes.

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

Public Health Meetings held September 14 & 30

Housing Meeting held September 17

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. of 1456 15s. Od. for the exterior painting of 95 houses at St. Mark's, St. Peter's, and St. Paul's Estates be accepted subject to contract, as recommended by the Repairs Sub-Committee.

Street and Highway Meeting held September 21 Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 21 (d), with regard to fixing a barrier on kerb line in Andover Road opposite exit from passage from Lypiatt Road, be referred back." (An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith : " That Minute No. 22 (4) with regard to pedestrian crossing places be referred back " was not seconded).

Town Planning Meeting held September 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 1 be amended and That Plan No. 4460 be approved without any condition as to surrender of land by the owner for the improvement of Arle Road" was lost).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 18, 22 & 25

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Leigh James : "That Minute No. 15 be not approved and that the Council purchase the apparatus used for flood lighting the College Road entrance to Sandford Park at a cost of £50."

Electricity and Lighting: Meeting held September 28

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Howell : " That Minute No. 13 (1) be not approved and that on the occasion of conferences the public lighting be extended without any charge for one hour after the closing of any late function in connection with such conferences if required " was lost).

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Water Meeting held September 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 22

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith : " That Minute No. 13 (a) with regard to an application by Mr. Louis Morris for a provisional cinematograph licence be amended and that Mr. Morris be informed that if he will settle his differences with Associated British Cinemas Ltd. the Council will favourably consider granting his application " was not seconded).

(A further Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Miller: That Minute No. 13 (a) be amended and that the application of Mr. Morris be granted " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held September 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 14

Art Gallery and Museum .Meeting held September 18

Burial Board Meeting held September 25

Public Library . Meeting held September 10

Rating Meetings held September 10 & 16

Finance Meeting held September 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.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, 30th October, 1936.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1936. Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Lt -Col. Biggs, Dr. Curling Hayward, Leigh James, E. W. Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1-Slum Clearance Areas-An official representation under the Housing Act, 1930, was submitted by the Medical Officer of Health in respect of 59 areas comprising the following houses :-Nos 1 and 2 St. George's Retreat ; Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 10a, 11, 12 and 14 Grove Street ; Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Powell's Cottages and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street ; Nos 1-5 Green's Cottages, Tewkesbury Road ; Nos. 4 and 5 Newbury Cottages, Queen Street ; Nos. 25-27 and 49-53 Sun Street ; Nos. 2, 4 and 6 Malvern Street ; Nos. 102, 104, 272 and 274 Swindon Road ; No. 32 and 33 Waterloo Street, Nos. 3-5 Hereford Place ; Nos. 1-3 Buckles Cottages, Milsom Street ; Nos 1-3 Dutton's Cottages, and No 30 Brunswick Street South ; Nos. 1-6 Brunswick Terrace, Brunswick Street ; Nos. 1 and 2 St. Paul's Cottages, Larput Place ; Spring Cottage and Summer Cottage, Hungerford Lane ; Nos. 36, 38, 40 and 42 St. Paul's Road ; Nos. 1-6 St. Margaret's Cottages, Warwick Place ; No. 12 North Place ; Nos. 1 and 2 Coneygree Cottages, Berkeley Avenue ; No 26 and 86-88 Albion Street ; Nos 2-6 Albion Square ; Wenlock House, No. 5 Queen's Terrace, Nos. 13 and 14 Wellington Passage ; No. 3 Wood's Court, Nos. 1 and 2 Hall's Court, No 1 and 2 Douro Cottages, Nos. 1-4 Richmond Cottages, and No. 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 31, 34 and 36 Sherborne Street : No. 2 Jersey Street ; Nos. 1 and 2 Bubb's Cottages, and No. 6 York Street ; Nos. 1-6 Portland Cottages, and No. 30 Portland Square ; Nos. 24, 26, 28, 31 and 33 Union Street ; Nos 11, 13, 15, 18, 18a, 18b and 24 Fairview Street ; Nos. 31a, 35, 41, 43 and 45 Jersey Street ; Nos. 1-3 Britannia Place, Trinity School Lane ; Nos. 1-5 Woodbine Cottages, Nos. 1 to 6 Providence Square ; Jirch Cottage, and No. 122a and 124a Fairview Road ; Nos. 1 and 2 Morgan's Cottages, and Nos. 7, 9, 31a, 33a, 33b, 46a, 46b, 47a and 47b Duke Street ; Nos. 1-15 Witcombe Place ; Stanley Cottage, Sidney Cottage, and Nos. 15, 15a, 24, 25 and 30--32 Sidney Street ; Nos 2-4 Coltham Fields ; Nos. 1-4 Eaton Place, Eaton Cottage, Nos. 2-6 Oriel Walk, Nos. 9, 9a, and 9b Kew Place, and Nos. 1-3 Clare Cottages, Bath Road ; Nos. 1-5 Hughes Passage, and Nos. 1-3 Lacy's Cottages, Exmouth Street ; Nos. 1-5 Edward Terrace, and Nos. 1-3 Gothic Cottages, Norwood Road ; Nos. 11 and 12 Edward Street ; Nos 1-10 Casino Place, Suffolk Road ; Nos. 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 Bath Terrace ; Nos. 1 6-2 1 Victoria Place ; Daffodil Cottage and Nos. 1-4 Daffodil Terrace, and

Nos. 10 and 10a Commercial Street ; Nos. 1-4 Cooper's Cottages Tivoli Lane ; Nos. 3-7 and 9 Higgs' Cottages, Alstone Lane ; Nos. 1-4 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to take the representation into consideration and that the same be referred to the Housing Committee.

2-Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs. Beef ; 3 cwt 2 qrs. 26 lbs Pork, 2 cwt 6 lbs Mutton ; 1 qr. 18 lbs. Poultry ; 12 lbs. Fish

3-Public Conveniences-The Borough Surveyor reported the continuance of wilful damage at various public conveniences. RESOLVED, That notices be placed at each of the conveniences offering a reward of £1 for information leading to conviction of persons doing wilful damage.

4-Abattoir-The Borough Surveyor recommended the installation of electric lighting in the cowsheds at the Abattoir at an estimated cost of £9. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5-Hayden Sewage Works-RESOLVED, That Agreements be entered into with Mr. E. T. Waine of Sandfield, Arle Road and Mr. H. J. Hyett of Tichborne Cottage, Hesters Way for a supply of sludge to their land on the NI arranged by the Borough Surveyor.

6-Smoke Nuisance-Naunton Lane-The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the emission of dense black smoke from the premises of the Sunshine Laundry. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the manager warning him that a prosecution will be brought if the nuisance is allowed to continue.

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7—Shops Act, 1934—The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that Certificates of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act, which required the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences, should be granted in respect of the following premises, namely:-

Shop.	Occupier.
141 High Street	F. B. Leopold.
150a “	J. Greenwood.
388a “	Sketchley Dye Works, Ltd.
388b “	H. R. Beard.

RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that by reason of the restricted accommodation or the special circumstances affecting the shops it is reasonable that Certificates of Exemption should be granted and that suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences are otherwise conveniently available, Certificates of Exemption be accordingly granted in respect of the said shops.

8—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported on the progress of the work at the Clinic for the Quarter from July to October.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) No. 4 Lansdown Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the basement of these premises had been re-let contrary to the Closing Order served in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the Owner for the penalties under the Act,

(b) No. 2 Cakebridge Cottages, Prestbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been re-let contrary to the Demolition Order served in respect thereof, but that the

Owner, Mrs. Shenton, had recently died. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Executors.

(c) 36 Suffolk Road ; and 49 Sherborne Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners of these houses be cancelled, the works specified having been carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(d) 4 Queen Street ; 11 Sherborne Street ; 6 Brandon Place ; and 44 Duke Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the work required.

(e) Box Cottage, Pilley Lane ; 5 Brandon Place ; 4 Chester Walk ; 60 Duke Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(f) 22 King Street—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 the work required 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 becomes operative, and that the premises shall be demolished within six weeks after the expiration of the above mentioned period, or if the house is not vacated by that date, within six weeks after the date on which it is vacated.

(g) Basements of Halsey House, Pittville ; 7 Ormond Terrace ; 5 Bayshill Terrace ; 10 Regent Street ; and part of 292 High Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Closing Orders in respect of part of 292 High Street be adjourned for two months and in respect of the other premises for one month.

(h) Basements of Deerhurst ; 88 Portland Street ; 2 Oxford Parade ; 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors of 156 High Street—The respective Owners of these premises having consented to Closing Orders being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the said premises, 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 to carry out the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation, or as to the future user thereof, Orders be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930, prohibiting the use of each of the said premises for any purpose other than for use as a store.

(i) Phoenix Lodge, Montpellier ; Heath Lodge, Pittville Circus Road ; 4 Tewkesbury Road ; 6 York Terrace—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 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, 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 the Committee to be held on the 14th December, 1936.

(j) 5 and 6 Waterloo Street—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Messrs, Haddock & Pruen, Solicitors, asking for an extension of the period for carrying out the undertaking given by the owner, Mrs. J. E. Curtis, as the property was being acquired by their client, Mr. F. Baldwin. RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Order be adjourned for a month.

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10—Undertakings not carried out—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of houses in respect of which the Owners had given Undertakings which had not been carried out. A number of these were vacant. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owners informing them that unless steps are at once taken to carry out their Undertakings the Corporation will proceed to make Demolition Orders in breach of Undertakings,

11—Clearance and Demolition Orders—RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of houses which owners have failed to demolish under Clearance and Demolition Orders,

12—Insanitary Property—1 Hermitage Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 15th July last the works specified to be done at these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. H. E. Bardwell at a cost of £49 18s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

13—Offensive Trade—Fish Fryer—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Mr. W. T. Morris applying for renewal of permission to carry on the business of a Fish Fryer at 82 Tennyson Road, RESOLVED, That his application be granted for another year, but that he be informed that on further renewal he will be required to provide new apparatus for fish frying.

14—Health Department—The Committee further considered the application of Miss B. A. Richards for an increase of salary. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased from £2 10s. 0d. to £3 per week as from the 1st inst.

15—Flooding—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health enclosing letters received from Mr. H. A. Peacock and Mr. G. W. Powell for their observations. The Town Clerk reported that he had written the Ministry in reply.

16—Deliveries of " Better Health "—RESOLVED, That future issues of "Better Health " be delivered by the Staff in the Health Department, and that Mr. Devall be paid £1 for deliveries in his own time during the past three months.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th October, 1936. Present—Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager—Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

2-10 Moors Avenue—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to erect a small portable greenhouse be granted.

3—Reconditioning—The Sanitary Inspector submitted four tenders received for the reconditioning of 58 Worcester Street and the erection of a wing to provide for a five-bedroom house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Eggleton amounting to £378 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract and also that the tender of Messrs. Stallard of £6 15s. 0d. for the electrical installation be accepted.

4—Selection of Tenants—RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of persons already on the selected list of applicants and the accumulation of occupied houses in respect of which Clearance, Demolition or Closing Orders have been made, no further applications for houses be considered for the next three months.

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5—Housing View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the View Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 9th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) :—

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have all the drives between the houses in Wordsworth Avenue re-surfaced with tarmac and to remove the pile of clay from the garden of No 7.

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

6—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 1st inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Priors Road—Messrs. F. Billings, C. V. Hogg, H. F. Midwinter and C. Morris attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Master Builders' Association and asked the Committee to agree to a modification of the building line along the side road connecting with Priors Road in respect of the site reserved for shops, so as to permit of these being set back 8 ft. 6 ins. or 10 ft. instead of 20 ft. as provided by the covenant in the Conveyance to Priors Estate Ltd. RESOLVED, That, subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee, the Council be recommended to agree to a modification of the covenant to permit of a building line of 15 ft.

8—Community Centre—The Housing Manager reported as to the provision of a Community Centre on the Whaddon Farm Estate. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Grimwade be appointed to consider the matter and report thereon.

9—Moors Estate —RESOLVED, That consideration of the provision of a Caretaker on this Estate be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

10-12 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of the tenant of this house for the substitution of the kitchen range with an " Ideal " boiler be referred for view by the Sub-Committee and that meanwhile the tenant be asked to submit an estimate.

11-6 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for provision of four power plugs be granted, subject to the tenant paying half the cost.

12—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Committee further considered the question of taking possession of this Farm. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. one month's notice to terminate their tenancy and to arrange for the letting of the grazing on such portions of the Farm not required.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. C. Sansom for an extension of time for the completion of the 126 houses and 64 non-subsidy houses owing to the acute shortage of tradesmen and the long period of inclement weather last winter, RESOLVED, That the time for completion of the 126 houses be extended to 31st December next and for the completion of the 64 houses to 13th February next.

13—Electricity Supply, St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the Borough Electrical Engineer obtaining tenders for these installations from the registered Contractors in the Borough.

14—Overcrowding and Slum Clearance Re-Housing Proposals—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported interview which he had on the 14th inst. with officials of the Ministry of Health on the plans submitted for the erection of 288 houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate. The Ministry had approved generally the plans for the houses, but with regard to the layout, they considered that this should be revised so as to provide for the erection of houses along the frontages to the proposed open space of 9.19 acres. The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary alternative suggestions for the revision of the lay-out, providing for the erection of houses on all four sides of the Recreation Ground, leaving large entrances on each side which would reduce the open space to about 5 acres and also for building on three sides of the space. The Borough Surveyor reported that any modification of the lay-out would not involve any alteration in the planning of the South-East corner of the Estate on which 162 houses could be provided. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of these 162 houses and that he be instructed to submit suggestions for amending the lay-out on the North-West corner of the Estate to provide for the Recreation Ground being provided on back land, as suggested by the Ministry, and that if necessary a portion of the allotments be taken to enable this to be carried out.

(b) Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. C. J. Such—Junior Architectural Assistant—at a commencing salary of £180 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Site for New Houses—The Committee further considered the purchase of the remaining part of Moors Estate and land at Elmfield, Swindon Road. The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Education Secretary enclosing plan of the portion of the latter land which the Education Committee would like to purchase for the extension of the Swindon Road School premises. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider whether a satisfactory lay-out could be provided for the portion of the land at Elmfield, nearest Swindon Road, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Addis, Grimwade, Moore and Morris, be appointed to inspect the sites and to confer with the Guardians Committee as to whether they are prepared to exchange the garden land at the junction of Marsh Lane for the hack portion of the land at Elmfield.

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(d) Steel Skirtings—The Borough Surveyor submitted samples of steel skirtings manufactured by Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd., which they suggested should be used in the new houses.

The Borough Surveyor reported that these could be purchased in lengths of 10 feet at the price of 32s 6d. per 100 feet and were considerably cheaper than the present method of providing tiled skirtings.

Councillors Addis and Morris reported that the use of steel in house building was giving rise to difficulties in the various trades and no agreement had yet been come to as to which trade should fix such steel fittings.

RESOLVED, That steel skirtings be not used.

15—Slum Clearance—The Medical Officer of Health submitted official Representation in respect of 59 areas, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pass the following resolutions at their next Meeting :—

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 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.
St. George's Retreat Clearance Area	Nos. 1 and 2 St. George's Retreat, St. George's Place.
Grove Street (No. 1) Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Grove Street.
Grove Street (No. 2) Clearance Area	Nos. 10, 10a, 11, 12 and 14 Grove Street
Grove Street (No 3) Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Powell's Cottages, Cumberland Cottage and Garage adjoining 3 and 4 Cumberland Cottages.

Green's Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Green's Cottages, Tewkesbury Road.
Newbury Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 4 and 5 Newbury Cottages, Queen Street.
Sun Street (No. 1) Clearance Area	Nos. 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 Sun Street.
Sun Street (No. 2) Clearance Area	Nos. 25, 26 and 27 Sun Street.
Malvern Street Clearance Area ...	Nos. 2, 4 and 6 Malvern Street.
Swindon Road and Waterloo Street Clearance Area	Nos. 272 and 274 Swindon Road and Nos. 32 and 33 Waterloo Street.
Swindon Road Clearance Area ..	Nos. 102 and 104 Swindon Road.
Hereford Place Clearance Area ...	Nos 3, 4, 5, 6,.7 and 8 Hereford Place.
Buckles Cottages Clearance Area ..	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Buckles Cottages, Milsom Street.
Brunswick Street South and Dutton's Cottages Clearance Area	No. 30 Brunswick Street South and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Dutton's Cottages.
Brunswick Terrace Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3. 4, 5 and 6 Brunswick Terrace, Brunswick Street.
St. Paul's Cottages Clearance Area	Nos 1 and 2 St. Paul's Cottages, Larput Place.
Hungerford Lane Clearance Area	Spring Cottage and Summer Cottage, Hungerford Lane.
St. Paul's Road Clearance Area	Nos. 36, 38, 40 and 42 (Kington Cottages) St. Paul's Road.
St. Margaret's Cottages (Warwick Place) and North Place Clearance Area	Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 St. Margaret's Cottages, Warwick Place and No. 12 North Place.

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Description of Area.	Houses and Premises comprised in Area .
Coneygree Cottages Clearance Area ... •	Nos. 1 and 2 Coneygree Cottages, Berkeley Avenue.
Albion Street and Albion Square Clearance Area	No. 26 Albion Street and Nos 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Albion Square.
Albion Street and Wellington Passage Clearance Area	Nos. 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street and Nos. 13 and 14 Wellington
Area	Passage.
Wellington Passage Clearance Area ...	Wenlock House and No. 5 Queen's Terrace, Wellington Passage
Sherborne Street and Wood's Court Clearance Area	No. 3 Wood's Court and Nos. 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23
Area	Sherborne Street.
Sherborne Street and Jersey Street Clearance Area	
Area	No. 31 Sherborne Street and No. 2 Jersey Street.
Sherborne Street, Hall's Court and Douro Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 34 and 36 Sherborne Street, Nos. 1 and 2 Hall's Court and
Area	Nos. 1 and 2 Douro Cottages.
Richmond Cottages Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Richmond Cottages, Sherborne Street.
York Street and Bubb's Cottages Clearance Area	No. 6 York Street and Nos. 1 and 2 Bubb's Cottages.
Portland Square and Portland Cottages Clearance Area	No. 30 Portland Square and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Portland Cottages.
Jersey Street and Union Street Clearance Area	Nos. 41, 43 and 45 Jersey Street and Nos. 24, 26, 28, 31 and 33 Union Stree

Jersey Street Clearance Area ...	Nos. 31a and 35 Jersey Street.
Fairview Street Clearance Area ...	Nos. 11, 13 and Builders' Store, 15, 18, 18a, 18b and 24 Fairview Street
Britannia Place Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Britannia Place, Trinity School Lane.
Woodbine Cottages and Providence Square	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Woodbine Cottages and Nos. 1, 2,
(School Lane) Clearance Area	3, 4, 5 and 6 Providence Square, School Lane, off
	Fairview Road
Fairview Road Clearance Area	Jireh Cottage and Nos. 122a and 124a Fairview Road.
Duke Street (No. 1) Clearance Area	Nos. 7 and 9 Duke Street.
Duke Street (No. 2) Clearance Area	Nos 46a and 46b Duke Street.
Duke Street (No. 3) Clearance Area	Nos. 1 and 2 Morgan's Cottages and Nos. 31a, 33a and 33b Duke Street.
Duke Street (No. 4) Clearance Area	Nos. 47a and 47b Duke Street.
Witcombe Place Clearance Area...	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
	Witcombe Place.
Sidney Street (No. 1) Clearance Area	Stanley Cottage, Sidney Cottage and Nos. 15 and 15a Sidney Street.
Sidney Street (No. 2) Clearance Area ...	Nos. 24 and 25 Sidney Street.
Sidney Street (No. 3) Clearance Area ...	Nos. 30, 31 and 32 Sidney Street.
Coltham Fields Clearance Area ...	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Coltham Fields.
Eaton Place and Eaton Cottage Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Eaton Place and Eaton Cottage, off Bath Road.
Oriel Walk Clearance Area ...	Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Oriel Walk, off Bath Road.
New Place Clearance Area	Nos. 9, 9a and 9b Kew Place, off Bath Road.
Clare Cottages Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Clare Cottages, Clare Place, off Bath Road.
Hughes Passage, Exmouth Street Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Hughes Passage, Exmouth Street,
Lacy's Cottages, Exmouth Street Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Lacy's Cottages, Exmouth Street.
Edward Terrace and Edward Street Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Edward Terrace, Norwood Road, and
	11 and 12 Edward Street.
Gothic Cottages, Norwood Road Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages, Norwood Road.
Casino Place Clearance Area ...	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Casino Place, Suffolk Road.
Bath Terrace Clearance Area	Nos. 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 Bath Terrace.
Victoria Place, Daffodil Cottage and Daffodil	Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 Victoria Place ; Daffodil Cottage
Terrace Clearance Area	and Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Daffodil Terrace, Commercial Street.
Commercial Street Clearance Area	Nos. 10 and 10a Commercial Street.
Cooper's Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Cooper's Cottages, Tivoli Lane.
Higg's Cottages Clearance Area ...	Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 Higg's Cottages, Alstone Lane.
Derrett's Cottages Clearance Area	Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft.

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 Order in respect of each of the 59 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 advertisements 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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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October, 1936. Present—Alderman Pates Councillors Avery, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Hayward and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

16—Site for Additional Houses—The Committee further considered the purchase of the remaining portion of the Moors Estate and "Elmfield" and land, Swindon Road. The Borough Surveyor reported as to the possible development of these Estates. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the Moors Estate be not entertained. RESOLVED, also, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade and Moore be appointed to inspect the land at Elmfield and to confer with representatives of the Guardians Committee to ascertain whether the Guardians Committee would be prepared to take any of the back land not required for housing.

17—New Houses—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he proposed to use Eagle grates of the following types in the new houses to be erected ; Top-Oven type for three-bedroom houses or less and side-Oven type for the four-bedroom houses and larger. RESOLVED, That this be approved. The Committee also considered as to whether the houses should be provided with Domestic Hot-water installation or continue the present practice of installing gas boilers which serve both for washing purposes and for providing hot water for the bath. RESOLVED, That the present practice of providing gas boilers be adhered to for the new houses. The Borough Surveyor also reported that he proposed to use the same materials such as bricks, tiles, stucco, steel casements and indoor fittings for the new houses as at present used on the Whaddon Farm Estate. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Lay-out—The Borough Surveyor reported that with regard to the lay-out, he had provided, as instructed, for the larger type houses to be grouped together and not intermixed with the smaller type house. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th October, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Addis, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., proposed to be carried out during the ensuing month RESOLVED, That these be approved.

2—Knapp Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Healing and Overbury asking that the new footpath over the land surrendered by St. Gregory's School Authority might be completed before the 2nd proximo. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

3—Junction of Old Bath Road and Naunton Park Road--Read, letter from Mr. Poulton suggesting the fixing of a "Stop" sign in Naunton Park Road near this junction or that both corners should be rounded off, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the owners with a view to having the corners rounded off.

4—Hatherley Court Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Rogers & Davies asking that Tarmac should be allowed instead of asphalt in the Specification for the new roads on this Estate, RESOLVED, That they be informed that asphalt must be insisted upon if the roads are to be taken over by the Corporation.

5—Royal Well Road—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative estimates for the provision of crossings in the footpath to the Taxicab stand in Royal Well Road, as follows :—(i) For four crossings £44 ; (ii) For lowering the whole kerb of the footpath and replacing the paving slabs with tarred macadam and Resmat £57. RESOLVED, That the latter alternative be carried out.

(b) Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer suggesting that the Taxicab Office be set back to prevent the obstruction of view of traffic. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Carden asking him to reconsider the request to allow this to be placed in the Royal Crescent Garden.

6—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) Temporary Engineering Assistant—RESOLVED, That the salary of Mr. Bell be increased to £350 per annum upon his undertaking to remain in the service of the Corporation for at least another two years.

(b) Temporary Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. C. J. Such as Temporary Architectural Assistant at a salary of £180 per annum to start on the 19th inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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7—Riding on Footpaths—RESOLVED, That consideration of the draft Byelaws for prohibiting riding on certain footpaths in the Borough be adjourned and that a copy be sent to each member of the Council,

8—Junction of High Street, Hewlett Street and College Road—Read, letters of 5th and 12th inst. from the Grove Garages (Cheltenham) Limited stating that the proposed Traffic Actuated Signals at this junction would seriously interfere with their business and suggesting that the corners might be rounded off. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to this suggestion.

9—Selkirk Street—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. R. Neville-Rolfe complaining about the shade cast by a tree in Selkirk Street at the rear of Northlands. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

10—Albert Road—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. T. L. Thompson reporting that the railings of his house had been further damaged by a falling branch during the lopping of the elm trees outside his house. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good the damage.

11—Cleeve View Road—Read, Memorial from occupiers of houses in Cleeve View Road asking for removal of trees at Oak Bank. RESOLVED, That these trees being on private property the Corporation cannot comply with their request.

12—Traffic Signals Maintenance—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Automatic Telephone and Electric Co. Ltd. that the Company had taken over the assets of Automatic Electric Company Limited which had gone into voluntary liquidation and requesting the Corporation to give formal consent to assignment of Agreements for maintenance of traffic signals at the junction of Bath Road, Suffolk Road and Thirlestaine Road, and at the junction of High Street, Hales Road and Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the consent be given.

13—Royal Well Lane Omnibus Station—The Committee considered plan of a temporary shelter submitted by the Omnibus Companies, RESOLVED, That the plan be approved subject to the side wall being brought about 18 inches further forward and to the shelter being under the control of the Corporation.

14—Royal Parade—The Town Clerk reported complaint by Miss Sharpe, a resident at 19 Royal Parade, about the noise caused by traffic in Bayshill Road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

15—One-Way Traffic Order—Montpellier Street—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 under the Common Seal prohibiting the driving of any vehicle along Montpellier Street from its junction with St. George's Road to its junction with Fauconberg Road in a south-westerly direction and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation thereof.

16—Andover Road—The Committee further considered the question of fixing a barrier on kerb line opposite exit from passage from Lypiatt Road referred back by the Council at their Meeting held on 5th inst. RESOLVED, That considera[tion] be adjourned for view.

17—Street Gullies—The Committee considered Clause 77 of the Borough Surveyor's Report on the Main Drainage of the Borough referred to them for consideration by the Public Health Committee, RESOLVED, That the sum of £250 be allocated in next year's estimates for the provision of additional street gullies.

18-Post Office Kiosks—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the District Manager, Gloucester Post Office Telephones asking the Committee to reconsider its decision not to agree to the Post Office Kiosks being painted red. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to its previous decision.

19—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs, F. H. Bastin & Son for permission to erect an illuminated electric sign outside the premises of Mr. Harold Miller, Chemist, High Street, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

20—Stop Bars outside Schools—The Borough Surveyor reported that one barrier had been erected in accordance with the design submitted to the Committee at its Meeting on the 21st ult. RESOLVED, That the erection of four more barriers to the same design be approved.

21—Tewkesbury Road Bridge—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the purchase of the properties required for this widening on the terms arranged by the District Valuer.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th October, 1936. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Compton and Grimwade; Mesdames Booy, E. A. P. Grist, E. C. Gurney, W. L. Mellersh and L. Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1936.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings)	37	35.5
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	31.7	33
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	39	45
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	31	30

(b) Owing to the redecoration of the Highbury Centre, five sessions were held in St. John's Church Room which accounted for the slight drop in attendance.

(c) Arrangements for the opening of the fifth Centre at Bennington Hall were nearly completed and the Centre would open on the 15th inst.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1936

No of Children on Register	2,455
"Children Visited (1 year and under) ...	722
" " over 1 year) .	1083
"Un-notified Births discovered ..	3
"Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (1 year and under)	1125
" " " (over 1 year)	1474
"First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	167
"Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	75
"Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 82)	104
"Measles cases visited	11
"Whooping Cough cases visited	64
"Chicken Pox cases visited	9
"Mumps cases visited	3
"German Measles cases visited	1
"Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector .	1
Grants of Milk :	
Carried over from previous quarter	253
New Orders ...	50
Orders discontinued during quarter	72
" continuing to coming quarter	231

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	27	16
"visits (under Children Act) paid	44	—
"Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	21	15

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 73 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the quarter and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from 1st April, 1936 to 30th September, 1936, was £50 8s 0d., of which £23 14s. 6d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter Still-births 2 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1 ; Liability to be a source of infection 2.

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4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted 2 accounts for treatment in the General Hospital and provision of a special nurse in cases of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That these accounts be passed for payment

5—Consultant Fees—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for a Consultant's opinion and assistance. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

6—Home Help—The Medical Officer of Health submitted account for the provision of a Home Help. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

7—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 75 mothers and 6 infants had attended the School Dentist during the quarter in accordance with the arrangement made with the Education Committee. (b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had arranged for the Dentist to hold an evening session for a fee of £1 10s. 0d. and 5s for his assistant per session. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

8—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of children allowed.
Mrs. Emerson	7 Warwick Place	1
Mrs. Hayling	42 Portland Street ...	1
Miss Henry	Central Spa Nursing Home ...	1
Mrs. Kimbrey	Hatherley Court Lodge, Hatherley Road	1
Miss Lamb	Cranford, Painswick Road	3
Mrs. Lewis	37 Pates Avenue	1
Mrs. Smith	13 Granville Street ...	1
Mrs. Trotman	12 Keynsham Terrace, Hales Road.	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported a case in which a child had been taken for ten days without notice having been given. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the offender that proceedings will be taken against her if she commits any further offence.

9—Winter School for Health Visitors—RESOLVED, That Miss Goddard be authorised to attend a fortnight's course at Bedford College, London, commencing on the 29th December next, and that she be allowed expenses amounting to about £9, as in previous years.

10—Midwives Act—The Committee considered the provisions of this Act and circular letter 1569 from the Ministry of Health. The principal objects of this Act were :—(i) to secure the provision of certified midwives sufficient for the services of a midwife to be available for all confinements taking place in the mother's home, whether or not a doctor is also in attendance, for not less than the lying-in period, which under the present rules of the Central Midwives Board is a minimum period of 10 days, but under the new rules, will be a minimum period of 14 days : and (ii) to raise the whole status of the midwifery profession, by providing adequate salaries for midwives, and the Ministry suggested that the scale of salaries should be comparable with those paid to Health Visitors, together with appropriate allowances for uniform and travelling expenses.

The Local Supervising Authority can themselves employ the midwives required or make arrangements with a Voluntary Association to provide them. The Act also provided for compensation to midwives who voluntarily retire within a specified time and to midwives who are compulsorily retired.

The Act provides for Exchequer grants to be made towards the additional expenditure required of 50 per cent.

Read, the Report of the Medical Officer of Health (a copy of which is sent herewith), which showed that the average number of births notified for the five years ended 1935 was 719. The average number treated in Nursing Homes and other lying-in Wards was 217. The average number of cases of domiciliary visits was 492 ; of which 423 were attended by a midwife from the District Nursing Association, and by other midwives 28 ; leaving 41 of which no information was available.

The ordinary maternity staff of the Victoria Home consists of 5 certified midwives (not including the Matron). Two of these were normally engaged in the lying-in Ward of the Victoria Home, leaving three for practice in the District. He thought that a staff of at least 4 midwives should be provided for the district instead of 3.

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He recommended (i) That the present grant of £160 made to the Victoria Home for the provision of midwives be increased to an amount which, after deducting the fees recovered for their services, would be sufficient to enable the District Nursing Association to pay the district midwives a sum equal to £200 per annum rising by £10 to £40 plus a uniform and cycle allowance of £14 per annum, plus 5 per cent, to Pension Fund ; (ii) That the amount to be deducted from the salaries to cover board and lodging be fixed by the Victoria Home subject to the approval of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee ; (iii) That no change in the scale of salaries be made without written approval signed by the Chairman of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee ; (iv) that a statement of the actual salaries and allowances paid and the amounts deducted for board and lodging be furnished to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee at the end of each financial year.

He estimated that the additional grant to the District Nursing Association would be about £700. He did not think that any of the midwives in practice would voluntarily retire and there were no cases in which he could recommend compulsory retirement.

It would be necessary to confer with the Medical Association and the District Nursing Association as to the proposals made. The proposals were to be submitted to the Ministry not later than the 30th January, 1937, and would be brought into operation not later than the 30th July, 1937. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and submitted to the Medical Association and the District Nursing Association for their consideration. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman (Councillor Leigh James), Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Compton and Grimwade be appointed as representatives of the Committee to confer with representatives of the District Nursing Association thereon.

11—Exchequer Grant—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement and estimates of expenditure on services in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare amounting to £3,929 exclusive of the additional expenditure required under the new Midwives Act. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an increase of the Exchequer Grant.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd October, 1936: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. 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,
4468	Borley, L. A.	Garage, Rhipigold, Brooklyn Road.
4469	Hall, G. A. M., Ltd.	Garage, Keynsham Road
4470	Hall, G. A. M., Ltd.	Garage, Brooklyn Road.
4471	Stroud Brewery Co.	Elevation, Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road.
4472	Sharp, G. W.	Garage, 282 Gloucester Road.
4473	Moore, Mrs.	Cycle and tool shed, Brooklyn Road.
4474	Prettijohn, Mrs.	Garage, Clunie, Queen's Road.
4475	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Cycle shed, Alstone Croft.
4476	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Cycle shed, Alstone Croft.
4477	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Cycle shed, Alstone Croft.
4478	Smith, M. Stoney	Garage, 133 Leckhampton Road.
4479	Dudley, W. H.	Additional bedroom, 17 Francis Street.
4480	Dewhurst, J. H., Ltd.	Alterations and new shop front, 412 High Street.
4481	Robbins, W. J.	Cycle shed, 288 Gloucester Road.
4482	Mince, G.	Garage, 23 Wordsworth Avenue
4483	Smith, S. J.	Cycle shed, 290 Gloucester Road,
4484	Hall, G. A. M., Ltd.	Garage, Brooklyn Road.
4485	Woodward, H. D.	Store shed, 18 Beechhurst Avenue

4486	Wheeler & Mansell	2 houses, new road, off Hales Road
4487	Bendall, J. D., & Sons	6 semi-detached houses, Priors Road
4488	Mitchell & Butler	Alterations, Crown Hotel.
4489	Nicholls, V. T.	Showroom, Leckhampton Road.
4490	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Midland Hotel, Gloucester Road.
4491	Strickland, F.	Temporary office, Coltham Fields.
4492	Ellston, W. J.	Garage, 35 Brooklyn Gardens.
4493	Knight, E. J.	Garage, Douro House
4494	Hodges, G.	Garage, Allwyn, Brooklyn Road.
4495	Crowther, Mr.	Alterations and additions, Rettland House, Swindon Road.
4496	Waters, A.	Cinema, 212/214 High Street
4497	Harrison, J.	Alterations, Keynsham Lodge, London Road.
4498	Trigg, H. J.	4 semi-detached houses, Priors Road.
4499	Morris, S. C.	6 semi-detached houses, Thorncliffe Estate, Lansdown Road.
4500	Hall, G. A. M., Ltd.	Layout of estate, Cakebridge Terrace.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4468, 4469, 4470, 4471, 4472, 4473, 4475, 4476, 4477, 4478, 4481, 4482, 4483, 4484, 4485, 4486, 4492, 4493, 4494, 4495 and 4498 be approved ; That-Plan No 4474 be approved subject to a petrol intercepting trap being fixed to a separate surface water drainage system ; That Plans Nos. 4479, 4488, 4489, 4490 and 4497 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of 4489 to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, That Plan No 4480 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an Undertaking not to claim compensation in respect of the new work in the event of the Corporation requiring the building to be set back to the improvement line, to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4491 be approved as a temporary building in pursuance of Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be removed at any time on three months' notice, and to a separate surface water drain being connected to the surface water sewer ; That Plan No 4496 be approved subject to (1) the building being, set back to the improvement line without payment of compensation except that if this requires setting back more than 6 feet temporary shops be allowed to be erected to the present line on the terms recommended by the General Purposes Committee : (2) the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor : (3) approval of the Street and Highway Committee being obtained to the erection of any canopy : (4) provision being made for parking : (5) compliance with the Regulations of the Secretary of State : and (6) a Cinematograph Licence being granted by the Council ; That Plan No. 4499 be approved subject to the houses being set back to a building line of 60 feet in Lansdown Road, and to the houses being finished in fine stucco, and to dark sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4500 be approved subject to the roads and sewers within the Borough being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4487 be not approved.

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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.
1016	Daffurn, D. G.	Garage (Private), Melbourne, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1017	Rachael, P.	Greenhouse, 4 East End Cottages, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1018	Coombe, H.	Cycle shed, 1 Melton Terrace, Ham Road, Charlton Kings.
1019	Brunsdon, J. R.	Tool shed, 6 Church Street, Charlton Kings.
1020	Arkell, T. P.	Greenhouse, Highcroft, Oakley Road, Battledown.
1021	Mitchell, A.	Cowshed, Northfield, Charlton Kings.
1022	Taylor, W. E.	Greenhouse, Rochester Villa, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
1023	Hawkins, W.	Coal House, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings,
1024	Marshall, A. E. & Sons	Pair semi-detached houses, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1025	Palmer, L.	Alterations and additions, Oak Priors, Gloucester Road.
1026	Nott, L. W.	Extensions, Springfields, Little Witcombe.
1027	Lane, C.	Extensions to Greenhouses, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote.
1028	Wood, Miss F.	Studio, Bowbridge Lane, Prestbury.
1029	Western Estates Ltd.	Seven Bungalows, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1030	Green, A. E.	Garage, Baytree Cottage, High Street, Prestbury.
1031	Arney, W. L.	Additions to Bungalow, Leckhampton Hill.
1032	Bendall, J. L.	Store shed and shelter, Langet Piece, Ullenwood.
1033	Lewis, H. R.	Four detached bungalows, Cheltenham-Painswick main road, Near Bentham
1034	Phelps, F. S.	Detached house, Marle Hill Court Road.
1035	Houghton, Mr.	Additions to bungalow, North Road, The Reddings.
1036	East Gloucestershire Cricket and Hockey Club	Gardeners Cottage, Old Bath Road.
1037	Adams, —	Tool and Cycle shed, Trellick, Little Herberts Road, Charlton Kings.
1038	Glynn, Mrs.	Detached house, Kayte Lane, Bishop's Cleeve.
1039	Drummond, W. P.	Amended Plan of New Road, Brookfurlongs, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
1040	Nott, L. W.	Proposed layout, Springfields Estate, Little Witcombe.
1041	Cheltenham Corporation	Steel Kiosk, L.M.S. Station, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.
1042	Freeman, Mr.	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1043	Miss Roberts and Mrs. Pearce	Conversion of one house into two and additions, The Laurels, Gretton Road, Winchcomb

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1027, 1028, 1035, 1037, 1041, 1042 and 1043 be approved ; That Plans Nos 1017, 1025 and 1026 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon, Development Act, 1935 ; That Plan No. 1024 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of East End Road to 36 feet when required by the Highway Authority and to no part of the buildings being erected nearer the opposite side of the road than 53 feet ; That Plan No. 1029 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of Noverton Lane to the line laid down in the Scheme, and to the buildings being set back to the building line determined by the existing buildings on either side; That Plan No. 1031 be approved subject to the materials harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1039 be approved subject to the

fence being set back forthwith to provide for a road of not less than 36 feet between the fences and to the owner entering into an under-taking to reconstruct the road to conform to the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme, Byelaws or Local Acts within the area in the event of the road having to be taken over by the Highway Authority ; That Plans Nos. 1030 and 1040 be deferred for further consideration ; and That Plans Nos. 1016, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1036 and 1038 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of Mr A W. Nash for permission to erect a house on land fronting the Cheltenham-Birdlip road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted at present, but that the matter be considered again when the views of the Cheltenham Rural District Council have been obtained.

(b) Read, application from Messrs. Jessop & Son, on behalf of a client, applying for permission to erect three petrol pumps at Acacia, Puffs Elm, Boddington. The Borough Surveyor reported that the area was temporarily restricted from building, and was scheduled for residential purposes. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Cambray House—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland asking what height and density of building would be permitted on the site of this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that they be asked to submit further details of the proposals to enable the Committee to consider the matter.

4—Plan No. T.P. 1003—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. B. Prettijohn was willing to give an undertaking to surrender the land for the widening of the road at Staverton to 42 feet at any time when required by the Road Authority subject to the Road Authority bearing the cost of setting back the fence and making up the widened road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the approval of the County Council.

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5—Plan No. T.P. 4440—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Leckwith Estates Co. asking whether in the event of their giving an undertaking to surrender the land for the widening of Hatherley Road they would be relieved of all road charges. RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that the Council will be prepared to form and gravel the widened footpath and to kerb and channel this, but the Company to remain liable for paving the footpath when required.

6—No. 2 Moorend Villas—The Committee considered further complaints received of the conversion of a building at the rear of these premises for use as a bakery. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner pointing out that any change of user of the premises must be approved by the Council.

7—Plan No. 980—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. R. F. Fletcher asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve his plan for a but for the sale of mineral waters at the rear of Sandford Villa, London Road. RESOLVED, That, in the special circumstances, the Committee approve of the building for a period of one year.

8—Priors Road—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee that the building line along the side road near the junction with Priors Road in respect of the site reserved for shops should be modified so as to permit of these being set back 15 feet instead of 20 feet, as provided in the covenants contained in the conveyance to Priors Estates Ltd. Mr. C. H. Morris and Mr. C. V. Hogg attended as a deputation from Priors Estates Ltd. and asked the Committee to agree to a further modification by allowing a line of 10 feet. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the recommendation of the Housing Committee to provide for a building line of 15 feet.

9—Norton House, Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Education Committee proposed to sell these premises. The Borough Surveyor reported that in the event of Alstone Lane being widened and a bridge provided over the railway, this property would be required. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances the Education Committee be recommended not to sell the property, but to let it.

10—Executive Committee—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council asking the Committee to appoint two representatives to meet the County Planning Committee to consider the voluntary submission of the outstanding points in dispute for settlement by the Ministry of Health, RESOLVED, That Alderman Taylor and Councillor Grimwade be appointed to attend, and that they be authorised to agree to the submission of the outstanding points in dispute to the Ministry.

11—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935—The Town Clerk submitted notice received from the County Council containing list of the Classified and Unclassified roads in the area of the Town Planning Scheme to which the provisions of this Act would apply.

12—High Street—(a) Gloucester Co-operative Stores—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd. that they were not prepared to set back their new building to the improvement line if the adjoining premises were not set back. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will be prepared to approve of the erection of temporary shop premises on the ground floor in front of the improvement line, and up to the present building line subject to the Company undertaking to remove these when the properties on either side are set back to the improvement line.

(b) Cinema—Read, letters from Messrs. J. Owen Bond & Son that their clients were not prepared to set back the proposed new Cinema in the Strand, High Street to the improvement line without payment of compensation, and enquiring what compensation the Council would be prepared to pay. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee consider it is essential that the Cinema should be set back to the improvement line, but as the Street and High way Committee have approved of the erection of a canopy extending over the present footpath the Committee do not consider the setting; back of the building will be detrimental to the owner, and that the Committee thought that he understood that the passing of the plans was subject to this condition, and that no compensation would be payable.

13—Plan No. 4441—Read, letter from Messrs. Price Tailors Ltd, that they were unable to reduce the size of the proposed fascia and lettering on their premises in High Street, as this was their standard fascia and asking the Committee to approve the plans as originally submitted. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to require the lettering on the fascia to be reduced in size.

14—Plan No 4390—Three houses, Roseland, Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. G. A. Hall, Ltd. had commenced to erect the third house in front of the front wall of Roseland contrary to the decision of the Committee, and he submitted letter from Messrs. G. A. M. Hall, Ltd. asking whether in the circumstances the building might be proceeded with. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to this, and must require the building to be set back to the building line.

15—Town Planning Scheme—Parish of Winchcomb—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor enclosing plan of further road proposals at Greet, which he had asked should be included in the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th October, 1936. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th ult.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the application of the Rotary Club for the use of the boats at Pittville on the occasion of the forthcoming Rotary Club Guy Fawkes Carnival be granted subject to : (1) The Club removing and replacing the boats in the Boathouse ; (ii) Making good any damage to the boats or Boathouse ; (iii) Washing and cleansing the boats after use ; (iv) The Club being responsible for any accident ; (v) Consent of Mr. Higgins to be obtained.

(b) Winter Music—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender of £10 per week for provision of morning quartet and £12 per Sunday for an Orchestra of thirteen including Mr. Cole as director be accepted, subject to contract, the quartet to play from the 14th to the 17th October, and from 2nd November, 1936, to the 27th March, 1937, and the Sunday Orchestra to play on Sundays the 11th and 13th October, and from the 1st November, 1936, to the 28th March, 1937, subject to the Corporation being entitled to cancel any performance on three weeks' notice.

(c) Dance Festival—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage Josephine Bradley and Mr. Ford at a fee of £20, and Mr. Richardson, Editor of the "Dancing Times," at a fee of £5 5s. 0d. as Judges at the forthcoming Dance Festival.

(d) Municipal Dances—That the charge for the Saturday Night Dances be increased to 3s but that a book of six tickets be issued at a charge of 15s per book. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the recommendation to increase the charge for the Saturday Night Dances be not approved.

2—Spa Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mrs. E. M. Sumsion, President of the United Girls Club, applying for the use of these baths on four evenings in the week from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. during the -Winter Season for drill classes for the United Girls Club. RESOLVED, That the application be granted at a nominal rent of for the Winter Season, and that if the offer is accepted the Swimming Bath be closed and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the floor laid.

3—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total attendances at the Swimming Pools during the 17 weeks the pools were opened were :—Boys 4737 ; Girls 4432.

4—Marle Hill Annexe Boating—Mr. H. Higgins attended the Committee and asked for a reduction in the charge made to him for the boating rights. RESOLVED, That the percentage charge on the cost of the boats and initial repair of same be reduced for this year from 10 per cent. to 6 ²/₃ per cent., and that if Mr. Higgins exercises his option to take the boating rights for the ensuing five years, this charge be reduced from 10 per cent, to 7 ¹/₂ per cent.

5—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Spa Bowling Club that the Committee of this Club had decided that it was impossible to carry on for another season, and asking the Council to take over the management of the green and to purchase the assets of the Club. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 20th November.

6—Winter Gardens—Mr. Bache submitted account for the cost of dismantling and re-erecting the partition in the Winter Garden amounting to £17 10s. 0d. in connection with the exhibition held during the Public Lighting Engineers' Conference. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment

7—Conferences—RESOLVED, That invitations be extended to the Drapers' Chamber of Trade and the Society of Clerks of Urban District Councils to hold their annual Conferences in Cheltenham.

-8—Municipal Dances—The Entertainments Manager submitted two tenders received for the right of providing the bar in connection with the Municipal Dances at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Georges Ltd. to pay 12 ½ per cent of the takings with the minimum payment of £75 to be paid forthwith (being the highest offer), be accepted.

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9—Coronation and Whit Monday Fete—The Chairman reported that, as authorised, he had accepted the offer of Messrs. Hill Bros. to pay £85 for the right of providing a Fun Fair at Sandford Park on the 11th and 12th May next, and to pay £100 for the Whitsuntide Fete at the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Secretary of the General Hospital stating that the smell from the piggeries had been caused to a very great extent by the wet summer necessitating the cleaning out of the cess pit but assuring the Council that every precaution will be taken to prevent any nuisance.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th October, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors. Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

11—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 13th inst.

They recommended (inter alia), that the programme of Christmas and New Year Festivities submitted by the Entertainments Manager be printed and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage the various artists and cabaret and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to purchase prizes to the value of for the Children's Tea Dances. Also that the charge for the Boxing Night Carnival Ball (this year on a Saturday) be 5s and that application be made for extension of the Music and Dancing Licence for this Ball to 1 a.m. if similar applications are made in other resorts. Also that the tender of Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. to print 3,000 programmes for 12 guineas be accepted. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 12th inst They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Gymnasium—(i) That the Chairman be authorised to make arrangements with the Y..M.O A. for the use by them of the Montpellier Baths and gymnasium equipment for physical training classes for the youth of the town on one or two evenings a week at the same rate as that recommended to be charged to the United Girls Clubs. (ii) That the application of Miss Jewell for the use of the gymnasium for Oriel School be granted for two sessions of one hour each at a charge of 5 guineas for the season, Miss Jewell to provide her own instructress, and that the same facilities be offered to other private schools requiring same,

(b) Alstone Baths—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of providing a heating installation for the new covered in bath.

(c) Swimming Pool—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of covering over the two shingle beds near the entrance to the Pool with paving slabs and that a Meeting of the Committee be held at the Pool to consider this matter. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

13—Conferences—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the National Association of Insurance Committees to hold their 98th annual Conference at Cheltenham.

14—Spa Baths—Read, letter from Mrs. Sumsion, President of the United Girls Clubs accepting the offer of the Council to let the gymnasium for four evenings a week at a nominal rent of £10 and stating that it was desired to have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to RESOLVED, also, That an old piano from the Town Hall be hired to Mrs. Sumsion for the drill classes of a charge of 2s 6d per week.

15—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That no charge be made for rehearsals in connection with the Annual Display by the United Girls Clubs, subject to the dates and times of the rehearsals being fixed so as not to interfere with any lettings.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting held on Monday, 19th October, 1936. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Ben James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Ambulance Station. RESOLVED, That permission be granted to fix an illuminated ambulance sign on the lamp post near the Shrubbery at the junction of Millbrook Street and Gloucester Road and that the sign be lighted at a charge of £2 per annum in addition to charge for laying a service of £1 5s. 7d.

2—Superannuation (a) Mr. E. J. Wells--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. E. J. Wells, meter reader, attained the age of 65 years on the 16th inst. RESOLVED, That his services be extended until the termination of the present quarterly meter reading

(b) Messrs C. Cummings and G. H. Howes—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. C. H. Cummings, Overhead Linesman, and Mr. G. H. Howes, Overhead Linesman's Mate, for inclusion in the Superannuation Scheme be not acceded to.

3—Minimum Charge—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Corporation were entitled to make minimum charges amounting to 12 per annum. RESOLVED, That a minimum charge of 5s per quarter making a total of £1 per annum in' made for all supplies exclusive of meter rent.

4—Public Lighting—(a) Church Road, St. Mark's—RESOLVED, That one additional lamp be provided in accordance with the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer at an estimated cost of £13

(b) Oriel Road—RESOLVED, That the scheme submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer for improving the lighting of this road at an estimated cost of £69 6s. 2d. be approved.

(c) Pittville Circus--RESOLVED. That the scheme submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer for improving the lighting near the intended roundabout near Pittville Circus at an estimated cost of £53 15s. 7d. be approved.

(d) Parabola Road—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to have the young tree recently planted in this road removed to enable a lamp standard to be placed there

5—Cables—The Committee further considered the tenders for the supply of cables for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Hackbridge Cable Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

6—Air Raid Precautions—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum issued by the Home Office No. C.2. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Memorandum was being considered by the I.M.E.A. RESOLVED, That the Memorandum be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

7—Electricity Kiosk—RESOLVED, That an agreement with the London Midland and Scottish Railway Co. granting permission to place a kiosk at the Lansdown Railway Station be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

8---Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt of consent of the Electricity Commissioners to loan of £982 for the extension to Swindon Village, and for loan of £760 for the Montpellier Sub-station.

9--Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 471.6 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on 31st July last, 5th, 11th, 18th and 23rd August last, 1st, 7th, 15th, 23rd and 28th ult., and 5th, 10th and 14th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 476.6, 471.1, 470.7, 473.8, 474.2, 474.4, 471.1, 468.0, 469.0, 470.9, 473.1, 471.2 and 470.8 B.Th.U., and the pressure 6.8, 6.8, 6.8, 6.8, 6.8, 6.8, 6.6, 6.0, 6.6, 6.5, 6.6, 6.8 and 6.6 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1936, Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett 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 30th September, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	136,000 gallons	104,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	381,000	205,000
Leckhampton Springs	24,000	19,000
	541,000	328,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 75,170,000 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—California and Redwood Springs--The Borough Engineer reported that the supply from California Spring had been cut off in accordance with previous instructions, and that the water from Redwood Spring had been diverted into the stream feeding Dowdeswell Reservoir.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that the Hathorn Davey Pump at these works had not been working satisfactorily owing to mal-adjustment of the steam valves, and suggested that the trouble might be remedied by the purchase of an Indicator Equipment at a cost of £25 14s 0d. RESOLVED, That the purchase be approved.

6—Hewlett Waterworks—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be asked to report as to the provision of filters at these works,

7—Assistant Waterworks Foreman—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to appoint with the approval of Councillor Morris an Assistant Waterworks Foreman at a weekly wage of £3 5s. 0d. rising to £3 10s. 0d. with uniform allowance.

8—Dowdeswell Lower Farm—Read, application from Messrs. Chandler Bros. for an abatement of rent. RESOLVED, That they be granted the same abatement in respect of the rent for the half years to 25th March and 29th September last as allowed last year if this is recommended by Mr. Castle.

9—Elmstone Hardwicke—Bulk Supply—The Borough Engineer reported that the Specification submitted for extending the mains to supply this Parish provided for a three inch main but he recommended that a 4 inch main be required. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved.

10—Public Health Congress—The Borough Engineer asked that he might attend the meeting of this Congress as there were some important papers on Water to be read. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to attend.

11—Air Raid Precautions—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum received from the Home Office (No. C.3.) as to Air Raid Precautions for Water Undertakings. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday 14th October, 1936. Present—The Mayor : The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Capt. Trye; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of K. R. Payne, W. Edwards and F. J. V. Singer for transfer of their Hackney Carriage Licences to new Cabs Nos. UN 2692, DG 2707 and DL 6065 purchased by them respectively be granted.

(b) Read, applications from R. J. Payne and J. T. Clifford for transfers of their licences to new Cabs Nod, FH 6583 and GP 2358 purchased by them respectively. It was reported that both these applicants had been using these Taxi Cabs since the 12th and 17th August respectively without a licence. RESOLVED, That the applications for transfer of licence be granted, but that Supt. Wayman be instructed to prosecute both the applicants for plying for hire with unlicensed vehicles.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that there had been no outbreaks of fire since the last Meeting. He also reported that safety glass had now been fitted to the Motor Tender.

4—Pawnbroker's Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Higgins for renewal of his Pawnbroker's Licence be granted for one year from the 9th proximo.

5—Turkish Baths and Studio, Oriel Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. J. Forbes offering this property for sale. RESOLVED, That the purchase be not entertained.

6—International Union of Local Authorities—Read, circular letter from the Lord Mayor of London asking the Council to join this Union. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to join.

7—Council Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Meeting of the Council on 9th November at 11.30 a.m. be held in the Large Hall at the Town Hall and that the Colleges and Schools be invited to send Pupils to the Meeting to witness the ceremony of Election of Mayor,

8—Severn Bridge—Read, circular of 7th ult. from the Clerk to the Monmouthshire County Council inviting the attendance of representatives to a Conference of Local Authorities to be held at Cardiff to consider the question of the proposed Severn Bridge. RESOLVED, That a representative be not appointed.

9—Air Raid Precautions—Read, circular letter of 5th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing Resolution passed at the Conference of Local Authorities held on 2nd inst. and asking the Council to appoint a representative to serve on the Committee to be appointed by the County Council. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be appointed the Council's representative.

10—British Records Association—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Bristol drawing attention of the Council to the work of this Association and asking the Council to become institutional members ; the subscription for which was £1 per annum. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to become institutional members.

11—Wharnccliffe Woodmoor Colliery Disaster—The Committee further considered the application from the Mayor of Barnsley for a donation to this Fund. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to make a donation.

12—Coronation—RESOLVED, That the expenses for the local celebrations in connection with the Coronation next year be defrayed out of the General Rate and that an Appeal for subscriptions be not issued.

13—Re-Numbering of Houses—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the houses in Grafton Road and Arle Lane re-numbered.

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14—Cinematograph Licences—Mr. E. D. Watterson attended together with Mr. A. S. Waters and his Architect in support of Mr. Waters' application for a provisional Cinematograph Licence in respect of a new- Cinema proposed to be erected on the site of 212, 213 and 214 High Street and property at the rear. The proposed seating accommodation of 940 with facilities for parking of motor cars at the rear, and the Cinema would be personally managed by Mr. Waters. Mr. Waters was willing to give up the land in front of the improvement line without compensation for the widening of High Street, but if the amount required exceeded 6 feet he asked that he should be allowed to make a temporary return of the shops proposed to be erected up to the present building line, on the understanding that these should be removed and set back to the improvement line when the buildings on either side were also set back. RESOLVED, That subject to the amended plans being approved by the Town Planning Committee and to the building being completed in accordance with such plans, the Council be recommended to grant the application subject to the regulations of the Secretary of State being complied with. RESOLVED, also, That if a survey of the improvement line necessitates the building being set back more than 6 feet Mr. Waters be allowed to erect temporary shops on either side of the entrance to the Cinema up to the present building line subject to his undertaking to remove these, without compensation, when the buildings on either side of his premises are set back

15—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of F. Strickland for Licence to store 500 gallons at Coltham Fields be granted.

(b) The Petroleum Inspector submitted list of persons who had not applied for renewal of their Petroleum Licences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write and warn these persons that if they are found storing petrol without licences proceedings will be taken against them.

16—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, That, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, the services of T. H. Stevens (Pavior) be extended for one year from 13th August, 1936.

(b) Town Clerk—RESOLVED, That the services of Mr. R. Owen Seacome, Town Clerk, be extended for one year up to 18th November, 1937.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Carter, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Garden Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :-104, 107 and 111 (b) Asquith Road; 12, 13, 20, 38 and 39 Alma Road; 15 Creamery Piece ;. 31 (a), 49 and 60 Albert Road ; 7, 16, 27, 29, 31 and 56 Whaddon Road (New). The condition of the allotments generally had improved since the last inspection.

2—Albert Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Clerk of the County Council had asked him to give notice to terminate the tenancies of the allotments on the 31st March next, and he had served notices accordingly.

3—Marle Hill House Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give two months' notice to Mr. W. J. Stephens that the Corporation will require possession of the portion (10 ½ acres) of the land purchased for allotments, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate as to the fencing and layout of this land for allotments and a report as to the nature of the ground. The land to be laid out in allotments of one sixteenth of an acre.

4—Hatherley Road Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. R. A. Horsman to rent this land for grazing and for use for sawing up logs. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

5—Creamery Piece Allotments—Read, letter from the Housing Manager forwarding complaint of occupiers in Hudson Street of a fowlhouse erected on an allotment in the occupation of Mr. Bryant of 24 Hudson Street. RESOLVED. That no action be taken.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th October, 1936. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair),

1—Pittville Gardens—(a) Giant Stride—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for the provision of a new giant stride. RESOLVED, That a new giant stride be not provided, but that provision be made in next year's estimates for an ocean wave,

(b) Aviaries—The Borough Surveyor reported that the aviaries were now completed. He reported the gift of a peacock and peahen by Miss Ransford Collett of Mangersbury Manor, Stow-on-the-Wold RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor. Councillor Addis stated that Lt -Col. K. A. Appleby would be pleased to advise as to suitable birds to be obtained for the aviaries. RESOLVED, That he be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

2—Seats--The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the number of seats provided at each of the Parks and Recreation Grounds RESOLVED, That 12 seats from Naunton Park be transferred to Sandford Park, and that 12 new concrete seats be provided for in next year's estimates, at a cost of approximately £2 15s. 0d. each, and that Minute No. 4 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

3—St. Mark's Playing Fields—Read, letter from the Post Office Sports Club asking for an extension of time for football beyond the 20th February to enable them to complete their fixtures as members of

the Cheltenham League. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee will consider as to any extension later on in the season.

4—Land in Pilley Lane—The Town Clerk reported that the land belonging to the Delancey Hospital had now been given up. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the fencing required, and also as to a letter from Miss Norman asking for the ditch adjoining her land to be cleaned out and the sides made good.

5—Gardens Superintendent—The Chairman suggested that in view of the increasing work of the Gardens Superintendent, it was desirable that he should have an office at the Municipal Offices and clerical assistance. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider if accommodation can be provided in his department, and to arrange for one of his clerks to deal with the correspondence and filing of papers etc., of the Gardens Superintendent.

6—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Committee at their next meeting consider the provision of additional hard tennis courts at these Gardens

7—Pittville Parade—Read, letter from Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs complaining on behalf of Pittville residents of a board " outside a house in Pittville Parade, advertising bed and breakfast. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the occupier calling attention to the complaint.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th October, 1936. Present—Councillors Avery, Addis, Bettridge, Bendall, Green and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 26th September to 16th October, 1936. Interments 55 ; Grave Spaces sold 29 (Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 10) Memorials erected 6 ; New Inscriptions 2.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9474 to 9487.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1983 to 1990, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery on the 13th November.

S. ROGERS,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th October, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, Moore 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 approved and adopted for the revision of the Assessments as now settled by the Committee.

2—Bailiff—The Rating Officers submitted Distress Warrants which had been returned by the Police endorsed "no effects." RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report to the next Meeting of the Committee as to the appointment of Mr. MacKnight as Bailiff.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd October, 1936. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £2,506 ; Leaving outstanding £111,403.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1937. Amount collected £465 ; Leaving outstanding £15,854.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanction to loan :—

Date, 1936.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
October 16th ..	Montpellier Sub-Station	£760	30 years.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 23rd 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—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting.

6-3 Per Cent Stock—The Borough Treasurer submitted report as to the desirability of converting the balance of the subscribed stock issued in 1891 into registered Stock, but this could not be done without obtaining the consent of the existing stockholders and the Ministry of Health. He had therefore written to the Registrars of the Stock, the National Provincial Bank Ltd., asking them to accept a reduced payment as Registrars in view of the reduction in the number of transactions, and he now submitted letter from the Bank that they were prepared to reduce their charge to 50 guineas per annum, which would effect a saving of about £32 10s. 0d. per annum, RESOLVED, That this re-arrangement be accepted.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Clements who was in receipt of a pension of 8s 9d per week died on the 13th inst.

(b) RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 23 (2) of the Superannuation Act, 1922, the Council confirm their decision to authorise payment of a gratuity to Mr. C. J. Pearce (late manager of Tewkesbury Waterworks) of £150.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

5th November, 1936.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend, the **Annual, Meeting of the Council. to be held at the TOWN HALL on MONDAY, the 9th day of November. 1936, at ELEVEN-THIRTY** in the FORENOON, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Election of Councillors—Town Clerk to report Elections on 2nd November.
2. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
3. To assign the Aldermen to be Returning Officers for Ward Elections.
4. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
5. To appoint Committees. 6. To appoint twelve Members on the Guardians Committee. DELANCEY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.—To appoint Representative Trustees to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Aldermen Margrett, Councillors Davies and Grimwade, Dr. R. Davies, and Mr. T. A. D. Clarke, and resignation of Councillor Dr. W. Curling Hayward. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.B.--Robes and Orders will be worn.

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

BUSINESS.

1. To read the Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. To re-appoint Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, dully convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Friday, 30th October, .1936, at 3 p.m. Present

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The Mayor (Councillor Daniel Leopold Lipson, M.A., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward, J.P.).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., C.A., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., 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., Leigh James, Ben James, Garland, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th October, 1936, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held October 6

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 3 be amended and that the reward offered be increased to " was lost).

Housing Meetings held October 15 & 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Howell : " That Minute No. 14 (d) in regard to the use of steel skirtings be referred back."

Street and Highway Meeting held October 12

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held October 12

Town Planning Meeting held October 22

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held October 9 & 16

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 19

Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make an extension to Wistley, Charlton Kings, at an estimated cost of £350, on terms to be arranged by the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport and Local Authorities concerned for consent to the erection of the overhead line.

Water Meeting held October 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 14

Allotments Meeting held October 6

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 6

Burial Board Meeting held October 16

Rating Meeting held October 8

Finance Meeting held October 23

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, 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—Alderman Sawyer—Resolved, That the Council's sympathy be extended to Alderman Sawyer in his illness and their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

4—Education Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, being a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of schools etc., and Messrs. R. R. Dobson and A. C. White, representing Managers of Non-Provided Schools, and Mr. A. G. Dye, representing the Local Teachers' Association, be appointed Members of the Education Committee for a term of three Years expiring on the 31st October, 1939 ; and that consideration of appointing someone to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the "term of office, of Mrs. E. Marshall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates be appointed Cleeve Common Conservators for a term of three years expiring on the 31st October, 1939.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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